

FROM THE VILLAGE OF SHERMAN

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The County Transfer Station and Village Refuse and Recyclable Pick-Up are continuing on as normally scheduled.

The COVID-19 virus has arrived in our county. We want to keep everyone at home as much as possible and aid our most vulnerable residents. Therefore, the Mayor is suspending the "Village Bag" requirement effective now thru Village Spring Clean-Up scheduled for the week of April 20th. **ALL** may place **ANY garbage bag** at the curb by 9am on Tuesday mornings for pickup, through this period. Recyclables need to be sorted and placed at the curb on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

A.C.A.C. Sherman Area Food Pantry contact numbers 716-223-0164 or 716-761-6978
Located in the rear of 123 W Main St., take Church St, across from Graham's Market

Food Bank – 3rd Saturday of the month, from 8:30am-Noon

Food Express – Thursday after the 4th Monday of the month, from 9am until finished.

EVERYONE is welcome to come to the Food Express, no qualifications required.

The Governor's Executive Orders are law. We want to remind you that neither adults nor school age children should be *gathering* at this time, this includes outside on the basketball court and in the parks. Picking up after your dog is not just a courtesy, it's a New York State law.

We encourage families to get out in this beautiful weather to walk the Trail and Nature Center. If this inspires you we have several opportunities approaching to volunteer around the Village. If tree planting interests you, we'll forward your information to Mary Swanson and Jennifer TeWinkle; if helping and planning the expansion of CR2T is of interest, your information will be given to Greg Gormley and Jerry King. Edmunds' Park is of particular interest to several Sherman Chamber of Commerce members, but many hands make light work. It will take us all to preserve the history, expand the recreation areas, beautify the community, and promote the economic development of Sherman.


The Village departments continue to serve the residents and businesses of Sherman. We ask that payments are made by mail or drop-box wherever possible, electronic payments are accepted on the website. Colleen is available M-W-TH, call ahead to ensure the office is open. Jeanette is working remotely and is returning calls within 24 hrs. (716) 761-6781

If you are returning home from another state or city outside of Chautauqua County, we ask that you voluntarily self-quarantine for two weeks. We understand that you may require the essential staples and other necessities of a household. If there are no family members or neighbors to assist in delivering such essentials, please contact our Village Office for assistance.

I wish to extend my gratitude to our dedicated volunteer men and women, and the ladies auxiliary of Stanley Hose Company, along with the outstanding efforts of Sherman Central School faculty and staff during these extraordinary days. This soon will pass and with prayer, strength of faith and resiliency of spirit, Sherman will come out stronger.

Have a Blessed & Happy Easter!

Sincerely,



Colleen Meeder, Mayor

The latest information from Chautauqua County is enclosed, and it includes several valuable resources:

3/25/2020 COVID-19 Updates from Chautauqua County

STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. SAVE LIVES.

The Chautauqua County COVID-19 Response team, made up of local Public Health and Emergency Response professionals, continues to meet daily to discuss and respond to the ever-changing COVID-19 pandemic. Christine Schuyler, Public Health Director, reports that as of this time on March 25, Chautauqua County has three (3) confirmed cases of COVID-19. There were no new positive tests reported today. Our goal is to identify new cases quickly and prevent or limit secondary exposures to ensure public health and safety. We will publicize locations where positive cases may have been prior to diagnosis if the epidemiological investigation warrants it.

Public health nurses are continuing their intensive epidemiological investigations to identify the close contacts of those with confirmed cases of COVID-19. Once identified, they notify the close household and proximal contacts of their potential exposure to COVID-19 and they are placed under the appropriate level of quarantine to monitor for symptoms. Public Health Law provides the authority to enforce orders of the Public Health Officer. If an individual fails to follow the mandatory order of the Public Health Officer, the Health Department will bring the individual before a judge who would then issue a court order. If the individual continues to violate, then he/she can be incarcerated.

If you are overwhelmed, the NYS Office of Mental Health is offering a NYS COVID-19 Emotional Support Line; it is staffed by specially trained volunteers who can help. The pandemic has left many of us feeling anxious and stressed. Learn more about managing anxiety in difficult times by visiting <https://omh.ny.gov/> or calling 1-844-863-9314.

We are aware of the strain being out of work due to state mandated shutdowns is having on many; this is a difficult time. There are some resources where you can find help.

- Discuss your situation with your employer. If you are employed, that should be your first call.
- NY Connects is a trusted place to go for free, unbiased information about services and supports for people of all ages or with any type of disability. <https://www.nyconnects.ny.gov/> 1-800-342-9871
- NYS is waiving the 7-Day waiting period for Unemployment Insurance benefits for people who are out of work due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) closures or quarantines. Before you can collect, you must apply for benefits. <https://www.ny.gov/services/get-unemployment-assistance> 1-888-209-8124 (The volume of claims has increased drastically, causing a critical drain on the website and phones. NYSDOL is aware of the issue and is working to develop solutions.)
- If you are losing income and need help with temporary social assistance payments, SNAP benefits, HEAP to help with heating, contact Chautauqua County Department of Social Services. <https://chqgov.com/humansocial-services/application-information> Jamestown 716-661-8200 or Dunkirk 716-363-3500
- If you are trying to find work, many local businesses are hiring. Chautauqua Works can help you find out about these opportunities. The offices are closed, but they are working remotely and you can visit <http://www.chautauquaworks.com/> or call 716-661-9553 or 716-366-9015
- Chautauqua County Government website has a list of Services and Benefits resources and contact numbers <https://chqgov.com/alert/services-and-benefits>
- United Way of Southern Chautauqua County has an expansive list of community resources in Northern and Southern Chautauqua County. <https://www.uwayscc.org/covid-19-get-help>

The ONLY way we can protect our community and healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed with illness as a result of the novel coronavirus is to avoid being exposed to the virus.

In Chautauqua County, we expect EVERYONE in Chautauqua County to help stop coronavirus. *Do the Five:*

1. HANDS Wash them often.
2. ELBOW Cough into it.
3. FACE Don't touch it.
4. FEET Stay more than 6 feet apart.
5. FEEL sick? Stay home.

Individuals with questions or concerns regarding Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) or travel related questions are encouraged to call the New York State Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline 24/7 at 1-888-364-3065. For locally-specific information, County residents may also contact the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services at 1-866-604-6789 during normal business hours.

To follow the most current information on COVID-19, please visit the County, CDC or NYSDOH webpages at:

- <https://www.chqgov.com/>;
- <https://www.facebook.com/myhealthycounty>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>
- <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>