

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR ANDY GARDNER

I want all residents to be assured that the City continues to monitor the evolution of coronavirus (COVID-19). We are continuing to provide services to our residents, taking measures to protect City employees and their families from COVID-19 infection and working with our governmental partners to reduce and eliminate the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

A couple of notes regarding city Operations:

1. With the exception of the Community Center (which is now operating on a very limited basis), all City offices are operating and are available to you during our normal business hours.
2. In order to minimize personal contact between the public and contact between the public and city employees, we have consolidated our point of contact for all City departments (other than Police) to the Mayor's Court/Finance Department and service window in the City Hall lobby. If you need to drop anything off for any department, please come to the Finance Department and we will coordinate delivery of the materials to the appropriate party. The Police Department Lobby and service window remains open 24/7 for all Police matters.
3. We have canceled non-essential meetings and postponed recreation events for the next few weeks, however, the City Council Committee meetings scheduled for next Monday, March 23 and the City Council meeting scheduled for next Thursday, March 26, will go on as planned. To provide maximum public access without personal attendance at those meetings, we will be implementing options for off-site resident participation (details to be posted here in the near future). For those residents that choose to attend the meeting, we will be undertaking additional cleaning of the Council Chambers and we will be adjusting our seating to accommodate recommended social distancing for the public as well as Council and City Administration in attendance.

During this time, I recommend that you regularly consult the websites for the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and Lake County General Health District for official updates, information and guidance with respect to protecting your health and reducing the spread of the disease.

Finally, please consider taking a moment to text, call or video chat with your neighbors, especially any senior citizens, letting them know you are there to support them. They be frightened or lonely – hearing from a friend or neighbor can be a very meaningful gesture while we are all still taking precautions and maintaining the social distancing necessary to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

We will continue to update both the City website and Facebook page and the Police and Fire Department Webpages with official news and information. Please be safe and take care of yourselves.