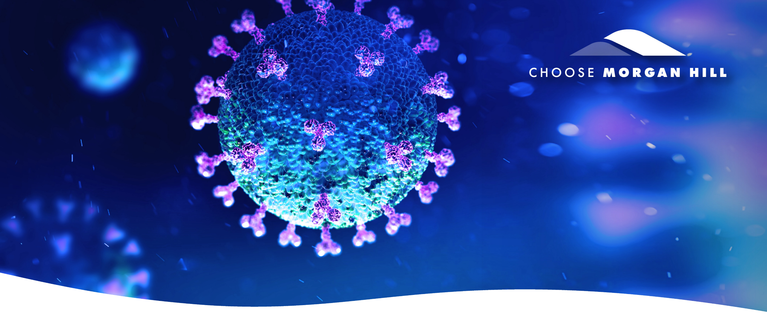

MORGAN HILL IS SLOWLY OPENING BACK UP...AND WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

New County Orders

As of Friday, June 5, Santa Clara County allowed several sectors to reopen, including in-store retail, outdoor dining at restaurants, and childcare and summer programs for all children. For more information on the order, **click here**.

Morgan Hill's Al Fresco Program

The Morgan Hill Al Fresco Program is an opportunity for restaurants and retailers to safely reopen during the COVID-19 pandemic by utilizing new or additional outdoor space for dining or displaying retail merchandise while meeting physical social distancing requirements. This new program streamlines the process to allow retailers and restaurants to utilize outside public spaces such as parking lots, sidewalks, alleys, and on-street parking. We are excited to see our retail and restaurant businesses opening up!

City of Morgan Hill Approved Economic Recovery Plan

The City Council approved the Economic Recovery plan. In addition to its existing key goals listed in the 2020-21 work program, the new plan includes key elements that will support the economic recovery for our core industries during COVID-19. **Click here** to view the plan.

Morgan Hill Ready!

We are excited to announce **Morgan Hill Ready!**, a handbook for businesses to use as a reopening guide. We will update the handbook regularly to ensure that it meets the most current County and State orders. To view, **click here**.

EIDL Program

The SBA has reopened its application form for the EIDL Program which provides flexible working capital loans at a rate of 3.75% (2.75% for nonprofits) with a term of up to 30 years. Applicants also are eligible for an advance amount of up to $10,000 ($1,000 per employee).
To apply, click here.

Main Street Lending Program

The Federal Reserve has announced a new program. Established by the CARES Act, the **Main Street Lending Program** supports lending to U.S. small and medium-sized businesses who were financially affected by COVID-19.

To qualify, your business must meet one of the following criteria: (1) Business has 15,000 employees or fewer; or (2) business had 2019 revenues of $5 billion or less.

For more information on the Main Street Lending Program, you can view the Guide to the Main Street Lending Program or go to the Federal Reserve website.

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Update

Businesses will have more flexibility in how they can spend Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans, thanks to changes signed into law on June 5. These changes make the Small Business Administration program (SBA) more attractive for businesses.

You may still be able to apply; some funding remains in the program, and more lenders have been approved to offer the loans. Check the SBA's list of approved lenders to apply.

Highlights of the changes include:

- The period covered by the PPP's loan forgiveness is extended up to December 30, 2020, though any new applications must be approved by June 30, 2020.
- Businesses can spend more of the PPP loan on non-payroll items and still secure 100% loan forgiveness. The original 75/25 percentage split between payroll costs and non-payroll costs has been amended to a 60/40 split.
- There is now a 24-week period from the date the funds are received to calculate the amount of loan forgiveness.
- There is more flexibility in covering payroll when rehiring staff and calculating payroll costs.
- A business now has up to 10 months from the date the chosen eight-week period ends to apply to the lender for loan forgiveness.
- Any amount of the PPP not forgiven will be converted into a loan with up to five years to repay at 1% interest.
- PPP borrowers are also able to take advantage of the payroll tax deferral from March 27, 2020 to December 30, 2020.

Silicon Valley Strong Needs You!

We still need participation from South County businesses. Leaders throughout Silicon Valley are working to create a recovery plan, and they need your input. Let our South County voices be heard! Take the brief Silicon Valley Strong Small Business Survey.

Community Spotlight

This month we would like to give a shout-out to **SunBasket** and **Bike Therapy** and the **Morgan Hill Community Foundation** for continuing to support Morgan Hill during COVID-19.

SunBasket has been providing more than half a million people with food each week during this crisis as well as donating thousands of meals to local hospitals and food banks.

Bike Therapy has been lucky enough to be a part of the "bike boom" during COVID-19. Their amazing staff has been working incredibly hard to handle an onslaught of new customers, all while working hard to keep a clean and safe environment for all. Bike Therapy is excited to see so many new people and families discover cycling.

The **Morgan Hill Community Foundation** has raised $45,000 to directly assist people in our community. In partnership with the Morgan Hill Unified School District, YMCA, and Santa Clara County Health Department, they started and funded the first-ever essential services day care center in the State. The Morgan Hill Community Foundation has also set up a Disaster Relief Fund that will grant out $12,500 to local charities working in our community to assist people directly affected by Covid-19.

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