

The 4th of July holiday is here, and I hope each of you have an opportunity to spend some time with your immediate family barbecuing and enjoying the nice weather. Out of caution, the County of San Diego has decided to require bars and restaurants to close at 10 pm each day, starting today, to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. We will continue to monitor the County's guidance over the weekend, and in the coming weeks, to inform us of any additional changes to our operations. Please be diligent in wearing your masks, even in meetings, and avoiding gatherings this holiday weekend unless they are with your immediate household. We all want to return to "normal," but we have to continue to flatten the curve, and protect one another as best as possible.

Status of City Facilities

We did a "soft reopening" this week at City Hall, MLK and the Library, which was not formally advertised to the public but has been very successful. We've received very positive feedback from both the public and staff on the new reservation system at City Hall that allows for queuing of customers outside the building, thereby limiting the number of customers inside the building at any given time. We've also received positive feedback on modifications to services at the Library. We will "officially" reopen City Hall, MLK, the Library and the Police Department to the public on Monday, July 13 which will give us one more week to make any service changes necessary.

Thank you to all of our customer service staff who have quickly adjusted to the new system and new processes! Special thanks to Public Works Facilities staff for the work they have put into all of our facility improvements, ensuring safe interactions with the public at customer service points. All reopened facilities have increased sanitation of public areas and restrooms, plexiglass barriers at customer service points, and the requirement that all staff and customers wear masks and maintain social distancing inside our facilities.

Please continue to encourage customers to schedule appointments and to access services online or over the phone, whenever possible, and update your department/division webpages to reflect the reopening and/or modification of services. Our first priority continues to be the safety of all staff and customers, so if you have any suggestions on how we can improve the new processes in place, please let me or your director know.

Shared Streets Program

Yesterday, we kicked off a pilot "Shared Streets" program via a grant with SANDAG. We will temporarily close one and half blocks of residential streets along W. 14th Street starting midblock between Wilson Avenue and Harding Avenue, and continue to Coolidge Avenue next to the Casa de Salud Youth Center. The closures will be in place from Tuesday, June 30, 2020 through Thursday, July 30 2020. This will allow local residents to spend time outside while maintaining 6 feet of physical distance from their neighbors. On Friday, July 10 from 3 pm to 5 pm the Community Services Department will be highlighting the program with a "Summer Kickoff." If you receive any questions

from the public, feel free to direct them to the Shared Streets [project website](#) or to our Engineering staff.

Together We Can! - Police Patrol Division

The National City Police Department's Patrol Division provides services to our community 24 hours every day, 365 days per year responding to an average of over 30,000 calls for service each year. Our officers are committed to building relationships with community members and business owners, and getting to know the neighborhoods they serve so that they can proactively address issues. Pictured below is Sgt. Aaron Depascale, Off. Brian Fisch, Off. Murray Estabrook, Off. Anthony Sabala, Cpl. Javier Cornejo, and Off. Ruben Lopez. Thank you to the Police Patrol Division for their round the clock service to our community!



-TONY WINNEY

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