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PRESS RELEASE

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Glenwood Springs closes public buildings through March 27, 2020

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – Glenwood Springs City Manager Debra Figueroa has implemented a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency effective immediately and as a result will close its public buildings as of Saturday, March 14, 2020. This closure includes the Community Center, City Hall, the Police Department Administrative office, the Fire Department Administrative office, and the Art Center and will remain in effect for two weeks. The City will re-evaluate the closure on March 27, 2020.

This is a proactive measure to slow the potential spread, impacts, and damage of COVID-19.

Police, Fire, Public Works, Facilities, Parks, Landfill, Recycle Center, and City Leadership will continue to provide essential services.

Board and Commission Meetings

- Non-mandatory advisory board and commissions will stop meeting through March 27.

Utility Bills and Payments

- Residents are encouraged to pay utility bills online or by phone. Please note: the convenience fee for card transactions is the same for online, telephone, and in-person card payments.
 - Utilities, fees and other payments will be accepted in the payment DROP BOXES located outside the east front entrance and in the west parking lot.
 - Online Utility Payments – www.cogs.us/pay
 - Phone number for Utility Payments – 970-384-6455

Municipal Court Payments and Dates

- Court Payments can be made with cash or check in our payment drop boxes located at the east front entrance or the west parking lot of City Hall.

- Payments can also be made online at www.citepayusa.com/payments/welcome or at www.cogs.us/pay.
- All Court dates have been postponed until June 16, 2020.
- You may contact the court clerk by at 970-384-6530 or robin.bustad@cogs.us

Building and Fire Inspections

- Currently, the City will continue to schedule building inspections, review fire and other building plans.
- Schedule building inspections at 970-384-6432; building inspections will be performed Tuesday through Friday
- Submit building plans online at building@cogs.us
- Schedule a review of fire sprinkler plans or discuss other Fire Code-related matters contact the Fire Marshall at 970-384-6433

Public Restrooms

- At this time, public restroom facilities and porta-potties in parks will remain open.

Community Center

- Along with the closing of the Community Center, all programs are cancelled through March 27. Regular updates will be posted on social media and our website. Again, we will continue to evaluate this unique situation and will provide regular updates at www.glenwoodrec.com.

City Parks

- All City parks will remain open until we are directed otherwise by the local health department. We encourage you to continue visiting our parks, as regular exercise is essential to physical and mental well-being.

The City's website at www.cogs.us has a complete listing of all staff phone numbers and email addresses. City office phones will be forwarded to cell phones to allow the public to continue to reach city staff members during this time.

"The health and safety of our community remains our primary concern during this unique time. We recognize these closures will inconvenience our residents, but these decisions are made to prevent the spread of illness and to ensure the health of our residents as much as possible. We also hope that our residents and visitors will continue to support our local businesses during this difficult time," stated Mayor Jonathan Godes.

Public Health Departments continue to recommend prevention strategies, such as hand washing to reduce the spread of illness, staying away from others when sick, maintaining social distancing in community settings or meetings (the practice of maintaining extra distance, up to six feet, between people), and cancelling large group events. For additional personal measures, please visit the CDC webpage at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

To receive updated information on local guidelines and procedures, please visit Garfield County Public Health's website and sign-up to receive notifications from their emergency blog at <https://www.garfield-county.com/public-health/novel-coronavirus/>.

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