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OFFICIAL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE

The Heartbeat

** SPECIAL EDITION ** FARMVILLE'S PREPAREDNESS FOR COVID-19

Effective Monday, March 17, 2020, the Town of Farmville enacted a Declaration of Local Emergency in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. A local declaration allows the Town of Farmville to maximize preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19.

During this local emergency, the Town of Farmville will make every effort possible to provide uninterrupted essential services to our citizens. We encourage our citizens to frequently check the Town's website at www.farmvilleva.com, as well as our Facebook page, to get the most current information available.

We also urge all residents to visit the Virginia Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control websites for the latest information and public health guidance:

Virginia Department of Health:
www.vdh.virginia.gov
Centers for Disease Control:
www.cdc.gov



Pictured left to right: Town Manager Scott Davis and Mayor David Whitus



Town Council and Public Meetings

To comply with Governor Northam's directive that no more than ten individuals gather together for meetings and events, the Town is currently forming plans on the best way to manage Town Council and other public meetings. As soon as we have plans in place, we will contact the local media outlets, place a notice on our website at www.farmvilleva.com and update our Town Facebook page.

In the meantime, should you need the Town's assistance for certain matters, please note our phone numbers listed below:

- Town Manager's Office: (434) 392-5686
- Town Treasurer's Office: (434) 392-3333
- Town Administrative Offices: (434) 392-8465
- Town Public Works: (434) 392-3331

Thank you for your patience as we work to serve you!

Cancelations

In response to the guidelines issued by the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, the Town of Farmville has canceled all Town sponsored events and rental of Town venues through May 10, 2020.

If you have rented one of our venues and have not been contacted by our staff, please call (434) 392-8465 to either reschedule your event for a later date or to request a full refund of your payment.

We will notify the public at a later date if this policy needs to be continued after mid-May. Please see our website at www.farmvilleva.com for continuing updates.



Town Offices Closed to Public

Town of Farmville Administrative Buildings are closed to the public as of Monday, March 23, 2020.

Departments will be staffed by employees who can assist citizens by phone or email. You are encouraged to call ahead or visit our website at www.farmvilleva.com for the latest information before attempting to visit any Town building in person.

For citizen's convenience, there are two silver drop boxes that can be used to drop off payments:

- Main Street, on the front of the Town Hall;
- South Street, in the parking lot behind Town Hall.

You can pay water/sewer bills and property taxes online. The Town will be waiving the 3% convenience fee for these payments. We also accept payments over the phone. The Treasurer's Office can be reached at (434) 392-3333.

Mental Health & Well Being During Quarantine & Restricted Movement



Stay Healthy Physically. Eat as well as you can, get plenty of sleep and stay active! Walk around, find a good exercise video or even clean the house. All of those are great physical activities.



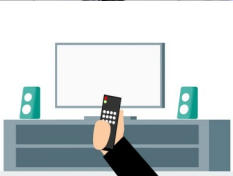
Try Something New. Try new hobbies, such as knitting, writing or drawing. Have movie night at home complete with popcorn or other movie snacks. Be creative!



Stay connected. Quarantine does not mean total isolation. Technology keeps everyone connected even when we are physically apart. Check up on your family or call someone you haven't spoken to in a while.



Have a Daily Routine. Setting up a daily schedule helps us to have some sort of normalcy. Try to arrange your schedule with times for productivity, play and rest.



Limit News Watching. It is normal to want to keep up to date on the current situation, but it's very easy to become overwhelmed with the endless stream of information. Set a limit to what you read or watch every day.