



Letter from the Mayor



May 12, 2020 - Letter from Mayor Eisen

Dear Half Moon Bay Community ([Para ver esta carta en español, oprime aquí](#)),

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day weekend. If you were unable to see your mother due to the SIP, or if your mother is no longer with us, hopefully you were able to celebrate the day and take some time to honor them.

If you missed last week's City Council meeting (May 5), there was some great discussion during the first hour around beach parking, restrooms, and parking in neighborhoods. We received some thoughtful comments from the public and we do greatly appreciate the participation. If you'd like to view the discussion, you can take a look at the video of the meeting [here](#). I invite you to tune in to our Council meetings every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month – it's a great opportunity to participate, voice your concerns, provide your ideas, and learn first-hand how and why local decisions are made.

After quite a few information-heavy weeks, this past week was somewhat toned down. Here are a few updates.

State vs County Orders – Where do we stand?

Last week, we included a pretty detailed outline of the County orders and the State orders and what they both mean for us locally. Check it out on our www.hmbcity.com/covid19 page if you missed it.

Nothing has really changed since last week in that aspect, except that the County did issue an order regarding “vehicular graduations” and guidelines for that activity. The new order, permitting certain “highly regulated” gatherings of vehicles, is designed to allow schools to host modified graduation ceremonies, effective today. Gatherings of 10 or more vehicles require occupants of each vehicle to be members of the same household, not to exit the vehicle at the gathering except to use a restroom or collect an item such as a diploma, and, if the windows are open, to wear face coverings. Since the vehicles must be enclosed, the order does not permit motorcycles, convertibles with the top open, vehicles with no doors, or bicycles to attend the gatherings. For more information, please view the order [online](#).

We have received many questions from businesses on whether they specifically are allowed to open up with modifications in place. As mentioned, the County has not adopted the State's Phase 2 approach as of yet, so only those businesses listed in the County order are permitted to operate at this time. Anyone with specific questions can call 211 or visit the County's shelter-in-place FAQs [online](#) where you can find relevant information under the subheads Essential Business, Outdoor Business, and Construction. All of San Mateo County's health orders are also available [online](#) in multiple languages.

Zonehaven Website:

Check out the new, interactive San Mateo County community COVID-19 web portal community.zonehaven.com. There, you can find location-specific information on a variety of services and business and the status of each. As a note, the site works best with Chrome or Safari. For any questions, or to update your business's information, please contact the City's Emergency Services Analyst Corie Stocker, at cstocker@hmbcity.com.

#WaveofStrength Roadmap to Recovery:

As we all transition toward re-opening, it is clear that a long and tough fiscal recovery is ahead. We appreciate your feedback as we plan together for Half Moon Bay's local recovery needs. We need to hear from you! One way to join the conversation on Half Moon Bay's recovery is by completing this survey [online](#).

We appreciate your feedback as we continue to engage and update the community on Half Moon Bay's local recovery needs.

May 19, 2020 City Council Meeting:

Tuesday's City Council meeting will include a COVID-19 Study Session at 6:00 p.m., followed by our regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. As "usual" special remote protocols will be in place and will be included on the agenda once posted, and in next week's letter. Here are a few of the items which will be discussed:

- Beach Parking / Face Masks (during 6:00 COVID-19 Session)
- Proclamation declaring June as Pride Month in Half Moon Bay
- Sustainability Program Update
- Award of Contract for the Ocean Colony Pump Station Repair
- Hotel Business Improvement District Annual Report
- Capital Budget Study Session
- Review of the City Council's Fiscal Year 2020-21 Priorities

Earth Year / Sustainability:

Looking to add to your sustainability toolkit during the shelter in place? Local organizations are providing some great virtual event opportunities during this time that can help you sharpen your skills. Here are just a few examples of some of these great virtual events happening throughout the month:

- May 16 10am – 11am: [Rain Barrel Workshop](#)
- May 16 10am - 12pm: [Home Composting Workshop](#)
- May 23 10am – 11:30am: Creative Baking: Making Pantry Ingredients Last
- May 27 6pm –7pm: Recycling in the COVID-19 Era

Check out our [Sustainability Events](#) page for more details, sign-up information, and an up-to-date listing of upcoming events.

As always, feel free to [email me](#) with any comments or concerns. And be sure to stay informed by visiting the City's [COVID-19 Daily Updates webpage](#), and our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [Nextdoor](#) feeds.

Together in partnership,

Adam Eisen

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COVID-19 Daily Updates

