

March 23, 2020



This is a message for residents of the Village of Plandome Heights from Mayor Kenneth C. Riscica

First, thank you for doing your part as we all deal with the unprecedented situation we face. Staying home, social distancing, hand washing and caring for our families and our vulnerable neighbors are critical steps we all must do. Be assured that I am in regular contact with State, County and Town officials, as well as the 9 Mayors on the peninsula in our PWM-OEM consortium. The situation changes rapidly, and we have been adjusting constantly.

Since the flow of public information to you is frequent, robust and changing, I have held back from adding unnecessary updates to your inbox. But we are here and working. So, let me give you some local update and color.

- Village operations - The Village is open but we encourage residents to transact by phone and email. Entry to Village Hall is restricted by a door buzzer. And, our staff is reduced, working shorter hours and working remotely, at times. But residents' concerns are being addressed.

- Building Dept. - Our building dept. is open, so plans are being reviewed and projects are being moved forward. However, no personal meetings with the Building Inspectors are occurring.

- Construction - The Governor declared normal, non-emergency construction "non-essential" and this affects jobs in process so we will follow the law. Plumbers and electricians are declared essential for obvious reasons of public safety.

- Sanitation - Sanitation is an essential service and continues uninterrupted.

- Meetings - Our next Village Meeting is the Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget on April 6, 2020. It is not clear whether that meeting will be held, postponed or reformatted. I will report on that meeting and the budget at a later time.

- Our vulnerable residents - If you can, please check in with our most vulnerable residents including our seniors. Help them stay inside and check on them if you can.

These are unprecedented times. We need to remain positive and moving forward. For perspective, consider this....While 33,404 cases are confirmed by CDC, I understand the mortality rate to be 1.4%. So, nearly 33,000 of those will recover. And I am reminded of a quote often attributed to Winston Churchill in WWII....."If you are going through Hell, keep going."

Keep going, stay safe and look after others. If we can help, let me know.

Ken

Some useful contact information follows for your information:

Important Phone Numbers:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/>

NEW YORK STATE:

New York State – COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Hotline 888-364-3065

New York State - Department of Health:

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home?mc_cid=f144cc5233&mc_eid=0a475063af

NASSAU COUNTY:

Nassau County – COVID -19 (Coronavirus) Hotline – (516) 227-9570

Nassau County – COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Website:

<https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/4946/Coronavirus-COVID-19>

Nassau County - Mental Health Care & Support Services - 516-227-TALK (8255)

Nassau County - To report price gouging, please contact the Nassau County Department of Consumer Affairs at pricegouging@nassaucountyny.gov or call (516) 571-2600
