

City of CREST HILL

Illinois

Raymond R. Soliman  
Mayor

1610 PLAINFIELD ROAD, CREST HILL, ILLINOIS 60403 PHONE 815-741-5100

Dear Residents,

March 16, 2020

Vicki Hackney  
Clerk

Glen Conklin  
Treasurer

Ward 1  
Scott Dyke  
John Vershay

Ward 2  
Claudia Gazal  
Barbara Sklare

Ward 3  
Tina Oberlin  
Marco Coladipietro

Ward 4  
Nate Albert  
Joe Kubal

Heather M. McGuire  
City Administrator

I, like you, over the past few weeks, have been consumed with the news media and the press conferences concerning the coronavirus. It is evident that this is a serious situation and that we are currently living in some extraordinary times that will cause many disruptions in our daily lives. It is also apparent that this situation will probably get worse before it gets better. As Mayor, I am responsible for the health, safety, and welfare of all of our residents and employees. We, as a City, have been monitoring the daily updates from the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control, and the Illinois Department of Health and have been included in conference calls with the Governor’s Office regarding the severity of this pandemic. It is apparent that through the actions of President Trump and the Federal Government and Governor Pritzker and the State Government, that both are trying to reduce the amount of interactions that individuals have with one another. With the federal reduction of air travel, the increase of the availability of testing kits, the cancellation of most major sporting events and now with the closing of several entities at the State level, which most recently included the closing of all Illinois schools, casinos, restaurants, and bars to the end of the month. It is evident they are limiting several venues in which a large number of people attend in an attempt to reduce the interaction and contact between people and are urging people to stay home in an attempt to reduce the spread of the virus. With all of these actions, we are being pro-active in attempting to flatten the curve, which I agree is the best course of action.

As you are aware, the City of Crest Hill has a large number of senior citizens; and it has been reported that our senior population is the most vulnerable and the most at risk to the most serious effects of this virus. I urge all of our residents,

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especially our senior residents, to limit your activities and stay in your homes as much as possible. I am aware that this will cause many disruptions to your lives, but we all need to do our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

In response to guidance from public health officials regarding the most effective strategies to prevent the spread of illness, The City of Crest Hill is taking the following pre-emptive measures:

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- Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, the City of Crest Hill City Hall will be closed and will be suspending all non-emergency operations. There will be no disruption of emergency public services including Police, Water and Sewer.
- Per our agreement with the Will County Clerk’s Office, Crest Hill City Hall will remain open on March 17 as a polling place for the relocation of the polling place at Willow Falls from 6 am to 7 pm.
- All public meetings have been cancelled for the next 2 weeks, at which time the situation will be assessed. These meetings include the March 23 and 30 work sessions and the March 18 Administrative Hearing.
- Garbage service will be provided on your regularly scheduled day.
- Residents should still call 911 in cases of emergencies, and call 815-741-5111 for all other non-emergency events. If you are not already registered for the City’s emergency notification program, Smart Message, please sign up at <https://www.cityofcresthill.com/166/Emergency-Alerts-Sign-Up>.

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- The public should continue to call the City’s general phone number, 815-741-5100, and phone calls will be directed to the correct staff person who will respond in as timely a manner as possible. Questions can also be sent to [webadmin@cityofcresthill.com](mailto:webadmin@cityofcresthill.com).
- Bill payments may be dropped into the white City of Crest Hill mailbox next to the entry of City Hall. The box will be emptied daily.

As this is a developing situation, the City will monitor and assess these protocols and adjust as needed. The City will alert the community via Smart Message, City website, Community Access television channel 6, and local news media when the operations suspension period ends. I thank you for your cooperation and support during this challenging time. May God bless you and keep you in His care.

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