



October 5, 2020

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR RICK CROSS:

Fall is officially underway. Leaves are beginning to change, temperatures are slowly coming down, and the inevitable seasonal presence of Halloween and Christmas decorations are appearing all around us. As we transition from one season to the next, I am mindful that we are in the midst of unusual times. As I continue to work - with our town leaders and staff, our business community, our partner agencies, and most of all our residents, I am energized by what I see and hear.



In today's message, I will provide an update on COVID-19, share some events around our community, and an update on a couple of things relative to our town's business.

I want to keep you updated on the latest changes relating **COVID-19** that may impact our community. As a result of continued overall stabilization of the key metrics, Governor Cooper has announced a move from the Phase 2.5 re-opening plan to Phase 3, which went into effect Friday, October 2, at 5:00pm. This change includes the following:

- **Large outdoor venues** with seating greater than 10,000 may operate with 7% occupancy for spectators.
- **Smaller outdoor entertainment venues**, such as arenas or amphitheaters, may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- **Movie theaters and conference centers** may open indoor spaces to 30% of capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- **Bars** may operate outdoors at 30% of **outdoor** capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- **Amusement parks** may open at 30% occupancy, outdoor attractions only.
- The limits on mass gatherings will remain at 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.
- The 11 p.m. curfew on alcohol sales for in-person consumption in locations such as restaurants and outdoor bars will be extended to Oct. 23.

For additional information relating to Phase 3, Click [FAQs for Phase 3](#)

North Carolina Department of Health & Human Services (NCDHHS) and Davie County Health Department continues to encourage adherence to the **3 “W”s**:

- **Wear** a face-covering if you will be with other people

- **Wait** at least 6 feet apart
- **Wash** your hands often

We remain committed to responding positively in dealing with COVID-19. We will look out for each other - our family, friends, and neighbors; in supporting our local businesses who have been there for us; and in considering how we can be there for the organizations across our community that have tirelessly worked on behalf of those most in need.

During the past few weeks, I have seen, first-hand, a number of examples of initiatives and efforts that provide great value across our community.

Recently, the **Bermuda Run Garden Club** held their semi-annual “Feed the Beast” shredding event at Town Hall and ended up raising a record amount of money for various local causes. The recipients of their efforts include Davie Community Foundation, Davie County Public Library, Exceptional Children of Davie County, Storehouse for Jesus, Meals on Wheels, and Lunch Buddies Program. Additionally, they conducted a drive that collected more than 600 pounds of supplies for **Store House For Jesus**. Thanks to all the hard work by the Bermuda Run Garden Club and their long-standing commitment to our community.

A few weeks ago, a small group of 14 cyclists called The Solar Bears, led by Bermuda Run resident Scott Sexton, rode the 3-mile loop on Riverbend Drive for 24 hours (!) to raise money for the local **Cancer Services organization**. These riders have been cycling for this cause for a number of years, and have raised a significant amount of money for this worthwhile cause. They are hoping to make Bermuda Run their home for this event in the future. The Solar Bears say stay tuned for 2021!

Last weekend, **WinMock at Kinderton** sponsored a *Pop-Up restaurant with a purpose* event. This is the second such event, and the goals were simple: raise funds to provide food for our neighbors facing hunger, provide work for Providence team members, and provide guests with a great meal in a safe, clean, and healthy environment. Proceeds from this dinner will go to support Second Harvest Food Bank's ongoing COVID-19 response in our community. We hope that WinMock and Providence will join together again for another Pop-Up event.

I know there are other examples of our community members being there. Of course, these initiatives are successful because of our residents' and businesses' selfless commitment to looking out for each other.

As we have communicated, early voting for this year's **2020 General Election** *will not* be held at our Town Hall. As a result of COVID-19 related need for social distancing, and ensuring there are adequate voting sites, Davie County has established 3 early voting locations. I have been told that the call for election workers during this year's election has had an extraordinary response from Bermuda Run residents. **[Click here for information regarding upcoming general elections](#)**

As we reach the completion of the **2020 Census** count, Bermuda Run is at a 80% response rate. For reference, the US is at 66%, North Carolina is at 63%, and Davie County is at 71%. Well Done Bermuda Run! Thanks for **Being Counted and Making It Count!**

In my September message I provided an overview of our town's **Stormwater Policy**, as well as some context around its purpose and history. As I said, Town Manager, Lee Rollins, was asked by our Town Council to research the potential to provide a town-wide assessment of stormwater modeling and its impact on the greater community. At the September 22 Council Agenda Meeting, Mr. Rollins provided a Stormwater Management Risk and Assessment outline provided by Grey Engineering and JEWELL-LJB Engineering. The outline provided a town-wide assessment for stormwater modeling and recommended a phased approach for analyzing the different drainage systems. Stormwater assessment is a very technical process. The Town Council is wise in its deliberate, yet not over-reactive

approach to potential next steps. This matter will continue to receive the full attention of our town staff, Town Council, and me. We will keep you posted.

As we go forward we will continue to keep you updated on things happening around town. In the meantime, if there is something you would like to know more about, let me know.

The Bermuda Run Town Council will hold its October Meeting on October 13 at 6:00 pm at Town Hall. We will continue to follow CDC social-distancing guidelines.

I look forward to the time when we can again gather as a community. I will continue to reach out across our town, and appreciate those from whom I have heard. I want to hear from you. You can reach me at rcross@townofbr.com or **336-391-1992**.

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

Rick Cross

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