



Pathfinder

"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do, and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."
-George S. Patton

Teamwork Matters

A message from
the City Manager

Jason Stilwell



To further express the City's appreciation to all of its employees for your resilience the past 18 months, you are invited to a pool party.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 22nd from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., employees and their families are invited to enjoy the Paul Nelson Aquatics Center. Please RSVP (required) to the Recreation and Parks Department by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18th.

This is another special way the City is thanking you for your dedication through this pandemic. Last December, we arranged a free drive-in movie experience for City employees and their families. We screened The Polar Express on the top level parking lot at Town Center East for many happy families. Supporting our employees' physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing is a priority. Another way we do this is through COVID-19 safety plans for each department. Each plan evolves with new Health Officer orders and Cal/OSHA guidance.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues with increasing active cases and as hospitalizations across Santa Barbara County. There were more than 650 active cases (still infectious) Countywide of Wednesday, August 11th, the highest daily number reported since February 24th, when there were 449 cases. The highly contagious Delta variant has been present in the County since April and is highly transmissible. Visit <https://publichealthsb.org/vaccine> to learn where you can find a vaccination site near you, or call 2-1-1.

A mandatory masking requirement was issued this month by the County Public Health Department. Masks are required in indoor public places regardless of vaccination status, unless under 2 years old, medically unable, or hearing-impaired. Santa Barbara County has 71.4 % of eligible residents ages 12+ at least partially vaccinated (one dose), and 53 percent of residents Countywide fully vaccinated for COVID-19, the Public Health Department reports. California has fully vaccinated 54 percent of eligible residents.

Please do your part to keep safe, while enjoying life and time with family and friends. We have numerous parks and open spaces in which to recreate, a wide variety of City programs, Downtown Fridays, and more.

Please continue to be calm, sensible, reasonable, and follow the guidance by our local, State, and Federal authorities. The pandemic highlights the importance of taking personal responsibility for limiting the spread of COVID-19, and to support each other. Thank you.

Jason