

President's Message-May 2020

Villagers overall are a very social group and it hasn't been easy to practice social distancing, but we have all done our part to help 'level that curve' by diligently following COVID-19 prevention guidelines. Now that Governor Bill Lee has announced our stay-at-home order will not be extended past April 30 the challenge will be how to reopen our Village and communities in a logical manner while minimizing risk. Once the Governor and POA announce guidelines to follow your HOA Board will create opening plans – during this time we ask you to please bear with us as turning the spigot back on (so to speak) will likely take more time than turning it off.



In the meantime, until we are back to whatever the new 'normal' is going to be, we are extremely fortunate to live in a wonderful area with many outdoor opportunities to maintain a healthy lifestyle yet remain safe to ourselves and others. As I walk around the Village, I can't help but notice that it's going to be a banner year for beautiful lawns and gardens!

But while most of us are doing well, we shouldn't forget those who may be struggling - fortunately there are many resources available to call upon for assistance – friends, neighbors, families, churches, and many other professional resources. Our POA Rec. Dept. has put together some excellent updates on resources which are provided later below in this issue of the Voice.

We should also not forget those much less fortunate and needing support especially now provided through our donations. Below are some links to some local organizations aiding those needing help.

While our HOA Social activities have been shut down during this crisis, our Advocacy Committee has trying their best to stay in contact with our local governments and keeping up on the hot issues like Asian Carp, the US Census and upcoming local elections. They continue to work as a conduit to the POA Board on specific issues brought to them by homeowners.

So, all of us need to please keep doing what we've been doing so well and together we'll get through this.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe!

Some local links for organizations helping the less fortunate in our area:
Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County (GSC) goodsamloudoncounty.org
Second Harvest Food Bank of East TN secondharvestetn.org
Knox Area Rescue Ministries karm.org

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