

PRESS RELEASE

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COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City's response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. For more information, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/coronavirus</u>.

<u>New</u>

Sanitation Services for Homeless Encampments

The City has partnered with Recology Cupertino to offer trash removal at both homeless encampments on Wolfe Road. Bins will be placed at the sites on Thursday, June 4. Pickups will be on Mondays and Fridays. The City is also looking into adding washing stations and portable toilets at the sites. This is being done to ensure that there are sanitary conditions at both sites for the health and well-being of the encampments' members and those living nearby.

Homeless encampments cannot be broken up during the pandemic unless individual housing units are identified, according to CDC guidelines. The CDC states: "Clearing encampments can cause people to disperse throughout the community and break connections with service providers. This increases the potential for infectious disease spread." Due to this guidance, the County of Santa Clara has exempted the homeless in its Shelter-in-Place Order.

SVCE Offers \$10 Million for Customer Relief & Community Resilience Programs

Silicon Valley Clean Energy is committing \$10 million to programs providing relief to customers and communities. The programs will include direct financial support for lower-income customers, resiliency improvements at community and emergency facilities, and supplemental training programs for electrical, plumbing and mechanical workers impacted by shelter-in-place orders. For more information, visit <u>www.svcleanenergy.org/covid-19/</u>

Upcoming Virtual Meetings and Events

Council and Commission Meetings Being Held Online

Due to the ongoing Shelter-in-Place Order, City Council and Commission meetings will be held through teleconference moving forward. This week's teleconference meetings include:

<u>Thursday, June 4</u> <u>Parks & Recreation Commission</u>

<u>Friday, June 5</u> <u>City Council</u>

To review the agendas, along with information on how to participate, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/agendas</u>

<u>City Services</u>

All City in-door facilities remain closed. While City Hall is closed to the public, services are available online at <u>www.cupertino.org</u> and by phone at (408) 777-3200.

- To submit requests for service, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/311</u>
- For Building, Planning, Housing, and Code Enforcement services and permits, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/communitydevelopment</u>
- For Public Works services and permits, visit <u>www.cupertino.org/publicworks</u>

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