AN UPDATE FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT REGARDING COVID-19

As we head into week 4 of sheltering-in-place, it is extremely apparent that we are entering the most important two weeks during this horrific time in our history. A time when all of us need to diligently practice social distancing and continue making the best out of this time we are forced to stay home. Leading into the Easter holiday makes it even harder for us to stay away from family and friends, but this is beyond imperative if we are going to get through these trying times.

As for our Borough operations, we are still open for business but closed to the public. The police, fire, public works and sewer departments continue to function along with all of our office administration. Boroughs are considered an essential business and therefore we need to keep employees in place because shutting down our daily function is not an option. With that being said, all public council meetings and our other various boards and commissions are cancelled until further notice. Additionally all public events scheduled in town through July 15th are cancelled. We will monitor the situation as the weeks pass by to make decisions on other future events and the possible rescheduling of those already cancelled.

I also want to remind everyone that you can place your tax payments in the drop box located in the lobby of borough hall. To receive the 2% discount, payments must be received by April 30th but the face value of the tax bill is being extended to July 31st. When dropping off any payments please make sure they are in the form of checks, money orders or certified funds. If you have any questions, our tax collector Anna Bono-Larrisey can be reached at 215-788-1600.

During this unprecedented stretch in our history, I want to take a minute to recognize and thank the children of Bristol Borough who I feel are slightly forgotten about during this tremendously difficult time. Taken out of school and their routine, spending the majority of their time in the house with nowhere to go, no sports or extracurricular activities to keep them busy, and as parents and grandparents we just expect them to adapt and deal with it. We focus on how difficult this time is for the adults and the seniors, but it is important to take a step back and appreciate what our children and grandchildren are also going through.

In closing I want to wish everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter! This will definitely be different than any holiday we have ever experienced, but it is nonetheless still a very sacred time for those who celebrate despite not being in church. Please stay safe, continue to practice social distancing and together we will get through this pandemic stronger than ever!

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***(Posted 04-09-2020)
A vote by the Bucks County Commissioners has resulted in an extension of the due date for the face amount of taxes to July 30, 2020. Penalties begin on July 31, 2020.