Adjusting to the "new normal"

As we complete the first week of Gov. Brown’s "New Normal: Stay Healthy" executive order, I want to thank the residents of Reno for following the order’s guidelines.

I certainly understand how the fear of the unknown, coupled with the severe economic consequences of the pandemic, might prove challenging, but I applaud you in working to help stop the spread of COVID-19. In fact, if you’re reading this newsletter, I’m encouraged by the ingenuity and innovative ways to take the current social visit in your life, and as well as safer.

As we continue to adjust to our "new normal" we need to keep those who are most vulnerable in mind. There is no "one-size-fits-all" package but there are several ways in which we can help you and help others. Another great resource for finding essential information and how to adjust to the "new normal" is the City of Reno’s website.

Our small business owners also use our help. Our Community Economic Development has compiled a list of resources and links to our website to provide help. We have eliminated fees and permits on some activities and are prepared to review those as the pandemic continues.

At City Hall, we are continuing our business as normally as possible with all but essential staff working off-site. Again, coronavirus/coronavirus page has the latest information, phone numbers and links to help answer your questions, as does this newsletter's Wednesday newsletter indicates the lack of face masks we are providing residents. Today we have the store's supply of 100 that brings this month's total to 989. Thank you for supporting this important service for our senior. We are also conducting a survey today to better understand the needs of our seniors.

Earlier today Congress passed the CARES Act for $2.2 trillion federal stimulus package. There are direct payments to most households of about $1,200 and additional payments of $1,200 for each eligible dependent under the age of 18, or $1,200 for each eligible dependent over 18 who is a full-time student under the age of 24. The act also includes $12.8 billion in COVID-19 testing grants, $460 billion in paycheck protection and small business loans, $20 billion in grants to the states, and $150 billion in grants to public health agencies.

Our hearing department is adjusting to changes in the pandemic and is making changes to be responsive to the community’s needs and our employees’ safety and health as we continue to serve our customers. Our team is working as safely as possible. They wear face masks, use state’s Marion Suburban Residential Emergency for Non-Payment of Rent.

Donations/Social Services/Housing

• Project Room Bed Bank is in stock supplies, Food in a location event

City Hall

• City Hall is closed to the public until further notice. Most services available via telephone and online.
• CDC guidelines for screening employees has been implemented. Health screening questions will be asked.
• Increased frequency of cleaning common spaces, counter and hands in all facilities throughout our hours of operation.
• Created COVID19 page with links and information.
• Enacted a telework policy for eligible employees until further notice.
• Website on strict enforcement of City noise restrictions on vehicles.
• COVID-19 added to homelessness updates.
• Our hr department is adapting to changes and we are making changes to be responsive to the community’s needs and our employees’ safety and health as we continue to serve our customers.
• Mayor’s Office is creating a housing plan for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
• Mayor’s order for eligible face mask.

March 29 - May 2020, Mayor’s COVID-19 update to City Council.

March 30 - City's response to governor's order of "Stay Home, Stay Healthy."
March 11—Metropolitan Health District is conducting a second round of random testing for COVID-19.

March 12—City of Shelby announces new emergency order effective March 17.

March 14—Schools in Shelby County may opt to reopen by March 22.

March 15—City Hall and other government buildings remain open.

March 16—City hall will close to the public on March 17.

March 17—City of Shelby to reopen libraries and other government buildings.

March 18—Shelby County Health Department to begin testing for COVID-19.

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