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Town of Brighton Begins Reopening, Continues Remote Services

The Town of Brighton will begin reopening Town facilities in phases, starting by welcoming a limited number of employees back to Town offices on Monday, May 18, 2020, while all Town buildings remain closed to the public, until at least June 1. A phased-in approach to reopening will help ensure the continued health of Town employees and protect residents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Residents are asked to continue doing Town business by mail, over the phone, and online until further notice. The Police Department area only is open to the public, but Police remind residents to call 911 for emergencies.

“At the start of the pandemic we closed offices and moved services online in a measured fashion and we will employ this same strategy as we resume work at Town facilities,” said Town Supervisor William W. Moehle. “Of critical importance is the health and safety of our employees and residents. On Monday we will welcome a limited number of staff onsite as we prepare to roll out new ways of doing business that are both safe and efficient. However, Town Hall and other Town facilities remain closed to the public, and will remain closed until at least June 1. We will continue to provide services to our residents online, by mail and over the telephone.”

Town Hall, Town Court, Brookside, Brighton Memorial Library and the Highway Department will remain closed to the public at this time. The Town Assessor is handling grievance applications online and the Board of Assessment Review is conducting meetings via videoconference. Call the Town Assessor with any questions at 784-5214. The Town Clerk is accepting tax payments online and through the mail only; call 784-5240 if you have questions. Please visit our website at www.townofbrighton.org for more information. The Highway Department continues to conduct bulk and containerized lawn and garden debris pickup. Please refer to the maps on the Town website to see where our Highway crews are working. The Brighton Memorial Library remains closed but may initiate curbside service in the coming weeks.

Lodges, pavilions, athletic fields and playgrounds remain closed to the public to support social distancing. Town parks and trails remain open. Lodge rentals have been canceled through the month of June and no future reservations are being taken at this time. The Recreation Department is working with other agencies to determine the future of our summer recreation programs and will notify the public as soon as a decision is made.

The Town of Brighton appreciates citizens' patience as we reconfigure office spaces and craft new operating procedures in adherence with national and state guidelines aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19 and keeping the most vulnerable among us safe.

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