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1. Zoom - Townhall Meeting RVNA

RVNA is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: RVNA Town Hall

Time: October 28, 2020 06:30 to 08:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77636097846?pwd=d0hwbUNscFkvMjZyeGJoZnVXOC9YQT09

Meeting ID: 776 3609 7846

Passcode: RVNA2020

Agenda:

• LAPD Senior Lead Officer Christopher Baker

- Verizon Tower Update
- Organized Cleaning Events
- Open for Discussion

NOTE: The meeting may be delayed IF there is a game 7 of the Dodgers vs. Rays World Series.

2. COVID-19 Counts in Reynier Village and LA County

Reynier Village mourns the loss of those who have passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The County of Los Angeles Public Health Department tracks COVID-19 cases and deaths of County residents.

Totals through October 25, 2020

Reynier Village

- Cases 47
- Deaths 0

Los Angeles County

- Cases 300,614
- Deaths 6,944

View additional COVID-19 metrics on the <u>LA County COVID-19 Surveillance Dashboard</u> and the <u>COVID-19 Cases and Deaths by City/Community table</u>.

The County's daily case numbers continue to keep us in the State's most restrictive purple tier (Tier 1) in the <u>Blueprint for a Safer Economy</u>. Currently, LA County's adjusted case rate is 7.6 new cases per 100,000 people. To move to the next less restrictive Tier, the County must reduce its daily number of new cases to 7 or less new cases per 100,000 people for two consecutive weeks.

In the past three weeks, Public Health has completed interviews with 13,278 people who were positive for COVID-19. The vast majority of close contacts were in the person's household, but over 700 were close contacts in social situations.



For more information, visit: publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus



3. Please Respect your Neighbor's Political Views

At the end of the day, we are all neighbors, and we love our neighborhood and our country. Residents are allowed to put up signs on their own property in support of a political candidate or proposition. It should go without saying that others do not have the right to remove or destroy another person's sign. There has been a series of political sign thefts throughout this and adjacent communities. People should respect each other's right to free speech, and residents are entitled to express their support on their own private property. Please report all incidences to LAPD and APS.

4. Vote Safely

Voting by mail is the safest voting option during the pandemic. You can drop your ballot in your mailbox or at any of the 400 sure Drop Boxes in LA County. The closest drop box is in front of the Robertson Branch Library, 1719 South Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90035

Keep Reynier Village healthy, vote early and vote safely! If you haven't already, make your plan to vote now.

- <u>Vote-by-Mail Information</u> Return your mail-in ballot three ways:
 - o Return by Mail no postage needed
 - Drop off at a Drop Box
 - o Drop off at any vote center
- Track Your Vote-by-Mail Ballot
- How to Safely Vote at a Vote Center
- Vote Center Lookup (You can vote at any center in LA County)
- Review Your Sample Ballot



5. Guidance on Small Gatherings

On October 16, 2020, the City issued a Public Order to mirror <u>State guidance</u> and the <u>new Public Health Order</u> issued by the County. The Order allows for private gatherings of **three or fewer households**, as long as the private gathering is outdoors, everyone wears a cloth face covering and keeps at least six feet of physical distance, food is in single-serve disposable containers, and the duration of the gathering is two hours or less.

Note, large public events, parties, and gatherings remain prohibited, even if held outdoors.

Private gatherings with people from different households increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission, with the risk increasing the longer the gathering. Public Health recommends if you do gather with two other households, that you do so with the same households each time and gather outdoors, to create a quasi-bubble that can reduce the risk of spreading the virus. It is very important that you do not attend any private gathering if you are experiencing symptoms of illness, have tested positive for COVID-19 or if you have been exposed or likely have been exposed to someone positive.

A household does not include group living situations such as dormitories, fraternities, sororities, residential care facilities, or commercial group living arrangements such as boarding houses, hotels, or motels.

HEALTH OFFICER ORDER UPDATE

- ✓ Private gatherings cannot exceed more than 3 households.
- Private gatherings must be held outdoors.
- Attendees must wear face coverings when not eating or drinking, and seating allows for physical distancing between households.
- ✓ Keep it short private gatherings should be two hours or less.
- People in high-risk groups are strongly urged to not attend any private gatherings.

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6. Safer Halloween and Día de los Muertos Celebrations

To protect yourself and your community, you should **not** go trick-or-treating or mix with others. Door to door trick-or-treating is not recommended because it can be very difficult to maintain proper distancing on porches and at front doors, ensure that everyone answering or coming to the door is appropriately masked to prevent disease spread, and because sharing food is risky. "Trunk-or-treating" where children go from car to car instead of door to door to receive treats is also not recommended since it is difficult to avoid crowding.

Remember that **the <u>Health Officer Order</u>** currently prohibits large gatherings and events. Halloween gatherings, events or parties with more than two other households are **not permitted** even if they are conducted outdoors. Carnivals, festivals, live entertainment, and haunted house attractions are not allowed.

The safest way to celebrate Halloween is to spend time with people in the same household or to celebrate virtually. Here are some low risk alternatives:

- Online parties/contests (e.g., costume or pumpkin carving)
- Car parades that comply with public health guidance for vehicle based parades
- Halloween meals at outdoor restaurants (must comply with restaurant protocol)
- Halloween themed art installations at an outdoor museum (must follow museum protocol)
- Dressing up homes and yards with Halloween themed decorations



The safest way to celebrate Día de los Muertos is to spend time with people in the same household or to celebrate virtually. Here are some alternatives that are low risk:

- Altars: Consider placing and creating your altar in a front window or outside so others can view from a safe social distance.
- **Virtual Altar:** Create a virtual space to honor lost loved ones. Share with family and friends via email or social media.
- **Cemetery Visits:** If you visit the cemetery, only visit with those you live with, wear a face covering and maintain appropriate social distancing. Limit time spent to minimum necessary.

Remember personal protection measures

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Halloween, it is important to keep the following in mind:

- 1. Correctly wear a cloth face covering to prevent disease spread when outside your home and around others that are not part of your household.
- 2. Avoid confined spaces Actively stay away from indoor spaces that don't allow for easy distancing of at least 6 feet between you and others.
- 3. Avoid close contact Stay at least 6 feet away (3 or more adult steps) from all other people who are not part of your own household, especially while talking, eating, drinking, and singing.
- 4. Wash or sanitize your hands often.
- 5. Clean frequently touched items regularly.
- 6. If you are sick, or you have been in contact with someone who is sick with COVID-19 or has symptoms of COVID-19 stay home, and away from others.

Follow best health practices to protect those around you:



7. Free Flu Shots at Select LA County Libraries

According to Public Health, an important step to take this fall is to get a flu immunization. It is highly likely that both the flu and COVID-19 will be present at the same time. Now more than ever, it is important to be protected from the flu by getting immunized.

Beginning in October, LA County's Department of Public Health (Public Health) and LA County Library will be offering free flu vaccines to those 6 months of age and older at select Library locations across the County. Flu

shot clinic dates and locations for October and November 2020 are being finalized and will be announced on the <u>LA County Library website</u>, once available. Health insurance will not be a requirement.

If you're thinking of getting a flu vaccine, Public Health recommends calling your regular health care provider to see what other shots you may need. If you don't have a regular provider, dial 2-1-1 (the LA County Information Line) or visit the Public Health website for a list of no cost or low-cost vaccine providers. Stay tuned for updates!



8. The Final Word...

We all know by now that the pandemic is not a sprint. It's a marathon. But one that we can and will endure and finish. And staying with the theme of finishing the race, I leave you tonight with the words of Gary Ryan Blair: Coded into your genes is an extraordinary will, an indomitable spirit, a relentless finish strong ethos that is incapable of being overcome, subdued, or vanquished. Each of us has it in ourselves to find our will and uncover our spirit to put one foot ahead of the other and keep moving. And we all know that some days are more difficult than others and we have to dig really deep. But don't give up, don't be overcome, don't lose sight of the goal. Just find that second (and third) wind, keep your eyes looking forward, and never, ever give up. We can make this. Together .

9. Membership Renewal

If you have not already done so, please remember to renew your membership to Reynier Village Neighborhood Association which works to build the community by:

- organizing free emergency preparedness events,
 - In a catastrophic emergency all telecommunication, and standard first responder services will be intermittent, we will therefore be forced to rely on ourselves and neighbors for help, this is a way to stay informed and in touch with your neighbors
- organizing social gatherings
 - Log-off of Facebook and get to know your neighbors in person... networking with people can help you
 personally or professionally
- working in concert with the City Council office and SORONC to help create positive changes to our area.
- providing an affordable security patrol service (for additional fee)
 - Read the testimonials below, in case you're not convinced

Be a part of the change you want to see. JOIN RVNA!

Membership is \$20 per year (Feb 2020 to Feb 2021)

plus, optional \$50 for APS patrol service

NOTE: APS patrol service is not a full-service security alarm system. It is a security service that provides four daily patrols of your home and block, a phone number to call for rapid response of suspicious activity in your area, and special services when you go out of town. For a full-service security alarm system, please contact APS directly.

Dues can be sent to: 1702 S. Robertson Blvd, Box# 107 Los Angeles, CA 90035

PayPal is also available at: https://PayPal.Me/ReynierVillage

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