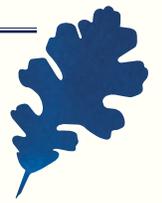


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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Message from the Town Council

Welcome to the summer issue of the Town of Danville's *Live Locally* Quarterly Newsletter. After a very challenging spring and early summer, we are working to return to a sense of normalcy here in Danville.

Our newest newsletter helps explain some of what has changed since the coronavirus outbreak caused the Shelter in Place order, and the closures that entailed. Our Building Department lays out how the permitting process can be done online, Recreation staff shows how classes and programs have been altered to allow for remote learning, and our Economic Development staff outlines how the business community is working to recover.

There was positive news during the SIP order too, as residents came to each other's assistance, and supported each other. The center section of our newsletter is devoted to Danville Spirit, sharing stories of neighbors coming together during very trying times.

Public safety remains extremely important and the Danville Police provide information on traffic safety, keeping your items safe in your vehicle, and how to watch for scams including COVID-19 related scams.

Summer brings with it the challenge of another fire season, and the potential for Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). On our back cover, check out the tips and plans to be ready in the event of a PSPS.

We have been through much these past months, but we are continuing to move forward. Read inside all of the ways that your community is changing and adapting to provide service and continue to be a wonderful place to *Live Locally*.



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Permit-Ready Garden Cottage Program Launches

This fall, residents interested in adding on an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) to their home can take advantage of the Town's new Garden Cottage Program. The new Town program offers a selection of free permit-ready construction plans—designed by local architects—for the construction of ADUs. The program is funded by a Senate Bill 2 Planning Grant.

An ADU is a self-contained living unit that is usually smaller than the main home on the same property. It contains a kitchen, bathroom, and a place to sleep. They can be attached to the main home or a separate detached building.

The goal is to encourage construction of smaller living units in Danville that are affordable to a wider range of income levels, including elderly family members. The program also responds to increasing demand for these units from Danville residents with the term “ADU” being a frequently searched term on the Town’s website.

The range of plan sizes offered will include a studio (650 SF), one-bedroom one-bath (850 SF), and a two-bedroom two-bath (around 1,000 SF). These customizable ADUs will be offered in three different architectural styles: Craftsman, Mediterranean, and Contemporary. The plans are targeted to be ready by fall 2020 so Danville residents are encouraged to sign up for updates at www.danville.ca.gov/gardencottage.

NOVEMBER MUNICIPAL ELECTION FOR TOWN COUNCIL SEATS

The Danville Town Council is comprised of five Councilmembers, elected at-large for four-year terms. Every two years, either two or three of the seats come up for reelection. The next General Municipal Election, Tuesday, November 3, 2020, three Town Councilmember positions will be on the ballot.

To be eligible to run for Town Council, candidates must reside within the Town of Danville incorporated boundaries and be a registered voter at the time nomination papers are issued. Interested residents must make an appointment with the City Clerk to receive and submit campaign documents during the nomination period beginning July 13 through August 7, 2020. If an incumbent fails to file nominating papers by the August 7 deadline, the nomination period will be extended to 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2020.

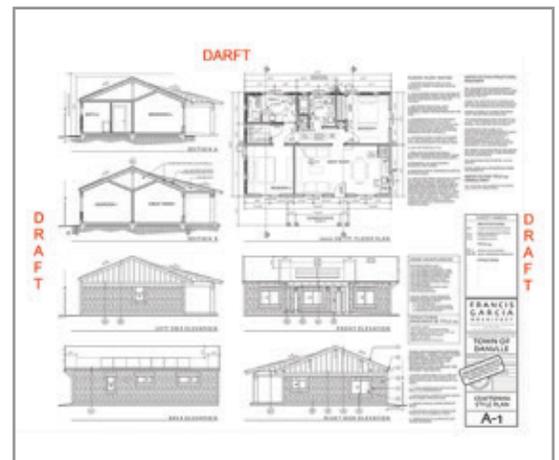
Nomination papers are available by appointment only beginning July 13, 2020.

For information on participating in the Danville Municipal Election, contact City Clerk Marie Sunseri at (925) 314-3401 or msunseri@danville.ca.gov.

TOWN COMMISSION/COMMITTEES SEEK MEMBERS

The Town of Danville is looking for those who are interested in giving back to the community through public service. Several Town commissions are currently recruiting for new members. More information is available at www.danville.ca.gov/Commission-Recruitment

- Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission—2 members
- Arts Advisory Board—1 youth member
- Design Review Board—1 member
- Heritage Resource Commission—2 members
- Planning Commission—5 members
- Contra Costa Mosquito and Vector Control District Board—1 representative 🌿





Public Art from the Heart

This summer Danville will be showing off its heart with a second public art exhibition, featuring decorated hearts placed downtown. A follow up to last year's hugely successful 'Dogs of Danville' comes 'Hearts around Hartz.'

These larger than life decorated heart sculptures will grace the streets of Danville, and residents will be able to stroll around town enjoying these amazing pieces.

Residents will be encouraged to partake in a scavenger hunt designed to take them to see all of the hearts in their downtown locations. And then, for those who may have fallen in love with one of these outstanding sculptures, an online auction for the Hearts around Hartz will be held in October. Similar to last year, the funds raised from the auction will be used to continue the process of funding public art here in the Town of Danville.

Information on the 'Hearts around Hartz' project can be found at www.danville.ca.gov/heartsaroundhartz. 🌱

STAYING SAFE ON THE ROAD

It's that time of year—time to head out with friends and family for that long-awaited summer vacation. But, before you hit the road, take the time to review these summer travel safety tips. A little prevention and planning can help avoid costly detours.



Buckle up—no excuses. All passengers, every time.

Keep kids safe—kids under 13 should ride in the back seat.

Get a tune up—before you leave, have your car serviced and fluids checked.



Share the road—be aware of bicyclists, motorcycles and pedestrians.



Stop the texts—keep your phone tucked away and only check texts on pit stops.



Slow down—observe all speed limits, traffic signals and signs.

Beat the heat—don't leave kids or pets inside hot cars for any length of time.

Be alert—get a full night of sleep before you leave, stop to take breaks and rest if you are feeling groggy.





Drop Off Mailbox Installed at Park and Ride

Voters will find it easier to cast their ballots in the November election as the vote-by-mail program is being expanded statewide. Look for your vote-by-mail ballot in early October. To make it easier to get your ballot in, a secure drop-off box is conveniently available at the Sycamore Park and Ride, 24-hours per day. Ballots must be postmarked or dropped off on or before November 3. For more information about elections and voting, visit the Town website at www.danville.ca.gov/elections or www.cocovote.us.

Before You Ride, Do an “ABC Quick Check”

Danville is very fortunate to have excellent bike lanes and trails, but cyclists are always encouraged to inspect  your bike before venturing out. Next time you're ready to ride, just remember the “ABC Quick Check”:

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FINAL CHECKOUT RIDE
Take a short ride that brakes work & that your bicycle shifts properly & listen for rattles.

A IS FOR AIR
Check tire pressure. Look for damage to sidewalls.

B IS FOR BRAKES
Check pad wear and adjustment, cable and housing, break release and break function.

C IS FOR CRANKS, CHAIN & CASSETTE
Check cranks, chain & cassette.

Q IS FOR QUICK RELEASE
Check quick release layers which hold the wheels to the bicycle.

CYCLING

A Air. Use a bike pump with a pressure gauge to ensure that your tires are inflated to the recommended pressure indicated on the sidewall of your tire. Examine your tire tread or sidewall, and if damaged replace the tire.

B Brakes. While straddling your bike, make sure you can comfortably reach the brake levers. Squeeze your brakes and lean forward to test for brake cable tightness: if your wheels turn, you will need to adjust your brakes before riding.

C Chain. Ensure that your chain is clean and lubricated. Rusty chains are bad for your bike and may be dangerous. Spin your wheels and shift your gears, making sure there is no grinding or slippage.

QUICK—Quick Release. Make sure your quick release skewers are tight enough to keep your wheels on.

CHECK—Test-Ride. Take a short test ride near your home and make sure brakes and shifters are working properly.  Any problems, tighten, fix, or repair before riding.

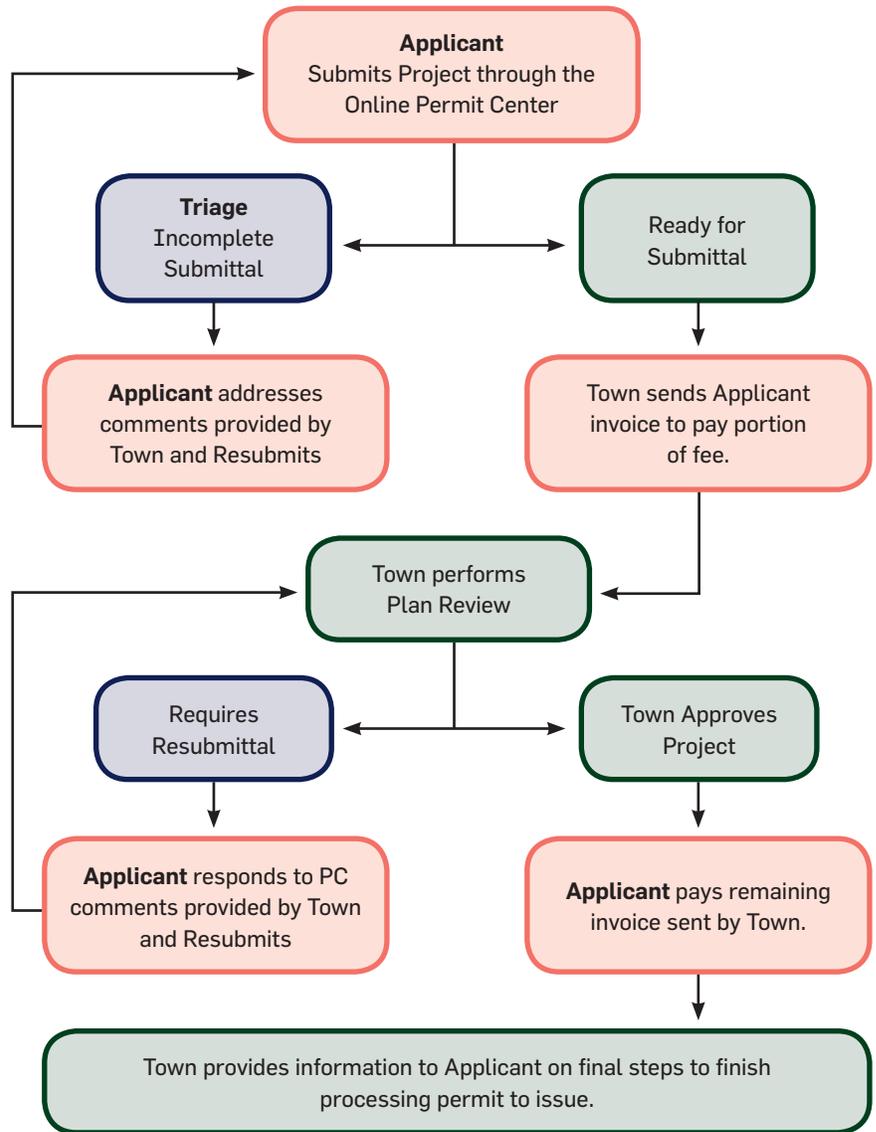
For more information about bike safety, visit the San Ramon Valley Street Smarts website at www.street-smarts.com or contact Program Analyst Thomas Valdriz at tvaldriz@danville.ca.gov.

Expanded Online Permits Now Available

As part of our commitment to health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Town has expanded the number of permits that can be submitted through the Online Permit Center. In addition to water heater replacements, HVAC change-outs, and roof replacements—the online portal is now able to accept applications for Residential Additions/Alterations, Accessory Structures, Commercial Tenant Improvements and all Encroachment Permits.

To apply for a permit online, visit www.danville.ca.gov/CAP, register for an online account, and upload the necessary documents. The Online Permit Center offers both written and video how-to instruction, but Town staff is always available to provide verbal guidance by phone. If you prefer to submit your application in person, staff is ready to serve every day—by appointment only—as part of our efforts to keep both visitors and staff safe.

For help navigating the Online Permit Center, or to schedule an in-person appointment, feel free to contact Building Division Staff at (925) 314-3330.



TAKE IT, HIDE IT, LOCK IT!

Auto burglary is one of the most common crimes we experience here in Danville. Here are a few simple tips to help keep you from becoming a victim.

1 Do not leave purses, laptops or any other items of value inside your car, even for a short time.

4 Always lock your doors, roll up all windows and arm anti-theft devices such as your car alarm.

2 Store empty bags used for shopping in your trunk or out of sight.

5 Try to park in well-lit parking areas so a potential thief could be seen if attempting to get into your car.

3 Remove backpacks, gym bags and lunch bags from your vehicle.

6 Never leave keys inside your vehicle, even if they cannot be seen.



7 Remove any loose change or cash from your vehicle or store it out of sight.

Keep from becoming a victim by remembering this simple phrase—Take it, Hide it, Lock it!

Danville Weathering the Crisis

As the coronavirus pandemic turned our lives upside down and Shelter in Place became our strange new normal, headlines were filled with COVID-19 news and March and April were unrecognizable from previous years. However, throughout all the unknowns and uncertainties, more and more stories began to spread of neighbors helping neighbors and businesses supporting the community through amazing and uplifting acts. It was because of this the **Danville Spirit** campaign was launched, to highlight Danville's strong sense of community togetherness during this difficult time. Residents were asked to share their stories of hope and community spirit and the community responded. These are just a few of the stories of #DanvilleSpirit.

1 Inspirational High Schoolers create 'Danville Fighting Covid'

These inspirational 14 Danville high schoolers collaborated to create Danville Fighting Covid to crowdsource 3D printing of face shields and organize donations of PPE for local health care workers. On April 27th, they donated nearly 400 face shields printed by local community members to John Muir Health Walnut Creek Medical Center. Visit covid19.team1280.com.



2 "Angels in the form of neighbors live among us in Danville"

Danville resident, Hyon-Chin Lee shared this beautiful story.

This story is about my son, Ben Lee.

He is significantly disabled and sheltering in place has been really difficult. He lacks the understanding of what the virus is and how we have to keep our distance to stay safe.

Ben has had some emotional outbursts so we incorporated a long walk every mid-morning.

One day, he started to have a major melt down on the street.

He's 15 and this can be scary.

So, I directed him to our friend's curb.

She came outside with her two kids on their curb and talked to Ben about everything and anything to help him recalibrate and calm down. After our "curbside chat", we were able to walk home safely.

We continued to find other friends' homes to stop and chat as a destination and distraction for Ben.

They were so popular my friend created a signup genius so we have a place to go most weekdays.

I've taken photos of these chats to document how these caring people are giving their time and kindness when our supports were lost in a moment (no more behavioral therapy, no more speech therapy, occupational therapy, music therapy, etc).

Angels in the form of neighbors live among us in Danville. The worst situations always seem to bring out the best in us.

with Strength and Spirit

3

Talented Danville resident, Tena Ritter, scattered 26 beautiful

butterfly rock paintings along each side of her street for neighbors to discover.



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Community Cup

Lindsey Lonergan from San Ramon Valley High School launched the “Community Cup” as an opportunity to donate monies that would otherwise be spent grabbing our daily cup of coffee in town to the Small Business Relief Fund (SBRF). All money raised will go directly to the Danville Chamber of Commerce, which will be used to help our local shops bridge the gap to reopening. Visit www.gofundme.com/f/community-cup-danville.



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Connecting Seniors

Danville teen, Shreya Korlipara heard the news of the impact of the coronavirus and wanted to help. She launched the website <https://hopeallaround.org> to help connect seniors and families with help and resources. To spread some cheer to some of our area elderly facilities, she and her team made over 75 Mother’s Day cards that were delivered to the Danville Senior Center and the Sunrise Assisted Living Center.

6

Creating Neighborhood Smiles—Judy and Ed Allan

We started a little tradition during COVID-19 of putting out a chalkboard. We write a different message every day to give our neighbors a smile or a laugh. My favorite is my husband’s message “smile while you still have teeth”. We write messages in chalk in our bike path that we love our neighbors, doctors, nurses, EMT, and all the delivery people. We love our neighbors and want to do our little part to help during this time.



Danville's Got Heart!

In April, while so many were sheltering in place, the Town of Danville offered a fun project as a way of connecting the community. On the Find the Fun page on the Town's website, residents could participate in the "Danville's Got Heart" contest. On the page, they could download an image of a heart, which could then be decorated and hung in windows or on fences in support of first responders.



The response was outstanding, with hearts going up all over Town. Many shared their images with the Town as part of the contest, and on May 1, 2020 three images were chosen as the winners. The images were provided by <names>, and they each won gift certificates from Danville Chocolates and Sweet Street. Congrats to our winners and thank you to all who participated and showed that Danville's got heart! 🌱

Neighborhood Awareness: A Key to Crime Prevention

A good neighbor can be one of the very best crime prevention tools. This is especially true this time of year when criminals and con artists use the warm weather to take advantage of residents, particularly the elderly. Watchful eyes in the neighborhood can help spot criminals and alert police and the community to their presence.

Get to know your neighbors and check in with them. Exchange phone numbers and introduce yourself to new members of the neighborhood. If, for example, you see individuals acting in a suspicious fashion near a neighbor's home, or if you have a neighbor who lives alone and you haven't seen them for a while, give them a call or walk over to check in on them. Involvement such as this builds stronger bonds between neighbors and helps maintain safe neighborhoods.

Keep the Danville Police Department's non-emergency phone number handy, just in case. The 24-hour dispatch center can be reached at (925) 820-2144. 🌱

Talking to the Town



Sheltering in place during the COVID-19 pandemic made it very important for the Town to be able to get information to the

community quickly and efficiently. To handle that challenge, greater emphasis was placed on both the Town's website www.danville.ca.gov and social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, Nixle, and Nextdoor.

A new section of the website dedicated to coronavirus information was created and became a repository for new information coming from Contra Costa Health Services as well as community-specific information having to do with town programs and activities.

The lack of in-person communication or gatherings led to some creative solutions aimed at keeping residents connected while still maintaining the shelter in place order. The Recreation, Arts, and Community Services Department took several of their programs onto Zoom. One example is the popular monthly comedy series, Comedy with Liz Grant & Friends. The community has been able to keep up with Liz' program by signing onto Zoom for the dose of humor. Town Council and commission meetings also took place virtually, as did weekly Economic Development meetings with area business.

Unable to continue their normal Coffee with the Cops outreach, Danville Police Chief Allan Shields began a weekly Facebook Live program called, '10-8', where he talked about latest crime trends, tips, and programs.

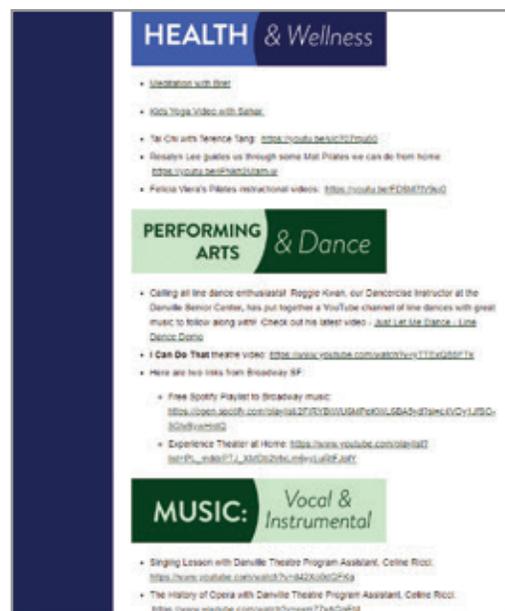
The Town continues to reach out via social media as well, working to keep the community informed and engaged as we move through the coronavirus crisis. 🌱

Danville Recreation Helps #FindtheFun

During the shelter-in-place, one of the challenges facing the Recreation, Arts & Community Services Department was how to provide programming to residents while town facilities are closed. Fortunately, they are a creative bunch and launched a section on the Town's website dedicated to helping residents Find the Fun.

On the page www.danville.ca.gov/findthefun, residents can visit our National Parks virtually, learn how to make a lanyard, get singing lessons, or do Pilates with one of our contract instructors. New ideas and videos have been added to the page over time, presenting lots of ways to find the fun.

Participants can also register for several of their favorite recreation classes with instructors they know at www.danville.ca.gov/recguide. These classes take place through a smartphone, laptop or tablet using a password-protected Zoom session. At the time this article was written classes included, Feldenkrais Awareness through Movement®, Sketching, Mat Pilates, and Yoga. Expand your recreational interests from the safety of your home!



And make sure to follow us on Instagram for more activity ideas and program updates @danvilleparksca. 🌱

BEWARE OF SCAMS



It seems like every day there is a new type of scam to be worried about, to the point where it could be overwhelming to think about. Here's a list of common scams to help recognize when you might be the target. With most of these, if they seem too good to be true, they probably are. Visit www.ftc.gov for a more detailed list.

- **Home Repair Scams**— someone offers to repair your home cheaply. For cash. 
- **Money Mule Scams**— Someone sends you money, then asks you to send it to someone else.
- **Health Care Scams**—You have a Medicare card, but a caller says you need a new one and they need your personal info to send it out.
- **"You've Won" Scams**—You won a prize! But you can't get it until you send money.
- **Imposter Scams**— Someone calls stating they are your grandchild and they need money. Are they who they say they are? 
- **Work-at-Home Scams**—Ads promise big money working from home. For a fee.
- **IRS Imposter Scams**—you get a call from someone who says they are from the IRS and you owe back taxes, but you know you already paid in full.
- **Pre-Paid Gift Card Scams**—Someone calls and threatens you, and you can only escape the punishment by sending a prepaid gift card. 

If you suspect something may be a scam, you can check it out by contacting the Danville Police Department at (925) 820-2144.

SAFE DISPOSAL OF PRESCRIPTION MEDS

One of the things that many people did while spending time during the shelter in place was spring cleaning. Many people cleaned out closets, and either disposed of or donated items, but how many know what to do with the no longer needed items in their medicine chests? You shouldn't throw them in the garbage or flush them down the toilet, so what to do?

The Danville Police Department has a safe way to dispose of old medications available for Danville residents located right in the Police Department lobby. All you need to do is place all the pills (no plastic bottles please) into a plastic bag, seal it, and drop it in the secure bin inside the PD lobby between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Prescription liquids and creams can stay in their containers. Don't forget to remove labels and all personal information from prescription bottles before recycling them.

Additionally, to help with keeping the medicine chest clean, twice a year the Danville PD partners with the Drug Enforcement Agency and other law enforcement to hold Drug Takeback days, where residents can drive up, drop off and know that those unwanted medicines are being safely disposed of. 🌱



Small Town, Big Hearts Supporting Danville Businesses

Now, more than ever, local businesses need your support. As we have all been adjusting to sheltering in place, our local businesses are adapting to protect employees and customers with new cleaning and sanitizing procedures, new supplies including masks for employees, new store layouts, installations of sneeze guards, and some have also introduced touchless check out options. Businesses cannot succeed without the community also continuing to adhere to safety precautions. The Town continues to work on efforts to help, highlight and uplift these business owners and operators and to financially and logistically clear pathways, when possible, for them to continue to adapt and move forward. These include:

- Supported Chamber led Small Business Relief Fund [Donate Here](#)
- Extended the deadline for business license fees
- Created 10 downtown Curbside 10-minute pick up zones
- Relaxation of outside dining area restrictions (permit required)
- Developed a Sidewalk Signage program (yard signs) to promote supporting local businesses
- Promoted businesses adapting during COVID-19 on the Town's website—[Businesses Going the Distance](#)
- Created an online directory of open businesses—[Danville Open](#)

What hasn't changed is local businesses' commitment to customized quality service. Most of our businesses have online ordering, and curbside pickup provides customers the opportunity to pick up merchandise they have ordered online or over the phone. Additionally, many stores have other delivery options available as well. Show your support by following your favorite stores on social media, or buying gift cards now to use later.

Small business is the backbone to every community in America and that could not be more apparent in our Town. These are our friends, neighbors and relatives who have shown their continued love and support for the Danville community and who we now need to help so they can continue to do so in the future.

Danville small businesses desperately need our community's big hearts right now, show your support and shop locally. 🌱



Danville Businesses Going the Distance

Small business owners are no strangers to adapting quickly and being creative. The past few months have shown how many local businesses are pulling together and not just adapting but creating ways to offer support for the community along with solutions to social distancing and retail changes aimed at keeping employees and customers safe. Check out some of these amazing local businesses that exemplify the energy and resilient attitude of small business owners around the world.

The following are a small section of our local businesses that have adjusted their traditional customer service with new ideas and fun and interesting ways to keep Going The Distance.

Sweet Street Danville customers were able to order online and have candy delivered including Social Distancing Candy Grams!

RakeStraw Books provided digital audiobooks and online shopping as well as three shows a day on Facebook live. Shows featured book recommendations, staff sharing picture books and during their afternoon show, they read a chapter a day of an old favorite that the whole family could enjoy.

ChoiceLunch in Danville adapted their school lunch program into their “Pantry” model, a drive thru grocery pick-up service. ChoiceLunch is a Danville business run by four Danville families that have a passion for cooking, nutrition, children and their community.

Wooden Gate Quilts like most businesses was unable to open for normal service, classes or consultations but adapted by switching to providing meetings via Zoom. They are also planning a “Quarantine Quilt Show” to show off projects finished while people have been sheltering in place.

For more information on Danville Businesses Going the Distance, contact Economic Development Manager Jill Bergman at (925) 314-3369 or jbergman@danville.ca.gov.



Farmer's Market Retools for COVID-19 Safety

After a short break with the health of the community in mind, the Danville Farmers' Market welcomed back residents on May 9th, 2020. The Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association (PCFMA) worked with the Town to implement new safety measures for customers and vendors. The modified plan for social distancing meant a change to the scale and a temporary elimination of the more social aspects of the market, but ensured that customers could safely pick up fresh and seasonal groceries from local farmers.

The Farmers' Market is open Saturdays year-round, rain or shine, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Railroad Avenue Municipal Parking Lot, located at the corner of Railroad and Prospect Avenues

For more information, contact Economic Development Manager Jill Bergman at (925) 314-3369 or jbergman@danville.ca.gov.

BUSINESSES GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND

Many of our local businesses went out of their way during the crisis to provide help to the community. We are grateful to these and other businesses who went above and beyond.

Locando Ravello generously provided dinners to local Seniors in need, as well as our first responders. A huge thank you to Enzo Rosano, his family, and the staff of Locanda Ravello.

Primo's Pizzeria & Pub created a GoFundMe to raise money to feed first responders while also supporting Downtown Danville independently-owned restaurants.

The Growler and Simple Elegance Catering partnered with Loaves and Fishes, to help feed our local communities. 100% of donations will be used by The Growler & Simple Elegance Catering to order, cook, and deliver fresh, healthy meals to folks in need of a meal.



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Village Theatre Art Gallery:
[@Danville.artgallery](https://www.instagram.com/Danville.artgallery)

PREPARING FOR A PSPS

As we are now into fire season, residents should be prepared to deal with potential power outages as PG&E engages in a safety action called a Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). PSPS events occur when high winds and dry conditions create the possibility of a power line coming down and sparking a wildfire. To combat this, PG&E has been at work the past year hardening their electrical system to make it less vulnerable to such an event, however a PSPS is still a part of the safety protocol. Below are some tips for being prepared in the event of a power shutoff.

WHAT TO HAVE/DO BEFORE A PSPS

- Consider purchasing a generator
- Consider purchasing a battery powered portable charger to extend the life of your phone
- Battery powered emergency lighting (headlamps, flashlights)
- A water storage system (in the event water cannot be pumped)
- Food supplies that do not require refrigeration or cooking
- Learn how to and practice opening/closing your garage door manually

WHEN A PSPS IS IMMINENT

- Fill vehicles with gas 
- Fully charge your mobile phone
- Keep cash on hand (point of sale equipment might not be working)
- Test generator
- Unplug electronics or put on a surge protector
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to maintain the cold temperature. The refrigerator will keep food cold for about four hours if it is unopened. A full freezer will keep the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed. (FDA.gov)
- Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning: Generators, camp stoves or charcoal grills should only be used outside and at least 20 feet away from windows.
- Check on neighbors

BE INFORMED

- Sign up for PSPS Alerts from PG&E
- Subscribe to Nixle to get town-wide alerts via text message
- Subscribe to the Contra Costa County Community Warning System

Many more tips can be found on PSPS events or other natural disasters at www.bereadysrv.org and www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com. 🌲

