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UPDATED (4/1/2020) CITY SERVICE PUBLIC NOTICE (COVID 19)

The City of Swartz Creek is taking measures to protect the public and staff as the State of Michigan, currently under a state of emergency, mitigates the spread of COVID-19. The situation is dynamic, and these measures change rapidly. As of March 23, a "temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life" has been applied by state executive order. This action requires cessation of all non-essential services and functions.

The city offices are closed to the public until further notice. Anyone requiring services from staff at the city offices are asked to make an appointment by calling 810-635-4464 or via email at colger@cityofswartzcreek.org. Any essential walk-in appointments shall be expected to follow social distancing and other rigorous protocols.

The city expects to begin hosting virtual meetings that include two-way communication for council members, staff, petitioners, and the general public in time for the council meeting on April 13, 2020. Meetings of the planning commission, park board, downtown development authority, and zoning board of appeals are cancelled until further notice.

Utility bill payments can be paid using U.S. Mail, the drop-box (located in the city office parking lot by the south west side of the building), or online <https://bsaonline.com/?uid=2016>. The due date for utility payments has been extended by three weeks, to May 5, 2020. Water turn-offs for non-payment shall not occur. The city's online information and permitting services, accessible by the same link, are also extensive and available for use.

The Department of Public Services will remain active but will not be engaging in non-emergency home appointments or similar services, but other city services (water, sewer, streets, & parks) are expected to be available. Note that parks are open to passive recreation, but high use facilities such as bathrooms and playscapes will be closed. Non-essential building inspection services are suspended.

Republic waste services have suspended yard waste and bulk item collection. They will only pick up contents of cans. See their notice here: <https://www.cityofswartzcreek.org/index.php/files/141/Miscellaneous-Documentation/1038>. With Republic yard waste collection suspended, we have arranged to have a dumpster placed on the vacant lot south of the DPW for drop off (5129 Morrish). Please limit usage to what has been placed at the curb already, since this is not a solution that can accommodate city-wide deposits. The dumpster is for bagged yard waste only!

Emergency, School, Veteran, and Senior Services are provided by other parties. Please consult their respective websites or use the contact information below.

Swartz Creek Area Fire Department: 810.635.2300
Swartz Creek Community Schools: 810.591.2300
Swartz Creek Area Senior Center: 810.635.4122
Genesee County Department of Veterans Services: 810.257.3068

Please continue to visit the city Facebook page and website for updates. Additional information from the state is on the following website: <https://www.michigan.gov/Coronavirus>