

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE

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Updates on Steps to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

The Town of Cedar Lake, in an effort to slow the spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), has updated and modified our proactive efforts. The measures being taken are not to limit or halt any of the governmental services the Town provides to our citizens. We will continue to provide quality services and have available personnel to assist you with any issues you are having.

As a result of the evolving Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and in compliance with Indiana Governor's Executive Orders including and through Executive Order 20-18 issued April 6, 2020, the Town of Cedar Lake is continuing its social distance practices for its buildings, departments and facilities.

The following new practices have occurred and/or will become effective immediately:

Access to Town Hall, Public Works, and Cedar Lake Clubhouse will be closed to the public. Staff will be working and available by telephone and email during normal business hours. We have suspended all in-person services.

Recreation Programs – Spring Soccer 2020 has been cancelled. Registrations will be refunded. Sponsorships received will be refunded. Questions email events@cedarlakein.org or call (219) 374-7400 x119.

Parks

Public parks are open, for outdoor activity provided that there is compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. As per the Indiana Governor's Executive Order, public access to playgrounds may increase the spread of COVID-19 and are closed. Public Restrooms on the town grounds will be closed.

Clubhouse & Shelter rentals – no future rentals are being taken at this time. Those who have upcoming dates may request a transfer to a future date or request a refund. All rentals scheduled through April 30, 2020 have been cancelled and refunds will be issued.

Dog Tags: By mail or drop box only, extend due date extension from April 30, 2020 to May 29, 2020, after that price increases.

Staffing – March 28, 2020 memo to Town Council. Acknowledgement and acceptance of alternate work day scheduling for all clerical staff Town Hall Administration and Building Department, Police Department Fire Department, Public Works and Clerk-Treasurer staff. Random Testing for public safety non-CDL has been suspended for first (1st) and second (2nd) quarter 2020.

Election Day:

Amend 2020 Holiday schedule to reflect the change in date of the Primary Election Day from May 5, 2020 to June 2, 2020.

Meetings:

In compliance with the Governor of Indiana's Order, the following public meetings scheduled through April 10, 2020 are cancelled.

- Plan Commission Work Session meeting scheduled for April 8, 2020 at 7 pm is cancelled.
- Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020 is cancelled.

Meetings will be held in compliance with the Indiana Governors Order and Open Door Law. The link to the live broadcast is <https://cedarlakein.org/view-town-meetings/>.

Public Works & Utility

Public Access to the facility is closed. All dumpster access/drop off of electronics and tires are suspended until further notice. Saturday "Clean Up" dates are cancelled for March and April. Please call (219) 374-7478. Utility staff will not enter residences to read or change meters unless in an emergency.

Garbage & Recycling Pick-up - Republic has stated that trash collection will continue for the town's residential routes and contracted services. Acknowledgement and acceptance of the March 25, 2020 communication from Jim Metro, Republic Services - as of March 30, 2020, due to the Covid Virus, services will change to include suspension of large item and branch pick up. All trash must be in a garbage can or container.

These practices will not only protect our residents and employees, but hopefully reduce the impact of COVID-19 yet continue to remain available for the public. As circumstances evolve, so too will our response.

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