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Good afternoon, Del Rey Oaks!

The challenges we face as a community continue to grow, as does our resolve to face them.

The wildfires burning around us are causing displacement and, in some cases, loss of homes and property. Thankfully Del Rey Oaks has not been directly threatened by fire, though the smoke is affecting our air quality, and we all know families who have been evacuated due to the fires. In fact, Chief Hoyne's home in Cachagua narrowly avoided destruction though his car did not.

The Monterey County Office of Emergency Services reports as of this morning that the River fire is 39,464 Acres - 9% contained, the Carmel Valley fire is 4,732 Acres - 0% contained, and the Dolan fire in Big Sur is 6,780 Acres 0% contained. The latest information is available at their website co.monterey.ca.us/2020Fires.

The County daily situation report has the latest wildfire and COVID-19 related information in it. They are available here <https://www.delreyoaks.org/cityhall/page/county-covid-19-daily-situation-reports>.

On our tri-County City Managers/County Administrators call this morning we learned that Santa Cruz County is in far worse shape than we are. They currently have 64,000 people evacuated with more expected should the fire head towards the City of Santa Cruz. We are all rendering whatever aid we can. Their County Administrative Officer rightly pointed out that the rebuilding will be years in the making.

The Monterey County COVID-19 positivity rate continues to be quite high. Again, our small community is fairing well relative to many in terms of positive cases that we know about.

A new school year is upon us and our educators, students and families are dealing with educating our youth under these unprecedented circumstances.

I recently returned from some invaluable time off. I didn't realize how on edge I was until I stepped away for a bit. Returning last week, it is very clear to me that we are all on edge and that, as with the fires, things may, and likely will, get more challenging before they get better. So, I want to thank each of you for being disciplined regarding COVID-19, generous with your time and charitable contributions, and kind with your comments. Please take care of yourselves and each other.

A few updates for you from City Hall. Our solar panels are installed and operating! This effort was three years in the making and I want to thank Karen Minami for leading our staff effort to get this done, along with Ron Fucci for supervising the work.

Our slurry seal project is nearing completion with striping starting today. We will not be restriping the crosswalk across Portola at Tweed because it gives a false sense of security to pedestrians where there are no stop controls for traffic. Thank you for your patience during the street work. We have paved nearly 100% of our residential streets in the past three years.

The Council agenda packet is published for Tuesday August 25th. The Mayor will read proclamations celebrating 100 years of women's suffrage, as well as 25 years of service by Commander Bourquin. M1W

will provide an update to residents and Council. Council will consider extending the emergency ordinance for an eviction moratorium through November 30th, and the formation of a Police Advisory Committee. Council will also receive a litigation update in closed session. The packet is available here:

https://www.delreyoaks.org/sites/default/files/fileattachments/city_council/meeting/packets/3731/08252020agendapacket.pdf

I held a Coffee with the City Manager earlier this week and enjoyed hearing from residents. The challenges we are facing are varied and touching each of us differently. Whether it be the loss of a job, the challenges of educating our children from home, our collective struggle for dignity and justice for all, or the anxiety brought on by the pandemic and wildfire, the pressure can be ear popping and debilitating. Please let us know how we can help you, as we work together and support your strong and ethical City Council and Planning Commission. Thank you again for all you do to make our community the wonderful safe place it is.

Thank you,

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