BEVERLY HOSPITAL KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION

Beverly Hospital is closely monitoring the ever changing situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19) and working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LACDPH), California Department of Health (CDPH), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to stay up to date. The Hospital is dedicated to keeping patients, staff, and the community safe during this influenza season and pandemic outbreak of coronavirus.

- We have initiated external screening of patients and visitors in an effort to keep our patients, visitors, and staff safe and prevent additional exposure within the community.
- Please contact your healthcare provider with questions regarding your medical care.
- If you have reason to believe that you may have the Coronavirus, please call the Emergency Room before coming to the ER.
- Beverly Hospital has suspended all community outreach and education events until further notice.

Temperature Screenings:

In response to the new guidelines from LA County Department of Public Health, those entering Beverly Hospital will be subjected to temperature and symptom screening. Under the guideline, all healthcare personnel and visitors are subject to temperature check prior to starting work or entering the facility. Subjected to screening include:

- Visitors
- Employees
- Medical Staff
- Vendors

Individuals with a fever greater than 99.9°F will not be allowed in the hospital.

Stay Home Orders

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ASK AN ATTORNEY

By Gia L. Pacheco, Esq.
The Law Offices of George B. Pacheco & Associates

As the novel coronavirus pandemic continues to pose a serious global health threat, there is no doubt that we live in an unprecedented time in modern history. In response, many local and state governments have had to adapt and enact sweeping emergency legislation to protect the health and safety of its citizens. Declaring a State of Emergency, California Governor Gavin Newsom took extraordinary measures and ordered a “stay home” order that aims to prevent the spread of the virus. There will be severe effects on all Californians. There have been differences in the state, county and city laws in response to the order. Our office has been flooded with calls because there is still a lot of confusion and misinformation among the state, county and city orders. Here are a few ways the laws have changed our everyday life. Please note these laws are current as of print time.

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RELIEF FOR TAXPAYERS AFFECTED BY ONGOING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 PANDEMIC

In response to the COVID-19 Outbreak, the Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service are providing special tax filing and payment relief to individuals and businesses. The deadline for tax returns will be extended from April 15 to July 15, 2020. Delayed filings and payments are due July 15 however, taxpayers will still have the option to request an extension for those that can’t file by July 15, 2020.

“Americans should file their tax returns by April 15 because many will receive a refund. Those filing will be able to take advantage of their refunds sooner,” said Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin. “This deferment allows those who owe a payment to the IRS to defer the payment until July 15 without interest or penalties. Treasury and IRS are ensuring that hardworking Americans and businesses have additional liquidity for the next several months.”

The deferment applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers as well as those who pay self-employment tax.

For filing and payment deadlines, questions and answers visit https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/filing-and-payment-deadlines-questions-and-answers

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We extend our prayers to you and your family during this time. Praying that you maintain wellness and overcome any hardship or illness.
In an effort to keep the community updated on changes during the “Safer at Home” Order, enacted Thursday, March 19, 2020, the City has provided a Frequently Asked Questions sheet on our website at www.CityofMontebello.com. Below are some answers to your most popular questions.

**PUBLIC TRANSIT**

Montebello Bus Lines will continue to operate lines 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 on a Holiday Bus Schedule. Visit RideMBL.com to find operation and fare service information.

**CLOSURES**

The following facilities will be closed until further notice:
- City Hall
- Recreation & Community Services Department
- Parks, playgrounds, basketball courts, handball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, the skate park, & picnic shelters
- Holifield Park Community Center
- Reggie Rodriguez Park Community Center
- Cathy Hensel Gym & Youth Center
- Senior Center
- Montebello Golf Course
- Police Department Lobby*

*EXCEPTIONS: Life-threatening emergencies, custody agreement issues, mandatory Police check-ins, & release of property

**STREET SWEEPING**

Street sweeping will operate normally until further notice, but citations will not be given for parking on the street during normal street sweeping days & times. Citations will apply for other parking violations such as red curb parking, parking in front of a fire hydrant, handicap parking, & preferential parking.

**EVENTS & SERVICES**

All City-sponsored sports programs, & public events have been canceled until further notice (Eggstravaganza, Sr. Events, Skate Contests, etc.). The Senior Congregate Meal Program is now full and no longer taking registration. New inquiries should call the Los Angeles County “211” number, (323) 887-4540, who can provide resource information.

**EARLY BIRD MARKET**

Early Bird Market hours will be available to seniors, those who are disabled, or pregnant women at the following Montebello locations:
- VONS | 7 AM - 9 AM
- Smart & Final | 7:30 AM - 8 AM
- Super A Foods | 7 AM - 8 AM
- Albertsons | TUE/THUR, 7 AM - 9 AM
- Superior Grocers | 7 AM - 8 AM

Please visit our website for eligibility: www.cityofmontebello.com

**HOW TO HELP**

How residents can protect themselves and others from COVID-19:

- Stay home & leave only when necessary
- Wash your hands with soap and water often
- Sanitize daily used items such as remotes, cell phones, laptops, etc.
- Practice social distancing with a minimum of 6ft.

**STAY INFORMED**

https://RideMBL.com

Community Hotline! Available Monday-Sunday from 8 AM - 5 PM.

Call: (323) 887-4540  |  Email: covid19info@cityofmontebello.com
HEARTS OF COMPASSION DISTRIBUTES FOOD DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

Heart of Compassion has expanded its Fighting Hunger - Feeding Hope Mission during the COVID-19 crisis. On March 24 and 25 approximately 500 families received food and goods in drive-by distributions at MUSD’s ATC High School.

People did not have to leave the safety of their cars, while HOC volunteers’ safety was preserved by social distancing. The need for nutritious food and baby supplies has intensified due to panic driven hoarding.

After the Wednesday food distribution, former Montebello City Council candidate Delia Lopez donated $2,000 to fund the purchase of staples such as rice and beans to augment our supply of fresh fruits and vegetables. With additional funds, other staples such as eggs, butter, cheese, and milk could be purchased.

For more information or to make a donation please visit H.O.C’s website at www.heartofcompassionca.org.
The Montebello Fire Department has announced the reestablishment of its volunteer Auxiliary Firefighter Program which benefits both the Department through additional manpower and enables qualified individuals an opportunity to obtain training and experience in the field of firefighting. Following an extensive recruitment process, and the screening of over 160 applicants, three individuals were selected - Matthew Ortega, Kyle Jordan, and Alejandro Meza.

According to Engineer Matthew Beveridge, auxiliary firefighters work a minimum of one 24-hour shift per week. Currently, one auxiliary firefighter is assigned per day, Monday thru Friday, on Engine 55 at Department headquarters.

“These individuals will assist professional firefighters during emergency and non-emergency situations under direct supervision and guidance,” said Beveridge. “They are also expected to complete a task book that covers a variety of skills and knowledge that is needed to become an exceptional professional firefighter.”

The Department considered a variety of criteria when selecting the individuals for the Program.

“We took into consideration each applicant’s work experience in a related field, additional education, and military experience, just to name a few and selected those to be interviewed,” said Beveridge. “The interview was to evaluate if the individual would be a good fit for the Department and for the City of Montebello. During these interviews, we imagine working with these individuals, not only as auxiliary firefighters, but perhaps as professional firefighters someday as well.”

Auxiliary firefighters must be at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma and a California Class C driver’s license. They must also have a California EMT-B or California EMT-P license from the California EMS Authority, basic fire training from an accredited California State Fire Marshall’s basic fire academy, and successfully complete a CPAT or BIDDLE physical agility test.

Currently, 35% of Montebello firefighters are former auxiliary firefighters including Fire Chief Fernando Pelaez, who stated he is quite passionate about the Program and is excited to see its reestablishment.
The businesses that must remain closed are dine-in restaurants, bars and nightclubs, entertainment venues, gyms and fitness studios, public events and gatherings, convention centers, hair and nail salons. All are required to keep a safe distance of six (6) feet. A good resource for the latest updates are the California COVID-19 Response page (www.covid19.ca.gov). At this time, the Governor has ordered to close all public beaches and parks. While enforcement of these orders has been unclear, I predict that a rise in positive cases will lead to likely enforcement of the orders.

Court Closures
Los Angeles Superior Court Supervising Judge Kevin Brazille has issued various orders over the last few weeks in response to the outbreak. A full closure of the courts required an order by the California Supreme Court Chief Justice because the courts are deemed more akin to hospitals than schools in that they must remain open to serve the public at all times. On March 20, 2020, Brazille issued an order stating that “access to any and all Los Angeles County Courthouses shall be restricted at all times to Judges, Commissioners, court staff and authorized persons until further notice.” The courts are still available to emergency matters such as domestic violence restraining orders and (ex parte) requests requiring emergency orders. All civil and jury trials have been suspended until further notice. For criminal matters, access to any and all court proceedings, including but not limited to, arraignments, preliminary hearings, motions, shall be limited to parties, attorneys, witnesses and authorized persons until further notice.

This has had a huge effect on law practitioners who are now scrambling to obtain continuances and contact clients to advise them of the effects of this order. Attorneys are allowed to appear on certain hearings via courtcall. However, some courts are making criminal attorneys appear on criminal matters. The Beverly Hills, Spring Street and Catalina courthouses have been closed entirely until further notice.

Evasions
Los Angeles had already imposed its own moratorium on residential evictions due to a tenants inability to pay rent because of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus. Governor Newsom has now enacted a state-wide moratorium effective immediately on all residential eviction proceedings until May 31, 2020. Under the executive order, tenants are still obligated to continue paying rent, but payment of rent can be delayed if there is a loss of income due to the outbreak. Any past due rent will be due and payable within six (6) months after orders are lifted. A tenant must express their statement of inability to pay within seven (7) days of when the rent is due and must maintain all documentation reflecting economic loss because of the outbreak but are not obligated to provide it to the landlord. If the tenant is unable to pay the past due rent within the six-month period, then the landlord “reserves jurisdiction” to evict only after the enforcement is lifted. According to the California Apartment Association landlords are encouraged to freeze rents and stop evictions “absent extraordinary circumstances,” waive late-payment fees for impacted residents and offer flexible repayment options for those late rents. The reasons to delay rent payments include being sick with the having had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19; having been laid off as a result of stay at home orders, a loss or reduction of work hours or no childcare available for home schooling.

Montebello follows the County and State rules. At the time of press, as described above the Los Angeles Superior Court has eviction trials for pending cases until further notice.

Unemployment
The Governor’s Executive Order waives the one-week unpaid waiting period. An employ-ee who has been laid off or lost his or her job, or had their hours reduced because of the Coronavirus can collect Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits for the first week you are out of work. If you are eligible, the EDD processes and issues payments within a few weeks of receiving a claim. At the time of this print, there was a delay reported because of the influx of UI claims. In addition, if you are temporarily unemployed due to COVID-19 and expected to return to work with your employer within a few weeks, you are not required to actively seek work each week. However, you must remain able and available and ready to work during your unemployment for each week of benefits you claim and meet all other eligibility criteria. Usually this requires to show efforts at obtaining employ-ment.

Price Gouging
Given the increase in demand in certain products, this crisis will lead to some vendors increasing their prices to profit. This practice called “price gouging” is when a vendor marks up goods and services more than 10% after an emergency has been declared. You can report these practices to the Office of the Attorney General. The statute applies to all sellers, including manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, and retailers. It also covers all sales, including sales to individuals and families, businesses and other organizations, and government agencies. It applies to lodging, goods, food, drinks, emergency supplies, building materials, construction, transportation, and freight.

Estate Planning
There is no better time than now to reflect on your estate plan, including powers of attorney for healthcare directives. If you own one home or an asset more than $150,000 then you may be subject to probate after passing. A living trust will ensure that your assets remain in trust for your beneficiaries after your passing, and a well-drafted trust will clearly outline your wishes to avoid probate. It is always wise to consult with an experienced attorney to discuss your estate plan and powers of attorney in the event of illness.

On behalf of our firm, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to those on the front lines in combating this outbreak. Our office is a phone call away for Montebello citizens in need of guidance or direction to social services.

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CLERGY COUNCIL NOW FORMING IN MONTEBELLO

By Anne Donofrio-Holter
Contributing Writer

Comprised of like-minded individuals in the ministry of service to the less fortunate, local clergy and others, including Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne, have joined together to form Montebello’s first Clergy Council. The goal of the group is to work together in addressing the needs of the community and generating a positive outcome.

The Downey Clergy Council concept is the brainchild of City of Downey Council Member Rick Rodriguez and was established three years ago. He was assisted from the beginning by New Season LA Downey Pastor Alex Vargas and Greg Welch from Risher Mortuary Montebello.

“I saw the value in this and wanted to adopt the same in Montebello,” said Cobos-Cawthorne. “I teamed up with Pastor Vargas to help reach out to the faith leaders in Montebello.”

“Since we have experienced such success in Downey, Mayor Pro Tem Kimberly Cobos-Cawthorne thought Montebello would benefit from a council of its own,” said Welch. “We met recently and I was pleasantly surprised by the number of attendees.”

In addition to Welch and Cobos-Cawthorne, initial meeting attendees included Pastor Alex Vargas and Kristy Vargas from New Season LA Downey/Downey Clergy Council, Board President Louie Danoff and Steven Kaye from Temple B’nai Emet, Father Michael Stechmann from St. Benedict Church, Pastor Pete Morales from New Harvest Montebello, Sam Jebeananan from Downey Calvary Chapel, Pastor Fernando Saavedra and Sonny Saavedra from Victory Outreach Montebello, Pastor John Paul Jones from The Arc Montebello, and Heart of Compassion Vice President John Velasco.

“It is important for our community to work with our churches on the different issues within the City and to help and support families in need. It’s hard for one church to do it all, but together we can accomplish so much more,” said Cobos-Cawthorne. “Having a room full of different clergy leaders in our city with the common goal to serve the community we love was great.”

“I have always been a big believer that faith-based solutions produce results,” said Pastor Pete Morales. “It’s exciting to potentially further share the resources our church has to help and better our community. Montebello’s faith-based community is an untapped resource that will do extremely well in supporting the City’s efforts to assist people and families.”

“I was very happy to attend the first meeting of the Clergy Council and to meet representatives from various faith traditions serving our community,” said Father Michael Stechmann. “St. Benedict Church has been serving this community since 1906 and such a gathering is beneficial for all of us in our common ministries. There was definitely energy at the first meeting with the impetus for us to push forward in being of service to our brothers and sisters.”

“While the church community is our main target of involvement, we encourage government agencies and non-profits to take part as well,” added Welch. “We all come together and put our skills, abilities and contacts on the table for everyone to share and call upon when we see a need arise.”

Cobos-Cawthorne went on to stress the Montebello Clergy Council is not just for faith leaders, but welcomes community members, business owners and others that have a passion for service. There are no dues or fees. The Montebello Clergy Council meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center, 115 South Taylor Avenue.
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“Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping” - Mr. Rogers

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• Unemployment
• Medi-Cal and Covered California
• Lifeline Program
• Department of Motor Vehicles
• Utilities
• Access to Food
• Income support/Assistance
• Mental Health

HOW TO BE A COMMUNITY HERO

1. stay home and practice self isolation and physical distancing
2. be kind and compassionate
3. check on your abuelita(o) & elderly neighbors
4. support small businesses - order takeout from local restaurants

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the demand for personal protection supplies increases while resources from suppliers are strained due to availability and production and shipping capacity. Healthcare workers at Beverly Hospital may have the supplies and equipment to care for patients with COVID-19 now. However, the number of COVID-19 cases is expected to continue to grow and we want to be prepared. Beverly Hospital is turning to the community for help and asking for protective supply donations. If you, or know of any businesses who, are able to help with providing any of the listed supplies, please connect with us. Someone from Beverly Hospital will reach out as soon as possible. With your help, we can ensure that our healthcare staff can be protected at the frontlines.

Connect With Us:
By Phone (Monday-Friday; 8:00am-5:00pm): Beverly Hospital Foundation: (323) 725-4264
By Phone (After Business Hours): (714) 276-4977
By Email: FoundationInfo@beverly.org

Monetary Donations:
If you would like to make a monetary donation to Beverly Hospital instead, please visit https://www.beverly.org/product/donate/. We thank you for this gift and will use it towards much needed areas.

Supplies Needed (New/Unused):
- Disposable Gloves
- Disposable Surgical Masks
- N95 Masks
- Disposable Protection Gowns
- Safety Goggles
- Face shields
- Sanitizing supplies
- PAPRs (Powered Air-Purifying Respirators)
- PAPR Hoods

A Basic Overview On Coronavirus (COVID-19):
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in Wuhan, China. It has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The disease has been named “coronavirus disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”) and the virus that causes it is named “SARS-CoV-2.
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) can be spread by person-to-person transmission.
- There is currently no vaccine available to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- For frequently asked questions in regards to COVID-19, please refer to the CDC FAQ.

As of 3/27/2020 - PLEASE NOTE: Information is always changing; for the most current updates visit https://www.beverly.org/covid19info/
NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)  
What You Need to Know

Public Health is urging everyone to take precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19.

How is it spread?

Through droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes

Close personal contact, such as caring for an infected person

The novel coronavirus is a new type of virus that recently started making people sick. It started in mainland China but is now infecting people around the world including those here in Los Angeles.

What are the symptoms?

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty Breathing

What can I do to protect myself and others from respiratory infections like COVID-19?

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).
- Use facemasks only if you are sick or have been instructed to do so by your health care provider.
- Get a flu shot to prevent influenza if you have not done so this season.
- Everyone particularly those who are 65 and over, those with underlying health conditions, and pregnant women should avoid any non-essential travel, public gathering, or places where large groups of people congregate.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Limit close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
MONTEBELLO RESTAURANT FEATURED ON THE BUCKET LIST

The Bucket List is a new series devoted to the best fried chicken in Los Angeles and the people who make it and Broasted Kitchen of Montebello was recently featured on the weekly show. The show is hosted by Jenn Harris, a senior writer for the Food section, and is also the fried chicken queen of L.A.

Jen’s guest for the episode was Genevieve Ko, whose favorite fried chicken spot growing up was Broasted Kitchen. Genevieve is the cooking editor for the Los Angeles Times and was raised Monterey Park. During their interview, second generation owner of Broasted Kitchen, Mike Monroe, made his case on why broasting is better than just boiling in the fryer because when broasted the chicken is deep-fried in a pressure cooker.

“Our method seals the juices and keeps the grease out,” said owner Mike Monroe.

The Monroe family opened Broasted Kitchen in Montebello over 50 years ago. Over the 50 years they have continued to serve the same great chicken because they have kept the secret receipt the same.

Broasted Kitchen will be open for takeout order during the “Safer at Home” order.

By LA Times Food.

It is with mixed emotions, great appreciation and uncertainty of what lies ahead that we thank all of you for your friendship and loyalty to our organization. Unfortunately, but due to the directives of the CDC and in support of our Nationwide efforts to control the spread of Coronavirus, we are immediately closing all of our FEC facilities until further clarification from the CDC.
AFTER EVERY STORM, THERE IS A RAINBOW
By Sophia Vega
Contributing Student Writer

As of March 20, MUSD students will return to school on May 5, in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19, but district plans may change within the upcoming month. Students have not physically been in school since March 13. Sadly, many sports seasons and activities have been canceled or postponed until students are able to return to school. Although many of the students are upset about the news regarding the cancellations of some sports and activities, my heart goes out to all the high school and college seniors. For high school seniors, this is a memorable year where we look forward to events such as the Saddles Hawkins’s dance, prom and graduation. For many students in sports, our seasons have been canceled. Now we have to transition from being at school until nighttime to being home all day.

MONTEBELLO MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

My name is Julian Bravo, I am the Junior Citizen of the Month for March. I am a senior at Montebello High School and I am seventeen years old. I was born into a hardworking Latino family, and I could not have asked for anything better. My parents, Norma and Gilbert Bravo, own a flower shop inside of a downtown Los Angeles hotel where this Lodge’s Worshipful Master just happened to purchase Valentine’s Day flowers for his wife.

Growing up was quite difficult considering I had to worry about other things besides my hobbies or schoolwork. I was bullied by those around me for things I could not change, such as my appearance. You see, I was born with a clubfoot. Negative words by others truly isolated me. I became afraid of having friends.

At an early age I had to rewrite my own way of thinking in order to block all the negative distractions. All the difficulties I faced did not stop me from pushing myself through it all and becoming the person I am today.

I have proudly served in Associated Student Body (ASB), play basketball, run cross-country, compete in track & field, and my involvement in numerous clubs, while maintaining a high level of academic rigor. In addition, I work for our family business to continue to help sell beautiful flower arrangements to the public. This business is my family’s livelihood and is where I discovered the use of interpersonal connection.

After high school I plan on attending a four-year university, majoring in Business Administration Finance. My next steps are possibly the most important steps I will ever take. I have a positive mindset, and with hard work, anything is possible.

I thank the Montebello High School for all they have provided in education and to the Montebello-Whiter Masonic Lodge #323 for this honor which is administered by the Montebello High Twelve Club #422.

Students are not allowed to gather at school, but many are becoming creative with their use of social media to contact peers while staying in the safety and comfort of their homes.

From having to adjust to at-home schooling to going weeks without friends and peers, this is a difficult time for everyone. With all the chaos happening right now, this is our opportunity to slow down, take a breath, and remember that everything will be okay.

Students will return in May and have their Advanced Placement exams as an at-home, timed assessment. There are multiple websites on the college board web page that students can use to review and prepare the exam.

There may be a lot of negativity and uncertainty in the world right now, but this only means that now we have to spread more positivity than ever. Positivity and optimism are what we all need in this time of confusion.

There is always a brighter side to look at. As the famous quote by Shannon L. Alder states, “After every storm, there is a rainbow.”

B.V.O.C. HOLDS ANNUAL COMPETITION

The Bella Vista Optimist Club of Montebello held their annual oratorical competition on Tuesday, March 10th, before an appreciative group of parents, advisors and club members. Seven speakers from various high schools in the area spoke at the competition. This year’s subject was “Just Imagine a World without Boundaries”.

Valerie Dao and Kristine Sy garnered the top awards. If successful, the first place winner can go on to the district area, and the St. Louis competition where additional scholarships can be awarded.

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Quality Early Education For Everyone

Pictured L/R: Bella Vista President Mitch Sakado; 2nd place winner Kristine Sy; 1st place winner Valerie Dao; Club Chair John Nosse.
MANY SCHOOL KIDS STUCK AT HOME

By Isaiah Roa
Bearington Post

In the midst of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) global pandemic, several schools in school districts everywhere have been shut down to prevent spread of the virus. If you are a child whose school has been shut down, there is a number of things you can do to prevent boredom:

1. Online learning resources: Many websites such as Scholastic Learn at Home provide kids with learning resources to keep busy while the schools are closed down.

2. Family game night: A family game night is one way to prevent boredom. You can pull out some board games you might have, or you can pull out your favorite multiplayer video game.

3. Family movie night: Yet another family idea, family movie nights are simple to start. Either choose a family movie from Netflix, Prime, etc, or, you can find a movie on a movie channel.

While these are all fun ideas, you can do other things, like reading, playing a video game, or other activities, it’s up to your imagination! Until this global pandemic starts to die down, we can trust in God to get us through.
Clarity in Real Estate® by The Real Estate Yogi®

The local housing market and COVID-19

First off, let me begin with a big THANK YOU! Thank you for staying vigilant while we all do our part to keep each other safe. Thank you for being a good neighbor. Thank you for being you.

These are not normal times. Not in our daily lives at home, not in our daily life at work (or lack thereof), and these are definitely not normal times in real estate.

As little as one month ago, it seemed that nothing could tighten the already tight Los Angeles area real estate market... but it’s been a long few weeks since we first began collectively taking precautions to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Government measures put in place to slow the virus’ spread and the weakening economic environment will surely have adverse effects on the local real estate market for the foreseeable future (months, not years).

But there is hope. While face-to-face contracts are in sharp decline, there are digital technologies that are being used to show properties and even close deals. If you need help selling and/or selling, I can help. Call me.

Honestly, I don’t want to get into all the nuts and bolts of what might happen or how it might happen. Our number one concern as a community should be each other’s welfare. Yes, there are opportunities for buyers and sellers during tough times and I’ll be more than happy to discuss your current situation with you if you are thinking of buying or selling. But let us focus on how we can come together and help each other through these tough times. Pick up the phone, call or text someone you know. Talk to each other. A simple act of kindness can go a long way. We got this. Together, we will pull through and prosper. Be well.

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