

## Statement March 16, 2020 on COVID-19

Most of you, if not all of you have heard the statements made by the President and Governor Hogan regarding COVID-19. This virus outbreak must be taken seriously and it will take ALL us working together over the next weeks to stop the spread.

We are actively working with Prince Georges County, the State and other towns to monitor the presence of COVID-19 in our area and to keep abreast of necessary actions to be taken to prevent the spread of this virus.

I want to stress to all of you that Coronavirus presents a serious public health risk to all of us. While most cases have been reported mild for those that are young and healthy, it is more serious among the older population and those with underlying health conditions.

The sooner we begin to follow the directions that are given to us by our federal, state and local officials the better our chances are of not spreading the virus in our community. We will post instructions and information on our Community Channel, Website and Facebook as soon as we get it. I ask that you also listen to the news and follow directions.

Our town offices will be closed to the public until March 31<sup>st</sup> and most of the staff will telework. Prince George's County has also issued a statement that their offices are working with essential personnel only and closed to the general public. MNCPPC also issued a statement that their facilities, parks and trails are closed to the public until March 31<sup>st</sup>, depending on the status of this public health emergency.

As with any illness, sticking to the basics can go a long way. Wash your hands frequently, cover your mouth when you cough, don't touch your face since this is one of the known ways that the virus travels into your body and stay home if at all possible. The Federal government has also issued a request that we not congregate in groups of more than ten.

We have survived many obstacles and we will survive this also. Your health is my top priority and keeping you informed is my main objective. Please check our social media sources for the town regularly.

Mayor Robinson