



Town of
North Castle Westchester County, NY
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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This is our next **COVID-19 update** installment. ([Click here](#) for our previous emails). Please read it all - it's a quick read. And please continue to Be Decent and Civil to each other.

STOP THE SPREAD



PUT YOUR FOOT ON THE PEDAL: As per Dr. Fauci, the Covid-19 situation is not subsiding yet, it's actually amplifying. The solution lies in each community, so we all must improve our efforts and you must Put Your Foot on the Pedal, meaning you must take this even more seriously and engage. Many of you are, but we must not let up!

- Stay home! **Social Isolation** is key! Go out as little as possible. Be strict with yourself.
- Wear a mask and gloves when you do go out!
- Keep your distance if you have to go out or work. **Social Isolation** is most important. Then Social Distancing if you must go out. A Minimum 6 feet distancing - no exceptions!
- Wash your hands!! For 20 seconds! Use a trick. Use a song like Happy Birthday or Take Me Out to the Ballgame. If you're religious, say your favorite prayer enough times to equal 20 seconds.
- Wipe down everything that you bring into your home.
- By the way, we are keeping our parks open, but our playgrounds closed. But we still have people not practicing proper distancing, like basketball games, etc. If you're in the same family/household, fine. But there aren't too many households with 8 sons in them, so use your head and protect everyone's safety! If you want to play, get creative and figure out a shooting contest and each person pick a basket, as an example. If conduct like this continues, we will be forced to close our parks.

DO NOT PICK UP LITTER: We can't believe we're saying this, but Don't Stash the Trash. Unfortunately people are becoming more careless, thus lots of litter around Town. To be safe, just leave it. (I heard that people are taking initiative and cleaning up their neighborhoods. It's hard for us to stop you. So if you do, Please Please Please, dress properly, wear a mask, gloves, eye guard, and wash your clothes when you get home. We'd much prefer you wait until we are all safer. However, this brings us to our next important point.

LITTERING USED MASKS AND GLOVES: It is ridiculous that we even have to write this. There are gloves and masks being tossed around

Town, especially when people leave our supermarkets. If you are doing this, what exactly are you thinking?! People are sick, the virus is spreading, people are dying, our first responders and front line medical personnel are literally risking their lives, workers must clean up after you, and people are forgetting about all of that and only thinking of themselves. How much more selfish can you be?! If you are caught littering masks or gloves related to this crisis, you will receive a summons under Chapter 241 of the Town Code and we will recommend the maximum fine of \$1000. If you are doing this, Stop Right Now! You are unnecessarily putting your neighbors, local workers, and front-line medical staff in serious danger. **Stop Doing This!**



TOWN / COUNTY TAXES: As you know, Town and County taxes are due by April 30th. If you have an escrow, your taxes will be paid on time as usual, but that is a small percentage of the Town's receipts, about 25-30%. In addition to paying for the Town's expenses, which we've been paying since January, all Towns must remit a large portion of the County tax to the County in May.

If you do not have an escrow, I and the Town Board understand that some residents may struggle to make the April 30th date. For several weeks, Town Supervisors have been working with the Westchester County Executive and the County Legislators towards a compromise that will provide some relief to residents, but allow the Towns to pay their expenses and remit the County's portion to them.

The current proposal is this:

- If you pay by May 30, you pay a 0.5% late fee instead of 2%, a 75% reduction.
- If you pay by June 30, you pay a 1% late fee instead of a 5% fee, an 80% reduction.
- If you pay by July 15th, you pay a 1.5% late fee instead of 7%, a 78% reduction.
- From July 16th - July 31st, 5% instead of 7%. And 7% thereafter.

I was notified that some residents were accusatory of the Town Board on social media of not doing anything on this issue. I can assure you that we have been working on this every day for weeks, and balancing budgetary needs of the Town and County, cash flow, and state law.

Our appeal is this: For those who do not have an escrow, and can pay in April, please do! By doing so, you help your Town, your County, and your fellow residents who are suffering through a true hardship. And if able, please pay sooner than later. That will help us manage our weekly cash flow needs for May and beyond.

INFORMATION SITES: [Town](#), [Federal](#), [Governor](#), [CDC](#)

MASKS STILL URGENTLY NEEDED!!: If you have them, 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, consider making masks. [Here are](#) the directions. I cannot believe how many people are sewing masking for our brave and courageous front line medical staff. Here is another incredible picture of the contents from one day last week. Someone on our email list actually sewed masks in Florida and mailed them to me!!!! These homemade masks are used to cover surgical or N95 masks so they last longer. I've collected over 400 homemade masks so far!



LIFE, HELP, DISTRACTIONS, and GENERAL INFO

STIMULUS CHECKS: Important. The IRS WILL NOT CALL YOU for bank information or any other reason. Please be very careful!!!

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 YOU NEED HELP, ASK: If you need help, let us know. Groceries, health issues, conversation, just reach out. Remember, **We Are Lonely...Together**. Just call or text my cell at 830-6061 or call our Police Dept if an emergency.

Speaking of our Police Department, our women and men brave these dangerous environments every day, and are taking every precaution for you and themselves on every call they make, and in their stationhouse.



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 POSITIVE CASES: NYS establishes specific protocols via each county. We are advised confidentially. We can report that we have been advised that there are now 38 positive cases in North Castle. 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 0.3%, so below the average, which is good.

IMPORTANT SEWER AND SEPTIC INFO - Your toilet is not a trash basket !!!: Don't flush wipes! Even if they say "flushable", they are causing an issue. We continue to have sewer line clogs due to this. Please DO NOT FLUSH wipes!! Let me repeat, DO NOT FLUSH wipes!

ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES: The Governor has determined that certain work is considered essential. Refer to the [Governor's website](#) if you want more details on landscapers, blowers, contractors, etc. The Governor's Executive Order as supplemented by NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets on April 3, stipulates that LANDSCAPING IS LIMITED TO MAINTENANCE AND PEST CONTROL ONLY [and only may be carried out by one landscaper on the property]. A homeowner is welcome to perform any work on their own property. Please remember the overall objective; reduce the spread of the virus. This is achieved through Social Isolation and limited in-person contact only when needed. We must all create an environment that reinforces only essential work is done during this time.

OUR TOWN EMPLOYEES: [Check out website](#). A shout out to our dedicated Town employees who are hard at work for you during this crisis. Keep in mind, many of your Town needs can be accomplished via email, phone, or Town website.

CENSUS: It's critical that you complete the Census. You should have all received your Census info in the mail. Many of you are home, just take care of it right after you read this. It's critical to our federal representation and funding.

WEATHER CHANNEL APP: If you have it on your phone, notice the bottom right Covid-19 link. Our own IBM in Armonk created this link in about 3 days!




We are all in this together folks! 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 will all get through this together. And Be Decent and Civil to each other, this is new territory for all of us.

FDR once said: *"Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear."* Thanks to all of our first responders, workers, and front-line medical staff who practice this every day!

Be safe!

Sincerely,
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