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Report of C. M. J. J. D. 04/08/20

A.) Calls for Police services are slightly down.

- 1.) Observing social distancing means that people are spending more time at home. This is a time to strengthen our family bonds. I know that togetherness at home can challenge tempers. We need to relax and remember that a walk or other exercise is helpful in calming strained nerves.
- 2.) The preparedness of Fire is excellent. We have had some recent mechanical difficulties with Engine 140. Replacement of transition hoses was found to be necessary.
- 3.) Work like fire hydrant flushing continues. The Water Distribution crew has been doing an excellent job.
- 4.) The Flags are out. Mr. Blair provided the suggestion from a citizen and Street was happy to oblige.
- 5.) Remember the Tax Deadline is July 15th. If you need help completing your local tax return call 740-636-2342 from 7:30 to 4. Rolling back the deadline has given us the opportunity to answer questions about the local return on the telephone. If we can answer your questions on the telephone, you can simply and safely place the return in the night drop box at 105 North Main Street.

We would be happy to address your local tax questions now so that you can get the tax return done. Again, completed tax documents can be placed in the night drop box at the City Building, 105 North Main Street. The night drop box is located near the Main Street entrance to the City Building.

That Tax Department remains open on a restricted basis. Best to help us help you and get local taxes completed ahead of the July 15th deadline in a safe manner.

- 6.) Remember that you have several ways to pay your water utility bill.
 - a.) Night drop access 24/7, 105 North Main Street
 - b.) Pay by phone 740-636-2344 (You talk to a real live local person)



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- c.) Online: www.cityofwch.com
- d.) By mail: 105 North Main Street Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

B.) Thank the people of the Hospital and EMS.

- 1.) Our current challenge makes their lives extremely stressful and increasingly difficult. The decrease in out-patients and elective procedures means that at a time when virus preparedness introduces new calls for expenditure of funds revenues drop. This is a challenge faced by rural hospitals most acutely. Efforts to stimulate the economy should address the pressing needs of rural healthcare.
- 2.) Today, I needed lab work done for an issue that did not relate to COVID 19. The hospital staff made me feel incredibly safe and the brief blood draw was accomplished with extraordinary attention to detail. The folks at the hospital are our people, they are prepared for us, we need to support them.

C.) Facemasks

- 1.) We are all wearing facemasks. In public places like grocery stores we need to remember to wear facemasks. Earlier today, I forgot mine outside of the office, this will happen until we are used to wearing facemasks. I know that facemasks are inconvenient. If you wear glasses the glasses fog, but it is a simple precaution.

D.) EMA, EMS and all our Friends

- 1.) Daily coordination via the local Emergency Management Agency with the Hospital, EMS, Health, City, County, Police, Fire and Sheriff continues. The level of cooperation and organization achieved is excellent. Nevertheless, we still need you to do your part.

E.) Easter Appeal

We have all enjoyed the Spring weather. Hopefully, we have enjoyed the outdoors while remembering to observe our current need to maintain distance.

Spring is an inspiration for our current situation. After Winter, the natural world of green returns to us. Imagine that you were not familiar with the change of

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season. Think how difficult it would be deep in the cold short days of Winter to realize that the relative warmth and comfort of Spring was just around the next corner. Hopefully, you read or hear this before the 40-degree forecast.

The temporary closure of many businesses and separation from people dear to us challenges our resolve. Easter of spiritual importance for many and a time of family for nearly all of us will test our character. If we throw aside caution and gather to celebrate Easter, we will compromise our safety and threaten our community's health.

I know that we grow tired of the burden. I know that many of us face economic suffering. I know that many will not care to hear a call for continued vigilance.

Not long ago the sweet smell of newly mown grass was a memory. Now that memory of the smell of fresh grass clippings is again a friendly reality. So too shall normal life return to us. Our separation and our communal challenge is not at an end, but neither is our challenge a permanent condition.

We have an opportunity to act in a manner that when remembered will bring from within ourselves pride. If we continue our discipline and encourage others so to do, we will limit the loss of life and suffering and hasten the return of familiar daily life.

Thank You