



A DIFFERENT KIND OF SPRING - PART 2

Ryan Place Residents, I hope this newsletter finds you well and everyone is staying safe.

Last month we added an additional 16 pages in curbside menus for your convenience. We also continue to post online and through Constant Contact, menus specific to our neighborhood. Some restaurants are doing a designated Ryan Place drop off. The near south service industry is working hard to make curbside as convenient for you as they possibly can until things can resume to normal. I applaud them for their efforts! We have enjoyed many curbside meals from our favorite restaurants and tried a few new ones as well. Many restaurants have menus that change weekly so you can always check their website for the most current offerings.

The RPIA board is continuing to evaluate our yearly events. We will continue to update you as things are fluid and will be evolving as the state gradually reopens for business.

A quick note about Daggett Montessori school zone preference in Ryan Place; it has come to my attention that on April 28 the FWISD school board unanimously approved a resolution that would dissolve the neighborhood admissions preference for Ryan

Place and portions of Fairmount and South Hemphill Heights for DMS.

While this issue might or might not be a concern to you it was done without neighborhood leadership or stakeholders being notified during a pandemic via an online meeting by FWISD. As a 14-year-resident of Ryan Place, I am greatly disappointed that we were excluded from this debate. I will continue to update the neighborhood on this issue as we find out more details.

Finally, I know everyone is going stir crazy. The weather is beautiful and so is Ryan Place! This will pass and we will get back to normal just as fast as it is safe to do so. As always if have any concerns or questions feel free to reach out to me or a board member.

Tim Keith
President, RPIA

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A win-win situation

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Municipal Election
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 RPIA General Meeting	19	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30

NOTE: No RPIA Board meetings are held in July or December

LOOKING AHEAD... Ryan Place Improvement Association 2020 Calendar of Events

Q2: NOTE - DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC ALL ACTIVITES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FUIRTHER NOTICE.

- Saturday, May 9 OPEN EVENT / Municipal Election)
- Monday, May 18 7 p.m. – RPIA GENERAL Meeting (St. John’s Episcopal Church)
- Monday, June 15 7 p.m. – RPIA Board Meeting (St. John’s Episcopal Church)
- Monday, June 25 TBD Ryan Place Annual Croquet Tournament

Q3:

- Saturday, July 4 10 a.m. – Independence Day Parade and Softball Game
- July TBD RPIA Summer BBQ and Swim Party (Location TBD)
- August- TBD Back to School Event (Location TBD)
- Monday, August 10 7 p.m. – RPIA Board Meeting (St. John’s Church) -Bumped up one week b/c of 1st week of school.
- Saturday, September 5 ALL DAY – Annual Labor Day Garage Sale
- Monday, September 21 7 p.m. – RPIA GENERAL Meeting and Business Mixer (St. John’s Episcopal Church)

Q4:

- Monday, October 19 7 p.m. – RPIA Board Meeting (St. John’s Episcopal Church)
- Friday, October 23 7 p.m. - Movie Night (Triangle Park, weather permitting)
- November TBD New Neighbor Welcome Event (Location TBD)
- Monday, November 16 7 p.m. – RPIA Board Meeting, General Membership Meeting & Elections, Potluck (St. John’s Church)
- Friday, December 4 TBD Ryan Place Holiday Social (Location TBD)
- Saturday & Sunday December 5 & 6 – Candlelight Christmas in Ryan Place Home Tour

New Tarrant County pilot program will screen, schedule COVID-19 tests

To help meet the need for more COVID-19 testing, Tarrant County is piloting a new self-screening website.

During the first week, slots for the testing sites will be very limited. The testing sites are in Fort Worth and Arlington and are a partnership involving Tarrant County Public Health, the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth, the City of Fort Worth and the UT Southwestern Medical Center.

If a Tarrant County resident goes through the self-screening process and meets the strict criteria, the

online tool will schedule an appointment at the testing site. More testing sites and increased appointment availability are expected to be added in the next several weeks.

"As we begin planning for reopening, it is vitally important that we have more testing," said Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley. "These testing sites are going to be critical in helping us open up the county."

The platform will:

- Quickly determine patient eligibility based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention criteria.
- Manage test scheduling and capacity.
- Provide secure storage of all private information.
- Identify patterns and insights in testing data.

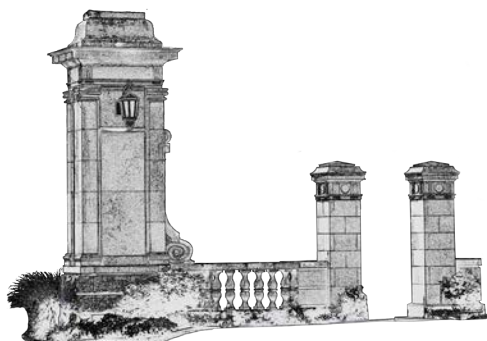
Screenings will be available in English and Spanish. Residents

who need assistance in other languages can call the Tarrant County Public Health information line at 817-248-6299.

The COVID-19 testing management platform was provided at no cost by a coalition that includes Adobe, Oracle, Splunk, Accenture, Datahouse, NuHarbor Security, Globant, Whyline and others in coordination with the nonprofit Alliance for Innovation. The Tarrant County Information Technology Department was also instrumental in launching the site.

"We are very pleased to have this resource in Tarrant County during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Director of Public Health Vinny Taneja. "The platform will not only help our testing facilities operate more effectively, it will also arm us with valuable information to keep our communities safe."

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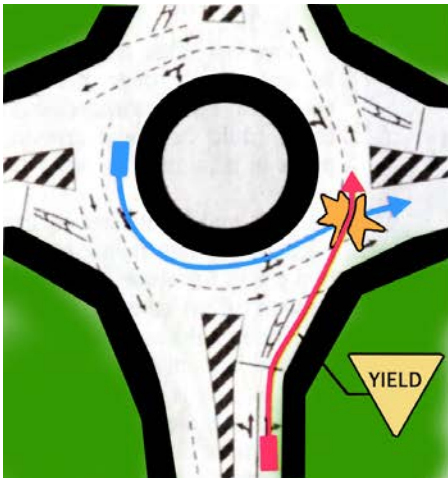
- **Garage Storage space** needed to house and protect our fire truck. The fire truck is a restored 1934 American LaFrance type 399 Pumper built on a GMC truck chassis and is LARGE. Consequently we are looking for a space that can accommodate a vehicle that stands much taller than most vehicles on the road. There has been funding proposed for securing the space under a rental agreement, but no space has been found. If you know of something, please [contact us!](https://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/contact) <https://www.ryanplacefortworth.com/contact>
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Discover the about, the where, the why and how Ryan Place discussions are transpiring: See the *Board Meeting Approved Notes:* www.ryanplacefortworth.com/administration

ROUNABOUT WRECKS HAVE ENGINEERS GOING IN CIRCLES

By Scott Calvert - reprint courtesy of the Wall Street Journal

Yield violations



Before entering, drivers should stop or yield to any vehicle in lanes of the roundabout.

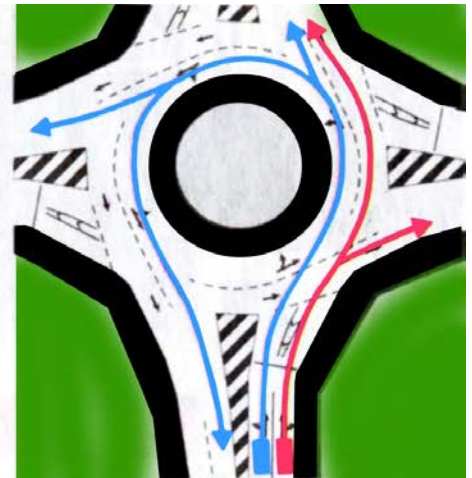
Source: Deputy City Engineer, Hilliard, Ohio

Lane change violations



Drivers wishing to turn left must be in the left lane before entering the roundabout.

Correct roundabout usage



Many drivers don't understand that the inside lane can exit at some roundabouts.

Graphic: Vivien Ngo/ The Wall Street Journal

City planners and engineers are stumped over why so many drivers can't handle something as simple as a roundabout.

Roundabouts have proliferated around the U.S. in recent years, arriving in some areas of the Midwest and West for the first time. Yet even years after some are installed, driver confusion persists. And with confusion comes fender-benders.

Traffic engineers say the majority of crashes in two-lane roundabouts occur either because drivers don't yield to circulating traffic, or they make improper lane changes once in the roundabout.

Authorities have boosted public education, tweaked signs and modified roadway designs in search of solutions. The federal government is leading a study on drivers' failure to yield to traffic when entering two-lane roundabouts, a major cause of collisions. State transportation departments from Washington to New York are helping fund the research.

"We just need to find out a reason why," said Wei Zhang, who manages intersection-safety research at the U. S. Department of Transportation. Roundabouts differ from higher-speed rotaries common in the Northeast. While they can have multiple lanes, they are

smaller than rotaries and often require cars to slow down to around 15 miles an hour.

Converting an intersection with a traffic signal to a roundabout results in a 78% decrease in fatalities and injuries, according to the Federal Highway Administration. The downside has been more crashes. Mostly fender-benders, at many two-lane roundabouts.

The crash problem has been a "dirty little secret" in the traffic field, said Letty Schamp, deputy engineer for the city of Hilliard, Ohio. "Now people are talking about it."

Ms. Schamp considers one roundabout her baby because she has worked on the project since it began more than a decade ago, when the area had few roundabouts. The two-lane circular intersection has had more than 660 crashes since it opened in 2012, averaging 82 a year. That is compared with eight a year at the intersection that existed previously, city figures show.

The roundabout was intended to add capacity and improve traffic flow while reducing speeds, without creating a sea of asphalt, and it achieved those goals, she said. About 35,000 vehicles pass through each day.

Hilliard resident Pam Saraniero didn't

realize she had to yield to cars in both lanes of the roundabout, and learned the hard way. In January, she said she saw a Ford Escape moving in the inner lane as she approached the roundabout. Then she drove into the circle. Hitting the Escape and knocking the front bumper off her Honda Accord.

In hindsight, she said she wrongly assumed the other driver would loop around the roundabout rather than exit across her path. "It was my fault, absolutely," the 67-year-old retiree said.

Jane Wahl, who also crashed there in January, said approaching drivers often race into the roundabout. "Not everybody has the same attitude about what the rules are in these roundabouts," she said.

Last year, Hilliard launched a public-outreach campaign, and officials modified signs and lane markings. The 63 crashes in 2019 were the fewest since the roundabout opened, though Ms. Schamp said she isn't ready to declare victory. While she remains bullish on roundabouts, she said she isn't keen to build any more two-lane versions.

Of the more than 6,000 modern roundabouts that have been built since

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around 1990, roughly a quarter have multiple lanes in some configuration, according to a database maintained by Oregon transportation engineering firm Kittelson & Associates Inc.

"We're trading a severe crash—say, a T-bone crash at a conventional signalized intersection—for a fender-bender. Nine out of 10 engineers are willing to make that trade," said Lee Rodegerdts, a principal engineer at Kittelson, which is working on the federal study. "It's a fender-bender problem, but it's one we're very actively trying to solve."

Editor's note: Ryan Place has three roundabouts, constructed in 2011 in order to accomplish "traffic calming." Many approve of them, some do not. Pedestrians are sometimes unaware of the roundabout; drivers all too aware. What do you think? Were ours worth it? Let us know at the website's [CONTACT US page](#).

Volunteers with a medical background can help during crisis

Individuals with medical backgrounds who are interested in volunteering their skills can join the Medical Personnel Supplemental Manpower Task Force to assist with COVID-19 efforts.

Volunteers should have appropriate credentials such as registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, patient care technician, certified nursing assistant, nurse practitioner or physician assistant, or relevant experience such as medication aides or emergency medical services experience. Nursing students are also welcome to volunteer for certain tasks.

Volunteers would be assigned to generically fill identified needs across Tarrant County to help care for patients or residents in a wide variety of settings. In some cases, volunteers may help provide support in a setting where their particular area of experience or training is relevant.

Work duration depends on a volunteer's availability; a volunteer could help for a few days or up to a month. Apply online to the [Tarrant County Medical Society](#).

Near Southside launches fund to assist workers in the district

With many of its retailers, restaurants, bars, breweries, entertainment venues and events closed or operating at reduced capacity, Near Southside creatives and service industry employees are experiencing significant financial hardship due to the COVID-19 crisis.

Near Southside is now offering \$250 relief grants to members of its community who need it most. The Southside CARES Fund was opened with a lead gift from Marilyn and Marty Englander, owners of Kent & Co. on Magnolia Avenue. The Englanders have pledged to match, dollar-for-dollar, every donation made to the fund up to \$10,000.

The relief grants are intended for any person currently, or previously immediately prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, employed in the Near Southside who is facing a financial hardship in these professions: culinary, art, retail, entertainment, service and other. Apply for assistance online.

To make a financial donation to the fund, use the PayPal app on your phone and direct payment to @southsidecares.



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Information and protocols for businesses, customers before businesses begin to reopen May 1

Per Gov. Greg Abbott, Phase 1 of statewide efforts to reopen businesses will begin May 1, with these businesses being allowed, but not required, to open:

- All retail stores, restaurants, theaters and malls given the option of reopening with no more than 25% occupancy.
- Sole proprietors can also return to work, as can licensed healthcare professionals such as doctors and dentists.
- Libraries and museums may open with 25% occupancy.

Barbershops, gyms, hair and nail salons and bars will remain closed May 1, but might reopen by mid-May during Phase 2. Implementation during Phase 2 depends on whether a spike in new infections occurs during the Phase 1 reopenings.

Protocol for customers:

- Customers should self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms before going into retailers, restaurants, movie theaters, museums or libraries.
- Customers should not enter the facility if they display any symptoms, including cough or shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, are running a fever, or have had close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Customers should maintain social distancing of at least six feet of separation between themselves and individuals outside of their own household. If this distance isn't possible, other measures should be in place such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough

etiquette, and sanitation.

- Customers should wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the facility; after any interaction with employees, customers or retail items; and after the payment process.
- Customers should consider wearing cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth when entering the facility, or when within six feet of others outside of their own household. If available, consider wearing non-medical-grade face masks.
- When at a restaurant, no tables of more than six people.

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CULTURE CORNER

Germ Level Stress in Books, Ranked

By Layne Craig

Neighbors, reading has changed for many of us during these pandemic times. Here is a list of books I've managed to read while working/homeschooling/disinfecting over the past month, reviewed on the criteria of how much they stressed me out about germs:

"*Sense and Sensibility*," by Jane Austen: 6/10 stress balls. Jane Austen seems like a reliable comfort read, but (spoiler) Marianne gets a mysterious illness near the end, and I spent the whole re-read noting all the diseases she was exposing herself to while moping around 19th-century London.

"*Hey Ladies!*," by Caroline Moss and Michelle Markowitz. 9/10 stress balls. I picked this up for super light reading, but it's basically about a group of 30-year-olds living in New York City who go to parties and breathe on each other, so ... more stressful than I had hoped.

"*Where'd You Go, Bernadette?*," by Maria Semple 2/10 stress balls. My wonderful neighbor lent me this book perfect for virus reading, because it's split between scenes depicting a character who is essentially a shut-in and scenes in Antarctica, which I assume is probably too cold for germs. Highly recommended.

"*The Street*," by Ann Perry. 10/10 stress balls. I can't not recommend this book, because it is good/suspenseful/thoughtful, but maybe hold off on reading books set in tenement housing for the present moment.

"*Stuart Little*", by E.B. White 1/10 stress balls. It's about a mouse.

So many thanks to our neighbors who are health care workers, grocery store employees, delivery people, and other essential workers. Sending you lots of stress-free book love.

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I've Been Asked Again

Here is your Senior Columnist's annual report on the results of this year's Medicare Annual Visit Wellness Exam Questionnaire. As we are all dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic, the usual questions on diet, exercise and mental issues take on a much different dimension.

It asks questions about your mental state of mind:

- Do you often feel bad about yourself if you haven't worn your mask when you go out to pick up the mail and that you spent way too much time wiping down your junk mail?
- Are you so easily distracted during operation of a motor vehicle that you forget to use your Clorox Wipes on the ATM screen?

The Federal Government's Health & Human Services Department brings

up issues with which last year's questionnaire would have had little relevance:

- Are you unable to watch another episode of dueling news conferences between the governors of several distant states and the White House coronavirus task force?
- Do you find yourself talking more to your Smart Speaker about questions that currently don't have answers?
- Have you spent a whole day selecting clothing for another Zoom teleconference with the grandchildren?

Will next year's questionnaire be the same or will the H&HS department revise the questions to take into account conditions from the year 2020? We shall see!

By Christopher Ebert , Senior Columnist

ON ANOTHER SUBJECT ENTIRELY...

These were the issues from our April/ May 1990 Newsletters 30 years ago:

- We were concerned about the zoning and design of the Tarantula Railroad Eighth Avenue train yard and station.
- Reverend Bill Belury cautioned about the dangers of jogging and walking in the streets rather than on our sidewalks. (Especially when he was driving in the neighborhood.)
- Guardian Protective Service (our neighborhood-wide security service) reported 75 total calls that month. Mostly due to suspicious activity and requests for safe escort.
- The Annual Croquet Tournament was set for May 26, 1990!

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The Newsletter is delivered each month (excluding January and July) to every home in Ryan Place. The newsletter is typically hung on your front door handle and is delivered through the volunteer efforts of Ryan Place residents.

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Want more news or information, about present and pending Ryan Place matters?
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Chart updated 4/30/2020

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* Submitting this form will put your name in our directory, a secure, online listing of our residents.

**Notes a 1934 American LaFrance type 399 Pumper built on a GMC truck chassis. It's been our very own for about 40 years! But it fell into some disrepair...We have been looking for parts and fabricating others to complete the restoration - which, after FOURTEEN (14) years is nearing completion! With your help and a little luck, it should be ready for NEXT years JULY 4th PARADE! PLease donate today!

AROUND FORT WORTH...

(Continued from page 7) Information and protocols for businesses...to reopen May 1

Protocol for Businesses:

If they reopen, businesses will need to implement minimum health protocols. Employers may adopt additional protocols depending upon their circumstances to help protect the health and safety of their employees and customers.

- Train all employees on appropriate cleaning and disinfection practices, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Screen all employees for COVID-19 symptoms before coming into the business, and send home any employee who displays symptoms.
- Employees with new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms cannot return to work until specific standards are met. These standards vary depending on whether the employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, is displaying possible symptoms, or whether they're

in close contact with someone else who has a confirmed case of COVID-19.

- Employees must wash or sanitize their hands upon entering the business.
- Employees must maintain social distancing, or at least six feet of separation from other individuals. If this distancing is not feasible, other measures like face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness and sanitation should be rigorously practiced.
- If an employer provides a meal for employees, employers are recommended to have meals individually packaged for each employee.
- Employers should consider having all employees wear cloth face coverings over their nose and mouth, or non-medical grade face masks if available.

- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect surfaces that are regularly touched, like doorknobs, tables, chairs and restrooms.
- Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectant readily available to both employees and customers.
- Place visible signage around the business to remind everyone of best hygiene practices.

The City of Fort Worth is working with its partners at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Texas Department of Health and Human Services, and Tarrant County Public Health to closely monitor the COVID-19 outbreak.

FORT WORTH		HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19	
DO NOT DO THIS ❌		INSTEAD, DO THIS ✅	
Treat this as an extended Spring Break vacation.		Treat this as the public health crisis that it is, and act accordingly.	
Gather in social groups for any reason.		Only gather with members of your household.	
Use public park spaces as a gathering place.		Use public park spaces as an outlet for mental and physical health, practicing social distancing from those around you at all times.	
Invite over a group of friends to catch up.		Plan a video or phone conference hangout to catch up with your friends virtually.	
Attend a gathering of your neighbors.		Check in on your on neighbors by calling or messaging them online.	
Gather together with a group of any size to go to the park together.		Go to the park with members of your family unit only, while practicing social distancing from others.	
Visit the grocery store every day.		Send one member (if possible) of your household to the grocery store to pick up essentials once a week.	
Gather with a group outside of your household for dinner.		Support local businesses by ordering take-out or delivery from restaurant to enjoy at home with your household.	

Do not gather in groups of any size. Stay home as much as possible.

[Read the latest updates for Fort Worth:](http://fortworthtexas.gov/COVID-19/)
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TARRANT COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

New business survey available as plan to reopen Texas rolls out May 1

As Gov. Greg Abbott rolls out his plan to open Texas following the COVID-19 pandemic starting May 1, the City of Fort Worth's Economic Development team is sending out a follow-up survey to local business owners to assess the state of their business six weeks in, and identify additional ways to help.

The results from the original Business Survey, which launched in March and generated more than 1,000 responses, led to several outcomes that the city has taken already to provide assistance to area businesses:

According to the original survey results, the most significant challenges to businesses across industries are revenue/cash flow, rent/lease expenses, payroll and debt concerns. As a result, these became some of the key focus areas on the city's Business Resources page.

The city's Business Resiliency Microloan program was also launched to help address revenue/cash flow challenges and assist with covering expenses.

The city's Loans & Grants page has been updated regularly with opportunities that span a wide range of industries, from small businesses, to women- and minority-owned businesses, to restaurants and creatives. It also provides information on SBA loans and the Paycheck Protection Program.

Businesses that participated in the first survey have also been contacted by the city via email with updates as soon as new resources and programs have become available.

New Survey, New Focus

The goal of the city's new survey is to assess the impact that the past several weeks have had on businesses' revenue and staff size, assess businesses' ability to pivot to online or remote operations, and learn what resources businesses applied for in hopes of obtaining financial support (and whether or not they were eligible or aware of such programs).

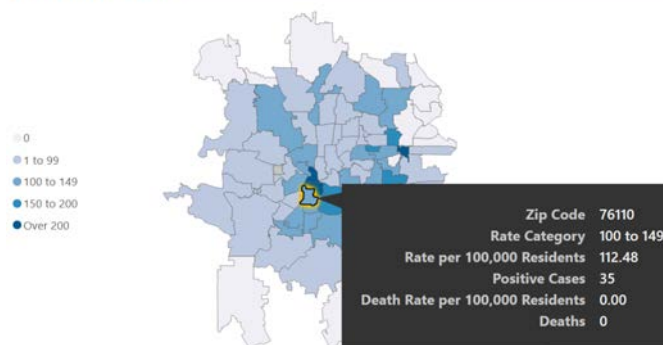
Business owners in Fort Worth are encouraged to take the follow-up survey, now available at fortworthtexas.gov/covid-19-business-survey.

"As businesses in Fort Worth start to reopen, it's important that we understand where they are now," said Robert Sturns, the city's economic development director.

"Some businesses have been pretty creative in working

to maintain operations, some might still be closed, and some might be in transition or somewhere in between. Either way, business operations will be impacted, and their employees will be affected, and we're trying to determine where some of those stress points are so we know where we should focus our efforts."

Rate of COVID-19 Cases per 100,000 Residents by Zip Code of Residence



According to the TarrantCounty.com website:

Ryan Place, entirely in zip code 76110, has been lucky so far...As of April 30, 2020, only 35 positive cases and 0 deaths.

Fort Worth to host decontamination unit for N95 masks

Battelle will begin accepting N95 filtration masks that have been used by first responders or health care professionals. Masks will be inspected and will go through a decontamination process up to 20 times, enhancing the life expectancy of the equipment that is vital in the fight against COVID-19.

The decontamination program is being operated by the City of Fort Worth in conjunction with Battelle Memorial Institute, the Department of State Health Services and the North Central Texas Trauma Regional Advisory Council.

To allow current personal protective equipment (PPE) inventories to continue to stay above minimum numbers, the Food and Drug Administration has approved Battelle to decontaminate N95 masks that are routinely considerable disposable. The site in Fort Worth will eventually be able to process up to 80,000 masks every 24 hours. The Battelle/Fort Worth site will be a regional hub and serve Texans from the Panhandle to the Piney Woods.

"We are pleased to partner with a highly-recognized organization such as Battelle to help coordinate this process of prolonging our PPE," said Fort Worth Fire Chief James Davis. "It will allow Fort Worth to help our regional health care partners while continuing to provide care and maintain our inventory of N95 masks."

Health care organizations and first responder agencies must register to receive information.

TARRANT COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Campaign urges support for local restaurants

Fort Worth-based Ben E. Keith Foods launched a direct-impact effort to support and raise awareness for restaurants, the food service industry and local communities.

"Eat Local. Eat Often." encourages continued patronage both during the COVID-19 pandemic (through curbside pickup, delivery and takeout) and beyond during recovery. Eat Local. Eat Often. supports the sustainability of the restaurant industry.

"Eat Local. Eat Often. is an initiative in support of the restaurant operator. They are a key part of our business, but even more importantly, they are a key part of our society and our culture in this country," said Mike Sweet, president of Ben E. Keith Foods. "When we move beyond this shelter-in-place environment and businesses begin to reopen, we know it will be a different landscape, and one in which we will need to support our industry more than ever. And there is no better way to support that than Eat Local. Eat Often."

As part of Eat Local. Eat Often., customers are encouraged to order takeout from a local restaurant, pick up a meal curbside or purchase a gift card to use in the future. Each of these actions helps preserve the restaurant industry.

Fort Worth adopts new stand-alone disaster declaration to align with governor's orders

The City of Fort Worth City Council adopted a new stand-alone resolution continuing Fort

Worth's state of disaster, as well as incorporating provisions of Executive Orders GA-18 and GA-19 issued on April 27 by Governor Greg Abbott.

The resolution will continue Fort Worth's state of disaster past April 30, 2020, with specific changes to address the evolving nature of the emergency situation and to ensure that the city remains consistent with Governor Abbott's Executive Orders and Open Texas Plan. Furthermore, the resolution allows for class C citations for any violations in addition to the penalties outlined by the governor's orders.

"Extending the city's state of disaster allows us to deploy and provide the necessary resources to combat COVID-19, while simultaneously prioritizing the health and safety of all residents and supporting our community during this unprecedented time," said Mayor Betsy Price. "Furthermore, this ensures Fort Worth is in compliance with the governor's orders, providing guidance and assistance on the safest way to re-open our economy and ease restrictions."

his new resolution supersedes and replaces the declaration made on April 23 in its entirety. The stand-alone resolution stays in effect if the governor amends his current orders and expires when the governor ends his orders. However, if there are major changes, the City Council can convene a special-called meeting to amend the resolution.

For more information about COVID-19 and the actions being taken by the City of Fort Worth please visit the city website. For questions please call the public hotline at 817-392-8478.

CARES Act funding to help provide COVID-19 response

The City Council on Wednesday accepted \$158,715,568 in CARES Act funding from the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Fort Worth continues to respond to the ongoing spread of the COVID-19 virus. Current and projected outlays include personnel, supplies and equipment and contractual expenditures. The city is developing a plan to use a significant portion of remaining funds to fund community assistance programs.

Eligible city expenditures include:

- Joint Emergency Operations Center expenses such as salaries, supplies and contracts.
- COVID-19-related overtime in various departments.
- Salaries of those reassigned to COVID-19 roles, such as the code compliance director, parks director, public events staff and others.
- Supplies and equipment such as personal protection equipment, cleaning and sanitizing supplies.
- Contractual expenditures such as RVs and hotels to host COVID-19-affected people, cleaning and so on.
- Unanticipated expenses such as emergency sick leave, emergency Family and Medical Leave Act, and unemployment.
- Community support programs

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by Congress with bipartisan support and signed into law by President Trump on March 27. The \$2 trillion economic relief package aims to protect the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19.

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