

THE CITY OF POMONA

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JAMES W. MAKSHANOFF, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY REPORT - Thursday, February 18, 2020

ADMINISTRATION

CITY COUNCIL MEETING REMINDERS

<u>City Council Teleconference Special Goal Setting Meeting:</u> Monday 2/22/2021

Meeting: 5:00 pm

City Council Teleconference Meeting: Monday 3/1/2021

Closed Session 5:30 pm Meeting: 7:00 pm

All public meetings are currently taking place via Zoom Webinar and agendas are posted on our website.

CITY CLERK

CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings are via ZOOM Webinar:

- February 22, 2021 Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee
- February 22, 2021 Cultural Arts Commission
- February 22, 2021 at **5:00 pm** Special City Council Meeting-Goal Setting
- February 23, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission
- February 23, 2021 Community Life Commission
- February 24, 2021 Planning Commission
- February 25, 2021 Charter Review Commission

CODE COMPLIANCE

RECEIVERSHIP - 1175 S. PARCELS ST

The single-family residence at 1175 S. Parcels St. has been vacant for several years. This property has remained in a state of disrepair with several code violations. Over the years, Code Compliance has conducted several abatements to bring the property into compliance. The Police Department has also received frequent calls for service regarding illegal activity.

Transients started breaking in and occupying the property. There was also a homeless person who started living on the front porch and accumulated a lot of trash, junk and debris. This generated almost daily complaints to Code Compliance and Administration.

As a last effort to force the property into compliance, Code Compliance referred the property to the City Attorney for Receivership. With City Council's approval, the City Attorney was able to file a civil action suit in court and a Receiver was appointed. The Receiver took legal passion of the property and was able to rehabilitate it and bring it up to compliance with City code. The courts eventually approved the sale of the property, and the sale of the property recently closed.

The City will be reimbursed \$29,503.79 for all its fees, cost and past abatements.

As an update to case, the homeless woman that was living on the front porch of the property with all of her possessions, was engaged by the Neighborhood Services Homeless Programs staff in September 2018. After two years of persistent outreach and engagement by LAHSA, mental health staff, and the City of Pomona Street Outreach and HEART teams, the homeless woman finally accepted services and agreed to enter the Hope for Home Homeless Services Center (H4H) on September 14, 2020. She is currently residing at H4H and continues to work closely with the case managers from Volunteers of America and Tri-City to overcome her obstacles and housing barriers.













LIBRARY

VIRTUAL STORYTIME

Please join us on Wednesdays at 3:30pm for Live Storytime! (flyer attached) If it's your first time attending a Virtual Community Center class, you can create an account and sign-up beforehand at bit.ly/virtualcommunitycenterclasses.

Unable to join us Live? No problem – just visit the City of Pomona – Pomona Public Library YouTube page at bit.ly/pplonyoutube to view the recordings! Contact the Library for more information at 909-620-2043, via email-library@ci.pomona.ca.us, or at the PPL To-Go door on Mondays and Thursdays from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

GRANT WRITING CONSULTANT SERVICES

On February 2, 2021, the City released a Request for Proposals (RFP) soliciting contractual grant writing services. The City is looking to identify and select a professional grant-writing consultant with experience in researching, writing, and submitting successful grant proposals for federal, state and local government grants and private foundation grants. The City would like to expand grant funding in the areas of parks and recreation, community and youth services, library services, technology, community development, historic preservation, infrastructure improvement, public safety, and capital assets. The grants should be consistent with identified City needs and City Council goals and priorities. The deadline to submit proposals is March 2, 2021 before 3 p.m.

POMONA HOUSING AUTHORITY DESIGNATED AS A MOVING TO WORK DEMONSTRATION SITE

The City of Pomona Housing Authority (PHA) was recently selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to be a designated site for the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program. Selection for the MTW program is limited nationally and designation shows HUD's support for the PHA's High Achiever status. MTW designation provides the PHA with a unique opportunity to design and test innovative, flexible, and locally designed housing and self-sufficiency strategies for low-income families. Some of the benefits of the MTW Demonstration Program include rethinking current administration and voucher programs, having the ability to create policies that address needs, and having the PHA waive statutory and/or regulatory barriers.

Moving forward, the PHA will begin developing the MTW plan. The plan has the goal of structuring its programs in ways that will assist families achieve financial self-sufficiency over-time. Some of the strategies for this plan include: 1) working in partnership with local community organizations to develop a comprehensive approach to ending homelessness, 2) assisting families with accessing and maintaining permanent housing through further coordination of supportive services, and 3) expanding landlord incentives.

POLICE

POMONA & LA COUNTY CRIME STATS

Since the beginning of the year, we have experienced a Citywide surge in gang-related shootings. There have been three homicides and six additional surviving victims struck

by gunfire. This recent rise in violent crime, which is also being experienced throughout LA County and the nation, is a concern to us all.

City leaders and the Pomona Police Department are committed to ensuring the safety of everyone who lives and visits our City. We remain focused on addressing gang violence, solving cases, and improving our residents' quality of life. The safety and wellbeing of the community is our priority. We must continue to work together to strengthen our relationship for the betterment of Pomona.

If you have any tips that can help police catch suspects of shootings, homicides, or any other crimes, you're asked to call the Pomona Police Department at 909-622-1241 or Crime Stoppers at 800-222-8477 (TIPS). You can report tips unanimously, and there are rewards in some cases.

(This joint statement by Mayor Tim Sandoval and Chief Ellis was posted on our <u>website</u> and City and Pomona Police social media outlets on February 17, 2021).

COVID-19 RESOURCES

General (Updates are highlighted)

VACCINES

WesternU Pomona Vaccines

WesternU has been designated a Los Angeles County community health care partner providing vaccines in accordance with **COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Guidelines**. In this capacity, WesternU will administer COVID-19 vaccinations to Los Angeles County residents and WesternU community members who meet the eligibility criteria. At this time, L.A. County is actively vaccinating health care workers, staff and residents at skilled nursing facilities, staff and residents at long-term care facilities, and Los Angeles County residents 65 and older.

FREE vaccinations began Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021 in WesternU's Health Professions Center Student Commons, 550 E. 2nd Street, Pomona, California 91766.

 WesternU eligible faculty, staff, students, and community members may schedule your COVID-19 vaccine appointment at <u>LA County Public</u> Health COVID-19 Vaccine website.

Cal Poly Pomona Vaccination Hub

The Mass Vaccinate Hub began operations on Friday, February 5th in <u>Cal Poly Pomona's Lot B</u> and Parking Structure 2, off of W. Temple Avenue and S. Campus Drive. The university has set-up an <u>information site</u> with FAQs and directions for the public to review.



The vaccine distribution site operates 7 days a week **BY APPOINTMENT** from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Hours subject to availability of the vaccine. Individuals who arrive at the site without an appointment will be turned away.

<u>Make an Appointment:</u> Schedule an appointment through **My Turn** (<u>myturn.ca.gov</u>), the State-operated registration system for scheduling vaccination appointments. Those without email or access to Internet can call the CA COVID-19 Hotline for assistance at 1-833-422-4255 on weekdays from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekends.

Pharmacy Vaccination Sites

Starting TODAY, February 11th, people age 65+ and healthcare workers may make an appointment at 40,000 pharmacy locations nationwide through the <u>first phase of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program</u>. Information as of 2/11/2021 is below:

Provider	Details
CVS Pharmacy	Register at cvs.com or call (800) 746-7287 Locations: Pomona, Arcadia, Azusa, Fontana,Pasadena, Temple City, San Dimas, & more! (DO NOT CONTACT LOCAL PHARMACIES)
Albertsons, Vons, Pavilions	Register at:
Pharmacies	Vons: www.vons.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html Location: 1600 Foothill Blvd., La Verne
	Albertsons: www.albertsons.com/pharmacy/covid-19.html • Location: 3255 Grand Ave., Chino Hills
Ralphs Pharmacy (Kroger)	Register at: www.kroger.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated • Locations: 12660 Limonite Ave., Corona & 7369 Milliken Ave., Rancho Cucamonga
Rite Aid	Register at: ritea.id/california or call (800) 748-3243
	Details from <u>LA Times on 2/20/21</u> .

LA COUNTY DISTRIBUTION INFO (VaccinateLACounty.com)

How do I make an appointment?

• Online (English/Spanish) or (833) 540-0473, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., 7-days a week

Who can receive the COVID-19 vaccine?

• <u>Phase 1A & Residents 65+</u> (from Phase 1B)

Where are vaccinations taking place?

Per <u>VaccinateLACounty.com</u>, vaccinations are taking place at pharmacies, health centers, and large-scale vaccination sites run by the County. Fairplex currently serves as one of 5 regional sites. **Appointments are REQUIRED.**

When will I be eligible to get the vaccine?

- Sign-up for the Vaccine Newsletter at <u>VaccinateLACounty.com</u>
- MyTurn.ca.gov Sign-up for alerts.



What will I need? Do I need to pay anything?

When you arrive for your appointment, staffers will ask for an insurance card, valid Social Security number, driver's license or state ID number. Vaccine provider will bill your insurance or the federal government for reimbursement.

CURRENT HEALTH ORDER/GUIDANCE SUMMARY (publichealth.lacounty.gov)

02/10/21 - Reopening Safer at Work and in the Community

• **Update on Places of Worship:** Can open for indoor services limited to 25% of indoor capacity and must continue to comply with <u>Appendix A</u>.

12/30/20 - Mandatory Travel Directive - 10 Day Self-Quarantine

12/6/20 - Temp Targeted Safer at Hope Health Officer Order (ICU Capacity)

11/25/20 - <u>Drive-Thru/Take-Out/Delivery ONLY</u> - Restaurant, Brewery/Winery

11/20/20 - Statewide Mask Requirement

<u>CITY OF POMONA – IN PERSON SERVICES BY APPOINTMENT</u>

You may contact your desired Department to make an appointment Mon-Thu, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Our contact information is <u>here</u>.

City of Pomona	County	County Public Health COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Public Health	Federal
COVID-19 FAQ	Health Officer	<u>Vaccine Info</u>	Centers for
for City Services	<u>Orders</u>		<u>Disease Control</u>
		Vaccine	and Prevention
Emergency Rental	County Programs	Appointments	
Assistance			<u>Travel Guidance</u>
<u>Program</u>	LA County	<u>Citas para</u>	
(until funds	Disaster Help	Vacunas	IRS Relief
exhausted)	Center	(en Español)	Payments
	(Tenant Landlord	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
<u>Business</u>	Business Non-Profit)	Testing &	Vaccines
<u>Assistance</u>		At-Home Test Kits	<u>vaccines</u>
Program	Eviction	At-110me Test Kits	State
(until funds	Moratorium		SEAL OF THE
exhausted) <u>Department</u>	(Thru Feb. 28, 2021)		CALIFORNI
<u>Directory</u>			
(Make an			covid19.ca.gov
appointment)			
			<u>Unemployment</u>

			MyTurn.ca.gov
COVID-19 Info Hotline (909) 620-2311 Press "0" M-Th 7:30a-6p	Call 2-1-1 & COVID-19 Case Info Line 1-833-540-0473	Vaccine Appointments 1-833-540-0473 8:00 am – 8:30 pm 7 days a week	State of CA COVID-19 Hotline 1-833-422-4255 M-F 8 am – 8 pm Sa-Su 8 am – 5 pm

Business Information

APPLY NOW

POMONA BUSINESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - \$5,000 Grants!

Read more and apply online to this second round of grants for Pomona businesses here. Need help with your application? (909) 620-2368, M-Th, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

CLOSES FEB. 21 – FOUND/LA SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY FUND

Round 3 applications are being accepted through Sun, Feb. 21st at 11:59 p.m. Learn more at www.foundla.org/covid-recovery-fund-for-small-businesses/.

RESOURCE PAGES

- LA County Business Info (Layoff Aversion, etc.) Click here.
- FREE 30-Day PPE Supply for Small Business Visit <u>ppeunite.org</u> & follow @PPEUnite
- <u>Disaster Help Center</u> (833) 238-4450 or <u>disasterhelpcenter@lacounty.gov</u> & follow @LAHELPCENTER
- <u>LA County Consumer & Business Affairs (DCBA)</u> (800) 593-8222 & follow @LACOUNTYDCBA
- WDACS/LACBIZDEV Follow @LACBIZDEV
- COVID-19 Safety Compliance Certificate
- <u>LeaseUp Initiative</u> (Rent to tenants w/ subsidies) (323) 428-4742 & <u>leaseupla@epath.org</u>. See <u>Landlord FAQ</u>.

FREE BUSINESS PERMITS – ACTIVATE POMONA

FREE Activate Pomona permits are designed to aid business economic recovery. All interested entities may inquire and apply at bit.ly/activatepomona and (909) 620-2191.





Community Information

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS - RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Read more and apply online to this second round of **Pomona Rental Assistance here**.

<u>Make an appointment</u> with Pomona agencies authorized to **help for FREE**:

- Catholic Charities 909-629-1331 nalcala@ccharities.org
- Inland Valley Hope Partners 909-622-3806 x301 info@inlandvalleyhopepartners.org
- Tri-City Mental Health Services 909-623-6131 housing@tricitymhs.org



NEW - HOUSING IS KEY - STATE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Protections now extended through June 2021. If you are a renter or a landlord, you may qualify for assistance for overdue rent. For more details about the Tenant Relief Act and the Rental Assistance Program, visit <u>Housing is Key</u> or call 1-888-422-4255. This Information App for Tenants & Landlords helps with learning protections under the COVID-19 Tenant Relief Act.

STATE EVICTION MORATORIUM & ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

On Friday, January 29th, new State legislation extending an eviction moratorium through June 30, 2021 was signed! Read more on the <u>Governor's website</u> and at the <u>Housing is Key</u>.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR TENANT & SMALL PROPERTY OWNERS – OPENS MARCH 2021

This new Program will allocate the \$2.6 billion in federal rental funds for California and aid income-qualified tenants most at-risk with unpaid back rent. Assistance will also be extended to property owners who agree to waive 20 percent of unpaid rent. By agreeing to this waiver, property owners will become eligible for 80 percent in rent reimbursements for amounts owed between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

HOUSING IS KEY – RENTER/PROPERTY OWNER RESOURCES

Visit this <u>new State website</u> aimed at connecting renters and property owners with helpful information and resources.

REVISED HEALTH OFFICER ORDER - EFFECTIVE Jan. 25th

The following is allowed with adherence to all of the sector specific directives to ensure distancing, wearing of face coverings, and infection control per the <u>revised HOO on 1/25/21</u>:

• Private gatherings outdoors up to 3 households and up to a total of 15 people

RESOURCES SUMMARY

- -FREE At-Home Activities (DIY & Foodie Friday Recipes) bit.ly/cityofpomonayoutube
- -FREE Virtual Community Center Classes bit.ly/virtualcommunitycenterclasses
- *-FREE Food Resources -* <u>Pomona Resources</u> | <u>County Resources</u> (including CalFresh) and by calling 2-1-1.
- -FREE Wi-Fi Locator Dial 2-1-1- or visit findwifi.lacounty.gov!

VOLUNTEER & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

If you or a group are interested in donating your time or making donations (food/cleaning supplies/PPE) to help our Pomona community members in need, please contact our COVID-19 Information Hotline at (909) 620-2311, press "0" to learn more. You may also email the City Council Assistant at <u>Jocelyn rios-ewing@ci.pomona.ca.us</u>.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. <u>Upcoming Pomona Events</u>
- 2. Story Time Flyer



WITH

MS. CRYSTAL

WEDNESDAYS 3:30 - 4:00 P.M.

To register, please visit: bit.ly/virtualcommunitycenterclasses



Through books, music and dancing Storytime is a great way to build early literacy,
social skills & creativity!