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PRESS RELEASE

Winthrop Harbor Village Board Takes Further Action in Response to COVID 19 Outbreak

Winthrop Harbor, IL: Winthrop Harbor Mayor Michael Bruno and the Village Board announced this morning that they are taking additional proactive measures beyond current education and outreach efforts to minimize the impact of COVID 19 on the Winthrop Harbor community. "Government's role is to provide for the health, safety and welfare of its constituency," said Mayor Bruno. "We have done that thus far and will continue to be proactive without hesitation or reservation."

The measures announced this morning include a moratorium on water shut-offs due to non-payment of water bills. This is in response to the Centers for Disease Control and various health department recommendations for frequent hand cleaning. To compliment this action Village Administration is in communication with both Commonwealth Edison and North Shore Gas to ensure utilities used for heating water have a similar moratorium. In addition, to protect against the potential of community spread all Park & Recreation events have been cancelled and or postponed until further notice. A teen dance and youth basketball play-off games are the most immediate cancellations. Rental of the Village's Community Center for private events will be evaluated on a case by case basis paying special attention to event size and attendee demographic focusing on vulnerable population attendees.

"The fluidity of the situation requires that we continually evaluate the Village's response and actions," said Village Administrator Gregory Jackson. "The Governor's Office, Illinois Department of Health, the Lake County Health Department as well as the Mayor's Caucus and Illinois Municipal League have all been strategic partners in communication and with resources," continued Jackson.

"As of today we have no know incidences of COVID 19 infections," said Mayor Bruno. "What we do today and in the days and perhaps weeks to come we do to prevent and or minimize the impact of this uncertain virus."

For updates related to Village responses, actions, and or activities the public can go to www.winthrop harbor.com.

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