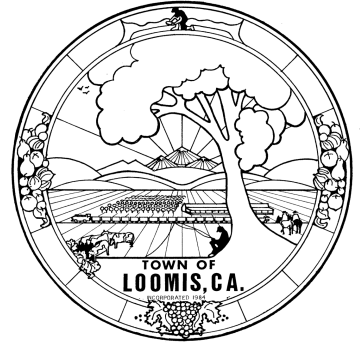


TOWN OF LOOMIS



TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members
FROM: Sean Rabé, Town Manager
DATE: December 14, 2021
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for December 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.

Town to Recognize Japanese Internment During Month of Remembrance in February 2022

February 19th, 2022 will mark the 80th anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 9066, which ordered the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. To honor the occasion, and to honor the many members of the Loomis Basin Community who were interred during this time, the Library has decided to mark the occasion with “A Month of Remembrance” – a series of events to tell the story of the impact internment had on our community.

- February 3rd: David Unruhe will be give a lecture and overview of his book “The Japan Towns of Placer County”
- February 10th: We will have a viewing of the film “Newcastle: Gem of the Foothills,” which give an overview of the cultural history of our area.
- February 16th: We will have a book discussion group for teens about the book “They Called Us Enemy” by George Takei – a graphic novel about his time in internment.
- February 17th: A Book discussion for adults about the book “Facing the Mountain” by Daniel James Brown – a book about the Japanese-Americans who fought in the 442nd Regiment during the war
- February 24th: We will have a panel discussion with members of our community about their recollections and the impacts internment had on them.
- February 26th: We will have a display of various historical artifacts presented by the Loomis Basin Historical society to show of the importance of the Japanese-American community on the Loomis Basin

All events will be from 5:30 to 6:30 at the library, with the exception of the panel discussion which will be held at the Blue Goose. Staff will also prepare a Proclamation for “A Month of Remembrance.”

New Mask Mandate Issued by California Department of Public Health

All Californians will be required to wear masks when indoors at public places starting Dec. 15 and ending Jan. 15, the California Department of Public Health announced Monday, citing an increase in COVID-19 case rates following Thanksgiving. Since Thanksgiving, California has seen its daily COVID-19 case rate rise 47%. Prior to Thanksgiving, the state was experiencing roughly 9.6 cases per 100,000 residents per day. That number is now 14 cases per 100,000. Read more at: <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article256569781.html#storylink=cpy>

It is unclear how (or if) the new mandate would be enforced. Consistent with past practice, Town Staff is simply passing on information.

Hidden Grove Project

As you know, the Town received a pre-application for the Hidden Grove project, for the property located behind Raley's (former Village at Loomis site). That pre-application is for a housing project, to be processed under a new California housing law called SB-330. You can find that pre-application here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/hidden-grove-full-pre-application-submittal-package/>. Staff has reviewed the pre-application and, last month, deemed it complete. The project applicant (Stonebridge Properties, a division of Teichert) now has six months (December 27) to prepare and submit its formal application. We expect the application to be submitted next week.

Once the environmental and application review processes are completed (beginning first with a Draft EIR for public comment, then preparation of a final EIR for consideration), we will begin the public hearing process. The Town is only allowed five public hearings under SB-330. The Town Attorney has prepared a memo that we hope provides a comprehensive review of SB 330 and how it impacts the planning process. That memo can be found here: <https://loomis.ca.gov/documents/town-of-loomis-sb-330-overview/>

Town Hall Holiday Closure

Consistent with Council Resolution #21- 39, Town Hall will be closed from December 23 through December 31, reopening Monday, January 3. Public Works will continue working during that period of time.

Town Manager Tuesdays

Town Manager Tuesdays will be on hiatus through the end of the year because of conflicts with the holiday season. The event will start again on January 25, 2022.