UPDATE ON TOWN OF BURLINGTON MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The Town of Burlington would like to announce the following updates to municipal services for residents. These actions are being taken out of abundance of caution and upon consultation with the Burlington Board of Health, and other guidance received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH).

Burlington Council on Aging

The Council on Aging remains open and staffed but all nonessential programs and activities have been cancelled. Meal delivery, transportation programs, and tax preparation assistance will continue on as scheduled. All staff will be available during normal operating hours and will be taking steps to reach out to our senior population in different ways. We urge all seniors to reach out to us for assistance and we will find a way to make it happen.

Burlington Public Library

The Burlington Public Library will be closed beginning Saturday, March 14th and will tentatively reopen on Saturday, March 28th. During this time due dates and any holds ready to pick up will be extended through the date we reopen. You also won't receive any fines (thanks to our fine free policy we began last November!). We are still here to assist with all of your informational and recreational needs. eBooks, audiobooks, comics, movies, music, television shows, and scholarly databases are all available through our elibrary at bit.ly/bpl_elibrary. Most importantly, staff will still be available to answer any of your questions via email or phone from 10am-9pm Monday through Thursday and 10am-6pm Friday. Call the library at 781-270-1690 or email our Reference Department at ref@burlingtonpl.org and we'll be happy to assist you.

Burlington Recreation Department

The Burlington Recreation Department has made the difficult decision to cancel the remaining sessions of our Winter 2020 programs, as of Friday, March 13, 2020. A household credit will be given for the remaining sessions and can be used towards a future program or event.

We have also made the decision to suspend registration for our Spring 2020 programs until further notice. We are working with Town Administration and the Board of Health and are receiving daily updates, with new information on the spread of COVID-19. Once a decision has been made to return to typical activities we will notify you through our social media accounts. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we act in the best interest and safety of our residents and participants.
All Other Municipal Departments

All other municipal departments remain staffed and open at this time. We ask the public to help us by avoiding unnecessary visits to municipal buildings. Please call ahead to see if we can assist you over the phone or through the internet. There are a number of services that can be provided in this way including paying bills and fees, applying for building permits, requesting birth, death, or marriage certificates, applications and a variety of other items.

Town of Burlington Boards and Committees

At present, there are no plans to cancel meetings of Town boards and committees. We are currently evaluating updates to the Open Meeting Law received last evening that are intended to further protect our committee members and the public at large. Once we have formulated a plan based upon this updated guidance we will communicate this with the community.

Summary

This situation is very fluid and therefore subject to change rapidly as we receive updates from our public health professionals. We appreciate all of the cooperation we have received from our residents to date and ask for your understanding as we navigate through these issues in the upcoming days.