



# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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Update from virtual City Hall for March 29th, 2020

I am walking the City every day and appreciate hearing from Council members, residents and business owners and their employees. Here is a summary of what I've heard. Our community continues to care for one another in wonderful, organic ways. You all know each other best, and it shows! Businesses are doing their best to comply with shelter in place guidelines to keep the public safe, while trying to do business. Russo's Produce is a wonderful example of this. Excellent social distancing procedures and top notch service to their customers, all in one! Having said all this, there are many people suffering from lost income. They are proud and won't ask for help. Thankfully, evictions are not something they need to worry about during this crisis thanks to action by your City Council, the County and State. The Food Bank received a \$250,000 infusion from the County recently, among others, so hopefully their food needs are met. As fortunate as many of us are in having the ability to endure this crisis, there are those among us who are not. Thank you for what you are doing now. Consider doing more for your neighbors. We are months away from any semblance of normal, which makes this truly a marathon we all have to finish. The beauty is, we can, and we will.

A few updates for you: There are 36 cases of COVID-19 in Monterey County as of Sunday March 29th, with 6 hospitalizations and 1 death. Out of concern for limiting potential spread, the City has closed the playground equipment in our park. The park remains open so residents can enjoy the fresh air. The City received reports of a fallen tree blocking a trail in Frog Pond. We let the Regional Parks District know then removed the tree for them to allow people to enjoy that wonderful open space without delay. Our first responders continue to serve the public and keep us safe while doing their part to mitigate transmission of the virus in the community.

The County has established a call center for COVID related questions:

<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/health/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

In important non-COVID-19 news, the Airport District Board Chair Mary Ann Leffel spoke at the City Council meeting last Tuesday. She informed Council, staff and the public that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recommends not putting a North side access road through the City of Del Rey Oaks. It recommends that the existing Airport Road through Monterey be used to access the North side. She also stated that the Airport has no plans to build non-aviation related development on the North side for the foreseeable future, and that the hangars that will be moved from the South side to the North side will be built closer to Monterey to utilize the existing road through Monterey while reducing the overall traffic by moving several businesses off Airport property, and that the comment period for the Environmental Assessment (EA) has been extended by 2 weeks at our request. The City will prepare a comment letter reinforcing these points. These are wonderful developments for our community! We look forward to continuing to work with the Airport District on important issues such as noise, fuel abatement along the fence line to prevent wild fire, and drainage.

Your staff is very proud to be serving this community!

Stay safe,  
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