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CITY OF NEW BERLIN COVID-19 UPDATE
CLOSURES & SUSPENSION OF PROGRAMS

New Berlin WI – The City of New Berlin has been diligently following guidelines set forth by the Center for Disease Control, the Wisconsin Department of Health and the Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services. In response to those recommendations, the City is taking precautionary measures to protect the safety and health of our residents and staff. Therefore the City of New Berlin announces the following closures and suspension of programs and events:

- Moving forward, recreational programs and activities from Monday, March 16th through Sunday, April 5th are cancelled. Program cost reimbursements will be arranged through our Recreation Department as follows:
  - Programs & Activities scheduled to conclude on or before Sunday, April 5th:
    Refunds will automatically be issued via the method of original payment. There is no need to formally request a refund. We ask for your patience in receiving refunds due to volume.
  - Programs & Activities scheduled to conclude after Sunday, April 5th:
    We will be continuing to monitor this rapidly evolving situation. If the situation allows us to reschedule programs to a later date, we will do so. Should the suspension of programs be extended so that rescheduling is not possible, we will then automatically issue a refund.

- The New Berlin Public Library is closed through April 5th, however drive-up service will remain available. Please call the Library at 262-785-4980 for any further questions.

- The Community Center, and all of the rentals scheduled there thru Sunday, May 10th, are cancelled.
  - The City will be issuing full refunds via the original method of payment. We apologize for any inconvenience this causes and ask for your patience while we process this large volume of refunds.

- As of this press release, the New Berlin Food Pantry will be remaining open.
- Hickory Grove is closed thru April 5th.
- The New Berlin Municipal Court office has ordered:
  - Effective March 16, 2020, all traffic, ordinance, and juvenile intake dates are suspended. Any previously filed citations will be adjourned to a date and time beyond April 8, 2020.
  - There shall be no trials or pretrials held on, or before, April 8, 2020
  - For more information please visit the New Berlin Municipal Court Website.

We encourage residents to sign up for “COVID-19 Alerts” thru Notify Me on the City's homepage to stay abreast of any future changes to City Operations. The City will make adjustments to programming and activities as necessary. We will continue to communicate with you as our response to this situation evolves and we ask for everyone’s patience throughout this emergency.

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cc: Aldermen, Media, Staff