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Dear Friends,

It's Thursday, March 26, and the news is dominated by the coronavirus pandemic and by guidance to shut everything down and practice social distancing.

This viral disease, COVID-19, is believed to be spread by being physically close enough to an infected person to come into direct contact with their respiratory droplets spread by a cough or a sneeze.

The NYS Department of Health has initiated an online screen tool for COVID 19. If you are concerned and would like to take an online assessment go to <https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov/covid-19-screening/>. If you meet the criteria you will receive a callback from NYS to schedule a test.

If your doctor says to get tested you can call the NYS Coronavirus Hotline 1-888-364-3065 and you will be triaged by a healthcare professional. There is also a Northwell Testing site <https://www.gohealthuc.com/>.

Social distancing reduces the chance of spreading the virus by avoiding close contact. Staying home and also by staying at least six feet away from anyone else when you are in a public space is recommended.

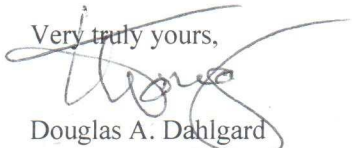
Our Governor, our County Executive and our Town Supervisor are holding daily conference calls about dealing with the pandemic. As of March 25th there were 130 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Town of Smithtown. This number of cases is predicted to go higher as the ability to test increases over time.

In order to slow the spread of the disease the Governor has directed that social distancing be practiced throughout New York State. Almost everything is closed with the exception of businesses deemed essential. This is a very serious matter and we must all practice social distancing to successfully reduce the spread of the disease.

In accordance with the directions to close businesses we have closed Village Hall for most of the office staff. Only our Police, our Building Inspector and our Highway Crew will be physically at work. The rest of us will be working from home. Telephone calls to Village Hall will be forwarded to home phones and will be returned during normal business hours. Tax payments and other village correspondence should be mailed to Village Hall.

As you know the village election and the March court session have been cancelled. Right now it doesn't look like we will return to normal anytime soon. We will update this post as needed.

Very truly yours,



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Mayor