As if our community wasn’t facing enough challenges, this past week we have faced a heat wave, wildfire danger, and air quality concerns. As this message goes out, we are hearing of a number of evacuations impacting cities all over the Bay Area. First and foremost, I know you join me in wishing safety for everyone affected, particularly our first responders who are bravely fighting these fires.

El Cerrito has indeed answered the call and has personnel at several incidents, including the SCU (Santa Clara Unit) lightning complex, the River Fire in Monterey County where our Office of Emergency Services (OES) engine crew has been assigned to this fire since late Sunday night, the LNU (Lake Napa Unit) Lightning Complex, where Engine 372 has been assigned since Tuesday afternoon, and at the Red Salmon Complex in the Trinity/Shasta National Forest. The State of California is working at getting both air and ground support from other states to assist on all the fires in California, and the City will be fully reimbursed by the State for all of our personnel working at these incidents. There is the potential of more lightning this weekend, which means we must all remain vigilant here in El Cerrito. Our Fire Department is on standby and staffed to handle anything that we might face here at home. I’m grateful to them and to all our Public Safety employees, both Police and Fire, for doing everything they can to keep our community safe.

I encourage everyone to review the great resource that the City sent out last year, our Wildfire Preparedness and Evacuation Booklet. In it you will find a wealth of information that will help you and your family be prepared. The City is also conducting a Virtual Evacuation Drill tomorrow, August 22, at 8:00 a.m. More information is in the Fire Department section of this update. This is a virtual drill testing the Emergency Notification System, there is no need to actually drive anywhere for this particular event. Please be sure that you are registered at the Contra Costa Emergency Community Warning System, you can do so here: www.cwsalerts.com. You can find more information at our Nixle site, http://nixle.us/C4RE2, as well as on our Emergency Preparedness page. Again, be prepared and be ready, so we can be safe.

You can find air quality data through the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and also at www.airnow.gov. Please also continue to check the City’s social media pages and website should there be any closures or changes in activities or programs due to poor air quality. There is also a Spare the Air alert through the weekend.

We are going through a lot. I know that our community’s resilience will continue to sustain us. We will get through this, together. Please stay safe and healthy and take care of yourselves and each other.

Karen Pinkos
City Manager
City of El Cerrito
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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES

Status of City Office Closures
Many City services are available by appointment, phone, email, or online. Please visit elcerrito.org/COVID19 for contact information.

All staff and members of the public are required to wear a mask while conducting business at any City facility. Thank you for your patience and consideration during this challenging time.

CITY MANAGEMENT/CITY CLERK

Census 2020
School lunches. Plans for highways. Support for firefighters and families in need. Census results affect your community every day. The list goes on, including programs to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. How can you help? Respond to the Census and encourage others you know to respond...today! Respond at my2020census.gov.
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Grant Awards
The Community Development Department applied for and was awarded several grant opportunities from both federal and state funding sources. These grants will assist the Planning and Building divisions in supporting the City’s goals/strategies, as identified in: 1) 2015-2023 Housing Element; 2) Affordable Housing Strategy; 3) General Plan; 4) San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan; and 5) Contra Costa County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The City is also working alongside BART, which was awarded $2 million through the Federal Transit Administration Pilot Program, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) for planning comprehensive planning projects (El Cerrito Plaza Station) near public transportation that improve access, encourage ridership and spur economic and mixed-use development.

- **Soft-Story Retrofit Planning Grant** - This opportunity was made possible from the California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), through FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Soft-story properties are typically defined as multi-unit wood frame residential buildings with soft, weak, or open-front ground stories constructed prior to January 1, 1978, that are at risk of failure. Given the City’s proximity to the Hayward and San Andreas fault lines, this funding opportunity will allow staff to identify/inventory at-risk residential buildings. Collecting this data will inform the City Council, residents, and property owners, as well as help the City identify appropriate incentives and regulations to ensure preservation of our existing housing stock and minimize post-disaster community disruption. This grant supports and aims to reduce risks to human life, structures, and infrastructure in the event of a powerful earthquake.

  ⇒ Award Date: January 2020
  ⇒ Award Amount: $49,511
  ⇒ City Match: $16,504 (in-kind)
  ⇒ Grant Management Costs: $3,301

- **SB2 Planning Grant** - As part of the Governor’s 2017 housing package, Senate Bill 2 (SB2) - Building Jobs & Housing Act - established a real estate document recording fee of $75 to increase housing production throughout the state. These fees are designated for affordable housing opportunities and to provide technical assistance to cities to streamline housing approvals. In 2019, the California Department of Housing and Community Development released the first round of SB2 Planning Grants for $123 million in funding, with El Cerrito eligible for $160,000. The City submitted a grant application and received funding approval. SB2 grant money will be paired with funds from a Metropolitan Transportation Commission Priority Development Area Grant, awarded in 2018 for $308,000, to update the 2014 San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan. The Specific Plan has been extremely successful in facilitating development of new market-rate and affordable housing near transit in El Cerrito. The program Environmental Impact Review (EIR) is a key component of this success because it allows a streamlined environmental review process. The combination of these grants will fully fund the updates to the Specific Plan and Program EIR and continue to position the City to advance housing
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production.

⇒ Award Date: January 2020
⇒ Award Amount: $160,000
⇒ City Match: In-kind
⇒ Grant Management Costs: $0

- **Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant** - The California Housing and Community Development Department established the LEAP Program as a result of the 2019-20 Budget Act where Governor Newsom allocated $250 million to facilitate housing production statewide. LEAP funds are earmarked to assist jurisdictions by providing for the preparation and adoption of planning documents, process improvements that accelerate housing production, and facilitate compliance in implementing the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). These funds are a one-time allocation with a maximum grant amount of $150,000 to jurisdictions with a population of less than 60,000. Staff and City Council identified three areas where LEAP grant money could be allocated most effectively:
  1. Preparing and Adopting the Housing Element Update;
  2. Technological Improvements to Accelerate Housing Production; and
  3. Pre-Approved Accessory Dwelling Unit Plans.

⇒ Award Date: August 2020
⇒ Award Amount: $150,000
⇒ City Match: In-kind
⇒ Grant Management Costs: $0

COVID-19 Temporary Outdoor Dining & Retail Program
As many local restaurants and retailers continue to adapt during these times, the City Council adopted a new program in July to boost El Cerrito businesses. If you are a business owner and want to use the outdoor private and/or public space in proximity to your business, the City has created a streamlined no-fee Temporary Outdoor Dining & Retail Permit Application.

Eligible Businesses
We are here to support all businesses, so whether you operate a restaurant or retail sales, please review the Application Process, and let us know if you have specific questions or needs.

Types of Spaces
There are three categories of outdoor dining and business activities that are generally eligible:
  1. Use of Outdoor Private Property
  2. Use of Public Sidewalks
  3. Use of Public Parking Spaces

Application Process
  1. Review the *Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit Application Guidelines* by visiting:
2. Complete the no-costs Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit Application on-line by visiting the same link.

Note: All restaurants and businesses must adhere to all applicable orders, guidance and guidelines issued by the Contra Costa County Health Officer and the State of California.

Questions or Comments?
For additional information, visit our website www.el-cerrito.org/outdoorseating or contact the Community Development Department by email community@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Contra Costa Small Business Development Center Update
In response to COVID, the Contra Costa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has been working especially hard with many of our local businesses. From January 1 through June 30, 2020 the SBDC served 28 El Cerrito-based businesses with a total of 88 hours of private advising resulting in $549,333 capital infusion into our local economy, creating 7 new jobs. Many additional businesses also have received free, COVID-related/CARES Act support, by attending webinars and connecting with advisors. If you are an El Cerrito business in need of free one-on-one advising, please contact the SBDC at (925) 222-5228 or admin@contracostasbdc.org.

New Grants Available for Small Businesses
The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will award $20,000 grants to 750 businesses in 15 cities nationwide, including the Bay Area. These Neighborhood Business Grants, funded by Lowe’s, may be used to:

- Pay rent and utilities
- Meet payroll
- Pay outstanding debt to vendors
- Upgrade technology infrastructure
- Take care of other immediate operational costs

Designed to help small business owners meet their most immediate needs, the Neighborhood Business Grants program will focus on underserved communities that often lack access to flexible, affordable capital, including businesses owned and led by minorities and women and businesses in Construction, Manufacturing, Retail, Transportation, Warehousing, and Real Estate Renting or Leasing.

Apply online before Sunday, 8/23 at 8:59 p.m.

Building Permit Backlog Update
As Council knows, the Building Division has been challenged with keeping up on issuing permits since the COVID crisis began. A combination of factors have contributed to this backup and it has taken some time to adapt and respond to the need amidst the constraints and continued demand during the busy
construction season. One key factor is that the process of applying for and issuing permits was still largely dependent upon in-person visits at the onset of the pandemic. Both the tasks related to applying for permits (assuring that the submitted plans were complete, that the contractor had a business license, that the correct fees were assessed) and to the issuance of permits (collecting fees, issuing the permit and construction plans with comments) were all previously done in person and many tasks could be completed and verified to be complete in the same visit. Converting to doing these tasks remotely has required numerous contacts (via emails, phone and in-person, socially-distanced appointments), nearly tripling the time for the process to be completed. Furthermore, during this time one the City’s two permit technicians has been out on medical leave and the Building Official retired. Finally, with the furloughs, the amount of time available for tasks related to both permits and inspections was reduced. However, Community Development is pleased to report that a number of steps have been taken to make significant progress on the backlog as well as assure an even more efficient and resilient customer service platform going forward.

An interim Building Official was brought on board in mid-July and has been assessing and making process and procedural improvements in order to both address the backlog and improve efficiency going forward. In August, to date, 62 building permits have been issued (as of August 18), compared to 48 for the entire month of July and 55 in June. The backlog is expected to be cleared by the end of August.

Equally important, staff has been working with IT Department to put in place a new cloud-based Permit and Inspection system that will enable a larger percentage of permits to be issued automatically, freeing up staff to work on more complex building permits and creating a more resilient, touchless process. The Citizen Engagement portion of the new software will allow applicants to view permit history, and obtain and pay for simple permits, which will reduce the volume of inquiries being handled via phone and email, again, allowing the same number of staff to be more efficient. Implementing the new system has required further changes in procedures and training, which has also been time-consuming, but will result in more touchless and efficient permit application and issuance process going forward.

Although the Division is confidently moving through the backlog, if any applicants are still experiencing delays in being able to contact staff or obtain comments on their applications or permits, they are invited to contact the Interim Building Official, Keith Marks at kmarks@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510) 215-4365 or Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, at mmintz@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510) 215-4339.

FIRE

**ADVISORY: El Cerrito-Kensington Virtual Evacuation Drill is scheduled for Saturday, August 22**

On Saturday, August 22, Kensington Police and Fire and El Cerrito Police and Fire will be conducting a **VIRTUAL** evacuation drill throughout the Town of Kensington and City of El Cerrito with the assistance of the Community Warning System (CWS). An evacuation plan is in place that has divided these areas into different geographical zones.
Again, this is a virtual drill to test the emergency notification system. There is no need to actually drive anywhere for this particular event. We simply ask that you complete the survey at the end of the exercise.

In a real emergency, when an evacuation order is issued, residents should evacuate immediately, following the instructions provided in the evacuation order.

The August 22 exercise will begin at 8 a.m. and involves a virtual fire that ignites at the Little Farm in Tilden Park and begins to spread into Kensington and El Cerrito. Based on the computer-generated fire model, virtual evacuation orders will be issued to geographic zones that are threatened by the virtual fire. As the virtual fire spreads, additional areas will be ordered to evacuate (virtually). As with a real emergency, all evacuation orders are issued via the Community Warning System (CWS). CWS is the only source for this information. Although Nixle will not be used for evacuation messages, may be used to provide other information and you should subscribe to both services.

**What should residents do to prepare for the exercise?**

1. Ensure that you are registered for the Community Warning System (CWS) by going to [www.CoCoCWS.us](http://www.CoCoCWS.us). You should register all phones at your residence.

2. Have discussions with your family about what to do if an evacuation is ordered. You should only take one car and take important papers, wallets, phones, and pets that can be grabbed quickly. For more information about what to take and how to prepare in advance, go to [https://www.readyforwildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/calfire_set_brochure_LINOweb.pdf](https://www.readyforwildfire.org/wp-content/uploads/calfire_set_brochure_LINOweb.pdf)

3. On August 22, when you receive the virtual evacuation drill notice, gather your family and practice loading up the car. Knock on the doors of the houses next to you to ensure they too received the notice. Once these tasks have been done, you have completed the virtual evacuation drill!

4. Please complete the survey you will be receiving so we can evaluate the drill and make any appropriate changes to our procedures.

If you do not receive the evacuation alert, please contact CWS to troubleshoot your registration. They can be reached via:

- By phone: 925-655-0111
- By e-mail: cws-staff@so.cccounty.us
- By mail: 1850 Muir Road, Martinez, CA 94553

Drills like this help our Fire, Police, and Dispatch Departments assess and improve our process in reacting to and notifying residents of emergency evacuation situations. They also help residents ensure we are all prepared, in the event of a real emergency, to evacuate the area safely so first responders can focus on addressing the problem at hand.
Thank you in advance for participating in the Virtual Evacuation Drill. Questions can be directed to any of the following:

- Kensington Police Department at (510) 526-4141
- El Cerrito Police Department at (510) 215-4400
- El Cerrito Fire Department at (510) 215-4450

**Department Resources Deployed to State Fires**

As a result of the current heat wave and lighting storms, the Fire Department has deployed several resources to assist with the numerous fires that are burning statewide. We have two personnel at the Red Salmon Fire Complex in the Six Rivers National Forest, one is working as a fire line medic and the other is serving as the communication unit leader with the incident management team. There are several fires in this remote area including two large ones that are being managed as one incident.

Our OES engine was dispatched early Monday morning to the River Fire in Monterey County. This fire started Sunday and is now over 4,000 acres. At least 6 homes have been lost. Their first assignment was for structure protection which turned into a 36-hour assignment.

**Firefighter/Paramedic Interviews**

The Fire Department is in the process of interviewing candidates for a firefighter/paramedic position that has been vacant since late January. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, the first round of interviews is being conducted via WebEx virtual meetings.

**POLICE**

**Congratulations Officer Anthony Reina**

Congratulations to Officer Anthony Reina for passing his field training and becoming a solo officer on Patrol. Wave hello when you see Officer Reina on the street!

**Frequently Asked Questions**

To address questions and concerns voiced by our community regarding El Cerrito Police Department practices and procedures, City staff has provided answers to various questions on the city website. This page will continue to be updated as additional frequently asked questions arise. The frequently asked questions can be found at [el-cerrito.org/1511/Frequently-Asked-Questions](el-cerrito.org/1511/Frequently-Asked-Questions).
**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Storm Drain Improvement Work Begins on Hancock Way and King Drive**

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, delayed construction of the 2019-20 Storm Drain Improvement Project began on Wednesday, August 19. The improvements are at two locations on Hancock Way and King Drive near Moeser Lane. On Hancock Way, the work involves reconstruction of storm drainpipe and inlets at the end of the cul-de-sac, and reconstruction of sidewalk, driveway apron, curb, gutter, and a portion of the roadway. On King Drive, near Moeser Lane (1000 block of King Drive), the work involves reconstruction of two storm drain inlets, reconstruction of a driveway apron, portion of sidewalk, curb and gutter, and reconstruction of a portion of the roadway. The extent of the repairs at both locations is a result of on-going subsidence and displacements within mapped landslide areas in El Cerrito.

The construction work is anticipated to be completed in early Fall of 2020. Working hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Due to the nature of the work, narrowness of the roadways, and limited access, traffic impacts will be substantial. Access for residents and emergency vehicles will always be maintained. The Public Works Department has notified residents in this area. Additionally, the City’s contractor, Ghilotti Brothers Inc., has delivered notices to residents containing additional information about their operations, parking and access impacts, as well as contact information.

The project is a part of the Measure J Storm Drain Program in the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Capital Improvement Program. The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining, repairing, and improving the City’s storm drain system. Over the last several years, Public Works staff have evaluated localized flooding at several locations throughout the City and have identified and completed a variety of repair projects to increase inlet storm drain capacity and to repair pipe sections.

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Ana Bernardes, Engineering Manager, at abernardes@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or the Public Works Engineering Division at (510) 215-4382. Your patience during construction of this project is greatly appreciated.

**Recycling + Environmental Resource Center Expands Hours and Services**

Since May 13, the City’s Recycling Center has been open to the public, providing essential services to the community with new systems and safety protocols in place. During this time, the Center has been open with limited hours and services, as staff and customers worked to implement and adjust to these new protocols. **With these practices successfully in place, beginning August 11, the Recycling Center is expanding its hours and will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Saturdays.** Alongside that change, the Household Hazardous Waste Collection will again be accepting materials beginning at 9 a.m. every Tuesday, from RecycleMore area residents. The curbside recycling program will also be resuming Annual Bulk Recycling Pick-ups (residents get one extra pick-up per year).
Please contact City Staff at (510) 215-4350 for details.

Safety Protocols continue to include:
- Recycling customers and City staff must wear a face covering
- Customers must keep 6 feet apart from other customers and City staff
- Customers are encouraged to limit visits to the Center to 15 minutes

The following areas and services are still temporarily unavailable:
- The Exchange Zone + Interpretive Area is Closed
- The Office, Lobby, and Restrooms are Closed
- The Recycling Center is NOT accepting Styrofoam/EPS
- Services for non-area residents that require a transaction are unavailable

All the following services are available:
- Eco Salvage is accepting small household items in good condition
- RecycleMore Service Area Residents Only: See Recycling Center Staff for assistance with Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Pharmaceutical, and Sharps Disposal
- Household Hazardous Waste collection continues on Tuesdays

Staff has implemented measures that allow each of these services to be provided while minimizing or eliminating close contact. For more information about the Recycling Center’s operations during this time, visit el-cerrito.org/recyclingcenter, or contact Recycling Center Staff at greenassistant@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or (510) 215-4350.

Cardboard Recycling 101
One impact of the pandemic is that more families are ordering items online to maximize social distancing. This has increased the amount of cardboard the City collects at curbside and processes at the Recycling Center each day. With this increase in boxes, the City wants to remind the community that cardboard boxes must be empty, clean, and dry, and should be flattened before being placed in recycling containers. Empty, Clean, and Dry boxes ensure that there is no contamination in the recycling stream or damage caused to cardboard balers or other equipment. Flattened boxes further ensure that nothing is inside that could potentially break the baler machine or slow down productivity.

- At curbside, flattened boxes also help
to increase capacity by freeing up space within the container for more materials.

- **At the Recycling Center**, flattened boxes protect the equipment and help staff to process the materials more efficiently.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Plastic bags, plastic film, and block Styrofoam are items that are commonly left in cardboard boxes. These materials often get left inside boxes and, if overlooked, could potentially lead to contaminated loads that could be rejected as recycling. When our crew must remove unwanted materials, it slows down their processing time, making it that much more difficult to process everything we receive at the Recycling Center in a timely manner.

The City depends on residents and businesses to help avoid recycling contamination, so that all materials received can be successfully recycled. For questions or information, please contact the Recycling Center at (510) 215-4350.

**Citywide Garage Sale Cancelled for Fall 2020**

In response to the ongoing pandemic, and out of an abundance of caution, the Public Works Department has made the decision to cancel the Fall Citywide Garage Sale. However, if residents would still like to host a personal garage sale, the City wants to encourage community members to do so, being sure to follow the safety guidelines below:

- Conduct the sale outdoors
- Require face and nose coverings/masks at all times
- Require social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Regularly sanitize high contact area(s)
- Provide hand sanitizer
- Encourage use of online or contactless payment
- Comply with all County health orders

[https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-orders](https://www.coronavirus.cchealth.org/health-orders)

A city permit for a small one-family yard sale on private property is not required. Per the City’s Municipal Code (Sec. 19.35), “Garage sales are exempt from the requirement for a temporary use permit; provided, the sales occur no more often than two times per quarter per residence, for a maximum of three consecutive days each.” Please contact Laurenteen Brazil, Waste Prevention Specialist, with questions or concerns via email at lbraziel@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

**Bike to Wherever Days 2020 aka Bike to Work Day - Update**

After being delayed due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year, Bike to Work Day has regrouped and rebranded the event as a month-long event in September. It will promote bicycling in general and encourage bicycling as a way to get around on errands, for fun, or for exercise. Track your rides and win prizes at [lovetoride.net/bayarea](http://lovetoride.net/bayarea).
PG&E Gas Safety Vegetation Work
Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has news on their gas vegetation Operations and Maintenance Program, which includes monitoring the area above and around the natural gas transmission pipeline in El Cerrito. This includes looking for any new structures, trees, or brush that could impede access to the pipeline in an emergency or could potentially damage the pipe. In addition, PG&E reviews trees previously left in place to confirm they have not developed into a safety concern.

Based on their patrols and inspections, PG&E may need to remove trees, brush, and/or resprouted vegetation that are located too close to the pipe and pose a safety concern. For any newly planted tree, brush, or resprouted vegetation, PG&E follows industry best practices that recommend keeping the area above and around the pipeline clear. For trees previously left in place, their patrollers review the tree’s health and site conditions to confirm that they have not developed into a safety concern. If they identify any tree work in public rights-of-way or on City-owned property, they will reach out to the City prior to beginning work. For work identified on private property, they will work with the individual property owner to share information about the planned work and answer any questions.

While work is underway in El Cerrito, you may see PG&E crews conducting vegetation work. Please note there will be no interruption to gas or electric service from this safety work. PG&E crews will follow physical distancing guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of California, and city and county health officials, including wearing facial coverings and keeping a distance of six feet or more from community members while performing work.

RECREATION

Fall Childcare Program Update
On Thursday, August 6, the El Cerrito Recreation Department published the Fall 2020 Youth Programs schedule. Programs include all-day care and support for distance learning, afternoon recreation, and enrichment opportunities. Registration opened on Tuesday, August 11, and will remain open until Sunday, August 23. After an initial enrollment rush on the first day of registration, there was a long waitlist for the afternoon recreation option. Staff worked to consolidate some of the all-day pods and open up new afternoon pods to meet this demand. A revised program schedule is now available at el-cerrito.org/childcare, along with the program FAQ, Parent Handbook, and registration link. Spaces are still available and open to all.

Fall 2020 Virtual Youth Programs
Some of our traditional school year favorites have gone virtual! Registration is now open for our Fall 2020 Virtual Programs, including Circus Arts, Environmental Science, X-fit, and more! These online youth classes are a great option for those looking for programs that provide enrichment and socialization from the comfort and safety of your home. Many are also offered in the afternoon and make a great pairing with your child’s daytime learning pod (there are no limits as to how many virtual activities children can participate in). For more information, visit el-cerrito.org/childcare. To register visit el-cerrito.org/onlinereg.
Teeter Tot Program Interest List
The Recreation Department has been hard at work preparing to re-open the Teeter Tots program. We are pleased that we can offer fun programming for toddlers starting in mid-September and we want to hear from you!

Teeter Tots will look and feel different than pre-COVID, but it will still focus on social skills such as sharing, taking turns, and using words. The program will continue to emphasize a nurturing first experience for your toddler in a play-based learning environment that will prepare your child for a preschool setting.

The details of the “new” program are as follows:

- Ages 2-4.5 years old
- Monday-Thursday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (you will commit to attending all four days)
- The program is currently designed to run September 14 – December 17
- The cost will be $130/week (Residents) $162.50/week (Non-Residents)
  - These fees will be broken down into three equal payments. The first payment will be made upfront, upon registration. The second payment will be auto-debited on October 15 and the final payment will be auto-debited on November 15
- The change in time for the program will eliminate a lunchtime, and all parents should send their child with an individual nut-free snack each day
- The program will operate outside as much as possible
  - These fees will be broken down into three equal payments. The first payment will be made upon registration. The second payment will be auto-debited on October 15 and the final payment will be auto-debited on November 15.
- The program will start with a maximum of 8 children but may increase to 12 children, which is the maximum as determined by the County order
- Due to the County order, all children over 2 are required to wear face coverings

If you are interested in attending Teeter Tots this fall, email Recreation Analyst Sarah DiBenedetto at sad@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. If you have any program questions, please email Recreation Supervisor Eden O’Brien-Brenner at edo@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

ATTACHMENTS/FLYERS

- Senior Scams During Pandemic
Virtual Presentation:
Senior Scams during the Pandemic
Wednesday August 26th
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hosted by CANHR Senior Attorney Prescott Cole
(California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform)

During this pandemic, scams targeting seniors are increasing at an alarming rate. Criminals have latched onto COVID-19 as a way to steal money from seniors. In this town hall, we will go through several scenarios where con artists use COVID as a pretext to defraud seniors, sometimes costing them their life savings. The information in this town hall is meant to help you and your loved ones protect yourselves from the scam artists taking advantage of seniors’ concerns and fears about the COVID-19 virus. Hosted by CANHR Senior Attorney Prescott Cole.

### How to participate by phone
1. DIAL: 1-669-900-6833 or 1-646-876-9923
2. ENTER Meeting ID: 848 9691 9704
3. ENTER Passcode: 725781

### How to participate by computer, smartphone or tablet
- Send an email to midtown@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us to receive the ZOOM meeting link by email.