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Message to Town of Bermuda Run Residents



I am writing this while adhering to the need for social distancing (actually, I prefer to think of it as physical distancing) and keeping with my role as Mayor for our Town of Bermuda Run. I'm contemplating what I most want to say at this point in time. There is already a plethora of information for you to consume about what is happening with COVID-19, so I will keep this focused on our community.

First, a bit of perspective. I looked back at my calendar to just one short week ago (March 12th). It was all fairly normal given the evolving circumstances with COVID-19. Among other things, it included an early morning meeting with the Chair of the Davie County Board of Education, followed by stopping into some of our town's businesses to check in with them. After that, I had a lunch meeting with a group of our community's young entrepreneurs. I spent the latter part of the day working through some of our town's current and future priorities.

At the end of the day, Governor Cooper convened a conference call with the state's local government officials to outline the state's plans for a State of Emergency, closing of K-12 public schools, and limiting mass gatherings. The following morning, Davie County Government declared a State of Emergency in order to be prepared to secure additional resources as needed in the coming days and weeks.

What a difference a week makes! Yes, much has changed. We are in a very different world today, and it is very likely that changes will continue for the foreseeable future. This past week has been jarring to say the least. With that as a backdrop, I want to share a few things:

- The town of Bermuda Run continues to work closely and is in continuous communication with our county government partners and agencies, with primary focus being the mitigation and prevention of COVID-19 in our community. Davie County Government, in coordination with state and federal agencies, continues to take steps to help manage its impacts.
- For the time being, we will maintain our normal operating hours at Bermuda Run Town Hall. The town staff is small in number (3) and the setup in our office is conducive to proper physical distancing. We want to continue to be responsive to the needs of our community. We do ask that if you have a question or request, please call the office at 336-998-0906 so we can determine the best way to address your needs. If things change, we will keep you posted. As a reminder, we have postponed or cancelled all town public meetings through at least mid-April. Current information is available on the [Town's Website](#).
- During the past several days, I have reached out to a number of businesses across our town. Certainly there is anxiety as to what the upcoming weeks and months will bring. With that said, they are all working to be there for our community. Our community's local restaurants are doing an amazing job of adapting to our current situation. They are adjusting their business hours, menu offerings, as well as pick-up or delivery options. As a community, we have the opportunity to rise to the occasion and adapt as well.

Here are a few things I'm asking each of us to do:

- Continue to be a good neighbor - I am inspired by knowing, now more than ever, that we live in a special and caring community. Make sure those you know who may be most at risk are not forgotten and have the resources they need. Let's continue to check in with each other.
- Buy local - Each restaurant and business in Bermuda Run is at the heart of our town's character and identity. They need us now more than ever. Consider reaching out to them to make a purchase or buy a gift certificate for future use. Many of our restaurants are continuing to adapt their offerings. The following link provides a current list of restaurants - [Bermuda Run restaurants offerings](#). This will continue to evolve so check back frequently. Also, many of them are posting information on social media and their own websites.
- Stay informed - Things continue to change,

sometimes very quickly. Davie County Government has established a [CoronaVirus Updates page](#) on its website. This is a good source for updates on COVID-19 and its impact on our community.

Finally, as I have said each time I have spoken or written to you, I want to engage with residents, businesses, and organizations across our community. My desire for this does not change during these times. What does change, for the time being, is the need to re-think how we go about doing that. For now, we can connect via email, text, or phone call. I want to hear from you so please feel free to reach out to me at rcross@townofbr.com or 336-391-1992.

Your Town Council, Town Staff, and I will continue to work tirelessly on your behalf as we address this significant challenge.

We are in this together, and together we will emerge stronger.

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