

From the desk of the Town Supervisor
COVID-19 Update
Tuesday, March 17, 2020 7pm

The March Town Board meeting has NOT been cancelled: The meeting is official, necessary, business not a party, social gathering or action of defiance. Unnecessary gathering should be avoided. If you must gather it should be done with care and forethought and never, simply, as an act of defiance. To Town Officials and Public: If you are not comfortable attending please feel free to stay home.

Change of venue and instructions for March Town Board meeting: The meeting will be held be at Island Park in the GAR Hall at 7pm. This larger space will allow each chair to be placed 8 feet from the next. If you or anyone you've had contact with are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms do not come. The audience will be limited to 12 individuals, This is more than our average attendance for a regular meeting. I ask that attendees come in alone and do not congregate in groups as you arrive or leave. When you come in, sit in the first open chair furthest from the door (toward front table) so the next person does not have to walk past you. We will leave in reverse order. We will not give into fear, neither will we be careless.

The Town Hall remains open so far: Counters, door knobs etc. are cleaned frequently. The number of people allowed in the building at time will be limited but has not been an issue so far. A lot of thought has been put into isolating people and things. Even the pens have been separated by 'staff' and 'not staff' and are cleaned often. Hours will continue to be determined on a moment-by-moment basis. Please be understanding. We will continue to do our best to remain open as much as is safe. If you are sick or your business can wait, please stay home. If your business can be done by phone please call 973-7779

Court: Cases have been postponed. See earlier update.

Other departments and services: Department heads have plans to allow employees to remain at a distance from each other etc.as much as is practical. They have also given thought to how to deal with manpower issues if employees get sick or come under a mandatory quarantine. So far so good.

Our employees are to be commended on their faithful service at this especially difficult time. The disruption in routine has been barely noticeable from the outside. Thank you all. Stay well.

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Philippians 4:6

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