

FROM: Mayor Lenarcic
Memo to Jamestown Residents
May 1, 2020

Dear Friends;

This is my last memo to the community. It has been my pleasure and honor to serve the Jamestown community as Mayor and Trustee for 26 of the last 28 years (I took a brief retirement from 2012 to 2014).

Although I will be retiring as an elected official, I plan to continue to help the community, staff, Mayor and Town Board, particularly in the areas of COVID-19 information gathering and dissemination, sustainability grants (recycling etc.) and wildfire safety. Everybody needs a hobby.

I leave the Town in very capable hands. We are all aware of the fantastic job Tara did and her personal sacrifice during the 2013 flood. I am certain Tara will lead the community safely through the balance of the present CORONAVIRUS pandemic in a thoughtful and conscientious manner.

Most of the Town Board continues to remain in office. I want to thank Michael Box, Joe Brancato, Roger Loving, Allan Mueller and Heather Yahnke for their much appreciated support during the past term. I also welcome Courtenay Bedell to the Board of Trustees, I am certain that she will do an excellent job. I am also thankful for the service of Chad Droste, Scott Golden and Oak Chezar for making valuable contributions to the Board while they could. The Town Government functions get done without any kind of individual compensation.

This Town relies heavily on volunteers and those who have committed work for the betterment of the community. Too many volunteers to list them all.

I also want to recognize our Town Staff, Town Clerk, Kristi Ruledge, without whom nothing at all could happen, our Floodplain Administrator, Mark Williams and the Water Plant operators, Jon Ashton, Emma Hardy and Arne Metzger. They are all conscientious, knowledgeable and reliable.

Finally, I must acknowledge Trustee Vic Harris, who is retiring with me. Vic has accumulated 16 years of faithful service and has cheerfully accepted roles in Water Operations, Parks and Town Square, Roads and Bridges and much more. He is a rare person whose hard work and perception of issues will be sorely missed.

COVID-19 – COMMUNITY UPDATE

Also see the accompanying discussion paper titled **“Living SAFER at Home in Jamestown”**. It is a discussion of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPH&E) order 20-28, SAFER AT HOME and how it may affect our community (after May 8th).

The following information was obtained from Boulder County Public Health (BCPH) on April 28th.

Boulder County Public Health extended the Governor's Stay at Home Order through May 8th. After May 8th, barring a surge in COVID-19 cases, Boulder County is likely to transition over to the CDPH&E Safer at Home Order 20-28. Confirmation is forthcoming as Boulder County may choose to include additional restrictions to the state order. Under that Order more businesses will be allowed to reopen and more persons will be employed, but requirements for social distancing will remain intense.

The Safer at Home Order 20-28 places more emphasis on Facial Coverings, (scarves or masks) as we transition to the State Safer at Home Public Health Order.

Kathryn White is still making facemasks to order ten at a time with a suggested price of \$10 per mask. <mailto:kathryn.white73@gmail.com> There are others making masks. I hope to hear from them in order to add their contact information to future memos. Support your local Mask-makers.

A note about Recycle Saturdays and Spring Cleanup/Recycle (Dumpster) days:

Under the Stay at Home order Recycle Saturdays were deemed prohibited as an organized outdoor event or community gathering. There is a tentative plan to reinstate Recycle Saturdays in May- **after** the County Stay at Home Order is lifted. More info soon.

In the event that it is necessary to postpone the June 13th Spring Cleanup, I have obtained an alternate date from the County of September 12th.

The following Emergency and Interim Federal legislation update was provided by Congressman Neguse on April 26th.

There are a number of stimulus bills in the pipeline:

Interim Emergency Package: Signed by the president April 24th. This bill is primarily intended to **replenish the SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). It would add \$310 Billion** to the \$350 Billion that has been exhausted from the original CARES act. Of the \$310 Billion, \$60 Billion is intended for small bank businesses. This money will go fast. I still have a packet of information for any business who wants to explore the possibility of available grants. The bill also included funding for testing and mandates a national test plan.

CARES 2.0: This bill will include some of the items that may be deleted from the Emergency Bill above, In addition to funding for food stamps, there may be additional funds for Homelessness projects, compensation for hospital workers, higher education and local governments. Congress will be working on this bill when they reconvene provided they can address their own social distancing issues. The bill might be ready the week of May 11th.

Infrastructure Bill: This bill would fund construction of Roads, Bridges and other infrastructure projects. Pretty much on the backburner in the House. The Senate seems more intent on getting this moving.

CARES ACT:

Unemployment Compensation + \$600/wk for contract employees, freelancer, etc. The portal for this benefit opened April 20th. The Colorado Department of Labor and Employment began taking applications Monday, April 20th, for this CARES Act unemployment benefit. The benefit provides for additional \$600 per week in unemployment payments in addition to a reduced state benefit. This money will run out at the end of July.

<http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/covid-19/pua>

Economic Impact Payments of \$1200 per person plus \$500 per child have begun with persons who filed for refunds and gave a bank account number for IRS deposit for tax years 2018 or 2019 receiving the first round of payments. You can still provide the IRS with bank deposit information and that will increase your chances of getting your payment sooner.

<https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments> GET MY PAYMENT

Jamestown Small Businesses: If you own a business in Jamestown, and you have been hurt by the pandemic, received or not received any Small Business Administration (SBA) loans, or turned down for a loan; please drop me an email – I will put you on a mailing list that may provide helpful information. <mailto:kenlenarcic@gmail.com>

Volunteers Wanted.

With the installation of our new Board of Trustees on May 4th, it is also a time when members of various committees are appointed. Anyone interested in becoming a member of one or more of the various committees should submit a request to the Town Clerk <mailto:townclerk@jamestownco.org> not later than the morning of May 4th.

- Land Use and Housing Advisory Committee (LUHAC):
- Watershed District Steering Committee:
- Wildfire Safety Committees: (Steering or Firewise)

Guardrail Construction on Mill Street:

- Location: where the current jersey barriers are along the eastbound lane. Our contractor will be replacing the jersey barriers with a permanent guardrail.
- Approximately 300 feet of the eastbound lane will be closed during construction starting just east of the Fire Hall
- Construction start: Monday, May 4th
- Duration: estimated to be complete by end of June.
- Flaggers during working hours and an automated signal at all other times.

Census:

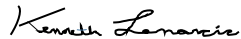
Someone emailed me recently and included information to the effect that **only 12% of Jamestown had returned census information**. I don't believe it. The CENSUS did not deliver information/questionnaires to most of our doorknobs as intended because of virus concerns.

We have to take matters into our own hands. We can do this.

Here it is: Self-Respond TODAY [online](#), by [phone](#) or by [mail](#) Phone; 844-330-2020

The transition from Stay at Home to Safer at Home will have some important impacts on Jamestown; the Town will continue to keep you informed as the situation develops and becomes clearer. I hope you will all continue to apply social distancing, wear a mask when outdoors, and please take a few minutes to read the accompanying ***Living SAFER at Home in Jamestown***.

Sincerely,



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