Dear Neighbors and Friends,

This is our next COVID-19 update installment. (Click here for our previous emails).

This will be the a few strange holiday weekend with COVID-19 still around. Town Administrator Kevin Hay, the Town Board - Barbara DiGiacinto, Barry Reiter, José Berra, Saleem Hussain - and I all wish you all a happy and <u>SAFE</u> Memorial Day weekend. Wherever you may be eating your hot dog, the rules don't change on distancing and/or masking-up. <u>Stay diligent and do not get complacent, as it's very easy to do so!</u> And as always, please continue to <u>Be Decent, Patient, and Civil</u> to each other as you all have been.

MASK WEARING: There is some confusion on this; we'll clear it up. The Governor's Executive Order mandates that you wear a mask when social distancing of 6 feet cannot be accomplished. Our message has simply been, when you are out, Mask Up, as there is no downside. Are you required to wear a mask at all times? No. Does it make sense to wear a mask at all times? Yes. Use common sense. Also, for those who advise us of who isn't wearing a mask, or who is congregating against the Governor's orders, we are doing our best to monitor. We do not have a separate staff who is enforcing these guidelines, however when our police see a possible infraction they will make an inquiry. Often, but not always, "congregants" are from the same household. Bicycle riders and joggers - attention You must wear a mask if your activities dictate that you cannot maintain proper social distancing. Make sure you adhere to this, as this is a common complaint from residents. If you are not wearing a mask, properly distance yourself from your companions and innocent bystanders.

**MEMORIAL DAY IN TOWN:** Beginning several years ago, the American Legion in Town discontinued the Memorial Day Parade but replaced it with a very moving ceremony every year on the steps of the Legion Hall.One of the really nice traditions in our Town, at least I think it is, is that we celebrate Memorial Day on the actual Memorial Day, meaning May 30, regardless of what day of the week it is. It forced all of us to make special accommodations to honor those who gave their lives fighting for the freedoms that we continue to enjoy. This year, due to COVID-19, the ceremony will not occur until further notice. The Governor Cuomo did announce that municipalities are able to hold Memorial Day ceremonies for 10 people or less in attendance as per CDC guidelines, but that would make it even more difficult, so the Legion will advise if they will reschedule when it's safe to do so, or possible combine it with another event. Also, the annual American Legion Clambake scheduled in August is up in the air, for obvious reasons. As one of my favorite Town food events all year, we may just have to wait a little longer for Tony Cicia's ridiculously good sausage and peppers, along with the other 6 hours of food specialties.

**NEW YORK FORWARD - THE PHASED REOPENING:** We covered this in our most recent email to you. Just <u>click here</u> to connect to the prior emails.

SUPERVISOR MICHAEL SCHILIRO INTERVIEWED ON WESTCHESTER TALK RADIO: Click here if you'd like to listen and watch.

MASK DELIVERY FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY: Andy Buder from State Senator Shelley Mayer's office delivered 3000 more masks to the Town. Town Administrator Kevin Hay and Police Chief Peter Simonson received the masks behind Town Hall today.



**UPDATE FROM THE CDC ON HOW THE VIRUS CAN SPREAD:**Click here for the update.

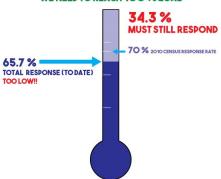
NORTH CASTLE POSITIVE CASES: NYS establishes specific protocols via each county. We are advised confidentially. We can report that we have been advised that there are now 191 positive cases reported in North Castle, but only 4 active! If you have been following this, our total number seems to have leveled off. We were at 188 about 7 days ago. Our Model Behavior is working! Stay The Course!

## LIFE, HELP, and GENERAL INFO

**CENSUS:** Critical, critical, that you respond to the Census! Click here to connect to our website. We are at a 65% response rate. We need to be at 100%! Everyone must be counted otherwise we risk forfeiting adequate representation in Congress, and losing out on Federal dollars.

## TOWN OF NORTH CASTLE 2020 CENSUS STATUS AS OF MAY 11, 2020

## WE NEED TO REACH 100 %GOAL



## COMPLETE YOUR CENSUS 2020 SURVEY TODAY!

North Castle and Westchester County Federal Money \$\$\$ Depends On It!!!

ONE MORE COOL THING TO DO IN TOWN - MILLER HILL: As many of you know, important Revolutionary War activity took place right in our very own Town. The famed Miller House, George Washington's HQ, is finally restored (although closed now due to COVID). However MILLER HILL is a beautiful gem in our Town, and one of my favorites, located on Dunlap Way in North White Plains. Read the picture of the plaque below, and if you go, walk through the park, and near the right rear, you'll see some markers. There's a picnic table there too. Beautiful and so historic to know that our revolutionary soldiers were positioned on that hill.



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. Click Here for testing sites.

**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.

**INFORMATION SITES**: <u>Town</u>, <u>Federal, Governor, CDC</u> and a link to the <u>Chamber restaurant list</u>.

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK: Let us know. Groceries, health issues, conversation, just reach out. Remember, We Are Alone...Together. Just call or text my cell (830-6061) or our Town Administrator Kevin Hay at 273-300 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! And if you need food assistance, all municipalities are working with Feeding Westchester - just click the link or visit our website - it is very discreet.

Thanks for reading! We must continue to Stay the Course, and as Dr. Fauci says, **"keep the pedal to the metal."**There is daylight ahead, but as we said, Modeling Good Behavior must remain for us to re-open and progress through the phased reopening.

We and the Town Board continue to urge you tostay 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 <u>Be Decent and Civil</u> to each other.

Have a safe Memorial Day!

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

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