COVID-19 Update

TO OUR RESIDENTS,

We know that these are difficult and challenging times. We want to start off by thanking all of the residents that are doing their part to stop the spread of this virus by staying home when possible. We know that by working together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19.

The City of Compton is committed to serving residents to the full extent possible during these unprecedented times.

On March 17, the Compton City Council declared a local emergency, authorizing temporary procedures to limit and address the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Following the recommendations from the state and County Department of Public Health, all non-essential businesses have been closed and all gatherings have been postponed or cancelled.

The City Council has also taken extra local measures for our residents in light of COVID-19. These include:

- Halting any water department suspension of service, so no one gets their water turned off if they find themselves unable to pay during this time.
- Supporting small businesses by encouraging commercial landlords to provide a payment plan for delinquent rents.
- Relaxing street sweeping parking enforcement.
- Developing a food bank program for Compton residents and providing other emergency supplies to Compton seniors and the disabled community.

City Hall is open to the public so that we can continue to provide vital services to Compton residents. We have taken extra safety precautions by increasing the frequency of our daily cleaning procedures in city facilities and equipping staff with appropriate tools to ensure the safety of our employees and the residents and businesses that we serve.

We are also continuing our public meetings, as many municipalities are, and incorporating new technology to allow for public participation during this COVID-19 pandemic.

We have created a COVID-19 webpage as well as an online Resource Guide, which are both updated on a daily basis. The next two pages of this newsletter feature a sampling of resources from our Resource Guide and you can access the most current information anytime at comptoncity.org/covid19.asp.

We appreciate you and we are here to serve you, especially in these challenging times.

Sincerely,
Craig J. Cornwell
Compton City Manager
UTILITIES
As with Compton’s Water Department, SoCal Gas and Southern California Edison will not be suspending services during this time.
SoCalGas
Customer Service: 877-238-0092
Southern California Edison
Customer Service: 800-655-4555
Compton Water Department
Customer Service: 310-605-5524
Charter is offering free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60-days to households with K-12/college students who do not already have a Spectrum Broadband subscription at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll please call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

CITY RESOURCES
City Contacts
City Hall ...................................(310) 605-5500
Water Department ....................(310) 605-5524
CareerLink ...............................(310) 605-3050
Building and Safety .................(310) 605-5509
Business Licenses ......................(310) 761-1444
Public Meetings
The City is inviting the public to watch the City Council meeting live on Channel 36 or view it online, in lieu of attending in-person. To view online, simply go to the Comptoncity.org website, hover over the elected officials tab, click “agendas, meetings and minutes” in the right column, and then click “live video.” All other public meetings will also be available virtually through a telephonic conference call. You can find the call-in information at the top of each meeting agenda.
Residents can send in comments or questions by 4:00 PM on the day of each public meeting by emailing contactcityclerk@comptoncity.org (City Council Meeting), contactpersonnelboard@comptoncity.org (Personnel Board) or contactplanningboard@comptoncity.org (Planning Commission) or by calling (310) 605-6335. If specifically requested, public comments will be read during the meeting and all comments will be entered into the public record.

HEALTH
For more information about the Coronavirus, how to protect yourself, symptoms and more, please visit the CDC website at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
Health Care Providers With Available Testing Kits
There are limited quantities available, please call ahead if you are experiencing symptoms or have been close to someone with Coronavirus. If you have insurance or Medi-Cal, call your doctor about testing and treatment before going in. If you have an emergency, go to an emergency room or call 911.
St. John’s Well Child and Family Center
1112 N Santa Fe Ave
(310) 635-0050
ROADS Community Care Clinic
121 S Long Beach Blvd
Closes 6PM | (855) 645-0033
If you are uninsured, you can still get free testing and treatment regardless of immigration status. You may also qualify for My Health LA, a health care program for low-income LA County residents. Call 844-744-6452 for more information. Visit dhs.lacounty.gov/MHLA for a list of their clinics.

Health Care Providers That Can Evaluate People Only (No Kits)
Concentra Urgent Care
2499 S Wilmington Ave
Closes 6PM | (310) 638-1113
De Novo Health Care Inc.
803 Rosecrans Ave
Closes 5PM | (310) 605-4800
Sunshine Medical Clinic
555 W Compton Blvd
(310) 639-7200

FOOD & SUPPLIES
Local Food Banks, Pantries and Supplies
Joyce Community Service Inc.
1505 South Acacia Ave, Compton, CA 90220
(424) 236-8395
Meals and Pantry

L.A. New Life Christian Church
1913 N. Wilmington Ave., Compton, CA 90220
(562) 453-5753
4th Wednesday of the month / 10 am-1 pm
Pantry

The Salvation Army
736 East Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90220
Wednesdays 10am-1pm
Must bring a valid ID and proof of Address
Meals and Pantry

Compton Chamber of Commerce
700 N Bullis, Compton, CA 90221
(310) 631-8611
Meals

Greater Zion Church Family
2408 N Wilmington Ave, Compton, CA 90222
(310) 639-5535
Hot Meals

Pentecostal Church
336 East Rosecrans Ave, Compton, CA 90221
(424) 260-3544
Food Pantry

City on the Hill Church
17800 Main St, Gardena, Compton, CA 90247
(310) 740-9363
Monday to Friday, 1pm
Free Lunch for Kids and Seniors

Food Distribution
Contact Brooke Mcduffie
comptoncommunity@yahoo.com
(310) 667-1018

Shields For Families
(Foodbank for community residence)
11705 Deputy Yamamoto Pl., Ste. A
Lynwood, CA 90262
Thursdays 10am - 2pm
Pantry

Crossroads UMC
2354 N. Wilmington Ave., Compton, CA 90222
(310) 639-3136
Criminal Justice-Involved Reentry Resources
(food bags, basic hygiene, and community resource linkage).
*MUST CALL FIRST*

Compton COVID-19 Resource Guide
In order to best serve our residents, the City of Compton has compiled resources related to COVID-19. We update this information on a daily basis online. For more information and updates, please view the full guide at http://www.comptoncity.org/covid19.asp
Our Own
Free delivery of produce bags filled with ingredients to help build and strengthen one’s immune system for families in need. Each bag also includes 3-4 recipe recommendations for all the ingredients included. Saturday afternoon dustin@ourown.life (562) 208-8558

Everytab
Helpline (323) 458-6487
If you are an individual struggling with access to food, call. Grab & Go Stores will also remain open
Free food is also available at pantries throughout Los Angeles County: lafoodbank.org/find-food/pantry-locator/.

Compton Unified School District Meals
These meals will be provided to students and youth under 18 with ID.
Breakfast – 7:30-8:30am / Lunch – 11am-1pm.
Breakfast and Lunch will be served “to go” at the following locations:

Clinton Elementary
6500 E Compton Blvd, Compton, CA 90221
(562) 630-7912

McNair Elementary
1450 W El Segundo Blvd, Compton, CA 90221
(310) 898-6330

McKinley Elementary
14431 S Stanford Ave, Compton, CA 90220
(310) 898-6320

Longfellow Elementary
1101 Dwight Ave, Compton, CA 90220
(310) 898-6460

Rosecrans Elementary
1301 N Acacia Ave, Compton, CA 90222
(310) 898-6360

Jefferson Elementary
2508 E 133rd St, Compton, CA 90222
(310) 898-6360

Henry Elementary
1101 Dwight Ave, Compton, CA 90220
(310) 898-6430

Senior Meals
Los Angeles County has closed all Senior Congregate Meals Locations to reduce the risk of exposure for the seniors. Instead of serving hot meals at Dollarhide Center, the County will issue up to 10 frozen/shelf stable meals (5 minimum) to each Senior registered in the program. For questions about the senior meal program, please call (800) 510-2020.

Supermarkets With Senior Hours
Superior Grocers
Every day from 7am to 8am
Costco
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 9am
Albertsons, Vons, and Pavilions
Monday to Friday, from 7am to 9am
Northgate Market
Every day from 7am to 8am

Vallarta
Every day from 7am to 8am
Super A Foods
Every day from 7am to 8am
Cardenas
Every day from 7am to 8am
Target
Wednesday only – from 8am to 9am
Whole Foods
Every day from 7am to 8am
Gelson’s
Every day from 7am to 8am
Walmart
Tuesday only – from 6 am to 7 am

Housing Services and Eviction
Governor Gavin Newsom has announced a 90-Day relief package for mortgage payments during the COVID-19 crisis. This includes:
- 90-Day Grace Period for Mortgage Payments
- No Negative Credit Impacts Resulting from Relief
- 60-Day Moratorium on Initiating Foreclosure Sales or Evictions
- Relief from Fees and Charges

California also issued a statewide moratorium on residential evictions for renters who cannot pay their rent because of COVID-19 related economic hardships. The moratorium went into effect on March 27 and is valid through May 31, 2020.

For more information, please visit https://covid19.ca.gov/get-financial-help/#top

Neighborhood Housing Services has free online workshops available in English and Spanish for home buying and mortgage assistance. You can sign up at nhslacounty.org or call (213) 381-2862.

Small Business Resources
Labor and Workforce Information
To stay up-to-date on workforce requirements, you can visit the California Department of Labor website at https://www.labor.ca.gov/coronavirus2019/

Low-interest Loans
Businesses in California will be able to access low-interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives and nonprofit organizations may be eligible for an SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL). To apply for a disaster loan related to economic damage from the COVID-19 health crisis, listed below are Federal, State, and Local agency internet links with detailed information.
- https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/
- https://americassbdc.org/
- https://laedc.org/coronavirus/

Employment/Financial Assistance
If you have a work permit, you may apply online for Unemployment Insurance with the California Employment Development Department (EDD): edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm

While undocumented immigrants cannot receive Unemployment Insurance, they may be eligible for Disability Insurance or Paid Family Leave. File with EDD: edd.ca.gov/about_edd/coronavirus-2019.htm

There is a new federal law, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that requires that employers must provide all employees who are affected by COVID-19 up to 80 hours of paid sick time. The act also expands FMLA leave for employees who need to be absent from work to take care of children whose schools or daycares have closed. For more information, please visit: https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employer-paid-leave

The Department of Public Social Services provides a number of financial services. If you don’t qualify for benefits due to your immigration status, other people in your home might. USCIS will not consider benefits received by household members in the public charge test. For more information, please visit: yourbenefits.lacils.org/ybn/Index.html.

Sign Up To Serve
Are you a community organization serving urgent needs? Please contact us to be included in this resource guide. We update the information online daily. To be added to guide updates, email contactmayor@comptoncity.org and in the title of email: “ADD TO RESOURCE GUIDE.”
The City of Compton is tackling a large problem that has plagued the community for years – potholes. The condition of the streets was recently assessed and showed that about 70% of the City’s streets are in need of repair. Some streets have not been reconstructed in over 30 years.

The City is working to restore decades of disinvestment and is focused on addressing this issue effectively and finding permanent solutions to the problem, using a 3-pronged approach.

1. The City is utilizing City staff to complete emergency pothole filling projects. Pothole filling temporarily improves drivability and protects against further street decay.
2. The City works with contractors who completely repave sections of streets. This repaving grinds down old asphalt and replaces it to prevent degradation of the road for two to five years.
3. The third approach that the City uses for the most serious cases is full road reconstruction and repaving. These larger projects will repair damaged residential streets and main roads, and may include improvement of curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and ramps.

While addressing every at-need street in the City will take time, the City is now able to move faster than before, due to new funding from the City’s Measure P, as well as County Measures M, R and the State Gas Tax. At their December City Council meeting, the City Council approved a measure authorizing approximately $2.5 Million to be spent on road repair services citywide. Through this motion, the Council also approved a construction contract with All American Asphalt Corporation for street repair to begin immediately. This approval came on the heels of another road repair project that had just wrapped up in November. This brought their total funding commitment for road repairs to over $3.5 Million in just six months.

In 2019, over $4.5 Million was spent on road repair, all on and off-ramps to the 91 and 710 freeways were reconstructed and almost seven miles of streets were repaired.

The City is now on track to address approximately 50% of their at-need streets by the end of 2020.

In January, the City held a press conference, officially announcing a $5.8 Million project for 2020 road repair, which will be the largest investment in residential roads in Compton at one time over the past 20 years. This project will kick-off in the Spring and will improve 18 of Compton’s 30 bridges and fully reconstruct 28 streets, or 24 miles of road.

$10.5 Million Already Committed for Road Investment in 2020

COMMUNITY CORNER

Introducing the Compton Community Corner!

Each quarter, we will feature a letter from a resident in our community. So, write in! Your experiences are important to us.

You can write to us about your life in Compton, inspirational stories, activities happening in the City, or whatever else you would like to share with Compton residents.

Please email: Community.Compton@Gmail.com to submit your story. For inclusion in the Summer newsletter, please submit your stories by May 15, 2020.
The Census is a great tool that helps determine how funding is allocated to communities and how communities are represented at the state and federal level. The Census’ purpose is to count everyone accurately to distribute resources for everything from nutrition programs, housing assistance, education and more. To determine representation and funding, the Census surveys cities every ten years to determine the population of each city. In past years, Compton was not accurately represented in the Census, which meant our community’s numbers were not fully represented when it came time to distribute resources. In 2010, it is estimated that 30% - 49% of Compton residents were left out. Compton residents deserve to be represented accurately, and to be given the resources that our City deserves. 2020 is the year to make that possible.

Compton needs all residents to participate in the 2020 Census, which means everyone in your household must be included. We know this won’t be easy, but we are relying on residents to get their family, friends, and neighbors to complete the Census so the City can be represented accurately for the next decade.

For every resident that is left out of the Census, California loses about $20,000 of federal funding over 10 years. Children, in particular, are at greater risk of being undercounted. In addition to City funding, the Census determines federal funding for Compton schools until 2030, which is why this year the Los Angeles County Office of Education presented $2,000 to schools in historically undercounted communities, including Compton. It is simply crucial that children, the future of Compton, receive what they deserve to get the best public education possible.

In addition to critical funding, underrepresentation in the Census can cost our city and county to be underrepresented in the State Legislature and even in Congress.

There will not be any questions in the Census asking for you to divulge your citizenship status, and there are privacy and confidentiality protections in place to keep your information from being shared. It is against federal law for the Census Bureau to share data gathered about Compton with other government agencies, including Homeland Security. Our community is unique, which can make it difficult to count everyone.

According to the Census, Compton’s households are among the hard-to-count population. Communities of color, young people, renting households and households with limited English-speaking ability are historically difficult to account for. Compton’s population is fairly young, we are known for our diversity and immigrant population, and many of us rent our homes. Although these are all factors that can make it easy to get left out, it is possible for us to come together to make sure we are included.

In 2019, the City of Compton approved a budget and strategic plan for the Census 2020. The plan created the Compton Complete Count Committee to help residents become fully educated on the process and have them actively participate in the process. The Committee is made up of residents and will spearhead creative outreach plans that touch on every sector in the city.

This year, the Census can be completed online, over the phone, or filled out on paper. For questions or more information, please visit census.ca.gov. To volunteer for the 2020 California Census, visit CACensus.SupportSystem.com.

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| Alameda East | City Limit North to City Limit South |
| E. Alondra Blvd. | City Limit West to Lime |
| Myrrh Street | Oleander Avenue to Santa Fe Avenue |
| Bradfield Avenue | Compton Blvd to Alondra Blvd. |

**Completed Grind And Overlay Streets (FY 2019-2020)**

1. 130th Street | Wilmington to Compton Avenue |
2. 130th Street (Slurry Seal) | Wilmington to Compton Avenue |
3. 134th Street | Grandee Avenue to Compton Avenue |
4. 132nd Street | Wilmington to Compton Avenue |
City working with Southern California Edison to install new, smart LED lights

The City Council approved an innovative program last fall to work with Southern California Edison (SCE) to replace thousands of streetlights throughout the City with smart, LED lights. The LED fixtures are brighter and more energy-efficient, which will lead to safer streets after dark, all while providing a cost savings for the City. The projected total annual savings of this project to the City is approximately $250,000.

The City of Compton is one of only a few cities being selected to pilot and test new “smart” communicating photo sensors. These communicating photo sensors will allow SCE to be notified of streetlight outages as soon as they occur and will facilitate service and repair in a much shorter period of time. This constant communication from the streetlights is hoped to result in a more reliable street light system and could facilitate different rates or savings in the future as well.

“The Compton Sheriff’s Department is pleased with the City Council’s decision to embark on this innovative project with SCE,” said Compton Sheriff’s Station Captain LaTonya Clark. “These smart streetlights will help ensure that our streets stay lit at night and that any outages are repaired quickly, which could potentially lead to lower crime and increased safety for residents.”

Installation of the streetlights began in early February. The streetlight fixtures are expected to last 12-20 years and will be replaced in the future as needed by SCE as part of its routine streetlight maintenance program.

“This new lighting technology will not only save money but will enhance the streetlight distribution within the City.”

Over 4,500 SCE-owned streetlights in the City will be replaced through this program. The City is currently looking into opportunities to replace the other 1,600 City-owned streetlights throughout the City.

Compton Parks Renovations

We are remodeling our parks with new playgrounds, fields, and other amenities for residents to take full advantage of. In February, the City broke ground on the 4th park to be renovated in Compton in just 12 months.

The ceremony celebrated the groundbreaking for Gonzales Park, which will undergo a multi-million-dollar renovation as part of the Dodgers Dreamfields project. By September 2020, there will be a complete renovation of Jackie Robinson Stadium and the building of two new baseball fields. In addition to the field renovations, the park will also have new restrooms, fitness and training zones, two enclosed batting cages and bullpens, an infield practice area, outdoor fitness equipment and will be the first Dodgers Dreamfield equipped with solar to make it a more sustainable and environmentally-friendly field.

The City was proud to celebrate this groundbreaking ceremony in honor of Black History Month and the late Jackie Robinson, the first African-American Major League Baseball player. We were joined by his granddaughter, Ayo Robinson, for the groundbreaking, as well as Compton native, Anthony Anderson, who MC’d the event. We were also joined by Dodger’s pitcher Clayton Kershaw whose foundation, Kershaw’s Challenge, helped make the project possible along with the Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation and numerous sponsors.

Other recent park renovations include Burrell McDonald Park, which received $240,000 in improvements to its 30-year-old playground, and South Park, which received more than $422,000 in upgrades and re-opened in 2019 after being closed for 15 years. These park renovations were made possible by the city’s Measure P, which was approved by voters in 2016. Finally, Wilson Park received a major renovation to its gym in 2019 thanks to a public-private partnership with Kaboom and Delta.

We know the City will enjoy these wonderful parks for years to come.