City Council approves $500K emergency relief fund for struggling tenants

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View City Council voted unanimously Tuesday night to create a $500,000 renter assistance program to stave off evictions amid mounting wage losses and economic hardship caused by the new coronavirus.

The emergency funding is seen by council members as a fast and effective way to keep struggling families housed as local health officials escalate the response to the virus, which causes COVID-19. Schools, entertainment venues and local businesses have temporarily shut down, leaving many residents without work and spurring fears that a wave of evictions may be imminent.

While council members were quick to approve the funds, they were reluctant to pursue a local moratorium on evictions — at least not yet. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed an executive order Monday granting local agencies the ability to temporarily halt evictions through the end of May, but council members worried it would be difficult to quickly craft a comprehensive ordinance that protects all affected renters.

The council voted unanimously for staff to draft a memo weighing options for an eviction moratorium, but no future meeting has yet been called to discuss the topic.

The $500,000 relief fund was the first opportunity by the council to flex its new emergency powers, citing exigent circumstances in order to deliberate and vote on a topic that didn’t appear on the March 17 agenda. The money will be repurposed from the city’s affordable housing fund and will be available for renters who cannot afford to pay rent due to the public health crisis.

City Manager Kimbra McCarthy, just minutes after being sworn into office, told council members that a stream of residents have contacted the city with fears that they won’t be able to pay rent due to income losses because of the coronavirus. Not only does it affect tenants who may lose their home, she said, but it also means smaller landlords face uncertainty if rent payments suddenly dry up.

The renter assistance is expected to operate through the Community Services Agency of Mountain View and Los Altos (CSA), which has a short-term rental relief program intended to prevent people from falling into homelessness due to an emergency — such as a layoff, a medical issue or an expensive car repair. The city already partially funds the program, and injecting $500,000 into an already established program was seen as a swift way to respond to the crisis.

“This is the right thing to do immediately,” said Councilman Chris Clark said. “If you don’t pay rent, the eviction process can proceed pretty quickly and we have an existing partner and infrastructure set up to distribute these funds.”

How far the funds will go, and whether it will be enough to help all needy residents, remains a mystery. The Santa Clara County Public Health Department ordered all county residents and businesses to shelter in place and only leave home for essential activities and services at least through April 7, but it’s unclear whether school and business...
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Message from the publisher

WHY YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED, AT THIS PIVOTAL MOMENT, TO SUSTAIN LOCAL JOURNALISM

By Bill Johnson

These are frightening and disorienting times, and on behalf of our organization I wish you and your families the strength we all need to get through the weeks and months ahead. I’m afraid the impacts will be profound, but am equally confident that we will pull together to get through it.

Local news organizations and the journalists who work so hard to provide their communities with reliable and thoughtful news were endangered long before the COVID-19 crisis hit.

But today’s public health emergency, and the economic devastation that threatens all small businesses, may very well be the final blow that ends local journalism as we know it.

Across the country, even local newspapers that are adapting to the migration of readers to the web and are successfully transitioning from print publishing to online publishing face an existential threat to their survival.

We, unfortunately, are among them. But since we are betting our future on you — loyal readers who understand the importance of an independent press to our democracy — we remain optimistic.

I started our company 40 years ago with the help of 14 local residents who believed in the need for an independent and locally owned newspaper that would be responsive to the community and dedicated to producing thoughtful, quality journalism that is trusted and respected.

We’ve successfully managed our way through many economic ups and downs, including the dot com bust, the launch of Craigslist, Google and Facebook, 9/11, the 2008 financial collapse and Great Recession and many other challenges large and small. And we were at the forefront of the news industry back in 1994, as the first to publish the entirety of our editorial content on the web. We have expanded our editorial staff to deepen our coverage and to provide a 24/7 news service.

But the COVID-19 crisis represents, by far, the greatest threat to the survival of good local news organizations. While advertising revenues are plummeting, the work we do has never been more urgent. Our reporters and editors have been working around the clock to keep you informed on every angle of this terrible story, now working mostly from home but venturing out into the community when necessary.

If readers who value journalism don’t step up to support their local newspapers and their websites now, many will become additional victims of the coronavirus crisis.

Local news has been funded primarily by the advertising of independent local retail businesses. But as local retail has struggled, cut its ad budgets and all too often gone out of business, most local newspapers have had to cut costs, usually by reducing staff, to stay in business. It’s a recipe for failure because when staffs are cut, good journalism isn’t possible and readership quickly evaporates.

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— Bill Johnson, Publisher

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Mountain View announces state of emergency over spread of coronavirus

By Kevin Forestieri

The city of Mountain View proclaimed a state of emergency last week in response to the new coronavirus, clearing the way for swift action against the spread of the virus and easier access to state and federal funds.

The emergency status, which was extended by the Mountain View City Council at its March 17 meeting, was followed by the closures of several city facilities and a halt on all non-essential events. City Hall, the Mountain View Senior Center and the Mountain View library have all been closed to the public.

Mountain View joins numerous cities and counties in California to make the emergency declaration as the proliferation of the coronavirus, which causes COVID-19, has become a global pandemic. There have been 175 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Santa Clara County, according to public health officials.

In an emergency proclamation on March 12, City Manager Kimbra McCarthy wrote that the spread of COVID-19 has imposed “extraordinary” requirements and expenses on the city, causing it to divert resources away from day-to-day operations.

Precautionary measures include a sweeping cancellation of all city events through the end of the month, including performances at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts.

Mountain View Senior Center and the Mountain View Library have all been closed to the public.

When home becomes the classroom

HOW LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE TACKLING THE TRANSITION TO DISTANCE LEARNING

By Kate Bradshaw

On March 13, amid a cascade of districts announcing closures, Santa Clara County announced a mandatory three-week closure of all public schools. Many private schools had already planned to close, and as of Monday, the vast majority of children in California are not going to school for the time being.

On Tuesday, March 17, Gov. Gavin Newsom said that he anticipated schools would remain closed through the rest of the school year. While this news had not been made official as of the morning of March 18, it is putting school districts across the state on notice that the current closures could well last far longer than initially anticipated.

State assessments may also be suspended, according to a joint letter by the California departments of education and health and human services issued March 17.

“Given the impact of COVID-19 on students and school communities, we want to let you know that we will prioritize the mental and socioemotional health of students, and are examining all options for suspending state assessments,” the letter says.

Amidst constantly-changing mandates, in a matter of days school districts around the region have been tasked with switching their primary mode of learning for thousands of students, instructing teachers in how to use new platforms and ironing out plans to continue to serve their neediest students breakfast and lunch each weekday.

Here’s what we know about what online learning will look like.

Council postpones decisions on major housing projects amid COVID-19 concerns

By Kevin Forestieri

The Mountain View City Council postponed a pair of housing projects up for approval Tuesday, one of which would displace the residents of more than 100 apartments, due to a “shelter in place” order that prevents the public from attending the council meeting.

The decision Monday afternoon followed a growing number of messages from residents urging the council not to take action on significant items while public input is severely curtailed by the coronavirus crisis.

The Santa Clara County Public Health Department announced an unprecedented six-county shelter-in-place order March 16 in response to the growing spread of the new coronavirus, which causes COVID-19. The order mandates that all residents stay at home and limit travel to “essential activities” for the next three weeks, which includes shopping for groceries and supplies or taking care of family members and pets. The order explicitly bans all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals.

The order took effect at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, coinciding with a critical meeting in which the City Council was set to consider two housing projects proposed by the developer SummerHill Homes. One of the projects proposes razing the 116-unit Meadowood Apartments, located at 1555 W. Middlefield Road, and replacing them with 115 rowhouses.

In the lead-up to the meeting, residents urged the council to postpone approval of the project at least until the shelter-in-place order has been lifted. Projects that replace older rent-controlled apartments with new ownership units have been controversial, decried by tenant advocacy groups and some council members as a loss of Mountain View's dwindling supply of more-affordable housing.

Under the new restrictions, residents at risk of displacement would have limited options for making their case against the project. Mountain View resident Serge Bonte told council members in an email. He said the city ought to be using its emergency powers to prevent displacement, not to approve a project that would kick residents out of their homes.

“Such a project is not in the public interest, and I question its legitimacy in the context of the COVID crisis,” Bonte said.

Steven Margulies, a Meadowood Apartment tenant and 77-year-old veteran, sent an email to council members urging
Despite coronavirus, county pushes 2020 census participation

By Kevin Foresteri

State and local elected officials made an emphatic appeal last week urging all Santa Clara County residents to take part in the 2020 census, announcing a series of initiatives to make sure everyone gets counted, despite the shelter-in-place order due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Households have already started to receive census forms in the mail with a unique ID and instructions on how to fill out the questionnaire, kicking off a monthslong effort by the U.S. Census Bureau to get an accurate decennial count of residents living in the United States. Census data serves as the basis for region’s apportionment of federal funding and can affect California’s share of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives for next 10 years.

Despite the importance of an accurate census, counting Santa Clara County residents is expected to be an uphill battle. The county is already considered among the most difficult -- due mostly its significant diversity and need for multilingual services -- and the new coronavirus crisis has largely placed the Bay Area in lockdown. Social gatherings of any size have been banned, and residents have been ordered to stay at least six feet away from one another in order to mitigate the spread of coronavirus and COVID-19, the illness it causes.

Miguel Marquez, chief operating officer for Santa Clara County, told reporters at a press conference March 12 that health and safety is a top priority when carrying out the 2020 census, but that full participation remains vital. He said residents have plenty of ways to fill out the census without risking exposure to the coronavirus, including online and over the phone.

There is absolutely no reason why you cannot fully participate in the census just because of coronavirus,” Marquez said.

Residents can go to my2020census.org to fill out the census questionnaire, and will have U.S. Census Bureau workers canvassing door-to-door to record answers in immigrant communities, not just to ensure everyone gets counted, despite the shelter-in-place order due to the coronavirus outbreak.

The county is also establishing 16 staffed assistance centers to help residents fill out the questionnaire, and will have U.S. Census Bureau workers canvassing door-to-door to record answers in immigrant communities where residents may be less likely to respond. Bureau workers who have been trained on safe contact with residents, Marquez said.

State Assemblyman Marc Berman (D-Palo Alto), who led California’s legislative committee on the census, praised the county’s multi-pronged approach to get an accurate and broad count of residents for the 2020 census, which has since been copied in other counties in the state. All told, he said the state has put a $187 million “investment” into ensuring California gets its fair share of federal funding and House seats.

“We know that there are a variety of barriers to participation and that there is some anxiety in some communities in Santa Clara County, but we want everyone to know that your voice matters and it is absolutely critical that you get counted in the 2020 census,” Berman said.

The Census Bureau will be on the Mountain View Senior Center, the Mountain View Community Center and the Mountain View Public Library. All three locations are currently closed to the public due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19.

“Those are seniors, the unhoused, and particularly, the Spanish, Russian and Mandarin-speaking communities.”

More information can be found on the county’s census web page, sccgov.org/sites/census/Pages/home.aspx.

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them to postpone the item. He said he does not feel safe participating in-person at the meeting, yet the decision will have huge implications for him. His income is limited — he relies on Social Security and a job working as a smog check technician to make ends meet.

“I would very much like to be able to fully participate in any decision-making process which not only affects myself, but also affects the greater good of Mountain View,” Margulies said.

Mayor Margaret Abe-Koga told the Voice that the council appears to have time to postpone the project’s approval. State law prohibits the council from sitting on a complete project application for more than 180 days without a public hearing, so the council has until June to hear the item.

“It looks like we do have more time, so that’s one hurdle that we’ve been able to overcome,” she said.

Abe-Koga said the city is trying to improve ways for residents to participate in council meetings remotely. Along with emailed comments, she said the city is working on a system in which public comments can be done over the phone and heard over speakers in the council chambers.

“On Monday it was unclear whether the call-in system would be ready for Tuesday. ‘I think it would be wise to maybe push it out until for a couple weeks or until we’re better equipped to accommodate public input,’ she said.

Councilman Lucas Ramirez said he agreed with the decision, and that the city is taking sensible precautions by limiting council meetings to only the most important and urgent items.

“The mayor and the city manager are responding appropriately to the severity of the epidemic,” he said.

Summerhill’s proposal is significant because it was deemed complete by city staff prior to 2020, meaning it’s not subject to new anti-displacement measures required by the state.

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Living with the coronavirus crisis

Photos by Magali Gauthier

The Voice’s visual journalists are among the few who can’t work from home. They’ve been out in the community morning, noon and night, chronicling the dramatic changes to daily life as Mountain View adapts to its new reality — closed businesses, closed schools, packed grocery stores with empty shelves, social distancing and empty streets.

The line of hundreds of customers starts to move as Costco opens in Mountain View on the morning of March 15. The line snaked through much of the parking lot.

Civic Center Plaza is empty on the morning on March 18. Nonessential city services have been “paused” and nonessential staff sent home.

Customers line up outside Bay Area Gun Vault on El Camino Real in Mountain View on March 16, before the shelter-in-place order closed local businesses at 12:01 a.m. March 17.

Two VTA workers clean a bus at the Mountain View station on March 18. Public transit is still running for people who need to get to essential services, but ridership has dipped dramatically.

A woman pushes her cart past empty shelves at Target in Mountain View on March 14.

Castro Street is eerily deserted as residents are ordered to shelter in place at home.
Residents, nonprofits rally to support seniors from ‘social isolation’

SENIOR FACILITIES BAN VISITORS, EXPAND PHONE AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

by Gennady Sheyner and Kate Bradshaw

Life has changed in big ways and small over the past week for residents in senior centers around the Bay Area, but Don Levy, a resident of The Avant, isn’t fretting.

A retired engineer, Levy, 84, has seen his residential community on El Camino Way institute a ban on visitors — a practice that has become standard at senior communities throughout the area. Residents who used to congregate now “self-isolate.” They used to meet in the lobby to read the newspaper. Now they do so alone, scattered throughout the facility. And the communal lunch time has been staggered to ensure that diners can remain at a safe distance from each other.

Things are different now. But Levy is grateful for the precautions taken by the residential facility, even the ban on visitors.

“It makes things harder in some ways, but the people here understand why this was done,” Levy said.

Since the coronavirus began to accelerate in recent weeks, the message from staff has been clear and unequivocal: we want to keep you as healthy as possible. Staff, he said, has been “exceedingly careful” in response to the virus threat as it instituted a series of changes, big and small. But residents recognize that they need to be careful at this time, he said, and the mood is generally good.

At the Villa Siena Senior Living Community in Mountain View, it’s been a challenge to keep seniors healthy and protected from the coronavirus while avoiding the negative mental health impacts that come from isolation, according to the community’s executive director, Corine Bernard.

She’s been on conference calls conducted daily among health care providers in Santa Clara County and has been working with her staff to adopt the latest public health recommendations. To protect seniors’ physical health, the retirement community has adopted new precautions. Visitors and outside vendors are no longer allowed in. Employees must have their temperatures tested at the door and undergo monitoring for signs and symptoms of COVID-19, she said.

As a way to offer social interaction, staff members have started an afternoon coffee cart service that provides residents one-on-one visits. Phone calls and FaceTime chats with family members and friends are also encouraged, she said, and staff members can provide tech support to those who need it.

“We’ve also been communicating with residents through regular meetings,” she said. “The best thing you can do is update and give them (the residents) the right information. The last thing you want is for them to follow some of the unverified information,” she said. “They’re feeling confident the actions we’re taking are in their best interest. They’re really not that scared. It does make things harder, but we’ve been able to meet a lot of challenges.”

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like for students in Mountain View and Los Altos.

Mountain View Los Altos High School District

The Mountain View Los Altos High School District is starting online learning on Monday, March 23, a full week after schools closed March 16. The district is developing short- and long-term plans, said Superintendent Jeff Baier when asked how the district might adapt to mandated closures through the end of the school year. "As we received this information just last night, we are working to assess what this means for MVLA," Meyer said in a March 18 email. "We are in the process of creating expectations for students and staff at this time," said Dave Grissom, principal at Mountain View High School. "We are going through uncharted territory right now." This week, Meyer said, "We hope that families have taken the time to rest, and take care of themselves and other loved ones. It's a very challenging time in our community and it's important to support each other as we navigate alternative learning methods and the restrictions imposed by the shelter in place mandates."

Meanwhile, teachers and administrators are busy developing flexible learning plans. Many teachers, she added, are parents themselves and must also keep their own children busy and engaged. "It's not easy but they are pulling it off and sharing tips with each other for telecommuting."

One Mountain View High School parent is sheltering in place with her son, who is currently a senior at the school. Minako Walther, who teaches Japanese, said in an email Tuesday that she was planning her own online coursework because she hadn't seen specific instruction from the superintendent or principal about what would be required. Not all teachers at the school are trained in distance learning, but she added, "I believe that we can adapt."

One challenge is that some students do need extra assistance and reminders to do their work, she said. At this point, she's not certain whether to implement assessments and quizzes, and is planning to mainly teach through Google Classroom. Students will be able to submit handwriting and speaking assignments, as well as slides for research projects, but she expects students to lose out on the listening and conversational exercises that took place in her classroom. The physical separation from her classroom and the students she works with will be hard. "In general, I love my job, (and) being able to meet with my students and classes. School is my happy place to be," she said. She's also worried that last week might have been the last chance to see some of her students who will be moving out of state at the end of the school year.

Her son, Jiro, is dealing with his own set of uncertainties. He said he wasn't surprised that his school closed, which seemed overdue after the county banned large gatherings.

"I had always thought of finishing my last semester of high school like any other year does (doing senior events, being on campus and whatnot) but now everything seems up in the air," he said in an email. "While I am sad that my senior year basically came to a pause, I understand the severity of this issue and am glad that such measures have been taken."

Events he's looked forward to have now been canceled or are at risk of cancellation. Battle of the Bands, rallies and musicals are canceled, he's not sure if his last season on the badminton team will resume or not. Prom and graduation are up in the air, as is a senior trip to Montreal.

College and university closures are also raising uncertainty for Jiro about his future. He has been admitted to Stanford University, but its annual weekend for admitted students, an event that helps many prospective students decide where to attend college, has been called off. "With admit days/weekends being cancelled at institutions across the nation, it seems that this year students will have to make decisions through virtual tours and internet research instead," he said.

Los Altos School District

The Los Altos School District had been preparing for several weeks for potential school closures, but Brictson said students so far are engaged and families are grateful.

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fearful that this is going to happen to them."

Even with these assurances, the shifting conditions can pose extreme challenges for seniors, a growing population that is particularly vulnerable to COVID-19. The social isolation that some have already been experiencing is exacerbated by the shelter-in-place order, the ban on gatherings, the canceled events and the temporary closure of senior centers like the ones operated by the nonprofit Avidenas in Palo Alto and Mountain View. The situation can be particularly difficult for these seniors, particularly if they already have health problems and are socially isolated.

It can't help that senior centers and programs operated by Avidenas and the city of Mountain View have stopped for the time being.

The one Mountain View program still being offered is the Second Harvest Food Bank Brown Bag program. Eligible seniors can pick up bags of unprepared foods via drive-thru the first four Tuesday mornings of the month from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the rear of the senior center parking lot, according to city spokesperson Shonda Ranson. The service run through the Community Services Agency offering seniors prepared meals to go is on hold for now, Ranson said.

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Minako Walther, who teaches Japanese at Mountain View High School, with her son, Jiro, a senior there. They're figuring out how to move forward with their work as the high school's closure impacts them both.

Bullis Charter School

Distance learning started March 17 at Bullis Charter School and seems to be going smoothly, according to Principal Cynthia Britson. Students in kindergarten through second grade are using the Seesaw platform, while older students are using Google Classroom.

The school is using Zoom to have small group video conferencing and some one-on-one check-ins between students and teachers. The plan is for teachers in English language arts and math to each set up small group check-ins at least twice a week, so students get four check-ins weekly. For students in grades six and up, the district is running its regular schedule, having students join a different Zoom video conference classroom roughly every hour to take their core classes as well as drama, music, Mandarin, art and physical education.

The first day required working through some technical issues, but Britson said students so far are engaged and families are grateful.

"The only response I have from parents is how well its going," she said.

Mountain View Whisman School District

The Mountain View Whisman School District started distance learning Wednesday, March 18. The district has put together grade-level packets for students accessible through the school website, which include reading logs, writing prompts, and information on how to access online instructional materials through Clever.com, i-Ready, Khan Academy or Zearn.

Paper copies of the grade-level packets were distributed Wednesday at schools from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at the food truck that is distributing to-go lunches and breakfasts to children under 18 at Gabriela Mistral Elementary (505 Escuela Ave.) from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For families without internet access, the district will provide Chromebooks with connection to Xfinity Wi-Fi, with priority for students at Castro, Mistral and Monta Loma schools.

In addition, the district posted a small Google Drive with music and PE instruction, as well as "brain break" videos broken into several categories based on the student's grade level.

Go to tinyurl.com/mvwsd-covid for more information and the grade-level packets.
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have advised families to keep children away from playgrounds, reinforcing a public health order issued by local leaders to prevent COVID-19 from spreading to other community members.

Jewish Family and Children’s Services, which runs a center in Palo Alto, is offering services to help parents understand how to help children manage stress at tinyurl.com/advice-kids and how to support children at tinyurl.com/advice-kids and how to help parents manage stress at tinyurl.com/advice-stress.

FARMERS MARKET STAYS OPEN

The Mountain View Farmers Market is still open, according to Gail Hayden, director of the California Farmers’ Markets Association, an organization that operates 17 farmers markets throughout the Bay Area, including ones in Los Gatos and Saratoga. Food markets are considered “essential services” during the shelter-in-place order.

The Mountain View Farm- ers Market operates on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and has around 70 or 80 vendor stalls weekly. It is located at the downtown Mountain View Caltrain station parking lot at 600 West Evelyn Ave.

Hayden said that by purchasing produce directly from farmers, shoppers have the likelihood that the food they buy has come into contact with the coronavirus as compared to supermarkets and other food systems that put more people into contact with the produce on its way to consumers. At the market, people are advised to stay apart while shopping, wash what they purchase in water, and to wear a mask when they’re going to buy. People who are sick should stay home, she said.

“People should feel very secure in getting their food this way,” she said.

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closures will continue into May and June. Early estimates by the city suggest the program could potentially serve between 500 and 1000 households, according to Assistant City Manager Audrey Seymou Rambarg.

The question that dominated the council’s discussion was whether a similar relief fund should be set up for homeowners struggling to keep up with mortgage payments and small businesses at risk of shutting — either because of dwindling customers or a forced shutdown by the county. Even prior to the shelter-in-place order, Mountain View businesses reported steep losses in foot traffic and purchases, in some cases prompting temporary closures. The $500,000 in housing funds may not have the flexi- bility to be used for these pur- poses, but general fund money could be available for such programs, McCarthy said.

Councilwoman Alison Hicks said that she believes setting up a fund will pay off in the long run. “If we start losing small busi- nesses, it’s hard to set them up again,” Hicks said. “They are employees, they are taxpayers. It’s the kind of thing where if we help them now, then later down the road we are all fiscally healthier.”

Councilman Chris Clark said he worried that including more recipients runs the risk of drying up the funds much quicker, and that homeowners and businesses are likely consid- ering far more money for rent and mortgages than apartment tenants. He said there will also likely be state or federal pro- grams available to help commercial renters afloat during the economic downturn, giving them alternatives to a city-run assistance fund.

Council members voted unanimously to have staff explore ways to extend emergen- cy renter relief for mortgage payments and small businesses. Mountain View city staff could not immediately answer questions about how residents can apply for renter relief, which will eventually be available to families making up to 120% of the area median income, or $157,700 for a fam- ily of four. Updates will be available at mountainview.gov/covid.

Eviction moratorium?

Over the last week, several Bay Area cities, including San Francis- co, Oakland and San Jose, have sought to halt evictions as the extraordinary measures taken to reduce the spread of the coronavirus have left many workers without pay. The sher- iff’s offices of San Francisco and Alameda counties have since announced that they will post- pone any evictions until further notice.

For Councilman Lucas Ramirez, it makes sense for Mountain View to follow suit. The city needs to take immedi- ate action to slow the spread of the virus, he said, and rolling out the emergency rental assistance program may not be quick enough to save families from being removed from their homes. Homeless residents are among the most vulnerable, he said, and are in a position to spread the virus.

Ramirez suggested an emer- gency measure such as a 30-day suspension on evictions of ten- ants unable to pay rent, which he described as “buying time” for the city to get rent assis- tance to needy tenants.

“An urgency ordinance temporarily suspending evic- tions for nonpayment could go a long way in providing the financial security that folks need while we ramp up these programs,” he said.

Other council members were more reluctant. Councilwoman Lisa Matichak said the $500,000 in renter relief funds was faster and simpler than an eviction moratorium, and could solve the problem. She also worried it would create a drain on staff resources.

Councilman John McAlister said he trusts staff will give coun- cil members the information they need to decide whether a moratorium is the right path forward, and that having the option available will be valu- able in the event that conditions worsen or the shelter-in-place order goes on into June or July. She said it’s clear to her, in talk- ing to family members in Italy under a total lockdown due to coronavirus, that it’s important to have a “Plan B.”

“In Italy a lot of people are thinking about things that we wish we had done in the past, and to me a memo ... it’s not that difficult to do,” she said. “I would hate that we look back at this moment and say we wish we had done this.”

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District has been preparing lunch and breakfast for its students who receive free and reduced-price meals as well as for those students from the Los Altos School and the Mountain View Los Altos High School districts. Students at the Mountain View Whitman and high school districts can pick up their meals at Gabriela Mistral Elementary School, 505 Escuela Ave. in Mountain View, between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. They won’t be checking IDs and will offer the meals to children under 18 there every weekday until school reopens.

Students who receive free and reduced price meals in the Los Altos School District may pick up drive-through style, at Egam Junior High School at 100 W. Portola Ave. in Los Altos between noon and 12:30 each day, according to district Superintendent Jeff Baier.

Elena Kadivany contributed to this report.
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n Tuesday, the world as we know it on the Midpeninsula ground to a halt. The day before, health officials from six Bay Area counties and Santa Cruz County announced that starting at 12:01 a.m., residents are ordered to stay at home for all but "essential reasons" for the next three weeks in order to slow the spread of the new coronavirus.

Businesses deemed nonessential were forced to close, sending employees who work to from home — if they were lucky. Some were sent home with partial or no pay, while others lost their jobs entirely. Downtown Mountain View, which has seen less and less foot traffic as more local companies have adopted work-from-home policies over the past few weeks, became completely deserted, with small businesses shuttered and restaurants closing down or limiting service to takeout and delivery. Cars dotted the roadways and intersections they would normally clog, congregating at grocery stores in search of the elusive bottle of hand sanitizer or cans of soup.

While life has temporarily changed, one thing that has remained unchanged is our thorough coverage of local news, including this pandemic. Our office, as a media outlet, is deemed an essential business and has gone largely remote, with restrictions in place on how many people can be in the building or in a particular area at once. Those who do come in have access to cleaning supplies, and anyone who feels at all ill is staying home. Meanwhile, our reporters, photographers and editors have been working hard to bring residents the latest updates on COVID-19, helping produce stories on how the outbreak has upended everything from schools and City Council business to restaurants.

This is an unprecedented moment in the world. The uncertainty has left many people feeling afraid, anxious and helpless, and the new measures announced Monday — while necessary — undoubtedly make people feel less in control of the situation.

If you’re feeling overwhelmed or want to help, here’s what you can do:

Stop home except for essential activities, such as picking up medication or groceries, getting exercise, and caring for relatives. If you do go out, stay at least 6 feet away from those not in your household.

Take care of yourself. Go walking, running or hiking, which you can do via a friend provided that you keep up social distancing. Make time to rest and relax. If you’re feeling overwhelmed, reach out to a friend, loved one or a mental health care provider. Santa Clara County residents can get help 24/7 by contacting the county Behavioral Health Services Department’s call center at (800) 704-0900 or the suicide and crisis hotline at (855) 278-4204. For tips on coping with stress during the coronavirus outbreak, visit the county’s website at tinyurl.com/coronavirus-stress.

Support local nonprofits and businesses. The COVID-19 outbreak has already dealt a significant blow to nonprofits, which have had to cancel or postpone major fundraising events, and small businesses that already faced challenges paying rent and retaining employees during the pandemic.

Support local businesses by ordering takeout from your favorite restaurants, purchasing gift cards or donating to local nonprofits.

Share local news. SF Gate has lifted its paywall during the health emergency. The Almanac and Palo Alto Weekly, have lifted their paywalls to provide unlimited access to our websites during the health emergency.

While limiting our activities outside the home and not being able to see some of our friends and loved ones can be difficult, it’s a temporary challenge for the greater good. As San Mateo County health officer Scott Morrow said Monday, "This is the time to unite as a community, to come together and aid each other and dig really deep.”

By IdaRose Sylvester

In this time of unprecedented crisis, our city must unite, and quickly move to support itself, for the short- and long-term well-being of our entire community. Thank you, City Council, for starting to take action.

Several actions our city, the county, the state, and other community partners, including large corporations, can support immediately to help our community include:

- Making sure all vulnerable populations have access to food, as the supply at food pantries dwindles, and getting food for many no longer requires standing in long lines and a subsequent lack of social distancing.
- Providing support for the families of children who are out of school, potentially through the summer. Making sure children can access meals and online learning, with technology and internet access, and English as a second language and special needs accommodations.
- Enacting a moratorium on utility shutoffs, including power, water, and internet services, until the crisis is over. Providing free Wi-Fi via mobile hotspots, so people, now unable to use the internet at the library, senior center and other facilities, can stay informed and connected to others. Supporting mortgage and rent relief for those who lose jobs, including the $500,000 rent relief fund established this week.
- Stabilizing the vulnerable by maintaining the new moratorium on oversized vehicle parking enforcement and affordable apartment demolitions, and prohibiting evictions for nonpayment of rent. Using vacant hotels to house the unhoused.
- Providing emergency sanitation and trash collection services to vehicle residents and other unstably housed people, since public facilities like park bathrooms, libraries, and churches, and private facilities, such as gyms, are now closed. Many of these residents are on the front line supporting us, working in restaurants and essential retail.

Providing this service at Rengstorff Park is a great start.

- Opening our safe parking lots immediately and keeping them open 24/7, with sanitation stations, at Shoreline Amphitheatre and the VTA lot on Evelyn Street.

As we think of the slightly longer term, our city government must find ways to support our small businesses, which are so vital to the livability and character of our community, and support many families.

We must work in partnership with the county and state — and our chamber of commerce and other community partners — to enact emergency funding and loan programs to help businesses survive, and to pay employees.

We need to consider a moratorium on small business evictions (like San Francisco), and look at tax and licensing relief, and find ways to drive demand in the future when businesses reopen. If we can bail out big business at the national level, we can support the businesses that are part of our daily lives, that are the lifeblood of our city.

All of us should commit to checking in on seniors, the disabled, and others who may be having a very hard time right now. Kindness and patience, and the sudden appreciation that we are truly united at this moment, truly in this community together, will make this time bearable. We must pull together as a community, in true, old-fashioned Mountain View spirit, to take care of each other, and then be our best selves as we recover. Yes, this will require innovative thinking and swift action, new partnerships, crowdfunding solutions, and a renewed commitment to each other to try things we’ve never done before. With 85,000 amazing residents, hundreds of large companies, hundreds of small companies, and many great nonprofits and other community partners, we have what we need to do this. We can — we must — do this.

We are greater than this crisis, and we will be greater for it.

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Time to step up for our community

By IdaRose Sylvester

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We’ve compiled this evolving list of restaurants, cafes, breweries and bakeries throughout the Peninsula that are providing takeout or delivery service while in-person dining has been suspended due to public health restrictions to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

“This is what the new normal is going to be for us for awhile,” the owners of Los Altos’ State of Mind Public House and Pizzeria wrote on Instagram.

This is not an exhaustive list and it is going to be actively edited and updated online at TheSixFifty.com as details change. (Just because a restaurant is not featured here doesn’t mean they aren’t offering some kind of service.) Your best bet is to check social media pages, websites, third-party delivery apps or call restaurants directly to confirm.

Alhambra Irish House, Redwood City: Open for delivery and curbside pickup noon to 8 p.m. To schedule email info@alhambra-irish-house.com, text 313-583-9064 or call 650-366-4366.

Alice’s Restaurant, Woodside: Takeout only, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 650-851-0303 for ordering ahead and check Facebook for the current menu.

Asian Box, Palo Alto; Mountain View; Burlingame: Takeout and delivery via DoorDash, plus a “kids eat free” promotion for the month.

Backyard Brew, Palo Alto: Free delivery of roasted coffee and loose-leaf teas via online ordering or call/text 650-704-7785. Gift cards also available.


Bird Dog, Palo Alto: Takeout orders available for pickup Monday-Saturday from 5-9 p.m. by calling 650-656-8180 or emailing thelowdown@birddogpa.com.

Boba Guys, Palo Alto; San Carlos: Stores open at noon with OrderAhead available, plus delivery via DoorDash. Call 415-967-2622.

Cafe Zoë, Menlo Park: Open to-go only for limited hours, asking people to stand 6 feet apart in line. Call 650-322-1926.

Capelo’s Barbecue, Redwood City: To-go counter open 11 a.m. to sold out, offering 25% off all orders. Call 650-701-5433.

Coffeebar, Menlo Park; Redwood City: To-go and pickup orders for limited hours, subject to change. Menlo Park is open 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Redwood City is open 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 650-666-2626 or 650-779-0466.

Coupa Cafe, Palo Alto; Stanford, Los Altos; Redwood City: Open for takeout, pickup and curbside delivery 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 650-322-6872.

Donato Enoteca, Redwood City: Takeout (you can request a no-contact pickup in front of the restaurant) and delivery within 5 miles between noon and 7 p.m., including a “You Be the Chef” menu, with pasta, sauce, cheese and cooking instructions. Wine bottles are 50% off. Gift cards available for purchase by phone. Call 650-701-1000.

Eureka Mountain View, Mountain View: Takeout and delivery from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Call 650-426-0582.

Kirk’s Steakburgers, Palo Alto: Curbside pickup available. Call 650-326-6159.

La Bodeguita del Medio, Palo Alto: New takeout menus, including a Cuban-inspired family meal, will be available soon. Call 650-326-7762.

Left Bank, Menlo Park: Offering DoorDash delivery and pick-up, as well as phone orders, from...
PICKUP OR DELIVERY

4-8 p.m. daily, plus 30% off wine bottles for pickup. If you buy a $100 gift card, you’ll receive a $50 gift card toward your next visit. Call 650-473-6543.

Lulu’s Mexican Food, Palo Alto; Menlo Park: Open for takeout only daily and delivery via DoorDash, Postmates and Uber Eats. Call 650-327-8226 or 650-854-8226.

Mademoiselle Colette, Palo Alto; Menlo Park; Redwood City: Pickup orders can be placed online by calling 650-250-2919 or emailing catering@milecolette.com. Delivery via DoorDash. Regular menu, family meals and baked-goods boxes will be available. Call 650-260-2260.

Maison Alyzée, Mountain View: Open for takeout and delivery, Monday-Sunday via online ordering, phone (650-960-1212) or email (contact@maisonalyzee.com).

Manresa, Los Gatos: Limited takeaway meals starting Friday, March 20, available through Sunday this week 4-6 p.m and Wednesday-Sunday 4-6 p.m. throughout the shelter-in-place order. There will be vegetarian, pescatarian and meat options, as well as wine and beer to-go. Call 408-354-4330.

Milagros, Redwood City: Delivery and pickup available from 4-8 p.m. daily, credit card payment only. Order online or via DoorDash.

Misfits Bakehouse, Palo Alto: Delivery via DoorDash. Call 650-690-5073.

Nam Vietnamese Brasserie, Redwood City: DoorDash delivery and curbside pickup. Call 650-393-5515 or place an order for takeout online.

Oren’s Hummus, Palo Alto; Mountain View; Cupertino: Delivery orders can be placed via the Oren’s website or third-party delivery apps, which are providing non-contact delivery options (you can choose to have your food left at your door). Grab-and-go areas at the restaurants will remain open for takeout or pickup. Call 650-752-6492 or 650-938-6736 or 408-982-5237.

Orenchi Ramen, Redwood City; Santa Clara: For pickup orders, call 650-337-9494 for Redwood City and 408-722-2310 for Santa Clara. Open 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Delivery available on DoorDash and Grubhub.

Pizzeria Delfina, Palo Alto: Pickup and delivery via Caviar, DoorDash and Uber Eats. Call 650-353-2208.

QBB, Mountain View: Open for takeout, curbside pickup and delivery (Monday-Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., 5:30-8 p.m.) and offering 50% off on phone-in orders. Orders can be placed by calling 650-969-1112 or emailing eatqbb@gmail.com.

Rumble Fish, Mountain View: Open for takeout (650-961-9086) and delivery from noon to 7:30 p.m. daily through DoorDash (free delivery), Grubhub (free delivery), Uber Eats (free delivery), Caviar and Postmates. Call 650-961-9086.

The Sea by Alexander’s Steakhouse, Palo Alto: Pickup through online ordering. Call 650-213-1111.

State of Mind Public House and Pizzeria, Los Altos: Takeout only from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily via online ordering.

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Tam Tam and Tamarine, Palo Alto: Takeout and delivery via Caviar and DoorDash. Call 650-322-8000 or 650-325-8500.


Taste, Palo Alto: Takeout and delivery via online ordering and third-party apps.

Taverna, Palo Alto: New to-go menu and “family meal,” which serves three to four people ($68) with limited availability of 25 orders per day. Delivery orders for either menu can be placed by calling 650-304-3840 every day from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Available for pickup or Taverna will provide free delivery within 5 miles of the restaurant.

Telefèric Barcelona, Palo Alto: Full menu available for pickup or delivery by calling 650-321-0712.

Tin Pot Creamery, Palo Alto; Los Altos; San Mateo: Delivery via DoorDash and pickup from 1-7 p.m. daily at all locations.

Tootsie’s, Palo Alto: Owner Rocco Scordella is keeping Tootsie’s open for takeout only to serve the staff of the nearby Stanford Hospital. Also, delivery via DoorDash.

Uzumaki Udon Izakaya, Cupertino: Place to-go orders by calling 408-490-4017 or delivery via DoorDash.

Verve Coffee Roasters, Palo Alto: To-go orders only. vervecoffee.com/pages/university-ave

Vesta, Redwood City: Takeout and curbside pickup starting Tuesday, March 17, for a few days until sold out, plus 50% off wine. Call 650-362-5052 or order online for delivery via DoorDash. Gift cards available online.

Vina Enoteca, Palo Alto: Direct message on Instagram and the restaurant will deliver wine to your home.

Willows Market, Menlo Park: Remains open (6 a.m. to 10 p.m.) but is asking people to come in before come in before noon if possible. willowsmarket.com

Wursthall, San Mateo: Takeout service starting Wednesday, March 18, and will be open Wednesday-Sunday, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Gift cards also available (and if you buy one you’ll get an extra 10% redeemable whenever the restaurant fully reopens). Meal-kit delivery will start this weekend, with everything cooked, packaged and delivered by co-owner Kenji Lopez-Alt. All profits from the meal kits will go toward making extra meal kits for Wursthall employees with children who are currently out of school, as well as those in need in the greater community. “We hope that the service is popular enough that we can ramp up production and feed as many people in the community as we safely can,” Lopez-Alt said. Call 650-931-4282 or go to wursthall.com.

Zareen’s, Mountain View, Palo Alto and Redwood City: Open for takeout (call the restaurants to place an order: MV: 650-641-0335, PA: 650-600-8438) and delivery via DoorDash, Postmates, Uber Eats and Grubhub. Gift cards also available.

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Hollywood goes livestream

A GUIDE TO ‘SHELTER-IN-PLACE’ HOME ENTERTAINMENT

By Peter Canavese

In tough times, we crave comfort food. Now that staying home is vital to doing our part to stall the spread of COVID-19, home entertainment will taste like chicken soup for the soul at the end of an emotionally exhausting day of telecommuting, teleschooling, obsessive CNN watching and household-surface sanitizing.

Smart TVs, laptops and phones can access not only Netflix but also Disney+, Amazon Prime Video, Hulu, YouTube, soon-to-launch Quibi and old-stalwarts HBO and Showtime, among every other basic and premium channel in the TV marketplace. Kids can find a couple of high-quality new films on Disney+: In addition to the newly added “Frozen II,” there’s the utterly charming mystery-comedy “Timmy Failure: Mistakes Were Made” and the heartwarming dog-sled adventure “Togo,” starring Willem Dafoe.

For slightly more grown-up fare, I recommend the best medicine: laughter. Netflix Is a Joke, the official hub for the company’s comedy specials, is a great place for laughs, whether it be the standup of Wanda Sykes, Tom Papa or Patton Oswalt, or binge-worthy sitcoms like “The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” and the underseen, but terrific, “Lady Dynamite” and “Great News.”

New theatrical releases

In an unprecedented move reacting to the closure of movie theaters, Universal Studios has sent its current crop of theatrical releases to video on demand. As of today, gory, tongue-in-cheek blue-state-versus-red-state thriller “The Hunt,” psychological thriller “The Invisible Man,” and the revamp of Jane Austen’s “Emma” can be streamed online for $19.99 or less.

All have their virtues if you’re jonesing for the latest Hollywood product. “Trolls: World Tour,” and no doubt other studio-banked films, will soon follow the same path. You can also watch new films from home while simultaneously supporting your favorite local shuttered indie cinema. Starting today at phoenixxorgenmovie.com, you can buy a virtual ticket to the James Legros/Lisa Edelstein comedy “Phoenix, Oregon,” and select which indie cinema should benefit from your purchase.

Indie films have offered quick on-demand access for quite some time, although they are increasingly being snapped up for exclusive streaming windows on streaming platforms. Today, for example, Amazon Prime Video premieres the indie gem “Blow the Man Down,” a feminist drama in the key of The Coen Brothers (think “Fargo” meets “Steel Magnolias”).

Last Friday, Hulu released the coming-of-age dramedy “Big Time Adolescence,” starring Pete Davidson of “Saturday Night Live.”

Netflix also has launched the superb true-crime drama “Lost Girls,” starring the brilliant Amy Ryan, and is premiering two foreign acquisitions — Spanish thriller “The Platform” and Italian drama “Ultras” — as well as Formula One documentary “A Life of Speed: The Juan Manuel Fangio Story.”

Original web series

My personal favorite recommendation has enough content to last you for weeks. The “On Cinema at the Cinema” web series is a sprawling comedy masterpiece that includes 12 seasons of bite-sized movie-review spoofery, each culminating in a disastrous live-Oscar special.

The web series also has produced the spinoff series “Deck“ and the truly incredible five-hour “Trial of Tim Heidecker.” All are free on YouTube or at Adult Swim.

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