

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

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

Thank you all for your continued diligence in keeping the pedal to the metal. Things are loosening up, but we can't stress how critical it is to continue to <u>Model Good Behavior</u>. We understand that people do not behave perfectly and 100% properly at all times, but keep this in mind; our businesses depend on it. I have spoken to several of our eateries all over Town, and their biggest fear is if they begin to get back on-track, re-invest in their businesses based on new guidelines, and then have to get shut down again because people let their guard down, it will hit them too hard. Let's not let them down, and simultaneously save lives.

RE-OPENING WESTCHESTER COUNTY - PHASE II

There are many new updates for businesses that can open and/or expand their services starting Tuesday; here is the list of businesses part of Phase II.

- Offices
- Real Estate
- Essential and Phase II In-Store Retail
- Vehicle Sales, Leases, and Rentals
- Retail Rental, Repair, and Cleaning
- Commercial Building Management
- Hair Salons and Barbershops
- Outdoor Dining at Restaurants

But let's face it, people want to eat out and get their hair cut!! Here are those details.

Outdoor Dining: Governor Cuomo modified his plan to allow restaurants to participate in Phase II for outdoor dining only. Due to this very recent change, we had to shift gears on Friday and Saturday to accelerate our plan to help these eateries. Instead of working on the plan this coming Wednesday at our regular meeting, and approving a resolution at future meeting, I "met" with Kevin Hay (Town Administrator), Adam Kaufman (Town Planner), and Rob Melillo (Building Inspector) and told them we need this done in about 5 hours instead of two weeks, and **Adam's answer was simply "we'll get it done."** (I feel very fortunate to work with our committed staff.) It involved legal review (Town Attorney Roland Baroni), Town Clerk facilitation (Alison Simon), Town Board review (Barbara, Barry, Jose, and Saleem), and support staff (Mindy Berard). Saturday night at 5pm we held a special meeting to approve facilitation of two items:

1. Expand our existing outdoor dining allowance.

2. Allow eateries with their own parking, i.e. Sir Johns, Lenny's, to add tables to their parking lots.

Our Building Inspector Rob Melillo is working quadruple time to make this happens for our eateries. For the link to the NYS website regarding further Phase II guidance, <u>click here.</u> You're already noticing eateries creating more outdoor seating around Town!

Barbers/Hair Salons: No special legislation needed, make your appointments and those business will guide you. As you can see by the picture below, I caved after various communications

from residents telling me it's time, so thanks to my fantastic and multitalented wife, who transformed into Edward Scissorhands for a night, I received a sorely-needed haircut and my days of looking like Cosmo Kramer in the morning are over.

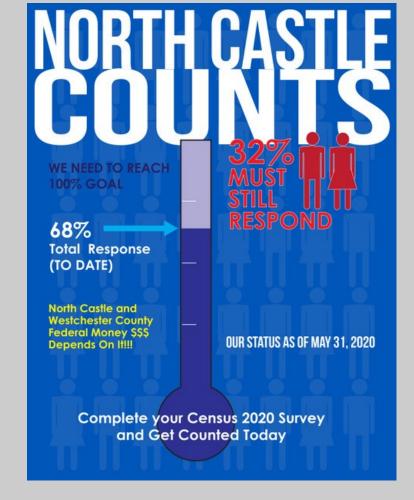


COVID-19 UPDATE:

Due to all of your collective diligence, North Castle cases seems to have plateaued. Our cumulative positive cases in Town now stands at 195 and we have ZERO active cases! We have been in the 180-190 range since the middle of May. <u>Thank you!!</u> Do not let up!! Continue to <u>mask up, keep a</u> **mask with you at all times,** and keep an extra in your glove compartment, briefcase, knapsack, handbag, etc.

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR AMERICA: Multiple houses of worship in Town have coordinated a candlelight vigil. The event will occur on Tuesday from exactly 8:30pm - 9:00pm at Wampus Brook Park near the Gazebo. Distancing and mask-wearing is mandatory.

CENSUS: We must continue to remind you. It's critical that North Castle does its part. If you have responded, thank you! If you haven't, do it right now! <u>Click here</u> to connect to our website. Everyone must be counted otherwise we risk forfeiting adequate representation in Congress, and losing out on Federal dollars. Here's our status:



GEORGE FLOYD: If you're wondering why we haven't written anything about this topic in this email, <u>our last email</u> was written exclusively for this topic.

LITTERING MASKS AND GLOVES: For those that have been reading these emails, this is a very sore spot with me. I cannot get my head around the absolute disregard for others when someone does this. My hope is that our residents are not the culprits, but regardless, if we catch you, you will face up to a \$1000 fine and jail time. No joke. We have had some employees and some residents risk a lot by picking this type of litter up, to keep us safer...thank you!

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU NEED HELP, ASK: Let us know. Groceries, health issues, conversation, masks, just reach out. And many of you have, and we love hearing from you and we are happy to help. 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! "Keep the pedal to the metal."

We and the Town Board thank you for your diligence and commitment to helping your neighbors and local businesses. We urge you to <u>Stay Safe</u>, <u>Be Smart</u>, <u>Mask-Up</u>, <u>practice Distancing when you go out</u>, <u>and use</u> <u>Common Sense</u>. And continue to <u>Be Decent and Civil</u> to each other.

Sincerely,

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

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