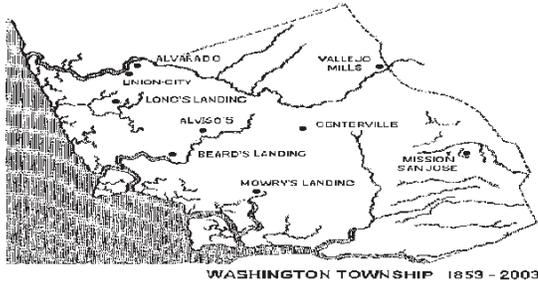


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**MEETING DATE: MONDAY, MAY 25, 2020 CANCELLED**

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## Members and friends of Washington Township Historical Society,

We are sorry to inform you that our meeting scheduled for May 25, 2020 will be cancelled due to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic.

However we have some great speakers lined up for when the City of Fremont and this virus will let us meet again. Our future speakers are: Moina Shaiq on Muslim Heritge; Brian Barlow on the Hornet; Al Minard on the Nike Missile Sites. and Paul Sethy on a subject to be determined.

We are including information from the City of Fremont about COVID-19 and also information from the City of Fremont. Please be safe and we are looking forward to seeing you at our July 27, 2020 meeting.

## Washington Township Historical Society Members and Friends,

Many of the things that we have taken for granted are no longer available to us and because of the Corona Virus (COVID-19) we are having to deal with a new normal. At this time, it is unsafe to meet in groups or go shopping without a mask and regular hand washing on a high frequency. This brings up an important issue, on **November 3, 2020 is our National Election** for President of the United States, and it may be unsafe to go to the polls to vote. We have a good option available to us: it is called **Vote By Mail**. You can pick up a voter registration card at any post office, they are still open, and fill it out making sure that you check the box to **Vote By Mail**. You will get all of the information plus a ballot in the mail and then you can fill out the ballot at your leisure and mail it back or drop it off at one of the ballot drop off boxes, one is located at Fremont City Hall. All of the current information seems to indicate that this virus will be her until we get a vaccine and everyone is inoculated. Please register to Vote By Mail. If you have trouble getting a voter registration card, contact me Al Minard at: Phone: 510-552-4839 or email: [alminard@comcast.net](mailto:alminard@comcast.net), Thank you.

President John Weed will be setting up a board meeting with some kind of non-contact meeting.

In light of a horrific April that saw close to 60,000 Americans lose their lives because of the corona virus (COVID-19), bringing the national total to more than 63,000, it's fair to ponder whether the U.S. will reach 100,000 deaths. Researchers are hard at work trying to come up with an answer and there's no clear consensus, but one telling fact stands out: The number of deaths the U.S. endured in April is larger than the combined total during the entirety of the pandemic for the next two countries on the list, Italy and Great Britain (54,738).

## April 30, 2020 City of Fremont Update in Response to COVID-19

Today's City of Fremont update highlights resumption of Board and Commission meetings; public use of face coverings; Community Development frequently asked questions and answers; how we're helping unhoused neighbors; and new Zoom classes added for seniors.

### Many City Board and Commission Meetings to Resume

Beginning in May, many City Board and Commission meetings will resume and be held virtually (either telephone conferencing or Zoom meetings) according to regular schedules or reduced frequency. Commission Agendas will be posted with updated instructions for public participation. To subscribe to the City's Board and Commissions Agendas and Minutes visit our [webpage](#) and view the options under Agenda Center.

### Public Use of Face Coverings

All Fremont residents, businesses, and visitors to the city are now required to follow the Alameda County Public Health Department Order (20-08), requiring the public use of face coverings to protect residents and workers. For this reason, the City of Fremont has rescinded its own Executive Order, EO 2020-03, which was issued prior to the County Order and also required the use of face coverings at certain essential places of business to prevent the community spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). [View ACPHD Order 20-08](#) for more information and complete details or check out their [frequently asked questions and answers \(FAQs\)](#).

### Community Development FAQs during COVID-19

The City's Community Development Department has published a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) document](#) to help answer questions about the City's construction and development services during the COVID-19 pandemic (e.g., permit applications, plan reviews, and building inspections) and what types of construction projects are allowed under the Alameda County Shelter in Place Order. This document will be updated regularly.

### New Zoom Classes Added for Seniors

Are you a senior looking to stay active during the Shelter in Place? If so, sign up to attend one of many Zoom classes offered by the Fremont Senior Center. View a list of the most current classes and how to register on our [Senior Center Classes webpage](#).

### Stay Informed

For more information on essential services and updates on how the City of Fremont is monitoring the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), visit our [Coronavirus webpage](#). General updates will be made to the City's social media accounts on Facebook, Nextdoor, Nixle, and Twitter; [follow our channels](#).

Fremont’s free drive-through COVID-19 testing center examined 715 people in its first week of operation, and 37 of those showed positive results for the disease, according to the city.

Of those tested, almost half — 348 people — were “essential service workers, primarily comprised of first responders and healthcare personnel,” the city said in a statement.

Though 940 people showed up to be tested at the center, [which opened on April 3](#), 225 of those were turned away because they did not meet the testing criteria.

While the city’s drive-through testing center at 7200 Stevenson Blvd. requires people seeking a test to be in a car, the city late last week added limited walk-up testing for people who cannot access the drive-through testing center.

The walk-up testing is by appointment, and is being done in partnership with the Tri-City Health Center, a local clinic at 39500 Liberty St. in Fremont.

Those interested in scheduling a walk-up appointment can call the Tri-City Health Center’s appointment line at 510-252-6808.

“Walk-up appointments at the Tri-City Health Center are available Monday through Friday on a first come, first served basis, from 1 p.m. until all afternoon appointment slots have been filled,” the city said.

The walk-up COVID-19 testing will be administered by one Fremont Fire Department paramedic and one emergency medical technician.

“To receive a COVID-19 test at either location, an individual will be screened as part of a two-part testing process and must have a fever (or have had a fever) and be symptomatic for COVID-19,” the city said.

Other symptoms of COVID-19 include cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or other respiratory symptoms.

At either site, a recommendation from a doctor is not required. The tests are free and available to anyone regardless of where they live or their immigration status, the city said.

An information call-in line was created to provide COVID-19 testing updates and may be reached at 510-494-4292.

“First responders and healthcare workers who are symptomatic for COVID-19 and have (or have had) a fever can schedule a test in advance by calling 510-789-7231,” the city said.

Fremont’s testing center was established a little less than two weeks after [Hayward pioneered a similar model](#), adding to a short but growing list of places in the Bay Area where governments are teaming up with commercial companies to offer expanded testing options to people unable to get tested through a health care provider.

Similar to Hayward, Fremont’s city manager signed off on spending nearly \$500,000 of city money to pay for the testing and the operation of the center for about three weeks, and Fire Department Chief Curtis Jacobson said the city is expecting to be reimbursed through state and federal disaster relief funds.

# MAY 25, 2020, MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

## NEW MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR SINGLE ADDRESS

ONE-YEAR \$10,      FIVE-YEAR \$40      TEN-YEAR \$70      PATRON: \$50.00 for one year

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