# TOWN OF LOOMIS

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager

**DATE:** February 9, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Town Manager Report for February 2021 Council Meeting



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 out of the regional stay at home order on January 12, 2021. The State also recently dropped ALL regional stay at home orders as well.

The County remains in the purple tier of the Blueprint in mid-November. This brings several restrictions on how businesses are to operate. You can find that information on the State's COVID-19 website at <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov">https://covid19.ca.gov</a>.

The State and County continue to provide vaccinations as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, vaccine supply is still quite limited. Loomis residents looking for vaccine information can look to the County's COVID-19 site at https://www.placer.ca.gov/coronavirus or to the State site above.

Town operations have moved to primarily work from home since the first of the year. The public counter at Town Hall is remains 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.

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.

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.

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### **Downtown Business Update**

- ACE Hardware, located in the former Christensen's building, is doing exceedingly well. They are
  doing so much business, in fact, that they are in need of additional storage space for inventory.
  The Planning Commission will hear a use permit request for the additional storage at their
  meeting this month.
- Loomis Garage has been working on tenant improvements on that building (the old Chevy dealership). I don't have a timeline on when any businesses will be open.

## **Recent Storm Impacts**

All told, the Town fared pretty well during the recent stormy weather. Our Maintenance Crew did a great job of keeping up with tree branches and storm drains and cleared out some of the more significant drainage systems before the storm so there was no flooding.

### **Town Manager Tuesdays**

The Town Manager Tuesday event continues to be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9 am, through Zoom for the time being. 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 <a href="mailto:srabe@loomis.ca.gov">srabe@loomis.ca.gov</a>.