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PRESS RELEASE
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CITY OF FLUSHING MITIGATION MEASURES TO CORONAVIRUS 19

In working with our partners on the federal, state and county level, the City of Flushing will begin implementing mitigation measures to halt the spread of Coronavirus 19. The intent of the following actions is to provide a safe and healthy work environment for our small, but strong committed team of employees and continue excellent uninterrupted services to our residents.

At the recommendation of the Genesee Health Department, Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Emergency Declaration and numerous executive orders and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the following mitigation measures will be put into place on TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020:

Residents are encouraged to conduct business with the City of Flushing via U.S. Mail, the City Hall drop box, phone, email and or online at www.flushingcity.com.

City staff will be reporting to work, however, city buildings (City Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Department of Public Works and Waste Water Treatment Plant) will be closed to the general public until MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020. Arrangements can be made for appointments, if determined to be necessary.

City Departments can be contacted via phone and or email:

Flushing City Hall / Department of Public Works / Waste Water Treatment Plant
Phone: 810-659-5665
Email: administration@flushingcity.com

Flushing Fire Department
Phone: 810-659-1241 (non-emergency)
Phone: 911 (emergency)
Email: fire@flushingcity.com

Flushing Police Department
Phone: 810-659-3119 (non-emergency)
Phone: 911 (emergency)
Email: mhoornstra@flushingcity.com

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WATER / SEWER

During this time, payments to the City of Flushing can be made by:

1. **Drop Box.** The City of Flushing has a drop box in the circular driveway at 725 East Main Street and another drop box has been installed at the front door of Flushing City Hall. These boxes will be checked at least three times on each regular day of business. Additional signage will be placed at City Hall to identify and encourage the use of drop boxes.
2. **Website Payment.** Visit www.flushingcity.com, and click on the pay online app located on the home page to make a payment via the website.
3. **Online Bank Payment.** Residents can use their individual financial institutions online bill payment services. Please check with your local financial institution for details.
4. **ACH Direct Payment.** Residents can designate a financial account and authorize the City of Flushing to receive payment from such account on each due date. The Utilities Bank Auto Pay Form and additional steps can be found at www.flushingcity.com, under the Forms tab.

Shutoff of water to residents and businesses in the City of Flushing will be suspended. Maintaining hygiene and washing one's hands is a highly recommended mitigation measure. Residents will continue to receive Past Due Payment Notices per Section 53.45 of the Flushing City Code of Ordinances.

Water meter appointments will be suspended. Exceptions may be granted based on extremely high water reads, lack of a meter read and or the location of the water meter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

When receiving a call for service, police officers will be evaluating if it requires a response, or if it is something that can be handled with a phone call. The department will continue to respond to and investigate criminal incidents. However, limiting contact through social distancing is a recommendation in limiting exposure, thus keeping police staff from continuing the spread as well as staying healthy to be available for service to the residents.

Investigations may be conducted in open areas and or outdoors, if possible.

Service calls will be evaluated to make sure the department is not responding to medical calls that may put officers at an elevated risk for exposure. The department will still respond to emergencies; however the department does not comprise of medical responders.

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CEMETERY AND PARKS

Events and or requests receiving approval will be canceled during this period of time. Efforts will be made with the organizers to reschedule at a later time. Such activities and or requests include, but are not limited to, pavilion rentals, band shell rentals, the use of city facilities and solicitations in the street right of way. Social distancing practices and limiting gatherings of 50 people or more is a highly recommended mitigation measure.

Burials will continue to take place at the Flushing Cemetery. Department of Public Works staff will modify tasks to comply with mitigation recommendations of the CDC and will perform tasks prior to scheduled arrivals and after departure occurs from the cemetery. Social distancing practices and limiting gatherings of 50 people or more is a highly recommended mitigation measure.

Additional signage will be placed at public parks and trails educating residents on mitigation methods, such as but not limited to social distancing, hygiene, stay home if sick, reduce touching ones face, as recommended by the Centers of Disease Control, the state of Michigan and Genesee County Health Department.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Residents are reminded not to flush disinfection wipes and “flushable” wipes down the sewers. These wipes do not disintegrate and cause havoc to the city’s waste collection system and wastewater treatment plant. The proper method of disposal for any wipe is to place them in the trash.

TRASH AND RECYCLING SERVICES

At this time, the City of Flushing has not received any notification of changes from its service provider Emterra for weekly trash pickup and biweekly recycling. Yard waste is scheduled to begin the week of March 23, 2020.

Thank you for understanding how hard it is in making these modifications to the delivery of services in the City of Flushing. Residents are asked to implement as recommended by our governmental partners mitigation steps in their homes to help slow the spread of Coronavirus 19. Valuable resources can be found on the following websites:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

State of Michigan: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>

Genesee County Health Department: <https://gchd.us/coronavirus/>