city of everson

CITY HALL

March 23rd, 2020

Community of Everson,

As we enter another week of adapting our way of life to combat Covid-19, I wanted to let everyone know about changes we are making in Everson. These changes are being initiated in our efforts to follow the recommendations of Local, State, and Federal agencies.

The biggest thing we can all do to stop the spread of Covid-19 is to limit our contacts with each other. In keeping with that, we have made the following changes effective immediately.

1. City Hall is closed to the public. We will still have staff working, but on rotating shifts. We will still be available by phone during normal business hours and payments for utilities and fines can be either done online or placed in our drop box. Services such as fingerprinting and passports was suspended a week ago due to the increased risk associated with them.
2. All Everson parks are closed to the public. This includes our restrooms, playgrounds, baseball fields and basketball courts. The only exception is the walking path at Ramstead Park. This can still be used for walking/jogging but with limited group sizes.
3. The Community Center behind City Hall is closed to all events.
4. Municipal Court is cancelled through April. See our website for instructions.

Essential City services will continue to function through this. You will see no affect to your utility services, and our Police and Fire Department are still fully staffed and responding to calls for service. We will still accept building permit applications, and are handling building inspections with some modifications for safety.

What can you do? Follow the recommendations of the Whatcom County Health Department. These can be found at https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3369/Public-Health-Recommendations. Limit your travel to essential trips only (work, grocery store, pharmacy, doctor appointments), and practice social distancing.

If you or someone you know is in need of services or support, let us know so we can connect you with the appropriate resources.

We will get through this. We live in a great community that has shown time and time again, how it can pull together in times of hardship. We don't know how long this will last, or how big an impact it ultimately will be to us. We do know we all need to do our part to slow the spread and flatten the curve. Take care of each other and be patient as we all work towards ending this pandemic.

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