June 26, 2020

Notification #7 Regarding Changes to Village Operations

On June 24, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 147 (link below), which references Executive Order No. 116 that declared a State of Emergency (SoE) in North Carolina in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Executive Order No. 147 also references, revises, or rescinds all or sections of Executive Order Nos. 116-122, 124-125, 129-131, 133-136, 138-144, and 146. The link below provides answers to frequently asked questions pertaining to Executive Order No. 147.


Therefore, based on Executive Order No. 147 and assessing Village operations since the declaration of the SoE, the Village of Whispering Pines (Village) announces the following updates and changes to standard schedules and operations:

- Executive Order No. 147 is effective at 5pm on Friday, June 26, and will remain in effect through 5pm on Friday, July 17, 2020 unless repealed, replaced, or rescinded by another applicable Executive Order.

- The State of Emergency declared on April 1, 2020, and as modified by Amendment 3 on June 26, 2020, remains in effect.

- Village playground equipment and basketball courts remain closed through July 17th.

- The Village annual 4th of July parade will begin at 2pm; however, the post-parade ice cream social at Thagard Park will NOT occur to avoid mass gathering.
  - The parade will begin and end in the parking lot of the Country Club of Whispering Pines. During parade line-up, participants are encouraged to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings.
  - The parade route has been expanded to include portions of the following roads: Pine Crest, Bogie, Avery, Birdie, Harmon, Spearhead & Hammerstone. For details visit www.whisperingpinesnc.net.
• Village Hall is open for business. However, for the safety of our residents and employees, the following protocol is in place.
  
  o Employees will wear a Face Covering, as defined below, anytime when meeting or working in direct contact with a member of the public.
  
  o Members of the public must wear a Face Covering when meeting or working in direct contact with Village staff.
  
  o Members of the public that need to conduct business with a specific staff member are encouraged to schedule an appointment.
  
  • Face Covering means a covering of the nose and mouth that is secured to the head with ties, straps, or loops over the ears or is simply wrapped around the lower face.
  
  o Executive Order No. 147 stipulates many exceptions for requiring Face Coverings. For additional information on the exceptions and Face Coverings in general, refer to Executive Order No. 147.
  
  o Under Executive Order No. 147, all North Carolinians will be on the honor system about whether or not there is a reason why they cannot wear a Face Covering.
  
  • The Open Space Utilization Committee will conduct their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, at 3pm. The meeting will be conducted electronically via WebEx. Additional information will be publicized in advance to allow residents to listen to the meeting in real-time.
  
  • The Council will conduct their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 8, at 6pm. The meeting will be conducted electronically via WebEx. Additional information will be publicized in advance with instructions on how residents can submit public comments and to allow residents to listen to the meeting in real-time.
  
  • Village parks (not including playgrounds & basketball courts), lakes, and properties are available for residents to engage in outdoor activity, provided individuals comply with Social Distancing Requirements and Mass Gatherings as defined below.
  
  • Social Distancing Requirement means maintaining at least six (6) feet social distancing from other individuals, except for family or household members.
  
  • Mass Gathering means an event or convening that brings together more than ten (10) people indoors or more than twenty-five (25) people outdoors at the same time in a single confined indoor or outdoor space, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, or meeting hall. The outdoor Mass Gathering limit of twenty-five (25) people applies to groups of people that may gather in a park, on a beach or trail.
• All residents are encouraged to review all the Governors Executive Orders to fully understand the North Carolina response to COVID-19.

• Voluntary compliance with the Executive Orders by all Village residents is our expectation.

The Village will continue to evaluate Village needs and services while considering any potential health concerns. Additional cancellations and service changes are possible as information becomes available.

**Village Phone Numbers:**

| EMERGENCY | 911 |
| Village Hall | 910-949-3141 (Zoning, Code Enforcement, Finance, Public Works) |
| Police | 910-949-9961 (Non-emergency) |
| Fire Rescue | 910-949-2400 (Non-emergency) |

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