

Town Talk

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Highlights from the Mayor



Hello Everyone,

Usually at this time of year we would be saying good bye to old man winter and hello to Spring. Instead we've been tasked with something a lot harder to deal with.

It's difficult to not focus our message on anything but the current pandemic we have all been faced with. Yes, COVID-19 has become the focal point of our everyday lives and so should it be. Given

the fluidity of the situation, I can certainly empathize with the concerns and hardships that our residents and businesses have faced thus far and will continue to face in the time ahead. We've heard from leaders all across the globe that social distancing is the recommended approach in order to flatten the curve and lessen the impact, therefore it is our message as a municipality as well. Folks, let's do our part to prevent further spread of this virus and adhere to the recommended actions put out from AHS.

As a town we've taken various steps to stop the spread of COVID -19 including the closing of all recreational facilities (swimming pool, Rec Center, CAP arena, Clancy Arena, etc..) in order to prevent mass gatherings of people. This of course doesn't come without adversity. Last week Town administration had a difficult decision to make, in order to cut costs during this difficult time and laid off twelve municipal staff. Although we hope these vacancies are short lived, the Town must also do its part to be fiscally responsible during this time.

Another action the Town has taken to prevent the spread of the virus is the closing of all Town owned playgrounds. As we all know, kids will be kids and the six-foot rule isn't easily understood by them. We felt it was important to close these facilities in order to protect our little ones and those they may be in contact with. Now as much as we don't wont to deal with anything else at the moment, I do want to point out the vulnerability of the weather right now and what that means for our staff and services that still need to be maintained. Unfortunately, a major snowfall is not out of the question yet and on the opposite side of the spectrum, neither is the melting of the all the snow. Both are situations that our Public Works department will need to deal with so if you see our crews working it is likely that they are dealing with a frozen catch basin to allow for storm water to flow or grading a back alley that is susceptible to flooding. It is far less expensive to do this preventative work now, than fix pavement and cement heaves later.

Please take good care and be safe. We will get through this. Maureen Miller, Mayor

ADMINISTRATION



NOTICE



DUE TO THE COVID-19
PANDEMIC, ALL REGULARLY
SCHEDULED COUNCIL
MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AS
PER PROCEDURAL BYLAW
2020-02.

PUBLIC WORKS







Easter Weekend

GARBAGE SCHEDULE COMBINED PICK UP DATES

Thursday, April 9

Combine Thursday, April 9 & Friday, April 10 Routes



Combine Monday, April 13 & Tuesday, April 14 Routes

ST. PAUL GOLF COURSE

REMINDER

No Snowmobiles allowed on the Golf Course



FCSS/PARENT LINK



