



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

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Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael Callagy, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #10 of 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Public Safety

Health care districts outfit Sheriff's Vehicles with defibrillators

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office has met its goal of outfitting 76 vehicles with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) thanks to the generous support of the Board of Directors of the Peninsula Health Care District (PHCD) and the Board of Directors of Sequoia Healthcare District (SHD). Each district will fund 38 units and the County will fund the rollout, training and ongoing maintenance. This partnership is another way we are expanding the availability of critical first aid tools in our community and recognizing that often a sheriff's deputy is the first responder on a scene. The agreement also highlights how agencies like the County and two districts can work together to faster reach the same goal.

Community Services

Parks unleashes dog pilot program with kick-off celebration

The Parks Department hosted a kick-off event welcoming visitors with dogs the evening of Friday, June 14 at Junipero Serra Park in San Bruno. This preceded the addition of two San Mateo County Parks (Junipero Serra and Coyote Point) that allow dogs on leash as part of the Dog Pilot Program that began Saturday, June 15. Dog waste bags and holders, leashes and dog treats were on hand.

Postcards were also distributed that list park locations that allow dogs on leash and encourages dog owners to “Be a Leader of the Pack” by following the rules and cleaning up their own messes.

About 20 people attended, including members of the Parks Commission and Dog Work Group, and almost all brought at least one dog. Approximately 50 percent of attendees were from the San Bruno and Millbrae area; others came from as far as Moss Beach, San Carlos, San Mateo and Daly City. A number of visitors commented that they had not been to the park in several years - since they had acquired a dog. They are thrilled about being able to come to their neighborhood park with their dogs on a daily basis and stated that they planned to visit Coyote Point during the weekend.

Measure K

Funding available to build, protect and rehabilitate affordable housing

The County’s Department of Housing is seeking applications to utilize approximately \$27.6 million in County funds to build, protect and rehabilitate housing that is affordable for families and individuals with low incomes. Proposals for housing for former foster youth, persons with developmental or other disabilities, frail elders and others needing supportive services are encouraged. This is the seventh Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) issued since your Board created the Affordable Housing Fund in 2014. The majority of funding comes from the Measure K half-cent sales tax for local needs.

Swim lessons help insure kids are water safe this summer

With kids out of school and the mercury rising, it’s important to ensure that all children are safe around pools and other bodies of water. (Drowning is the second leading cause of death in all children under 14.) Thanks to a Measure K grant from your Board, Beyond Barriers Athletic Foundation provides subsidized swim lessons this summer at locations Lewis & Joan Platt East Palo Alto Family YMCA, Belle Haven Pool (Menlo Swim & Sport), and Sequoia YMCA, Redwood City. Members of the public can ask for an enrollment form at any of these locations.

News, Event and Updates

Deputy County Manager honored for her leadership

A very special and well-deserved congratulations to Deputy County Manager Peggy Jenson who was recently honored with the 2019 Women Leading Government Career Excellence Award. The award from the Municipal Management Association of Northern California highlighted Peggy’s innovative, collaborative and visionary leadership during more than 30 years of public service. She currently wears two hats, also serving as the Interim Parks Director, but her dedication and contributions to our County goes far beyond titles. She was instrumental in launching Home For All and remains a key leader in closing the jobs/housing gap as well as earlier helping establish the Office of Sustainability. Peggy’s accomplishments are too numerous to list comprehensively but I’d like to acknowledge how she always looks beyond her own success to the greater good and say how lucky the County, and my office, are to have her on our team.