



To: All Portageville Citizens
From: Portageville Board of Aldermen

Re: COVID 19 Response

Dear Citizens of Portageville,

The Portageville Board of Aldermen are monitoring the continuing developments as the United States responds to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In consultation with City leaders and the advice of members of our community, the Portageville Board of Aldermen will be taking the following steps out of an abundance of caution:

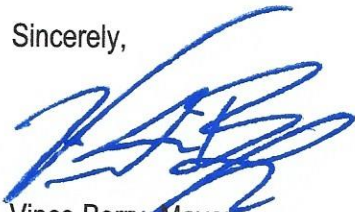
1. City Court – The Portageville Municipal Court will continue all cases on its April docket until its May 7, 2020 court date.
2. Portageville Summer Baseball / Softball – City Baseball and Softball will be slightly delayed due to COVID-19 response. Teams will not hold organized practices until April 6, 2020. Opening day games will be delayed until May 11, 2020. In addition, no scrimmage games will be allowed, in accordance with the Center for Disease Control recommendations.
3. City Meetings- All unnecessary meeting of City Boards (i.e. Planning & Zoning, Park Board, etc.) will be suspended until May 11, 2020. Portageville Board of Alderman will meet on the first Monday of the month; however, with essential personnel only in attendance. While these meetings will not be “closed” to the public, we do ask that our citizens refrain from attending unless necessary. The Portageville Board of Aldermen will attempt to live stream the meeting on our Facebook page.
4. All other city services (i.e. City Hall, Street/Water/ Sewer/ Trash, etc.) will operate as normal. City officials will monitor the ongoing pandemic situation and adjust operations to ensure continued service to our customers, while being mindful that our primary goal is the safety and well-being of our citizens and employees.

It should be noted that these measures are being taken out of an abundance of caution. The City of Portageville is not aware of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our community or within the surrounding areas. These measures are being taken after consultation with Federal, State and County officials as well as medical professionals. These measures allow us to be proactive to the changing situation rather than reactive.

All Portageville citizens are encouraged to follow the guidance of the Center for Disease control recommendations. These include avoiding large crowds, frequently washing hands, avoid touching your face, eyes, nose and mouth, and practicing responsible "Social distancing" techniques. Above all else, should you or a loved one develop a fever of over 100 degrees. Persistent cough, difficulty breathing or other flu like symptoms, contact your medical provider or New Madrid County Health Department immediately. In addition, avoid contact with others if you develop these symptoms.

One of the greatest qualities about the City of Portageville and its people has always been how we come together as a community during tough times. This community, whether faced with flood, severe weather, ice storms, or personal tragedies, has always rallied behind those affected and persevered. We will do so again with this challenge. As always, look out for your loved ones and neighbors. Check on our most vulnerable citizens. Follow the guidance from experts and government officials. Be prepared, but do not be scared. This is but one more challenge that this amazing City will face and ultimately conquer.

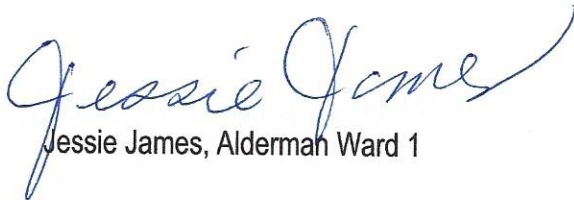
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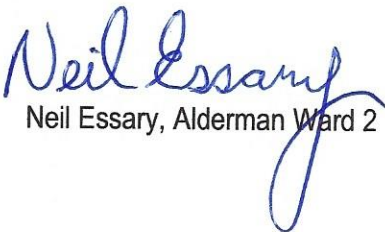
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