

Dear residents of South Blooming Grove,

As your mayor, I am on conference calls with county and municipal leaders daily receiving updates on how we are to comply with the CDC guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. In accordance with Governor Cuomo's "New York State on Pause" Village Hall remains closed to the public until April 15, 2020. We have also made the decision to suspend all village meetings, including Village Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

We encourage people to follow the CDC guidelines when practicing social distancing; no group gatherings and when in public, remain no less than six (6) feet from one another. We've received an increased concern over groups of people still gathering together.

While you have some extra time on your hands, I urge all citizens to complete the 2020 Census form as it directly impacts state and federal funding to our village. Our share in sales tax directly impacts our annual budget as a revenue line in turn affecting property taxes. Without a proper Census count from our village, we will be shorting ourselves not only sales tax revenues but also grant funding. Please mail in your form, complete it over the phone or fill it out online by clicking here <https://2020census.gov/en.html>.

The Meals on Wheels Program continues to service our seniors with home deliveries. Anyone needing information for this program should contact the Office for the Aging at 845-615-3700.

The County has activated a hotline for all concerns at 800-832-1200.

While the water is safe for consumption, the village has received multiple calls from residents stating they were unable to purchase bottled water at local supermarkets. The village has been able to secure several cases of water for those who may need it. Please call Village Hall to arrange to a pickup.

At this time, we are unable to accept cash payments as our office is closed. Tax payments can be placed in a sealed envelope and left in our locked mailbox in the front of Village Hall, which is located at 811 Route 208, next to the firehouse. We are holding off on water billing for at least another month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Village Hall at 782-2600 as we are attempting to answer all calls personally as well as retrieving messages and returning all calls. If you have an emergency, please call the Blooming Grove Police Department.

Mayor James LoFranco