



Mayor's Message/COVID-19 Emergency Update- March 31, 2020

Greetings Port North Residents and Businesses,

I wish to inform you of a number of issues being raised relating to the coronavirus pandemic and the stay at home directive issued by Governor Cuomo:

- 1- **Social Distancing Reminder-** The Governor has mandated that we stay at home and not leave unless absolutely necessary. Please use common sense while we are dealing with this emergency. Remember to stay at least six feet away from other people, including during outdoor recreation. Do not congregate in large crowds. Practice social distancing when in grocery stores or pharmacies. Social distancing is the only way we can make a difference to stop the spread of the coronavirus to help flatten out the curve and keep our Village safe.
- 2- **Safety in Our Streets-** With so many of us trying to enjoy the outdoors during this time, our streets are crowded with bikers, runners, dog walkers, etc. Please drive slowly and be cautious and considerate of each other.
- 3- **Construction and Building Permits-** The Village has stopped issuing new building permits until further notice. The Building Department, as well as Village Hall, are closed to the public. Furthermore, under the Governor's directive, no contractors should be working unless it is for safety reasons. Residents, please do your part in adhering to this policy and keep contractors off site unless it is absolutely necessary.
- 4- **Landscapers and the Use of Leaf Blowers-** While the Governor has included landscape maintenance as an essential function, the Village wishes to ask residents to reach out to their landscapers and, at the very least, discourage the use of leaf blowers until at least May 1st. This will allow for decreased noise pollution and also relieve some concerns during this emergency.
- 5- **Keep Our Streets Clean and Safe-** We have seen more than our share of discarded masks and surgical gloves littering our streets. Please do your best to keep your property clean and safe. Dispose of all refuse, including protective masks, gloves, and dog waste bags, in proper receptacles.
- 6- **Village Election and Annual Meeting Update-** The Governor has declared that all postponed Village elections will be rescheduled until at least June 1, 2020. Current Trustee positions will be held over until a new election takes place. Port North's Annual Budget public hearing and Annual Meeting is still scheduled for April 22nd and will be held via a conference call which will be made open to the public. All other public hearings have been adjourned until May 27, 2020. Visit the Village's website for more information. www.portwashingtonnorth.org.
- 7- **Are your neighbors OK?-** While we encourage social distancing, we are also encouraging residents to check in on any neighbors who they believe may be vulnerable or are not receiving notifications and updates. If you are going shopping, ask a neighbor if they need anything that you can pick up for them.
- 8- **Small Business Owner Relief-** We received some valuable information from Town Supervisor Bosworth regarding relief for small businesses in North Hempstead. I hope this can be of some assistance to any residents in need. Please see the attached Small Business Relief Resources.
- 9- **TONH/Solid Waste Mgmt. Authority Sunday Drop Off** -The Town of North Hempstead will be closing the Sunday Residential Drop Off at the North Hempstead Transfer Station through April 26.

On a positive note, our Village remains strong and resilient during these difficult times. I have had the privilege of speaking to so many of you covering a wide range of topics. Please feel free to continue to reach out and express any opinions or thoughts you may have on how we can continue to work together to keep our Village safe.

Best to you all,

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