March 13, 2020

TOWN OF

Ogden

COUNTY OF MONROE
STATE OF NEW YORK

Greetings,

The Town of Ogden continues to monitor the COVID-19 coronavirus situation, with guidance from the Monroe County Department of Public Health and the New York State Department of Health. The circumstances are changing rapidly, sometimes by the hour. At the time of this writing, there are no confirmed cases of community spread of the virus in our area. We are advising the public of our efforts to prepare Town offices, in the event of a change to this status. Please know that we are taking these measures for the benefit of public health initiatives, the health of our citizens, and the safety of our employees.

Based on State and County recommendations, a number of Town services may be reduced or postponed in the near future. If you have enrolled in a program, or if you take part in a service provided by the Town of Ogden, we recommend that you contact the Department responsible for that service regarding the potential for interruption of service. We will do our best to keep you informed as these changes occur, with as much notice as possible so that you can plan and prepare.

Some of the services that may be affected in the near future:

- Parks and Recreation will be limiting attendance to some programs. Some may be canceled. Please monitor your email and their social media platforms regarding facilities rentals and programs. This is consistent with actions of surrounding areas.
- Senior programs may be affected. We will coordinate with Monroe County to ensure our senior citizens receive the support they need.
- Ogden Farmer's Library may review their upcoming programs. Please monitor their social media platforms for details.
- Mobile DMV services at the Highway Department offices have been suspended until further notice. Please go to https://dmv.ny.gov/ to see what services are available online.

Police and Highway Department services will remain at current levels. Both Departments are implementing steps to maximize services while keeping employees and citizens safe and healthy.

The Town Clerk recommends calling ahead with questions about taxes, passports, and licensing. You may reach the Town Clerk's Office at (585) 617-6111. If you have questions or comments for the Historian's Office, please feel free to contact the Historian, Carol Coburn, at Historian@ogdenny.com or the Historian's Assistant, Jesse Diehl, at HistorianClerk@ogdenny.com.

If you have questions or concerns about the COVID-19 coronavirus, you can find information at the following websites:

The New York State Department of Health has daily update on coronavirus cases in New York State, as well as information on symptoms and prevention. Go to:
https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/

Most people who contract this virus have a mild illness, with a cough and fever, lasting several days. Some people, generally senior citizens or people with pre-existing health issues, may require hospitalization or health support.

The Monroe County Department of Public Health has information on what to do if you believe you may have been exposed to the virus, including a hotline and email contact. Go to: https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-coronavirus

Both of these resources have guidance on how to prevent the spread of this virus. The following tips are from the Monroe County webpage:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve or a tissue (then throw the tissue in the trash).
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Again, we are taking these steps to support public health initiatives, for the safety of our citizens and our employees.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Gay Lenhard
Supervisor, Town of Ogden

Follow and contact Ogden Parks and Recreation at:

Website: www.ogdenparksandrec.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/ogdenparksandrec
Instagram: www.instagram.com/ogdenparksandrec

You can follow the Ogden Police Department at:

Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/townofogdenpolicedepartment
Instagram- www.instagram.com/town_of_ogden_ny_police
Twitter- https://twitter.com/OgdenPoliceNY
Nextdoor- https://nextdoor.com/agency-detail/ny/town-of-ogden/town-of-ogden-police-department/

NOTE- For emergencies, call 911. We cannot dispatch emergency services from a social media account, and the accounts are not monitored 24/7.

Follow and contact the Ogden Farmer's Library at:

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Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ogdenfarmerslibrary/
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/ogdenlibrary/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/OgdenLibrary