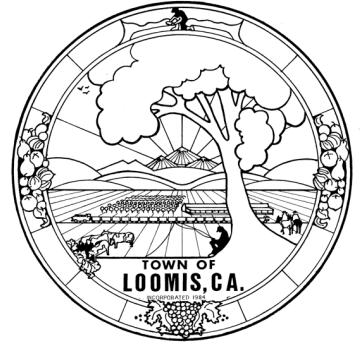


TOWN OF LOOMIS



TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: January 12, 2021
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for January 2021 Council Meeting

Mayor and Council Members,

The following report provides an update on some of the major activities Town Staff has been working on in the past month.

COVID-19 Update:

As I noted in last month's report, California's and Placer County's COVID-19 status continues to be very fluid.

Last month, Governor Gavin Newsom instituted a new regional approach to COVID-19 restrictions, in addition to the color tier approach of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. This new regional approach would see a stay-at-home order issued for a region if that area's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) capacity drops below 15 percent in a given region.

Placer County was moved to the purple tier of the Blueprint in mid-November. Because Placer County was placed in the "Greater Sacramento" region when evaluating regional ICU capacity and because the region's ICU capacity dropped below 15 percent, the region was put under a stay-at-home order on December 12. According to the State's COVID-19 dashboard, the Greater Sacramento Region currently has 9.4 percent ICU capacity, as of January 12.

It should be noted that during the Placer County Board of Supervisors meeting today, it was announced that the Sacramento region's stay at home order had been lifted. However, the State's COVID-19 website still lists the region as under the stay at home order. I will (hopefully) have clarification at tonight's Council meeting.

If the Sacramento region stays under a Regional Stay Home Order, the following sectors must be closed (except to the extent that their operations fall within critical infrastructure):

- Indoor and outdoor playgrounds
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Personal care services
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums
- Movie theaters (except drive-in)
- Wineries, bars, breweries, and distilleries
- Family entertainment centers
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering
- Limited services

- Live audience sports
- Amusement parks

Town operations have moved to primarily work from home since the first of the year. The public counter at Town Hall is still open from 9 am to noon, Monday through Thursday. We are still able to service the public in the same capacity as we did prior to the switch to work from home, including issuing building permits and conducting plan checks. We will continue to work from home at least until the regional stay at home order is lifted.

Public Works continues to work on rotating shifts, with only one employee per vehicle.

The Library continues to be closed to members of the public, until at least the County is out of the purple tier. Staff will reevaluate reopening to the public (on a limited basis) once the County is out of the purple tier.

The Loomis Basin Chamber of Commerce will be working with Placer County on a third round of Placer Shares grants, which will provide out local businesses that have been impacted by COVID-19 with additional financial aid. The program will be administered by the Chamber. I will share that information when it comes out.

Lastly, the January Leadership Loomis class' meeting included a panel discussion with local health care workers on COVID-19, and an additional presentation from Placer County Health Officer Rob Oldham. You can find those presentations on the Leadership Loomis Facebook page.

Please remember to wear a face covering in public, social distance, and wash your hands.

Costco

As you know, Council approved the Costco project back in September. The Town is currently facing three lawsuits regarding the project. Those suits continue to work themselves through the process, and the Town and Costco continue to look forward to vigorously defending the Town's approval of the project.

Town Manager Tuesdays

The Town Manager Tuesday return this month, through Zoom. The events will continue to be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 am. I will post the meeting information to the Town website and to the Town Facebook Page on the Friday prior to the event.

QUESTIONS? Call me at the number below or email me at srabe@loomis.ca.gov.