

Village of Sloan

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Dear Residents,

This morning, Trustee Czubaj, Highway Chief Bob Smith, Clerk Debra Smith and I met with Earl Loder, the Town of Cheektowaga's Emergency Manager, concerning the unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic.

We reviewed the State of Emergency declared by Town Supervisor, Diane Benczkowski, which encompasses the Village of Sloan. By declaring a local State of Emergency, this enables our municipality to receive funding should a federal emergency be formally declared.

The Village has taken necessary steps to ensure the safety of its employees, volunteers and residents. Our Senior Center is officially closed for the next two weeks and the Highway Department has thoroughly sanitized the building. If you are a senior and in need of a meal, please contact the Erie County Nutrition Program and they will deliver directly to your home. Meals can also be ordered and picked up at the Cheektowaga Senior Center. The Youth Recreation Center has likewise closed for the season and the difficult decision was made to cancel the Annual Easter Event on April 11th.

To protect our volunteer fire personnel, we have suspended all rentals that were scheduled in the fire hall for the next 2 weeks. If the state is still mandating "Social Distancing", we will continue this policy indefinitely.

Residents safety and well-being are my top priorities. This pandemic is unchartered territory for all. I urge everyone to check in with their elderly or disabled neighbors, make sure they have the necessary supplies to get them through these next few weeks, or months if need be. Together as a community, we will sustain and support one another. Village Hall will remain open for telephone calls and to link residents with services and supplies they may require. Please do not hesitate to call 897-1560 for assistance or questions.

If you are experiencing symptoms of the virus such as respiratory distress, fever and dry cough, call your primary care physician for instructions. For more details on the virus, please visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Thank you and God Bless, **Thomas Jerrucci**, Mayor Village of Sloan