These past few months have brought both challenges and unforeseen changes to the way many of us go about our daily activities. Since the emergence of COVID-19, local community leaders in Santa Fe Springs have strived to proactively assist local businesses by keeping them informed and up to date on the impacts of the ongoing pandemic. In doing so, we hope to help businesses evolve to ensure their interactions with the public meet the mandatory local and state regulations.

When faced with many of these unexpected changes, it is important for those that live and work within the community to know that they have the full support and advocacy of their local government. Rest assured that your local leaders fully understand the significant impacts that this ongoing pandemic has had on our residents and our business community. We have taken several important steps to help mitigate these impacts and, more importantly, to help businesses get back on their feet and thrive. We have been working diligently, listening carefully, and advocating strongly to generate effective solutions and continue to provide helpful resources for all in response to COVID-19.

The start of these efforts was seen earlier this year when City staff personally reached out to the various restaurants and eateries within the community. In reaching out to restaurants, the City was not only able to create a list of the various takeout options available but also informed citizens that our local establishments need your patronage now more than ever. The Restaurant List was available but also informed citizens that our local establishments need your patronage now more than ever. The Restaurant List was created to help disseminate the information and let the public know that these resources were available. Most recently, in response to the Governor's mandatory changes for certain businesses such as restaurants, gyms, places of worship, and personal care services such as salons, barbers, nail salons, etc. the City Manager issued a proclamation resulting in the establishment of a Temporary Outdoor Dining and Business Operations Program. These programs and their respective guidelines were created to help businesses safely reopen in a manner that is consistent with the new public health requirements.

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Assisting the Business Community in Adapting to Covid-19 Restrictions

The guide included relief resources related to financial assistance, important tax and utility information, business guides for opening with restrictions, and employer PPE information. The City was able to partner with the Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce to help disseminate the information and let the public know that these resources were available. Most recently, in response to the Governor's mandatory changes for certain businesses such as restaurants, gyms, places of worship, and personal care services such as salons, barbers, nail salons, etc. the City Manager issued a proclamation resulting in the establishment of a Temporary Outdoor Dining and Business Operations Program. These programs and their respective guidelines were created to help businesses safely reopen in a manner that is consistent with the new public health requirements.

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Meet the Mayor Goes Virtual!
1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Have a private conversation via Zoom with the Mayor to discuss your ideas and concerns. Make an appointment by emailing meetthemayor@santafesprings.org or by calling 409-7510 no later than 5 p.m. the Wednesday before the scheduled Meet the Mayor.
Zoom information will be provided once your meeting date/time is confirmed.

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
Reimagine Santa Fe Springs!
The Planning Department invites you to “Reimagine Santa Fe Springs” as it embarks on the first comprehensive General Plan update in over 25 years. The General Plan represents the community’s view of the future and serves as a blueprint for growth and development. The General Plan touches many topic areas, such as where housing can be built, where new commercial businesses are needed, how the road network can better accommodate cyclists and pedestrians, how parks can be improved, and how public safety is addressed in our daily activities, including exposure of people to noise and air pollutants. The General Plan provides the foundation for all development decisions by identifying a vision for the future supported by goals, policies, and implementation strategies.
Input from the community is essential for a successful General Plan update. You represent the future of Santa Fe Springs and we want to hear how you think your city might change over the next 20 years. We are currently conducting a community survey to gather input about the most important issues to address and prioritize. To take the survey, or to sign up for updates throughout the process, please visit the General Plan Update website at https://reimaginesantafesprings.org/. We look forward to hearing from you!

APB - All Points Bulletin!
The Safe Neighborhood Team (SNT) is Going Virtual
The Santa Fe Springs Police Department invites you to join your neighbors, friends and fellow residents on a virtual Zoom meeting to discuss current crime concerns in your neighborhood. The SNT program is neighbors looking out for neighbors and is designed to help you prevent crime and give you the right tools should a crime occur. The ultimate goal is to reduce crime by having residents take an active role in public safety.
The Safe Neighborhood Team will be hosting its next two virtual meetings on September 8th and November 10th at 6:30 p.m. To attend the next meeting request a Zoom invitation at darrylpedigo@santafesprings.org.
The meeting will be facilitated by public safety staff who will be in attendance to answer your questions or concerns. For more information, contact the Police Services Center at 409-1850. We look forward to seeing you all!

Neighbor Connect
The Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center introduces “Neighbor Connect”, a new way to connect residents and offer a helping hand during the Coronavirus pandemic. Residents can request a “Neighbor Connect Packet,” that includes a set of colored cards to place in your window to indicate if you are doing well, or if you need help. Each colored card has a different meaning.
- **Green Card** – Means I am doing okay. Example, “I am doing fine, and have what I need to be well.”
- **Yellow Card** – Means I have a non-emergency matter and I need help to resolve it. Example, “I am feeling very isolated and can use someone to talk to.”
- **Red Card** – Means I have an urgent, non-emergency matter, and I need help resolving it soon. Example, “I am running low on medication and have no one to help me pick it up.”

By placing the colored card in the window, your neighbors will know to either come by to check in on you, or call the Gus Velasco Neighborhood Center to have someone check in on you. This is not for emergencies, but it is a way for the community to come together to help one another during difficult times. If you are having an emergency, please call 911. If you are interested in participating, or in being a volunteer to check in on your neighbors, please call 692-0261.

Library Services for Back-to-School
The Library has gone digital with favorite storytimes, materials and learning!
- Join us on Facebook and Instagram on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. for your favorite preschool and bilingual storytimes!
- Join us on Facebook and Instagram on Fridays at 11 a.m. for STEAM storytime and simple experiments your family can do at home! (Remember: STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics!)
- Students can get assistance through Tutor.com – tutoring and homework help for student in grades K-College. Tutor.com provides online, on-demand academic tutoring, homework help, and test preparation to kindergarten through 12th grade students, plus early college students and adult learners. Any library patron can connect with a highly qualified, expert tutor in a safe and secure online classroom. Tutors are available in a variety of subjects and test prep areas.
- Don’t forget: Ebooks and audiobooks for all ages are available through Cloud Library and Overdrive.
- Don’t have a library card? You can get one just for our digital services at www.sfslibrary.org.

Curbside Pickup
Step 1
Place holds online at sfslibrary.org or call (562) 868-7738. Not sure what you’re looking for? Call us for help.
*Limit of 10 items per checkout*

Step 2
We’ll call you when your items are ready for pickup.

Step 3
Park in one of the designated pickup parking spots behind the library during Curbside Pickup Hours.

Step 4
The library will also accommodate patrons without a vehicle, call for more information.
Call (562) 868-7738 to let us know you have arrived. Staff will place your materials and receipt in the trunk of your car.
Since 1957, Santa Fe Springs Fire-Rescue has proudly served the community and region.

The Department of Fire-Rescue is comprised of 59 members working from four fire stations providing not only the traditional services of fire suppression, hazardous materials response, fire prevention, and emergency medical services, but also a full-service Environmental Protection Division.

### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT – Fire-Rescue

The Department of Fire Rescue currently staffs a State Regional Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR) designated at the highest level as a "Heavy" rescue team by the Office of Emergency Services (OES).

Fire-Rescue also staffs a Type I Hazardous Materials Response Team with all staff trained to the Haz-Mat "Specialist" level. The City is currently one of only thirty Hazardous Material Teams in the State certified as a Type I Response Team and qualified to mitigate emergencies involving acts of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction. The Department houses and maintains an OES Fire Engine for local and statewide disaster response. The Department continues to support neighboring communities through the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement in response to major disasters and emergencies including brush fires, landslides, earthquakes, acts of terrorism, major disasters, etc.

In FY 2019-20, the Department of Fire-Rescue assisted outside of their jurisdiction four times to major fire incidents and was reimbursed for backfill expenses for labor to respond to these incidents by the State of California.

Santa Fe Springs Relay For Life

"We are on a mission to save lives and celebrate life"

The American Cancer Society-Relay For Life is a family-oriented fund-raising event where participants can walk or run a track relay style for various hours. Our famous annual citywide event will take place a little differently this year.

The worldwide pandemic of Covid-19 has forced the Relay For Life event to become virtual. For the past 18 years the City of Santa Fe Springs has raised over $100,000 every year. Although this year is not as we expected, we are still working to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

On Saturday, September 19, we will honor survivors by hosting a celebration parade at Santa Fe Springs Christian School (11434 Otto St, Santa Fe Springs) from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. A surprise gift bag will be given to each registered survivor. Survivors may register at www.relayforlife.org/santafespringsca. You will not be able to get out of your vehicle as you drive through the Celebration Zone, but you'll still be honored as one of our SUPERSTARS! So, dress up in your Sorority t-shirt, sash and medal and be ready to smile for the photographer. To add a little flare to the festivities, feel free to add a few decorations to your vehicle. We want to celebrate YOU!

The Virtual Relay For Life event will take place on Saturday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m. via Facebook: www.facebook.com/relayfordifesantafespringsca. If you have not thought about how you can make a difference, then please join us in our efforts to support the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. To all the community members, please consider joining a team before the event, or join virtually on event day to celebrate survivors and support the fight against cancer.

Questions? Contact Team Captain Ambassador / Committee member Sooky Banera at (562) 293-5108 or email sjbanera@yahoo.com.
Guide to Applying Insect Repellent

Wearing repellent correctly is the most effective way to prevent mosquito bites and any vector-borne disease. No matter the brand, look for active ingredients registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Must have ONE of these Active Ingredients

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Spray Bottle Properly

Hold bottle 6-8 inches away from exposed skin and clothing. Apply in a slow sweeping motion. Spray in an open, ventilated area.

Spray on Clothing

Spray shirts, pants, socks, hats, but NOT underneath clothing. Wash all treated clothing before wearing again.

Spray on Hands

Spray hands to apply repellent. Apply a thin layer of repellent to the back of the hands and rub hands together. Use hands to evenly distribute repellent on the hands. Spray hands to apply repellent to the face. Remember other exposed skin such as behind the ears and neck. Always wash your hands after applying.

Virtual Recreation Classes

The City of Santa Fe Springs is committed to providing a wide array of classes for your recreational interests. From exercise, cooking, learning how to play chess, the guitar, and a toddler activity class, the City has recreation and special interest classes to keep you and your family engaged and having fun this fall season. Please visit www.santafesprings.org for a listing of classes and to register.

SFS Chamber News

Announcing. . .

The 2020 Powell Grant Recipient

This year’s recipient of the $2,500 Powell Grant is Emily Arcos, a 2020 graduate of Santa Fe High School. Emily impressed the Scholarship Committee with her artistic talent she portrayed in a variety of mediums.

Emily, who comes from a family of 8, was a high school honor student and a member of Santa Fe High School’s Color Guard. While attending Santa Fe High, she also took graphic design classes at Rio Hondo College. Although she enjoys graphic design and painting, she says that photography is her favorite.

Emily will be attending California State University, Fullerton where she will be studying art. The Powell Grant Scholarship fund was established by Chamber members to honor Don Powell, a former SFS City Manager.

The SFS Chamber/League Youth Enrichment Fund invites you NOT to join us at a Black Tie Fundraising Event September 23, 2020

Make a donation instead! Enjoy the evening safe at home knowing that you have made a difference in the lives of the youth of Santa Fe Springs, our future leaders.

Visit www.youthenrichmentfund.org

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