IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM WYTHEVILLE MAYOR, DR. BETH TAYLOR

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The Town of Wytheville is deeply concerned about the health and well-being of our citizens and businesses. In order to help mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we have implemented the following changes in the operations of Town of Wytheville departments and services in order to continue to provide services while practicing social distancing. This includes the closure of many public offices and buildings while staff continues to operate within:

- The Wytheville Municipal Building is still under normal operations, but we ask citizens to practice social distancing and limit traffic into this building. Please pay Town-related bills (taxes, water & sewer, other fees) online (https://www.wytheville.org/townoffice/payments.php), by phone (276-223-3333), via U.S. Mail, or by using the overnight deposit box outside the front of the building.
- The Wytheville Police Department and Wytheville Fire & Rescue Department continues to operate as normal.
- Water and wastewater operations continue as normal.
- Refuse collection schedule remains as normal.
- Wytheville Recreation Center and 4th Street Civic Center is closed as well as all associated recreation activities including games, classes, and the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Town Council Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings will be closed to a public audience. The meetings will be live-streamed on the Town of Wytheville Facebook page.
- The E. Lee Trinkle Regional Visitors Center is closed.
- The Wytheville Meeting Center is closed.
- All Town of Wytheville Museums (Rock House, Thomas J. Boyd, Great Lakes to Florida) and offices are closed.

We must all take this pandemic situation seriously by following the mandates set forth locally, by the Governor of Virginia, and by our Federal government. We must take care of our families, friends, and neighbors, especially the elderly or those with compromised immune systems. This is an excellent time to use technology to pick up the phone or send a message to an elderly neighbor or family member and make sure they are okay and help them get any food or medical items they need.
Ways to Prevent the Spread

- Practice good hygiene
  - No handshaking
  - Wash hands frequently (at least 20 seconds with soap and water or if soap/water is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol)
  - Avoid touching your face
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with the inside bend of your arm
  - Regularly disinfect commonly touched surfaces like doorknobs, desks, tables, hand rails, etc.
- Avoid unnecessary travel especially to areas where groups of people will be present.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows when possible

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. We must all work together to keep our community safe.

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