



# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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Good morning, Del Rey Oaks!

Our small town continues to be so wonderfully unique. In the midst of COVID-19 cases increasing in the County, thankfully we have not heard of a case in our City. You continue to wear masks, socially distance, and wash your hands while enjoying the outdoors for exercise and conducting your necessary business. I see this as I walk our streets and visit our businesses, and I thank you. I also want to thank you for being gracious and kind to one another during these challenging times. Everyone is managing their own stress, whether it be family, job-related, worrying about the upcoming school year, or how to make ends meet. The friendly waves I see are contagious and may be just what someone needs as they cope with their own stresses. So thank you for caring for one another. It takes grace, patience and discipline.

As we approach the end of July there is much to report. Thanks to the City's relatively strong financial situation in spite of the pandemic, we are moving forward with two Council-approved projects.

Street slurry work will begin next week on Portola, Work, Via Verde, the cul du sacs on Angelus, and Brae, Altura, Robertson and Hillwill. Please excuse the inconvenience as we work to improve these streets. Check the website and social media for the latest news on our street work.

Work will start today to install solar panels on City Hall. We are very excited about this project which will continue to reduce our carbon footprint and our power costs.

Ron continues to do great work taking care of our park and maintaining our infrastructure. He was also successful in having CalTrans clear the ice plant and deadfall along Canyon Del Rey.

Chief Hoyne is working on a Police Advisory Committee proposal that Council will consider at its August meeting. The committee will improve communication between our residents, businesses and police department. I appreciate his leadership on this important subject.

The City will receive \$65,000 in Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grant funds this Fall to support continued efforts to update our Housing Element and related ordinances. Using these funds, we hope to bring a zoning ordinance update to the Planning Commission and City Council before the end of the calendar year, then begin another Housing Element update in early 2021. The City is also competitive for additional grant funding to support housing programs as the State works to address a critical State-wide housing shortfall. We will keep you informed as we learn more.

Kim is leading our effort to prepare for our annual financial audit. Karen is busy with annual business license renewals and uploading documents to the City website. We are taking appointments on Tuesday and Thursday for plan reviews and permit applications while adhering to public health guidelines.

We have discovered and shared a letter from the California Native Plant Society dated 2007 that clearly outlines the habitat reserve boundary on a map with an area of 2.5 acres. We are waiting to hear back from CNPS and look forward to resolving the needless lawsuit they have filed based on this document. Finally, we will hold a Coffee with the City Manager tonight at 6pm by zoom. I look forward to seeing you and answering your questions.

Stay safe! Dino