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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY FOOD BANK

Danny Lor and other members of the California Conservation Corps are doing volunteer work at the Alameda County Food Bank.

Demand High at Food Bank

By Jim Knowles
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Some businesses are slow, some have shut down, but the Alameda County Food Bank is busier than ever. The food bank is getting 10 times the number of calls for food - from around 25 per day to

around 250, said Michael Altfest, the food bank's marketing director. People who call are referred to one of a network of local distribution spots throughout Alameda County. Altfest said there are nearly 300 locations throughout the county. Some are social service agencies with paid staff, and some are staffed by volunteers.

The California Conservation Corps is one group that is currently volunteering at the food bank. The food bank is not taking community volunteers during the pandemic emergency. Food distribution was up by 20 percent in March over March of last year, Altfest said. And the

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Governor Newsom Offers Optimism

Governor Gavin Newsom offered some optimism yesterday as he revealed a six-point program aimed at eventually opening the state's schools and businesses, but saying that it was conditioned on "staying the course" of current safeguards. During his daily noontime press briefing on Tuesday, Newsom said that fewer people had died over the previous 24-hour period and that the number of patients in intensive care units had decreased in the state for the first time. While he would not offer any timeline, the governor said that by the first of May he would be able to be more definitive about the future, depending on the state's hospitalization trends.



The six points included monitoring and testing more people, increased measures to protect the most vulnerable, adequate staffing and supplies at hospitals to meet any future patient surges, development of therapeutic medicines, continued physical distancing and wearing facial coverings, and

re-instituting shelter-in-place if it became necessary. Options for schools would include deep cleaning of facilities and such options as staggering times of classes and instituting rules for PE, recess and assemblies. The new California future might mean fewer tables in restaurants where menus would be disposable and servers wear masks. And, said Newsom, mass gatherings of hundreds or thousands in the state's foreseeable future were "not in the cards." The governor declined to answer a question at his news conference regarding President Trump's statement on Monday that he - not the governors - had the exclusive authority to reopen society.

COVID-19 Hits Home, May See Cases Surge Today

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

California may be preparing to lift its "shelter-in-place" orders but county health data suggests today may be a milestone in the fight against COVID-19. Governor Gavin Newsom said he continues to closely monitor computer simulations that predict when the number of newly reported infections will either plateau or taper off. Current data models predict the state could see 66 deaths reported today alone from virus-related complications. "We need to see a decline in the rate of spread of the virus before large-scale reopening and we will be working in coordination to identify the best metrics to guide this," Newsom said in his briefing this week, adding that the decision would be based on science and not on political pressure. Newsom announced he is working with governors of Washington and Oregon on a so-called shared

vision of reopening the states and allow businesses to resume functions. "COVID-19 has preyed upon our interconnectedness," the three governors released in a statement. "In the coming weeks, the West Coast will flip the script on COVID-19 - with our states acting in close coordination and collaboration to ensure the virus can never spread wildly in our communities." Alameda County Public Health Department released city-specific data breaking down the number of reported coronavirus infections and related deaths, with some communities seeing spikes in the last week. see COVID-19 on page 7

Alameda County
Confirmed Cases = 888
Deaths = 23
California
Confirmed Cases = 24,371
Deaths = 731
as of April 7, 2020

Hayward Testing Center Has Moved to Cal State

Hayward's Coronavirus Testing Center has moved to a new location on the campus of California State University East Bay, effective yesterday. The new location is at Cal State Parking Lot A on West Loop Road, across the street from the University Police Department, Student Health Center, Library and Gymnasium. It provides more space for vehicle and foot traffic management, and improved accessibility for disabled visitors to the Testing Center. "We are tremendously appreciative of the partnership with Cal State East Bay to provide a new home for this vital service at a critical moment," said Hayward Fire Chief Garrett Contreras. The Testing Center was estab-

lished by the Hayward Fire Department to take pressure off hospital emergency rooms, provide quicker answers for first responders and health care workers with COVID-19 symptoms, and better inform members of the general public so they know to isolate if infected with the COVID-19 coronavirus. Testing at the Center is free and open to anyone with COVID-19 symptoms and a fever over 100 degrees. Symptoms include cough and shortness of breath. No referral from a doctor is required. Everyone is welcome regardless of where they live or immigration status. Health-care workers and first responders can make advance ap- see CENTER on page 10

Eden Health to Supply Face Masks, Test 10,000 People

By Jim Knowles
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Eden Health District, headquartered in Castro Valley, will spend \$500,000 on fighting the coronavirus pandemic, buying face masks and in testing for the virus.

The Eden board of directors voted unanimously to authorize the spending, which is roughly equal to the amount it distributes annually.

Half the money would pay for masks. The other half will go toward testing for COVID-19 which Eden plans to coordinate with other agencies such as the Alameda County Health Department, and the Hayward Fire Department which has already set up a testing facility.

"We're hoping to test 10,000 people," said Eden Health District CEO Mark Friedman.

The testing will begin as soon as possible, though it's complicated to coordinate, said Friedman.

"The COVID-19 pandemic is the most significant public health crisis of our time," Friedman said. "The countries and areas that have made the most progress in flattening the curve have all done widespread testing."

The initial order will be for 200,000 masks, with some of the money coming from Eden's partner agencies, Friedman said. The district is looking at buying KN-95 masks from China, and perhaps later N-95 masks made by 3M in the United States, Friedman said.

Eden is working with other public

agencies for the health of Eden area residents, hoping to build on the already successful effort of the Hayward Fire Department and identifying other testing sites in the district and Alameda County, Friedman said.

"The community is really pulling together to take on tasks that are overwhelming for any one entity, it's larger than anyone anticipated," Friedman said.

The Eden Health District also declared a local emergency due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Friedman said that declaration can help the district possibly get reimbursed on the expenditure with funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Hospitals are reporting shortages of masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) at the moment, but Friedman said he believes that manufacturers are ramping up production, both in China and the United States.

The 3M company has announced an increase in the manufacture of respirator masks, and the president invoked the Defense Production Act which orders 3M to significantly ramp up production.

The Eden Health District, formerly known as the Eden Township Healthcare District, was founded in 1948 to operate Eden Hospital which it no longer owns. But the district owns two medical buildings, in Castro Valley and Dublin, from which it collects rent which is the district's source of funding.

The district serves the residents of Castro Valley, Hayward and San Leandro, San Lorenzo, Ashland, Cherryland and Fairview.

Gordon Galvan, chair of the Eden Health District board of directors, said that while the district's funds are limited in that it doesn't collect tax money, it will draw on its cash reserves to serve as a catalyst for a broader community effort to fight COVID-19.

Bank: Currently Looking For Large Bulk Deliveries

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increase just happened in the second half of March after Governor Newsom declared the stay-at-home order.

"So you could estimate if the emergency was declared on March 1, it would be up 40 percent," Altfest added.

The food bank isn't taking donations from small food drives right now, but is looking for larger bulk

deliveries. The most needed items are peanut butter, beans, canned meat and canned tuna, Altfest said.

"We're also seeking food manufacturing and retail partners who have inventory of high-quality, nutritious food to donate," Altfest said.

To donate bulk food or monetary donations, see the Alameda County Food Bank's website at www.accfb.org.

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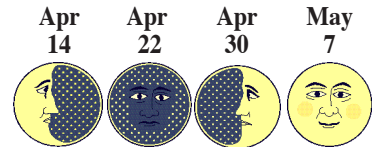
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EBCE Launches Coronavirus Relief Effort

East Bay Community Energy has earmarked \$1.5 million toward community relief efforts in Alameda County.

In a press statement, the agency's CEO Nick Chaset said he had directed his managers to identify

any possible opportunities in the current budget that could be repurposed into contributions for COVID-19 relief efforts.

"This is clearly a crisis time for residents and local businesses, and if EBCE has any resources avail-

able to help, then by all means that is what we're going to do, and we're doing it immediately," Chaset said.

EBCE launched a web page that will catalog its relief efforts, available at: ebce.org/covid.

Some of those efforts include:

- temporarily suspending customer collections activities through at least May and implementing flexible payment plans for customers impacted by the Covid-19 crisis;

- contributing \$1.1-million to the 12 communities it serves to support their relief efforts;

- approving \$70,000 in grants to support Alameda County Community Food Bank and Meals-on-Wheels programs, and soliciting additional donations from its largest customers, with a goal of raising \$1 million in April for those programs.

EBCE has allocated over \$300,000 in additional funds to use for community grants in its response to the health crisis and is developing strategies to put those funds to work.

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Rotarian Jim Negri manages the April 7 online lunch meeting from his home.

Rotary Club Takes Their Meetings Online

Complying with the government shelter in place directives, the Rotary Club of Castro Valley has moved all meetings, including its weekly lunch meeting, online.

The online meetings are open to the public and the Zoom link to participate is online at: castrovalleyrotary.org under Upcoming Events. Recordings of past meet-

ings are posted on the website under Past Speakers and include presentations on COVID-19 Research and the Impact of COVID-19 on the financial markets.

Postal Needs Available From Your Home

Whether you're thinking of sending cards to loved ones, or you need stamps or shipping supplies, the Post Office has you covered.

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Once you sign up, it typically takes about three business days to start receiving those notification emails. Not every address is eligible for Informed Delivery.

District Attorney Issues Warning To Beware of COVID-19 Scams

By Michael Singer
CASTRO VALLEY FORUM

Did you recently receive an unsolicited robocall, text message, or other offer for free home testing kits to test for COVID-19? Chances are it's a scam, one of several identified by the Alameda County District Attorney's Office.

The DA's office is warning against any schemes that prey on people's fears related to the pandemic. These offers are eager to gather your vital information such as credit card numbers, social security numbers, or private medical information.

The latest scam involves individuals going door-to-door claiming to be an Alameda County employee to conduct COVID-19 tests. The County DA's department says county employees are not visiting homes and anyone who claims so is a fraudster.

In addition, the DA says to stay away from fake "Senior Care Packages" that are sent to seniors with sanitizers, tests and even perhaps a suggestion of a vaccine, some claiming Trump has ordered the test.

There are also fake offers for air duct cleaning and sanitation that enable consumers to breathe free of bacteria to protect their families. Both are scams.

And while donating to charities to help is admirable, the DA's office says scammers create fake charities or pose as officials from entities such as the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Don't fall for them.

Price Gouging

In addition to protecting yourself against scammers, the DA's office is also warning about price gouging by businesses throughout the county. Price gouging refers to sellers trying to take unfair advantage of consumers during an

emergency or disaster by increasing prices for essential consumer goods and services more than 10% of their previous price. DA Inspectors report there has been a steady stream of complaints since the shelter in place order was announced in March.

"It is illegal for any business to profiteer while we are in a state of emergency. All residents of Alameda County must continue to

have access to necessary supplies, especially when the community's health is at stake," District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a statement.

Things to look for are handwritten changes to barcodes or drastic markups on the advertised price. If you think you are a victim of price gouging, you can report it on the DA's website (alcoda.org/cewpd/) or by calling 510-383-8600.

SHERIFF'S REPORTS

Spousal Assault

Saturday, April 11, at 10:18 a.m., Sheriff's deputies arrested a 65-year-old man from Hayward on suspicion of assault on his spouse. The man was also wanted as part of a warrant. Deputies responded to the altercation at an apartment on Center Street near Grove Way following an anonymous tip. The man was taken into Santa Rita Jail pending bail. The victim was treated at the scene.

Two Arrested with Stolen Merchandise

Friday, April 10: at 4:51 a.m., Two people with no permanent residence were arrested outside a home on Glass Brook Court near Crestfield Drive on suspicion of possession of reported stolen property. Deputies were called to the

scene after a call about a suspicious car in the area. Questioned at the scene were a 35-year-old man and a 32-year-old woman. The couple told deputies they found the unspecified merchandise. The woman was also found with illegal drug paraphernalia in her pockets. Deputies took the couple into custody.

Family Fight

Thursday, April 9: at 5:15 a.m., a 911 call about a loud and aggressive-sounding argument sent deputies to an apartment on Center Street near Grove Way. There, they arrested a 38-year-old woman from Castro Valley on suspicion of assault on a family member and child endangerment. The woman was handcuffed and taken into custody. The victim was treated at the scene.

We Hope and Pray you are staying safe and healthy during these difficult times. Special thanks to all Our Heroes keeping us safe during the Coronavirus Pandemic including the first responders, medical workers, nurses, doctors, grocery workers, delivery services, and all volunteers lending a helping hand.



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History Repeats Itself: Lessons Of Spanish Flu Helping Today

In late 1918 and early 1919, a major influenza epidemic swept around the world. It was a highly contagious flu often called "Spanish Influenza."

The virus did not necessarily start in Spain but that country was the hardest hit by the epidemic and somehow became attached to the most severe pandemic of the 20th century.

Some estimates put the death toll from this flu, which started with the usual flu-like symptoms and then spread to the lungs causing pneumonia, to be over one-third of the world's population at the time. In the US alone, the death toll was just under three-quarters of a million people.

What we've learned from the Spanish Flu is helping during the coronavirus pandemic today. Studies have shown that cities that took social containment measures in 1918 considerably reduced the spread of the virus.

Some cities closed schools and businesses and required residents to wear face masks in the hopes of reducing the spread of the disease. The story of the spread of the disease and the measures implemented to prevent it are eerily similar to what we are experiencing today with COVID-19.

There are a few historic photos showing cots lined up in the large Oakland Municipal Auditorium filled with influenza patients in a makeshift hospital. We have no photos of such locations in the Hayward area but that does not mean Hayward was left untouched by the pandemic. However, it is difficult to give precise accounts because the local Hayward newspapers for that time are missing.

That said, a few sources give us some insight into what was happening in our community at that time.

For example, on October 18, 1918, when the epidemic was at

its height, the San Francisco Examiner noted that Hayward High School was postponing their athletic events out of precaution during "the epidemic of Spanish influenza."

On the same day Hayward High canceled its athletic events, Oakland Mayor John Davies ordered the closure of movie theaters, churches, and schools.

Sounds familiar doesn't it.

We do not know for sure if eventually schools and businesses were closed in Hayward but since the area was just as connected to the greater metropolitan region as we are today, it seems likely the epidemic had an economic and social impact. Now, as then, the understanding of the interconnectedness of the Bay Area called for a coordinated cross-county response.

The California State Board of Health's January 1919 Bulletin in large part, could have been re-

see **LESSONS on back page**



Don't Wash Your Fruits and Vegetables With Detergent

Before eating or preparing fresh fruits and vegetables, wash the produce under cold running tap water to remove any lingering dirt. This reduces bacteria that may be present.

If there is a firm surface, such as on apples or potatoes, the surface can be scrubbed with a brush.

Consumers should not wash fruits and vegetables with detergent or soap. These products are not approved or labeled by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use on foods. You could ingest residues from soap or detergent absorbed on the produce.

—U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

'Stay Safe, Kind and Connected'

Alameda County Library is launching a "Stay Safe, Kind & Connected" campaign to highlight the vast array of digital content and online resources families can access 24/7 with a County Library card from the comfort of their homes.

"We want to support everyone doing their part to stay safe while also connecting our communities with free educational content they can access online, especially at a time when families are looking for ways to keep children engaged in learning at home," said Cindy Chadwick, County Librarian.

The library provides access to more than 100 online resources through its eLibrary. To expand services, it is providing live online chat service, personalized reading recommendations for digital collections, blogs by staff, and quick-start guide tutorials on how to use online resources.

Anyone with a County Library card can access these online resources. Those without cards, can apply online for an eCard to get instant access. Online Resources support a variety of curiosity and entertainment needs, from learning a new hobby or skill, finding a good eBook or eAudiobook, and enjoying movies or music.

Book Match provides library members with personalized reading recommendations from the library's digital collections. Library members fill out a short questionnaire and librarians create customized reading lists for them.

Blogs by Staff offer tips and resources for learning at home and highlight the unique features and benefits of using online resources.

Live Chat is a new service that library members can use for reference questions, research help, assistance with online resources, see **CONNECTED on back page**

NEW PROPERTY SALE REQUIREMENTS



Selling your home? All residential, commercial, and industrial properties within Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) boundaries are required to have a Private Sewer Lateral (PSL) compliance certificate when they are sold. This certificate ensures that the property's private sewer lateral (lateral) is in good working order.

CVSan has developed an online portal where property owners can see if their property currently has a PSL compliance certificate. These certificates can also be downloaded and printed through the portal, which is available at <https://permitportal.cvsan.org/>.

Properties that do not have certificates on file are required to replace their lateral or complete a closed-circuit television (CCTV) sewer lateral inspection during the property sale.

If the CCTV inspection shows that the lateral needs to be repaired or replaced, the completed repair work must be approved by an authorized CVSan inspector before the property is sold. After the property has passed its CCTV inspection or has completed the necessary repair work, a lateral compliance certificate will be issued.

To obtain the PSL Compliance Certificate after the close of escrow please visit <http://www.cvsan.org/PSL>

For more information on these new property sale requirements, visit www.cvsan.org/PSL. Questions can be directed to Engineering Technician Evan Choy at evan@cvsan.org or (510) 537-0757 ext. 131.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 185

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCREASE RATES CHARGED FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors to consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 185, which will amend Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article V, Regulation of Solid Waste Disposal, Refuse, and Recycling, Sections 5302, 5303, 5306, and 5307.

The proposed Ordinance will increase the rates charged for solid waste collection (e.g. \$1.79 per month for standard 20-gallon garbage cart/up to a 96-gallon organics cart/up to a 96-gallon recycling cart). These changes will be effective July 1, 2020.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on April 7, 2020 at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to approve the draft Ordinance and set the public hearing as follows: Akagi – Abstain; Appleton – Yes; Johnson – Yes; McGowan – Yes; Sadoff – Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 185. A reading of the entire Ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding. The full text of the draft Ordinance is available at the Castro Valley Sanitary District website at www.cvsan.org/oan, or, to make other viewing arrangements, please contact the Clerk of the Board Stacy Marcoux at stacy@cvsan.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) intends to amend Sections 5302, 5303, 5306, and 5307 of the Castro Valley Sanitary District Code to increase the rates charged for solid waste collection (e.g. \$1.79 per month for standard 20-gallon garbage cart/up to a 96 gallon organics cart/up to a 96 gallon recycling cart), to become effective July 1, 2020.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 2020, at the hour of 6:30 P.M., at the District Office, 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, in said District, said Board will hold a public hearing to hear and consider all comments, protests and objections to said proposed amendments to the Castro Valley Sanitary District Code. Written protests against the proposed rate increase may be mailed or delivered to Castro Valley Sanitary District, 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546. All protests must be received prior to the close of the public hearing and must identify the owner(s) of the property or properties.

Dated: April 7, 2020

ROLAND P. WILLIAMS, JR.
General Manager
Castro Valley Sanitary District

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Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Sections 17900-17930

The name of the business(es): Sisters With A Purpose at 20074 Rawhide Way, Castro Valley, CA 94552 in Alameda County is hereby registered by the following owner(s): (1) Alona Ward, 20074 Rawhide Way, Castro Valley, CA 94552 (2) Donna Rosby, 29 Klondike Ct., Sacramento, CA 95835. This business is conducted by a general partnership. This business commenced N/A.

/s/ Alona Ward, Donna Rosby
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.

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Creating Estate Planning Documents During COVID-19 Crisis Without Witnesses, Notary

Q: My father is confined to his Assisted Living Facility (ALF) and is very anxious to sign a Will and other estate planning documents. However, the facility is on "lock-down" due to the COVID-19 pandemic, his caregivers will not be able to serve as witnesses, and I cannot arrange for a mobile notary to enter to notarize documents. What can I do?

By Gene L. Osofsky
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A: Not every estate planning document must be witnessed or notarized. Take advantage of this legal fact so he can sign those that can be created without these formalities, as follows:

Last Will: Conventional wisdom has it that a Will executed in California always requires the presence of two witnesses to observe the Testator sign, and who so attest in writing.

However, a little known provision of California law allows a

Will to be found valid even if not so witnessed, if it is later established by "clear and convincing evidence" that the Testator intended the signed document to constitute his Will.

So, ask your father's attorney to get creative so as to meet that evidentiary standard. In our office, we are working up procedures to do just that, which include: remotely supervising and video recording the signing, having the signer clearly state on video that the document is his Will, and having the supervising attorney prepare an affidavit describing the signing.

Our plan also contemplates re-signing the Will with the traditional two witnesses once the COVID-19 crisis has passed.

Note: To my knowledge, this work-around has not yet been fully tested in the courts, but the



"clear and convincing evidence" alternative is clearly written in the law. CA Probate Code § 6110 (c) (2).

Alternatively, and perhaps even following a template, he might write it out all in his own handwriting on a blank piece of paper and thereby create a holographic Will, which requires neither witnesses nor notary.

Trust: While it is customary and even preferred for the Trustor's signature on a trust to be notarized, the law does not so require. A trust declaration signed only by your father would be sufficient.

If real property is to be included in the trust assets, those properties can be described in the trust by their common and legal description, and formal deeds moving them into the trust prepared and notarized later, if necessary.

If your father were to die before the COVID crisis is over, there would be a simple court procedure that could then be invoked to transfer them into the trust, in ac-

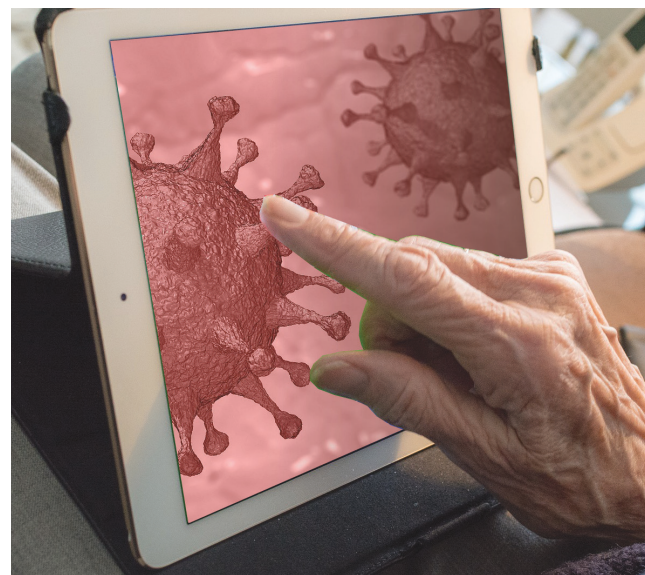
cordance with his intention, so as to eliminate the need for a probate.

Health Care Surrogate Statement: Any patient may orally, or in writing, designate another person to act as his/her Health Care Surrogate. CA Probate Code § 4711. This act is different from naming an Agent in an Advance Health Care Directive (AHCD), which does require witnesses or notary, as well as the joinder of an Ombudsman if signed while in a nursing home.

However, your father may orally, or in writing, designate a health care surrogate by so informing the supervising health care provider at his Assisted Living Facility, and this designation requires no witnesses and no notary. The designation would be good for your father's current course of treatment or illness, or 60 days, whichever is shorter.

During that time, it actually overrides the designation of Agent in an AHCD.

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Due to the coronavirus pandemic, Medicare recently announced that it will be expanding coverage for telehealth services to help keep vulnerable seniors safe at home.

Medicare Expands Telehealth Services

Q: Does Medicare cover telehealth services? My 71-year-old mother has chronic type 2 diabetes but is very concerned about going to the doctor for fear of exposing herself to coronavirus. What can you tell us?

By Jim Miller
SPECIAL TO THE FORUM

A: Yes! Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Medicare recently announced that it will be expanding coverage for telehealth services to help keep vulnerable seniors safe at home. Here's what you and your mom should know.

Telehealth Services

If you're not familiar with telehealth or telemedicine services, they are full visits with a health care provider who isn't at your location using telephone or video technology device – i.e. smartphone, tablet or computer.

Telehealth services allow Medicare beneficiaries to take care of ongoing medical problems as well as new concerns, while following public health advice to stay home during the coronavirus outbreak.

Medicare patients with chronic health conditions now don't have to postpone a regular follow-up visit with the doctor to keep safe. They can do it via Skype or FaceTime. And people concerned they may have the virus could see their doctor or nurse practitioner virtually to find out how to get tested.

Nursing home residents will also be able to have telehealth consultations with their doctors.

If your mom isn't familiar or comfortable with technology, you or another relative or friend can assist her. You may need to go over to her house to help her do this. Bring your smartphone, tablet or laptop – but remember, don't visit

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jamie Massey

This Week's Athlete of the Week is Jamie Massey, a women's rugby player and senior at Grand Canyon University who received the Club Sports Student-Athlete of the Month award for March.

Although her season and school year did not end as planned, her coach noted Massey showed tremendous dedication to her team and her sport.

"Jaime helped build our culture from the very beginning," said GCU Women's Rugby Head Coach Lindsey Mahoney.

As a sophomore, Massey suffered from an ACL and meniscus tear, forcing her season to be cut short, and keeping her from the pitch for her entire junior year. Massey will be graduating with her degree in history for secondary education with a 3.8 GPA. The Castro Valley High School alumnus will use her degree as a social studies teacher at Morris K. Udall Middle School in central Phoenix.



Jaime Massey (Left) with her friend and teammate Tita Marasco (Right)

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COVID-19: 26% Increase from Last Week

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County health department officials reported 886 cases total as of Monday, which is a 26% increase from the 654 cases reported last week. Twenty-three people have died from COVID-19 in Alameda County including the City of Berkeley which runs its own local health jurisdiction.

You can see the statistics for yourself at: acphd.org/2019-ncov.aspx

The data shows nearly 60% of the reported cases are from people aged 20 to 44, with the next largest age range between 45 to 54.

Slightly more men than women have reported their infection with the coronavirus. Cases by race and ethnicity are skewed because two-thirds of those reporting infections did not state their background.

Of the newer cases of COVID-19 infections are 16 resi-

dents and 21 staff members of the East Bay Post-Acute Center on Lake Chabot Road. A spokesperson for the senior-care facility says there are no related deaths from this outbreak and that those infected have been quarantined from the rest of the facility.

"People living and working in congregate living settings, like skilled nursing and residential care facilities, are at increased risk of infection because COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact with one another," said Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan. "Due to underlying health conditions and age, the residents face higher risk of serious health consequences including hospitalization and life-threatening illness."

Easter, Passover Traditions at Home

Religious celebrations involving face-to-face interaction over

the past week were disrupted or canceled altogether. Churches and synagogues requested their congregations remain safe at home. Some provided pre-recorded messages or live streaming of services as an alternative.

For those on the front line of fighting the virus, community organizers with Castro Valley Matters delivered some 200 chocolate Easter Eggs to Eden Medical Center. The donation to staff from Knudsen's Ice Creamery was meant to show appreciation for those on the front lines.

Not to be outdone, Alameda County Firefighters surprised some families dealing with COVID-19 that needed some Easter cheer in Castro Valley. Hayward Area Recreation and Park District staff packed eggs for the firefighters to hide at the homes of some residents with children who were quarantined with the virus.

Spectrum Senior Lunches

Take-away low-cost lunches are available curbside for seniors 60 and over at United Methodist Church, 19806 Wisteria St. in Castro Valley on Tuesdays and Fridays from noon to 12:30 p.m. A donation of \$3.75 per meal is suggested. Participants must be registered for the program at www.SpectrumCS.org (or, pickup a registration form on-site). Please call 3 business days in advance to 510-881-6768 and leave a message with your name, phone number, the day(s) you want to reserve a meal and the location. Other distribution sites are listed at www.SpectrumCS.org.

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Osofsky: Documents

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Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST): This document requires only the signature of the patient (or patient's representative) and his/her physician. No witnesses and no notary are needed.

Power of Attorney: Unfortunately, a POA does require either two witnesses or a notarization.

So, help your father sign documents that he can now, and revisit this issue after the COVID-19 crisis passes.

Gene L. Osofsky is an estate planning and elder law attorney in Hayward. Visit his website at www.LawyerForSeniors.com

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pointments for COVID-19 testing by calling the City's COVID-19 information hotline at 510-583-4949.

The Center is open Tuesday through Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. or until the number of tests that can be processed for the day are exhausted.

In cooperation with the Alameda County Health Department, the Testing Center also is deploying teams of firefighter-paramedics and health clinicians to provide COVID-19 testing at nursing homes and for other community members considered most in need based on their living and health con-

ditions.

To learn more about how the City of Hayward is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, visit www.hayward-ca.gov/COVID-19.

For a map of the Cal State East Bay campus, go to www.csueastbay.edu/about/files/docs/hayward-hills-campus-map.pdf.

Stolen Food Pantry Van Recovered

A church van used to deliver food to the needy was stolen last Thursday. But on Monday, the day after Easter, the vehicle was found.

The vehicle is used by the food pantry of All Saints Episcopal Church in San Leandro to serve the needy in the community.

"The van was stolen the morning of Maundy Thursday when Christians remember the Last Supper Christ had with his disciples," said Rev. Justin Cannon of All Saints. "It breaks my heart someone would steal a food pantry van from a church."

The van was recovered this week in Oakland. Its ignition was damaged and the catalytic converter was removed, so it will need some repairs before it's back on the job.

The van is a former City of San Leandro vehicle given to the church, Cannon said. All Saints has been giving to the needy with its food pantry for 11 years. Groceries are given out on the first Saturday of the month. The next time will be Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church is located at 911 Dowling Blvd. in San Leandro. For more information, to volunteer or make a donation, visit saintsalive.net/social-ministries/.



The All Saints Episcopal Church's van for the food pantry, a used city vehicle, was stolen at 5:30 a.m. last Thursday but found on Monday.

Swalwell Q&A Tomorrow

Rep. Eric Swalwell will hold a Facebook Live Q&A on tomorrow, April 16., with special guest Dr. Abayomi Jones, Executive Director of Student Health & Counseling Services at Cal State East Bay.

The session will take place at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time. Join at: [Facebook.com/CongressmanEricSwalwell](https://www.facebook.com/CongressmanEricSwalwell).

PG&E Closes Recreational Facilities

PG&E is closing its camping and day-use recreational sites across its service area at least through June 29, at which time it will reassess the closure plan.

For the safety of the public and its staff, the utility has temporarily shut down its 38 campgrounds and day-use sites, and has reduced maintenance associated with restroom cleaning and trash collection.

PG&E's recreational facilities, including picnic areas and lakes that offer fishing, boating and swimming, have been available for the public to enjoy for many decades.

The window to make camping reservations usually opens in April, but it has now been pushed to June, with the potential to be pushed out further. The PG&E camping season is generally Memorial Day through Labor Day.

For updates and information about PG&E facilities, visit www.pge.com/recreation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Disturbed Over CVSan Project

Editor:

In the March 11 Forum, the Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSan) posted a 5/8 page notice requesting written public comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for CVSan's Engineering Building Project (project or corporation yard) at Center Street and Castro Valley Boulevard. Comments will be received until April 10, 2020.

The IS-MND can be viewed at CVSan's office (currently closed due to Covid-19) or on their website. I spent over an hour skimming the 124-page IS-MND. I do not have the expertise to competently comment on this document. There is also a 505-page Draft IS-MND Appendices. I trust that there are some experts out there that can critique these documents.

Most disturbing is that the CVSan Board of Directors has never voted to approve this project. The \$10 million cost for this project is being funded by the ratepayers through increased sewer service fees. This corporation yard is a luxury, not a necessity. It includes a new 19,795-square foot, two-story building, with parking and service bays for all their heavy equipment.

This \$10 million could be better used toward repairing or replacing CVSan's dilapidated sewer system. This corporation yard will not increase the ability of CVSan to provide better sewer services. Their current administration office and corporation yard has served them and their customers well for many years. In fact, the current office building is only 20 years old.

—Ken Owen, Castro Valley

Thanks for Supervisor Miley Support on Old Library

Editor:

I would like to thank our Supervisor Nate Miley for standing up and supporting the Castro Valley Municipal Advisory Committee and citizens of Castro Valley to keep the our old library (a Mid-Century Modern building paid by Castro Valley Area citizens) for Castro Valley Community use.

Nate supported our effort by asking Bob Swanson to come out of retirement to be a point man to help this community's desire to save and use the building for our community. Nate was only yes vote to support us at County Supervisor meeting. Thanks for your support.

—Keisuke "Kasey" Warner, Secretary
Castro Valley Veterans Memorial Library Foundation

Federal Government's Lackluster Response

Editor:

After reading Tom Lorentzen's "The Coronavirus: Health & History in Castro Valley," Page 10, The Forum, March 25" I found myself scratching my head.

As a historian with a "valued perspective" on public policy including public health, does Mr. Lorentzen really want to lull us into complacency believing that out there somewhere there is an army of all ready pandemic trained sleeper responders who are waiting for the right moment to spring into action?

Perhaps these are already the nurses and doctors I am hearing who are screaming for personal protective gear and more ventilators or the hospital spokespersons who are saying there aren't nearly enough beds.

If these are them — the one's already fighting in the trenches — their efforts are going to shortly collapse because of the lack of support from the federal government which continues to downplay the danger and is only responding to this exceptional crisis in a lack-luster way.

Currently as the virus has only started to "wash across" our country, there are only 20 states that have issued "shelter in place" mandates. The governors of the rest of the states are in one form of denial or another.

Along with sourcing and distributing the necessary equipment and supplies for this rare but inevitable worldwide disaster, it is the duty of the federal government to organize a nationwide response among the states.

As citizens of this country with an executive branch that promised to have our backs and has done nothing but the opposite since taking office, it is our duty to insist that our government fulfill its responsibility and take the necessary actions to meet this challenge head on. Time is of the essence and the government should not be wasting it by first questioning what the optics are for each possible response or deciding which of their cronies will get what lucrative contract.

There is a 69-page color coded, step-by-step, manual for fighting pandemics which was put together in 2016 from lessons learned by the Ebola outbreak in 2014 - 2015 that the Trump administration was briefed on when he first took office in 2017. Trump has chosen to ignore it and instead has publicly blamed everyone but himself.

There is a positive side or natural reason for anger: to produce change and it appears that this administration is happy to ignore us unless we make a fuss. Now is not the time to "go quietly into the night!"

—Craig L. Linford, Castro Valley

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ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Don't be put off by a seemingly too-tangled situation. Sometimes a simple procedure will unsnarl all the knots and get you in the clear fast and easy, just the way the Lamb likes it.



TAURUS (April 20 - May 20): It's a good time to go through your work space -- wherever it is -- and see what needs to be replaced and what can be tossed (or at least given away) without a second thought.



GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Someone who disagrees with your position might try to intimidate you. But continue to present a fair argument, regardless of how petty someone else might be while trying to make a point.



CANCER (June 21 - July 22): You might find yourself exceptionally sensitive to family matters this week. An issue could come to light that you had overlooked. Ask other kinfolk to discuss it with you.



LEO (July 23 - August 22): You might have more questions about a project (or perhaps someone you're dealing with on some level) than you feel comfortable with. If so, see which can be answered, which cannot, and why.



VIRGO (August 23 - Sept. 22): It's a good time to clean up and clear out what you don't need before your tidy self is overwhelmed by "stuff." Then go celebrate the Virgo victory over clutter with someone special.



LIBRA (Sept. 23 - October 22): You might feel a mite confused about why something you were sure couldn't go wrong didn't go all right either. Be patient. Things soon move into balance, exactly as you like it.



SCORPIO (October 23 - November 21): At this decision point, you could be moving from side to side, just to say you're in motion. Or you could be considering making a move straight up. What you choose is up to you.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Although your finances should be in an improved situation at this time, thrift is still the savvy Sagittarian's smart move. Advice from a spouse or partner could be worth heeding.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19): Taking on a new challenge brings out the Goat's skills in maneuvering over and around difficult spots. Best of all, the Goat does it one careful step after another. (Got the idea, Kid?)



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Your well-known patience might be wearing thin because of a disturbing (and seemingly unending) problem with someone close to you. This could be a time to ask for help. Good luck.



PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): Be careful about a new venture that lures you into a "just look and see" mode. Be sure that what you're being given to see isn't hiding what you should be seeing instead.

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By Carl Medford, CRS
Special to the Forum

GUEST COMMENTARY



Hackers Killer Buyer Hopes of Owning a Home

With everyone focused on personal safety and social distancing, it is easy to forget that other types of safety are also critical. This is especially true if you are in the midst of a real estate transaction.

While we are all concentrating on not catching the coronavirus, hackers are busy with viral activities of their own.

At a time when everyone's attention is centered on COVID-19, hackers have been busy infiltrating emails and ripping off hundreds of thousands of dollars. While it is possible to survive a coronavirus attack, if hackers manage to get your money, there is no recovery. The scheme is as follows:

Hackers skim contact info, logos and more from real estate and lending websites. They then use this information to provide official-looking communications that will be sent to unsuspecting victims.

Hackers hack into email accounts of agents and lenders to obtain information about pending transactions, including client names, contact info, relevant title company information, escrow details and more.

Once the hackers have the information, they then create legitimate looking fake emails and send them to the unsus-

pecting victims. These emails direct the buyer and/or lender to wire the money required to close escrow to a bank account different from the official title company account. This account is controlled by the hackers, not the title company.

If an unsuspecting person wires their money to the bogus account, upon receipt it is immediately withdrawn and is consequently lost forever. Because of the nature of the attacks and the complexities of investigating these types of crimes, the odds of retrieving the funds and/or prosecuting the offenders are virtually nonexistent.

Unfortunately, many victims have fallen prey to these tactics and had their lives turned upside down. Some have lost large sums of money saved over many years: with this money gone, the hopes

some had of buying their dream home have evaporated into thin air.

Wiring funds required to close escrow remains the preferred method for moving large sums of money, especially under the current restrictions. We recommend that you never rely on an email for wiring instructions: the simplest way to prevent this tragedy is to call the title company directly and verify the wiring directions with the escrow officer responsible for your transaction.

Be diligent. It would be doubly tragic to survive a physical virus attack only to be caught by an online variant.

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HOME of the WEEK

Planting Tree Roses; Taking Care of Tulips

By Buzz Bertolero
Special to the Forum

I'm looking to plant three tree roses to line a walkway and wondering how far apart should they be planted? Also, do they require any special care?

Tree Roses are typically spaced four feet apart. That would be four feet from the center of one variety to another and two feet off the walkway; however, they can be placed further apart, or closer, to make them visibly pleasing.

Also, keep in mind, the type of rose you're planting. Grandiflora and Hybrid Tea varieties are large bushes and should be planted farther apart than Floribundas. This should prevent the growth from co-mingling. If that happens, you can control the side growth by pruning them in the winter and during the growing season.

Tree roses are treated no differently than a bush rose except their growth starts not at the ground but four feet off the ground at the graft. So, a five-foot high bush rose could get to be very tall as tree roses. You can prevent this by pruning it after every flush of flowers.

Also, they need to be staked to support the main stem. The stake that comes with tree rose is not adequate. The top of the stake should be right under the bud union and go six to eight inches in the ground. Tree roses are susceptible to blowing over and breaking during the windy summer months.



When I was in the Netherlands last autumn, I bought a few packages of tulip bulbs and planted them in pots. When the bulbs finish blooming, what do I do with them? Can I leave the spent bulbs in pots through the summer and then put them back in the refrigerator around autumn sometime? If that is the case, do I fertilize the spent bulbs?

After flowering, leave the bulbs in the pot and fertilize with Bulb

Food. Continue to water them until the foliage turns brown. The pots are stored in a dry location until the fall.

You could also take the bulbs out of the pots and store them in a paper bag. It's not necessary to cool them again. Bring them out in late October, water them, and make one application of Bulb Food. Mother Nature should do the rest.

Note: flowering tulips, daffodils, and other bulbs are usually grown in sand, not soil. We these plants, I'd discard them after blooming. Sand is very sterile so, there is little chance the bulbs can store a sufficient amount of food after flowering to do much next year.

Buzz Bertolero is an Advanced California Certified Nursery Professional. The Dirt Gardener's website is www.dirtgardener.com and questions can be sent by email to buzz@dirtgardener.com



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Producer/MC March the 5th (seen here at THE LAB) will be performing tonight live on Smalltown Society's Instagram and Facebook.

What's Up at Smalltown

● **TONIGHT! Wednesday, April 15:** Smalltown Instagram LIVE: *March to the Future*: Join Smalltown Society as we continue our IG take-over's with producer/MC March the 5th performing his Back to the Future themed EP "March to the Future" Free at 8 p.m. live on Smalltown Society's Instagram and Facebook accounts: @smalltownsociety

● **Saturday, April 18:** The Chabot Facebook LIVE: *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*: The fun continues this Saturday Night with Chabot Theater's 4th Installment of "LIVE RIFF-Along" from the Chabot big screen with *Santa Claus Conquers the Martians*, hosted by the venerable Lord Blood Rah of Lord Blood-Rah's Nerve Wrackin' Theatre. Free at 8 p.m. on The Chabot's Facebook account: @ChabotCinema

● **Sunday, April 19:** Quarantine Sundays with Safiyah Hernandez: Join Smalltown Society artist Safiyah Hernandez for her 3rd installment of Quarantine Sundays LIVE and direct from her Instagram and Facebook account. Free at 2 p.m. IG: @safiyahhernandez/ FB: @SafiyahHernandezMusic

● **Monday, April 20:** Smalltown Instagram Live: *Yiann* Join Smalltown Society as we continue our IG take-over's with singer/songwriter Yiann Chou. FREE. 8pm. LIVE on Smalltown Society's Instagram and Facebook accounts: @smalltownsociety

Support The Chabot Theater: Online Gift Cards and Merch available at TheChabot.com. Donations to The Chabot can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @thechabot. Donations to Smalltown Society can be made via PayPal/Venmo: @smalltownsociety

Medicare: Telehealth

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if you're feeling sick.

Risk of serious illness from the coronavirus is much greater for older people and those with underlying health problems such as lung conditions, diabetes or heart problems. Many seniors are also managing chronic health issues that put them at heightened risk.

Until recently, telehealth coverage under original Medicare has been limited to beneficiaries only in rural areas, and patients often need to go to specially designated sites for their visits.

The expanded telehealth coverage, which will remain in effect during the coronavirus outbreak, now allows doctors and hospitals to bill Medicare for visits via telemedicine that previously had to take place in person, at a medical office or facility.

If your mom happens to get her Medicare benefits through a private Medicare Advantage plan, they will also be expanding their telehealth services. For coverage details, contact her plan directly.

Other Medicare Coverage

In addition to the expanded telehealth services, Medicare will also be covering all coronavirus testing costs to see your mom has been infected, and medically necessary hospitalizations, so if her doctor recommends that she remain in quarantine at the hospital rather than self-isolating at home, she will not have to pay for these costs.

And if your mom has a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan, it will cover the coronavirus vaccine when it becomes available and will waive prescription refill limits so she can have extra medication on hand during the pandemic.

For more information on how Medicare is covering the coronavirus see [Medicare.gov/coronavirus](https://www.medicare.gov/coronavirus).

Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



The Oakland Auditorium was turned into a hospital ward during the Spanish Flu in 1918.

Lessons: Spanish Influenza Pandemic

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leased January 2020. Among its recommendations is closing places where people gather and the wearing of gauze masks. It also provided readers with lists of symptoms and what to do if they thought they had the dreaded flu.

The state board's bulletin also provided a list of city and county health officers. Hayward's health officer at the time of the 1918 pandemic was Dr. Fredrick W. Browning.

By January 1919, the Spanish Influenza pandemic was in the middle of a second wave. New cases were on the rise in nearby Oakland and San Francisco.

A January 19, 1919 Oakland Tribune article titled "Hayward to Fight Influenza Epidemic" reported a briefing Dr. Browning had with Hayward's City Council. The article reported:

"While suggesting that flu masks be worn as a preventative measure, Dr. F.W. Browning, local health officer, did not insist on such a step at the meeting of the town trustees as the members of that body expressed the belief that the situation was well in hand.

Dr. Browning is urging the people to take every precaution to stay



HAYWARD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTOS

A View of the corner of B and Main Street in Hayward around 1918. This is what the downtown area looked like at the time of the Spanish Influenza pandemic.

further spread of the malady. As a step in this direction, the health officer has outlined a campaign of education that he thinks will be of great advantage to the community. Pamphlets bearing on this subject will be distributed."

Just over one-hundred years later the Hayward area is faced with a similar pandemic. This time our population is much larger and our access to information is far beyond what would have been imagined in

1918.

We may not have a cure or a vaccine against this influenza at the moment, but we are far more aware of what to do to slow the spread of the disease. The loss of life was great in 1918.

If we all work together to follow the guidelines our health officials are giving us now, we can prevent the same thing from repeating now. This is an instance when we do not want history to repeat itself.

Connected: Library's Online Campaign

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and more. To use live chat, library members type their question into the AC Library Live Chat box on the Ask Us page. Chat service is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Mon. - Sat. Quick Start Guides are easy to follow tutorials to help library members navigate the vast array of online resources.

In accordance with the Shelter in Place Order issued by Alameda

County, the library will remain closed at least through May 3. You can access the library's digital resources 24/7 with a library card.

For updates, visit the library's website: www.aclibrary.org.

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 184

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADDING DETAILS FOR ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT PERMIT FEE REQUIREMENTS AND AMENDING DETAILS FOR CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, SPECIFIC POLLUTANT LIMITATIONS, AND GREASE INTERCEPTOR REQUIREMENTS

Ordinance No. 184 amending Castro Valley Sanitary District Code Article III, Sections 3110 and 3904; Article IV, Sections 4113 and 4403; and Article VI, Sections 6200, 6206, 6216, 6217, 6409, 6422, 6423, and 6424 was duly and regularly adopted by the Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors at the Regular meeting of said Board held on April 7, 2020.

The Ordinance adds requirements for accessory dwelling unit permit fees and amends CCTV inspection requirements, specific pollutant limitations, and requirements for maintaining grease interceptors added to the Code effective May 1, 2020.

The Castro Valley Sanitary District Board of Directors voted on April 7, 2020 at the Castro Valley Sanitary District Regular Board meeting to adopt the Ordinance as follows: Akagi - No; Johnson - Yes; Appleton - Yes; McGowan - Yes; Sadoff - Yes.

The above summary constitutes the major highlights of Ordinance No. 184. A reading of the entire Ordinance may be necessary to obtain a full understanding. The full text of the Ordinance is available on the Castro Valley Sanitary District website at www.cvsan.org/oa or, to make other viewing arrangements, please contact the Clerk of the Board Stacy Marcoux at stacy@cvsan.org.

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