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To our Community,

Those of us who normally work at City Hall are trying our best to turn this facility into a deserted building. As you can see from our website, most development functions are completely shut down except for emergencies. Those who have to take care of finances have worked with our IT support person to be able to access that sensitive information from home (without, of course, actually taking it home). We can forward the phones, but will do so only on a limited basis – answering phone calls made to the City only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 AM – 1 PM. We can all access our messages from home and those can always be left for us.

A couple of quick resources. Thanks to Julie Hamstreet who forwarded this link to a demonstration of how to keep your home safe and disinfected as you bring home food from the grocery store and also from the take out restaurants that remain open. Here is that link: <https://youtu.be/sjDuwc9KBps>

We also know that our own Cascade Medical Center could use any homemade masks. They suggest that those who like to sew can contact the Leavenworth Quilt Shop as the place that knows what it takes and has the resources. Also, if anyone just happens to have any surplus disposable gowns, or N-95 masks around, they will come to your car and pick them up if you just drive up in their pull-through driveway.

And finally, it is spring, officially now! (I know, it seemed like spring a lot earlier, but it really just occurred this week.) So many of you are doing some early outdoor spring cleaning while you are stuck at home. Yea for you! Fresh air is good for the soul! And all that spring cleaning is good for the garden and trees. (Have to admit mine is looking pretty bad right now). Unfortunately, while the weather might say trim, and gather, and rake... our cutting back to essential services means that, for now, both our recycling, and our brush and green waste dumpsters, are closed as nonessential elements. For those who like working outdoors, (or depend on the site for recycling), our determination that these services are nonessential might be a bit dismaying. All I can say is.... That is the nature of where we are right now. What, in ordinary times, we would consider absolutely essential, are, for now, nonessential. What IS essential is that we, together, work and create and heal and lift each other up. Have a great, and safe, weekend!



Carl J. Florea, Mayor

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