



**Village President’s Message—Vol. XXIX**

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Ann Potter  
Village President

Dear Fellow Residents,

As I sat down to write this note on Friday, I thought I would start with something along the lines of adjusting to the “new normal.” As 3:00 rolled around and Governor Pritzker was speaking, I realized that we would soon be living under a new – “new normal.”

I hope that this note finds you and those you hold dear well and adapting to days spent mostly inside. I would like to thank all who have been heeding the advice to remain at home as much as possible and strongly urge you to continue to do so. While I recognize this need for isolation has been difficult, it is critical to limiting the spread of COVID-19 and so far, we are fortunate to have no reported cases in our village.

The Governor’s order takes us from a voluntary to a mandatory stay at home situation, but it does allow for some essential activities to continue. I’m sure by now you know that residents may leave home for trips to the grocery store, pharmacy or a medical related appointment. Exercise is also allowed and supported. Our newly opened restaurant, Great Coast Commons is taking orders over the phone between 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm for delivery or pick up and while we are dealing with the current crisis, an exception is being made to our liquor laws so that wine and beer may also be purchased with an order of food.

While the Village Hall is currently closed, our staff is working from home and is always available should a resident have any concerns or questions. If any resident is completely homebound, Village staffers are happy to coordinate the running of errands, etc. Please feel free to email at [info@kenilworthil.org](mailto:info@kenilworthil.org) or telephone 847-251-1666 and leave a message. We want everyone to be safe and will make sure that our most vulnerable residents are supported over the next weeks and months.

Our police department personnel continue to deliver the same level of exceptional service they always have. You will still see the police vehicles patrolling our community. In an emergency, as always, please dial 911 for an officer to immediately respond. For non-emergency matters please call the main police department number 847-251-2141 and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Our Public Works employees are reporting for duty on a staggered basis to ensure that the Village’s infrastructure continues to be maintained and emergency repairs

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are not delayed. While the Park District offices are closed, maintenance staff remained on duty to make sure that the Kenilworth Assembly Hall was safe for last Tuesday's primary voters.

Our teachers and staff at Sears have been working tirelessly and under difficult circumstances to adapt to the new learning environment to make sure that our children continue to benefit from an engaging and challenging education program. If you haven't done so, I would encourage you to express your appreciation for all they do.

Governor Pritzker has instituted twice a week conference calls with all municipal leaders from throughout the state. Both the state and the City of Chicago have excellent web sites that are updated daily as well as links to public health staff who can answer medical questions. The state's web site for this emergency is **Coronavirus.Illinois.gov** where you can find a wealth of information. Regular conference calls are also occurring with Mayor Lightfoot where timely information and future plans are shared. The Chicago web site is **Chicago.gov/coronavirus**. The city's Public Health Commissioner, Dr. Allison Arwady hosts a daily "The Doctor is In" livestream on Facebook. Mayor Lightfoot has encouraged all county residents to make use of this resource.

One of the most gratifying things about living in our town is the closeness of our residents and their willingness to help others. I know that many of you are already checking on your neighbors and offering help as needed and am confident that with each other's commitment and compassion we can get through these challenging times.

On that note, one of our residents who is a lawyer has offered her services, pro bono, for any business that has questions about the ramifications of the Governor's order. If you need assistance, please contact the Village office and we'll put you in touch.

This is a worrying time for us all and the stress many of us feel these days can be enormous and overwhelming. We are all out of our usual routines. Homes can be hectic with children not in school. Working from home presents a whole new set of challenges. The economic downturn is causing us all to reevaluate our finances and of course, we worry about loved ones who are not with us. Sadly, there is no "magic bullet" to deal with our current predicament. What we do have is each other. We can listen, we can extend offers of help, we can use technology not just to work remotely but to connect with loved ones whether the distance be great or small. We can step back and reflect on what is most important in our lives.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions, concerns or comments. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that all indications are that current circumstances will be with us for an extended period. While these are difficult and troubling times, I believe that if we adhere to the "new normal" as advised, we can weather this crisis and emerge stronger as individuals, families and a community.

Warmest regards,



Ann