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Dear Lansdowne Neighbors,

Since Mayor Tony Campuzano's **Declaration of Emergency** last Friday, March 13, the whirlwind of events presented by the crisis caused by the Coronavirus quarantine may have left many of you in Lansdowne uncertain. Certainly, the rapidly changing events have left all of us in Lansdowne dealing with new realities presented by decisions on the State and County Level. Given the possible confusion and new measures, Mayor Campuzano and Lansdowne Borough Council want to reassure all residents that we are working daily on behalf of the residents—our friends and neighbors in Lansdowne. For all of you, we are working with authorities on the County, State, and Federal level to protect Lansdowne residents on the local municipal level. To help make sense of what's happening in Lansdowne, please read through the following items. Please contact us with any concerns during this time.

Lansdowne Borough Council Actions in response to COVID-19:

March 13th Declaration of Emergency: Following Governor Wolf's Declaration of Emergency, Mayor Tony Campuzano signed a **Declaration of Emergency** following CDC guidelines and recommendations from the PA Department of Health:

- **All Borough facilities closed**, including: Lansdowne Public Library, Borough Hall, 2020 House, Twentieth Century Club events cancelled.
- **Lansdowne Recreation programming cancelled**, including: Art Shows, Recreation Programming, and Recreational events, including the Spring Egg Hunt and STEAM Festival.
- **All Boards, Commissions, and Committee Meetings suspended** until further notice.
- Essential Personnel will continue to report as normal.
- All Fire and EMS will continue as normal.
- Sanitation Services and Highway Department will continue as normal.

March 16th: Emergency Management Team Meeting

- Members Present: Mayor Tony Campuzano, Council President Benjamin Hover, Chair of Public Safety Sinoe Najj-Taylor, Police Chief Dan Donegan, Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Young, Emergency Management Safety Officer Pete Ochansky, Borough Manager Craig Totaro.

- The Emergency Management Team will meet weekly to discuss procedures, protocols, and communication to keep Lansdowne safe.
- Review and revision of Lansdowne's Emergency Management Plan.

March 18th: Lansdowne Borough Council Meeting voted to extend the **Declaration of Emergency** until further notice:

- All restrictions placed in effect by Mayor Campuzano's order will remain in place until further notice.
- Lansdowne Borough Council will meet next using telephonic or video means to adhere to the CDC guidelines concerning public gatherings. Further details will be made available to ensure compliance with the Sunshine Act and allow for public participation.
- **Taxes:** Lansdowne Borough Council voted to extend the 2% Discount on Real Estate Taxes for 30 Days—May 2nd. In-person tax payments at Borough Hall has been suspended. Please mail your taxes to Bill Smith, Tax Collector, P. O. Box 402, Lansdowne, PA. Or, pay in person at the WSFS Bank, 9 E Baltimore Ave.. [Craig, details]
- **Parks and Trails remain open.** Playgrounds, Basketball Courts, and Tennis Courts should be closed. We strongly advise residents to adhere to CDC social distancing guidelines while using Parks and Trails.

March 19th- 20th:

- Lansdowne Borough Hall and Fire Department both underwent voluntary disinfection measures to ensure the health and safety of the employees, volunteers, and residents of Lansdowne.
- Governor Wolf ordered all non-essential businesses to close through enforcement at the local level.
- Please see the attached list of types businesses that will remain open. **All take-out, delivery restaurants, grocery stores, and pharmacies may remain open.**
- **On Wednesday, March 16th, the PA Supreme Court ruled that no Landlord or bank can evict a tenant or foreclose on a borrower because of a failure to pay rent or mortgage payments for at least two weeks (until April 3rd).** <https://www.law.com/thelegalintelligencer/2020/03/16/pa-supreme-court-declares-statewide-judicial-emergency/?slreturn=20200223092829>

Community Resources:

- **Interfaith Food Cupboard:** Any Lansdowne residents who seek assistance for food necessities, please contact the Interfaith Food Cupboard at 610 622-0800, Option 4. The Interfaith Food Cupboard also seeks Food Donations of canned proteins. Please call the above number to give donations. The Interfaith Food Cupboard also has need of monetary donations. Please make out checks to: The Interfaith Food Cupboard. Mail the checks to Lansdowne Presbyterian Church, 140 N. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, PA, 19050.
- **William Penn School District:** Any school age child within Lansdowne may pick up a free **Grab-n-Go** lunch at **Evans Elementary School, 900 Baily Rd., Yeadon, PA; Penn Wood Middle School, 121 Summit St., Darby, PA; Darby Recreation Center, 1022 Ridge Ave, Darby, PA 19023; Lansdowne Presbyterian Church, 140 N. Lansdowne Ave, Lansdowne, PA 19050.** Please arrive between 11:00 AM-1:00PM, Monday to Friday through March 27.
- Landlord/ Tenant or Mortgage Company issues: **Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania.** <http://lasp.org/>

Census 2020:

- During this time, please take the time to fill out the Census forms. Forms should have been sent to your homes. Or fill out the Census here: <https://2020census.gov/en.html>

Please be assured that any actions in Lansdowne will be taken only after careful deliberation with the Emergency Management Team. Any necessary legislation to protect the residents of Lansdowne will occur at Borough Council Meetings, which allow for public comment. The Mayor and Council Members of Lansdowne Borough take the health and wellness of our team members, neighbors, residents, and community members very seriously. As the situation with COVID-19 (coronavirus) changes, we are closely looking over and following the steps issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as well as the County and State government.

We are in unprecedented times that require us to work together as a community and care for each other as neighbors. Luckily, we live in Lansdowne—a Borough where neighbors know each other and look after each other. For the time being, enjoy the sunshine from your porch or deck or out your window. Spend time with your family and enjoy the time to work in your garden. Take a walk around the neighborhood and wave to your neighbors from a distance. We look forward to seeing you all in person when this time is over.

Sincerely,

Anthony Campuzano

Mayor, Lansdowne Borough

Benjamin Hover

President of Borough Council