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March 26, 2020

Fellow Citizens of Lochbuie-

It has been a little less than two weeks since I first updated you concerning the town's response to the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. I wanted to provide another update on some of the more recent town actions in light of the fact that this pandemic has become an increasingly large concern for those in our small community and across the globe, especially given that I've fielded a variety of questions and addressed a plethora of concerns from citizens in every area of town over the past two weeks.

Effective the morning of Thursday, March 26, 2020, and continuing until Saturday, April 11, 2020, a statewide "stay at home" order will be in effect. This action was taken by Governor Polis to "flatten the curve" of new infections such that health care providers will hopefully be able to handle the influx of new patients and to safeguard the public health. This order applies to all Colorado citizens with a few exceptions allowing all residents to venture out only to acquire essential goods and to go to work only if providing certain essential services. Essential activities and services includes government services and public infrastructure construction (like the ongoing projects on County Road 2). For more information and details, please see: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/public-health-executive-orders-explained>.

Consistent with this public health order, the Town is **requiring** all Lochbuie citizens to abide by the "stay at home" order to the fullest extent possible. Even absent this order, public health officials have been strongly encouraging everyone that can "stay at home" to "stay at home" for weeks now. We can only "flatten the curve" and blunt the impact of this virus on our healthcare system if we all do our part.

Consistent with the Governor's order and the critical public health concerns, town hall is currently closed to the public, and most town employees are working remotely from their homes, if their position allows for that option. Town business is still being handled promptly and efficiently, and I am in frequent contact with the town administrator concerning the daily, if not hourly, developments concerning COVID-19. To the extent that some "essential staff" will still be at town hall, they work with as much "social distancing" as possible in accord with the advice of public health officials. If you have any urgent questions or concerns, contact town hall via phone or email. And, if all else fails, please send an email to me or any of the board



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members and we'll make sure that your concerns are handled as quickly as possible under the circumstances.

I want every Lochbuie citizen to know that police services and public works are fully operational. Our police officers and public works staff are operating in compliance with the public health standards announced by the county, state, and federal governments. They are here. They are working. And they are providing essential services under truly abnormal circumstances. When this public health emergency passes, we will owe all of them a debt of gratitude for their unwavering commitment to this town and its citizenry.

On another note, for the moment, the town parks remain open for exercise and fresh air, such as walks with your family or walking your dogs; however, the town is **strongly discouraging** the use of the playgrounds. Park equipment is not sanitized between uses and the coronavirus has been shown to live for a significant period of time on surfaces. Moreover, to maintain appropriate "social distancing," groups of friends should not be gathering together at the town parks. The town will continue to monitor the use of the town parks to ensure that public health is not being compromised. If large groups start to gather, the town will reconsider whether total park closures are a necessary step.

Everyone should also know that the town will be temporarily suspending water shut-offs and late fees on water bills for the March 2020 billing cycle (the bills mailed on April 1, 2020). This decision was made to ensure that no citizen is without running water for the duration of this public health emergency.

Lastly, the town is actively considering options to best use our limited resources to assist our sizeable senior citizen community in whatever way possible. If you have ideas, please send them to me or to any other member of the town board. If you are a senior citizen at home and in need of any assistance during this difficult time, please reach out to your neighbors (while still using appropriate "social distancing" to the fullest extent possible). Lochbuie is a community of kind people willing to help. Do not be afraid to ask for help from those closest to you.

Everyone on town staff and on the town board continues to take the emergency of COVID-19 seriously, and our top priority remains the health and safety of every resident in this town. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the town's response, please feel free to reach out to town hall or to me directly (jlofgren@lochbuie.org).

We will get through this trying time together!

Mayor Jacob R. Lofgren



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Fellow Lochbuians-

I think it goes without saying that it has been an unusual month for our small town, the state, and the country.



Given the recent emergence and rapid spread of COVID-19, the focus of the town's work over the past several weeks has been related to that public health emergency. I have issued two recent statements about the outbreak of COVID-19, and the town's response to it. You can find those statements on the town's website, and the most recent statement is enclosed with this newsletter.

Beyond that, there are several other important updates in this newsletter regarding the census, the ongoing CR2 road projects, the town's annual spring clean-up, sewer rates, and water shut-offs. In the interest of conserving space, I'll let those updates speak for themselves.

Please note that there is no calendar in this month's newsletter because, in an effort to limit large group gatherings, all town meetings and activities are cancelled until Tuesday, May 5. We are hopeful to resume normal activities on that date, but stay tuned for further updates as the situation continues to unfold.

Please stay happy, healthy, and safe over the next several weeks as we all work together through this truly unusual time. As always, do not hesitate to contact me or any of the members of the Board with your questions, comments, or concerns.

Thank you,
Jacob R. Lofgren, Mayor
jlofgren@lochbuie.org

Waste Management Rate Increase , Effective March 1 (monthly charges):

32 Gallon \$11.40

64 Gallon \$11.98

96 Gallon \$12.56

Additional Recycle \$3.68

Additional Trash \$5.86



April 2020 Shut Offs: The Town of Lochbuie will **NOT** shut off water service on the scheduled shut off date of April 8, 2020 and will not assess late fees for the month of April. To make payments call 303-655-9308 or 877-215-5341. The Town is also urging citizens to use the online payment center on the Town's webpage at <https://www.lochbuie.org/> under the Pay My Bill tab. You can also drop your payment in the payment drop box at the Town Hall. The Town Hall is still closed to the Public.

WCR 2 UPDATE

Weld County Road 2 West of Frontage Road:

Medians have been installed and pavement work will be done over the next several weeks. We are anticipating completion by May.

Weld County Road 2:

There will be lane shifts occurring throughout the project on the I-76 frontage road, County Road 2 and County Road 37. Please be careful driving through the construction area. Thank you for your patience and understanding through the construction. The construction is expected to take several months to complete.



Sewer Rate Established — January through March 2020

As a reminder... your annual sewer rates are based and calculated on the average water usage during the months of **January, February** and **March**. Rates will be effective on April billing.

Pet Vaccination Clinic has been **cancelled**. We will notify you as soon as we have a new date scheduled.



SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS

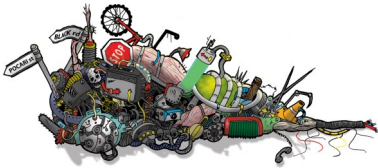
(Please monitor our website and Facebook pages to confirm the time and dates)

DATE: TWO DAYS—MAY 15TH AND 16TH 2020

TIME: 8:00 AM—1:00 PM

LOCATION: LOCHBUIE WASTEWATER PLANT

1794 WCR 39 IN LOCHBUIE



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If you do not have an online account or access to a computer, this is the payment solution for you, available 24/7! Simply call toll-free **877-215-5341**. Additionally, you may call the payment center (800-720-6847) and make payments over the phone with a live operator, if you'd prefer. If you have questions about IVR, call Xpress Bill Pay at 800-766-2350. Xpress Bill Pay is the online payment portal for the Town of Lochbuie.

UNITED STATES CENSUS 2020

Be counted.

Every 10 years, the U.S. counts everyone who lives in the country, from newborn babies to the oldest residents.

The census is an opportunity to shape a better future for our communities and future generations. By participating in the 2020 census, you help provide an accurate count of the people who live in your community. An accurate count helps determine your community's needs for services and funds transportation, meal, and other services that help all older adults stay healthy and thrive.

You will receive your invitation to take the census in the mail in mid-March. You can complete the census online, by phone, by mail, or in person. The census form can be completed in Spanish or English online or by phone. Visit 2020census.gov for more information.

Keep making us better, together. Take the census.

FREE to Lochbuie residents!

Waterwise Landscaping Webinar

April 13, 2020 6:00PM -8:00PM

Please register at the below web address

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IUdAyUVHSi2-jNxV8F8xGQ

