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### **A Message From Our Executive Director**

We, at GreenTown Los Altos, want to extend our thoughts to all of you as we navigate this uncertain and difficult time. While our newsletters strive to keep you informed about local issues that impact our local environment, we would be remiss to pretend it is business-as-usual. We are cancelling our Spring Fling and suspending a number of activities that would otherwise find us sharing company in close proximity to one another, including our popular 500 Trees Campaign. We hope to continue with those and other programs in the near future. In the meantime, stay safe and healthy. We always welcome feedback and remain grateful for your continued support.

~ Kris Jensen, Executive Director



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### **Read About Our Local Talent Making Masks And How You Can Make One Too!**

GreenTown volunteer Kim Jelfs, a long-time Waste Reduction Team member, has been churning out masks - 40 so far! [Read about our local talent](#) making masks and see how you can help.

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## Cooking Through Corona

### More Time Home Means Cooking Experiments Begin!

At GreenTown Los Altos, we support moving to a plant-based diet as one means of healthy living and supporting a healthier planet. You can find many [online](#) sources as well as [our blog post](#) to guide you through this transition. Today we offer you some vegan-inspired pieces:

- A lighthearted clip from Isabelle Cnudde, one of our Eating Green Team leads. Isabelle is both a fantastic cook (note her preference for induction cooking in the [video](#)) as well as a joy to be around.
- From the GreenTown Board, we share two vegan recipes we cherish from two acclaimed chefs: [Jim Lahey's No-Knead Bread](#) and Jacques Pepin's simple but flavorful [vegetable stock](#), to use as a base for any number of soup creations. Here's a popular lentil soup recipe [here](#). [Let us know](#) your best recipes and we'll pass them on to our community (& give you credit, consider it 15 seconds of fame!).



## Help Us Help Los Altos Achieve Its Climate Goals

### Why Reach Codes Matter & Why We Need Your Help

#### So What's a Reach Code?

Reach Codes help California and its cities reach their greenhouse gas reduction goals. Without Reach Codes, these goals will be more difficult to meet which is why we're hoping you'll read up about it and support it. Find out more about it [here](#).

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### Putting BYOC On Hold!

COVID is a Bump in the Road....

We all were thrilled when last summer California Assembly Bill AB619 took effect, allowing customers to bring their own cups, containers for bulk and deli items, and to-go containers to stores and restaurants. Then...COVID-19 hit, and restaurants and stores have now, understandably, limited use of such reusable containers. Find out more about it [here](#).

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### 162 Trees In the Ground Right Now!

500 Trees Is On Hold But There's Other Good News

#### 162 Trees Planted. 338 To Go!

162 is the count for this planting season of 500 Trees Campaign. 159 trees in the ground and three more to be planted at the schools, but delayed by the COVID-19 school closure. The response to the GreenTown Los Altos 500 Trees campaign was wonderful. We planted all kinds of trees - big trees like Valley Oaks, medium sized trees like the Chinese Pistache, and lots of fruit trees, our most popular category. See if you know anyone who planted, here's [the full story](#).

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### Bike Shops Ruled Essential (We Think it's Big News!)

Good news for bicyclists: bike shops have been ruled as essential businesses, thanks to advocacy by [CalBike](#). Bike riding is one of the best ways to get around and get exercise, all while social distancing. It's even better and safer now because there's virtually no traffic! Plus, riding your bike is a great way to clear your head and stay sane! But if you're in need of a new part or repair, or just want to wrench on your bike, many bike local shops are open during the shelter-in-place order. In our area, check out:

- [Bicycle Outfitter](#) - hours, etc.
- [Mike's Bikes](#) - also offers free mobile repair.

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**Burning question? Great idea? Want to help?**

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