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PRESS RELEASE

City Playgrounds Closed Until Further Notice to Reduce Potential Spread of Coronavirus

Yard Waste Collection Postponed Until Further Notice
Residents Strongly Advised to Practice Social Distancing

SCHENECTADY – The City of Schenectady announced that equipment at City parks and playgrounds will be closed to the public until further notice. This precautionary closure is in accordance with recommendations issued by the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. This also includes all basketball courts, tennis courts, and other facilities within the parks.

While visiting City parks, members of the public are strongly advised to follow all social distancing guidelines from state and local officials, which includes maintaining six-foot distance from others.

Due to the closure of the Schenectady County Compost Facility, collection of yard waste will be postponed until further notice. Public notification will be provided when yard waste collection resumes.

City Hall will also continue to remain closed to the public until further notice. The Schenectady Police and Fire Departments, waste collection, water and sewer services, and other essential services will continue to operate.

Many City services are available online, by phone, or by email. Any City department can be reached by email through the **Online Department Contact Form** on the City website: www.cityofschenectady.com/contact. Non-emergency issues may also be reported through the **Citizen Request Tracker** feature on the City website: www.cityofschenectady.com/RequestTracker.aspx

On Friday, March 27, 2020, Mayor Gary McCarthy issued Local Emergency Order #3 to continue essential services. A list City services and contact information by department can be found below:

Schenectady Police Department

- SPD will continue to respond to all emergencies and calls.
- Members of the public are asked to refrain from going to the Police Station for the purposes filing a report. Instead, please contact **non-emergency at 518-630-0911**.
- Officers responding in-person may ask you to step outside to speak with the officer, if it is safe to do so.
- Please let our dispatchers know if you're experiencing any flu like symptoms at the time of your call. These include fever, cough, or shortness of breath.
- SPD can be reached at (518) 382-5200. You can also follow SPD on Facebook, Twitter.

Schenectady Fire Department and EMS

- SFD and EMS will continue to respond to all emergencies and calls.
- All SFD facilities will be closed to the public until further notice.
- SFD can be reached at (518) 382-5141. You can also follow SFD on Facebook, Twitter.

Department of General Services

- All curbside waste collection and recycling will continue as scheduled.
- Yard waste collection will be postponed until further notice.
- General Services can be reached online and by phone at (518) 382-5144.

Buildings Department

- Permit applications will be accepted via email at clunn@schenectadyny.gov
- Construction inspections, electrical inspections, plumbing inspections, life safety inspections, public assembly inspections, vacant building inspections, and emergency inspections will continue to occur.
- The Buildings Department can be reached online and by phone at (518) 382-5050.

Water Department

- The Water Department will continue to operate the wastewater treatment plant and respond to emergency situations.
- The Water Department can be reached online and by phone at (518) 382-5023.

Law Department

- FOIL requests and claims will continue to be processed by the Law Department.
- The Law Department can be reached online and by phone at (518) 382-5073.

Bureau of Receipts (Tax Payments)

- The Bureau of Receipts will continue to process tax payments and permit fees.
- Property owners and members of the public are encouraged to make payments online or by mail.
- Online payments can be made through the Bureau of Receipts website: www.cityofscheneectady.com/185/Bureau-of-Receipts-Tax-Payments. They can be reached by phone at (518) 382-5016.

Bureau of Assessment

- The Assessment Bureau will provide limited services, including the completion of the tentative assessment roll.

- The City Assessor can be reached online and by phone at (518) 382-5075.

Department of Development and Planning

- Applications for the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals will continue to be processed.
- Development and Planning can be reached online and by phone at (518) 382-5147.

Signal Department and Utilities

- Streetlight outages, temporary no parking requests, and traffic sign inquiries can be sent to nonemergencyrequests@schenectadyny.gov or reached by phone at (518) 382-5065.
- For malfunctioning traffic signals, please call dispatch at (518) 630-0911.

City Clerk

- For birth, death, and marriage certificates, the City Clerk's Office can be reached online and by phone at (518) 382-5035.

Schenectady residents should visit www.schenectadycounty.com/publichealth for updates from our local health department. The Schenectady County Public Health Services (SCPHS) Communicable Disease Department can be reached at **(518) 386-2824**, option 4 (8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday) and after-hours at **(518) 437-7878**.

If you are concerned that you may have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, or feel that you have symptoms of COVID-19 such as coughing, fever, or trouble breathing, **please call your healthcare provider** before going to a clinic, hospital, or other healthcare facility.

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) has a coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065. Information is also available on the NYS DOH website at www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus as well as the CDC website at www.cdc.gov/COVID19.

Members of the public are strongly advised to practice social distancing to help stop the spread of COVID-19. These precautions include:

- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Keep six feet distance from others in public.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Shop for groceries at off-hours or consider having them delivered.
- Don't visit those most at risk.

As additional updates become available, residents are encouraged to follow the City's social media accounts as well as check the City's website and local news reports.