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Mayor Winfield urges residents to stay home, stay healthy, stay connected



In early April, Mayor Winfield published an article in the Explorer Newspaper urging residents to heed the governor's call to "Stay Home, Stay Healthy, Stay Connected." Although a few weeks will have passed by the time you read this newsletter, we're willing to bet those words will still be relevant and important. "The 'Stay Home' provision of the Executive Order cannot be emphasized enough. Any time we leave our residence, we have exposed ourselves to the virus, therefore it is imperative that we limit trips away from home" said Winfield in his article. "Please take action to reduce your exposure." The mayor also encouraged residents to spend some time outdoors (while practicing social distancing), and to stay connected to friends and family.

With an ever-evolving situation, it is important to stay informed. For the latest updates from the Pima County Health Department, visit www.pima.gov/covid19. For questions about symptoms, call the state hotline at 211. To find out how COVID-19 is impacting services and facilities right here in Oro Valley, be sure to visit the Town's website at www.orovalleyaz.gov. You can also email us at AskOV@orovalleyaz.gov or call 520-229-4700. We are here to help.

OV on track to finish the current fiscal year on budget

At the April 1 Town Council meeting, Town Manager Mary Jacobs highlighted some of the recent actions taken to offset the economic impacts of COVID-19, including year-end reductions on projects, suspension of all non-essential travel and training, and a hiring freeze across all departments, except for critical public safety personnel. These measures total approximately \$800,000 to \$850,000 in savings. "Preliminary projections indicate those measures will likely get us to the end of the fiscal year 'on budget,' because we had such a good first eight months in sales tax collections," said Jacobs. As this newsletter went to press, the FY 20/21 budget development process was still evolving, including revised meeting dates (see below). This year's budget will be a challenging task given the uncertainty in revenue projections due to COVID-19. Nevertheless, Jacobs concluded by saying, "The Town is in a very strong and enviable financial position, and we will be able to put together a budget that gives us the flexibility we need." Visit www.orovalleyaz.gov to verify the following dates, times and meeting formats.

May 20: Council Meeting, Town Manager presents recommended budget

May 27 & 28: Council Budget Study Sessions (tentative)

June 17: Council Meeting, Public Hearing and tentative budget adoption

July 1: Council Meeting, Public Hearing and final budget adoption

Meetings and events

As this newsletter went to press, Governor Ducey's "Stay Home" order was still in place, so there is great uncertainty as to when the Town of Oro Valley will be able to resume community events. Some public meetings will still take place via remote connection, and there are opportunities for public input by phone or email. Please check the Town's website at www.orovalleyaz.gov to learn about upcoming meetings.

ORO VALLEY GOOD TOGETHER

We are living through unprecedented times. It's difficult to keep up with the volume of COVID-19 information and the constantly evolving guidelines. It's a challenge to not feel overwhelmed by all of the things that are beyond our control; but that is precisely why it's more important than ever to focus on what we CAN control. Focus on our shared values and the small gestures that can make a big difference. Because no matter how difficult the road ahead, we are in this together. Our collective efforts can improve the outcome of this crisis right here in the community we love, and also globally. Your Oro Valley Town staff and police officers are hard at work, providing the services and support you need. We are here for you, and our commitment to public service is stronger than ever.

We are in this together, Oro Valley, and we are GOOD TOGETHER.

Be a good leader.

Whether you're leading people at work, in the community or parenting children in your own home, others may be looking to you for guidance and support right now. Stay informed by seeking credible sources, and then lead by example. Help your families and organizations understand the importance of following the health guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Be a good patient.

Whether you are healthy as a horse or battling an underlying health condition, we each have the responsibility to be a good patient right now by following the guidelines provided by the CDC and our health experts. Our first responders, medical providers and hospitals need our support. Do your part to avoid overwhelming the healthcare system. Wash your hands frequently. Maintain six feet of distance from others. Stay home if you are sick. To the best of your ability, please follow Governor Ducey's recommendation to: Stay Home. Stay Healthy. Stay Connected.

Be a good friend.

Your friends need you right now. This drastic change to our daily lives, including social distancing, is impacting the mental health and wellbeing of some people. You may not be able to pop in on your neighbor for a visit, but you can call. You may not be able to invite your friends over for lunch, but you can send an email or text them a photo. We need to look out for one another during these difficult times, and the only way to do that is to stay connected. And if you are someone who is struggling right now, reach out to a trusted friend. You'll both be glad you did.

Be a good patron.

It's no secret—this pandemic is having a negative impact on the economy, and so much of it is beyond our control. But we CAN control the level of support we give to our local businesses. Continue to patronize your favorite restaurants by ordering takeout or delivery. To you, it may be just one meal. And if Oro Valley residents collectively make a point to shop local, then together we will have a tremendous impact on our local economy.



For up-to-date health and safety information on COVID-19, visit the Pima County Department of Health: pima.gov/covid19. Looking for ways you can help? Click the "Volunteer" button on the County's page for a list of opportunities.

To learn more about Governor Ducey's "Stay Home. Stay Healthy. Stay Connected." initiative, visit www.azgovernor.gov.

For details on impacts to the Town of Oro Valley's services and facilities, visit www.orovalleyaz.gov/covid19.