



Town of
North Castle Westchester County, NY
Supervisor Michael J. Schiliro

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This is our next **COVID-19 update** installment. ([Click here](#) for our previous emails). By now we all seem to be adapting to our new way of life. Some are finding some benefits, like having immediate family closer, family dinners, or easing of hectic lives, and some are going a little crazy. Whichever it is, please stay diligent and do not get complacent. If you need a reminder, think of our front line workers and first responders. They are literally putting their lives on the line, and some making the ultimate sacrifice, to help others. These women and men are as brave as they come. If you still need convincing, click on these stories of two extraordinary women, [Pamela Orlando](#) and [Madhvi Aya](#). Unfortunately, there are too many stories like this. #Stay Home For Them! Keep them and others like them in mind to help you stay the course and please, do not be even a little careless; people are dying. And please continue to Be Decent and Civil to each other.

TRIBUTE - Alexander "Mitch" Sime and William Bosco

In this update, we will remember **Mitch Sime and Bill Bosco**, two committed North Castle residents and volunteers who passed away last week. You can click on their names above for their obituaries.

Mitch Sime was a North Castle institution. He grew up in Armonk, and lived here his entire life. Mitch was Armonk Fire Chief from 1965-67, and subsequently a Commissioner, and lifelong volunteer firefighter. At the Armonk Fire Company dinner every year, they give an award for the volunteer that responds to the most calls. Most years, Mitch got the award, going on over 800 calls. Do the math, there are only 365 days in the year, he served as Chief in the 60's, he was 86 years old, and he still went on over 800 calls a year, for us. Incredible. I always enjoyed seeing Mitch and his wife Jean at many of the Senior events hosted by our Recreation Department. And on Wednesday mornings at Schriefer's, Mitch would be there with his "Board of Directors" in the front booth and it was always wise for me to be prepared on any current Town topics. Mitch once said to me in his deep gravelly voice, "I don't know why you waste your time at those meetings, we can solve all of your problems right here."

North Castle has a rich history and a short list of first-name legends, like Becky, Jack, Dorrie, and Bumpy, etc. Mitch stands right alongside them all. And if you don't know some or all of these first-name legends, find someone in Town who does and enjoy the stories and lessons. I'm lucky to have known and learned from them all.

Mitch embodied the word community. He gave all he had to this great Town, and it wasn't for fame or fortune. We can all learn from his legacy; truly one of the great ones from the Greatest Generation. He will be missed.



Bill Bosco moved to Armonk in 1955 at the age of 31. He joined the Fire Department in 1966, rose to rank of Fire Chief and Fire Commissioner, and subsequently retired after 50 years of service. I didn't have the good fortune of knowing Bill like I knew Mitch, but those that know told me that Bill was a committed volunteer in our community, respectful to all, and was known by many as their mailman in Town for 37 years. Another member of our Greatest Generation, he will be sorely missed.



Eight Bells: The sound that the shift has ended and it's time to go home. The end of the watch. Mitch and Bill have answered their final calls.

STOP THE SPREAD

MASK UP!!! Social-Isolation is still the key! The virus CANNOT move on its own, so no sense helping it move. If you do go out, now you **MUST Mask-Up!!** Some people have asked me what to do if they don't have a mask or gloves. Here's a link to make a [simple fabric mask](#). Wear gloves too. Be creative if you don't have gloves; you can use a newspaper bag after you disinfect it, a pet waste bag, sandwich bag, etc.

THE CURVE IS FLATTENED, GREAT JOB NEIGHBORS: It does not mean that we stop Modeling Good Behavior, but we are all working our way through this together. Although the numbers of positive cases continue to climb, they do so at a decreasing rate. One step at a time.

COVID-19 TRACKER WEBSITE: The NYSDOH is maintaining their comprehensive data-driven [website](#) to provide various in-depth statistics, like cases by age group, etc. If you're interested in the data around this virus, this is still the site.

NORTH CASTLE POSITIVE CASES: NYS establishes specific protocols via each county. We are advised confidentially. We can report that we have been advised that the total number of positive cases in North Castle is 132. This is a cumulative number since tracking began on March 17, 2020. That is all that we can and will report, thus please understand and appreciate that due to confidentiality laws, emails to us asking for any further info regarding details will not be responded to. The average municipality in Westchester has 0.5% positive cases of their population. North Castle is still 0.3%, so below the average, which is good. **Our Model Behavior is working! Stay The Course!**

APRIL TOWN/COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES: County Executive George Latimer issued an executive order to extend the 4/30/20 deadline for those who qualify and the County Legislature passed legislation that dramatically reduces late penalties for those who don't qualify. Click on this easy to understand [chart](#). Then click on our [Tax Receiver page](#) for

additional info and links. All of the info is right there. In short, if you qualify for STAR and have Covid Impacts, you may qualify for an extension of the deadline to July 15, 2020. If you do not qualify for, you can still pay a reduced late fee ½% or 1%, a 75% - 80% reduction. However, we do ask that if you can pay in April, please do, as the Town has its own cash flow needs, including making a very large remittance to the County in May for a large portion of their taxes. **Please note that all Town offices are closed due to COVID-19. We urge everyone to pay their taxes online or mail in your payment. You cannot drop off payments at any Town office.**

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE THE VIRUS : The County number is (888) 364-3065. They walk you through questions, and progress from there. Do not visit your doctor or the hospital first, just call the number or call your doctor. If they determine testing or medical attention is needed, they will direct you to where they know capacity exists. The County and all of our medical facilities are doing an excellent job of staying ahead of the caseload.

LITTERING USED MASKS AND GLOVES: Unfortunately I am still incredulously seeing used gloves and masks littered around Town. I covered this in our last email. **Stop doing it!** If caught, we will recommend the maximum fine (\$1000), and be aware the Town Code allows for jail time. Above I mentioned the tragic but heroic stories of two front line medical workers, [Pamela Orlando](#) and [Madhvi Aya](#). For those who this section applies to, click on their names for their tragic story and maybe you'll get the message. If you're doing this, you're putting lives at risk. Knock it off!!!

I can't believe I need to provide instructions on this, but here goes: When you leave your house, carry an extra bag and keep in your pocket or car. When you finish whatever you are doing, remove your mask and gloves and place in the same bag, then put in your home garbage or public receptacle. If you don't have a bag, remove everything and place in a corner of your car until you get home.

MASKS STILL NEEDED!!: If you have them (new and homemade), I am still collecting at my house in 2 bins on my front lawn, 14 Orchard Drive (first house on right off Main St). If you can sew, [here are](#) the directions. Residents continue to make masks - the response continues to be incredible and the most recent message I received from the Doctor who picks them up was "When I brought the last batch in, everyone was so touched. They were happy to get them. They were also very well done!" Can't thank you all enough. If you have a picture of you making masks, please email it to me. Also, everyone who is making masks, please send me your name. Thank you North Castle!!!

Local Businesses: The Westchester County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has allocated washable cloth masks to each municipality to distribute to business with heavy foot traffic. Call our Town Administrator, Kevin Hay 273-3000 x191, and he will fill you in on the details.

LIFE, HELP, DISTRACTIONS, and GENERAL INFO

VENUS (THE PLANET): In these times of always looking for interesting things to do, especially with your kids, Venus is in the western sky just after sunset for several hours, and about as big and bright as you'll ever see a planet. It's pretty cool.

OUR PARKS, ETC.: Our parks remain open for socially-distanced outdoor activity only, like walking, hiking, etc. Here is a beautiful picture of the daffodils near the 9/11 Memorial with the Gazebo in the right rear.



TO ALL THE PEOPLE KEEPING US SAFE, HEALTHY, AND FED:

Thank you!! Don't forget to say thank you to them, or honk your horn, etc. We are eternally grateful to them all.

TOWN BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, April 29, 2020: We will have our 2nd virtual Town Board meeting on Wednesday night at 7:30pm. You can watch live on NCTV or watch anytime you want from our website. You can also access re-runs on NCTV. We will be reconvening a Public Hearing considering a Local Law for a Town Code Update. Public Comments may be submitted via email to the Town Clerk at: asimon@northcastleny.com If you would like to verbally comment during the Public Hearing email the Town Clerk and she will provide you with a call in number.

TOWN CAMP AND POOL THIS SUMMER? We are still in a holding pattern. No one can predict the future right now. We will wait as long as we can to determine if either or both will be a reality. We will keep you posted.

INFORMATION SITES: [Town](#), [Federal](#), [Governor](#), [CDC](#) and a link to the [Chamber restaurant list](#).

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK: let us know. Groceries, health issues, conversation, just reach out. Remember, **We Are Alone...Together**. Our Superintendent of Recreation and Parks, Todd Orlowski, has a list of volunteers to help our Seniors with Groceries or other errands. Please call the general Recreation Department number, 273-3000 x49.

You can also just call or text my cell (830-6061) or our tireless Town Administrator Kevin Hay at 273-3000 x191. If an **emergency - call our Police Dept (273-9500) or 911**. If you know of residents or neighbors that may be lonely or may need something, please call them!

RESTAURANTS, DELI'S, ETC: Thank you for continuing to support [our local businesses](#) that are still open. Continue to be safe when you do, and continue to buy gift cards if you can. And remember that revenue is critical for these businesses, so if you think of redeeming your own gift cards, please consider doing so at another time or only if absolutely necessary.

NORTH CASTLE LIBRARY: The North Castle Library's website continues to provide terrific offerings. Watch movies, take out a book, get a library card, etc. [Click here](#) to check it out.

BLUE ANGELS AND AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS: Both are doing flybys to salute all of our Health Care Workers **TODAY, APRIL 28TH**, between 12:20 and 12:40 PM.

MORE THINGS TO DO AT HOME: We sent this link out a while ago, so just a reminder. Some good stuff.
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/health-wellness/2020/03/16/coronavirus-quarantine-100-things-do-while-trapped-inside/5054632002/>.

Plus a few other cooking-related links:

www.glutenfreehabit.com

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/voraciously/wp/2020/03/18/if-you->

[suddenly-need-to-learn-to-cook-these-resources-will-help-guide-you/](#)

TOWN OPERATIONS: We continue to run at approximately 50% staffing levels, led by our Town Administrator Kevin Hay, who has not missed one day of work since this crisis started (and still wears a tie every day!). Despite reduced daily staffing levels, our goal is to maintain Town services and operations. Thanks again to all of our employees!! Even I get into the flow. Here I am signing documents in our Clerk's office while practicing social distancing and masked up of course. If you look closely, you can tell I'm in need of an unattainable haircut. Where's a Flowbee when you need one??!!



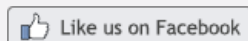
Thanks for reading! We continue to have a Collective Purpose...to Crush the Curve!

We and the Town Board continue to urge you to stay safe, be smart, practice **Social Isolation**, Social Distancing if you must go out, and use common sense. We are getting through this together, as we have said, **We Are Alone...Together.** And continue to Be Decent and Civil to each other,

Continue to be safe and smart!

Sincerely,
Michael Schiliro - Supervisor Town of North Castle
Kevin Hay - Town Administrator

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