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**CITY UPDATES PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OPERATIONAL CHANGES,  
ADJUSTS PARKS/REC SUMMER SCHEDULE WITH  
PASSAGE OF COVID-19 RESOLUTION #6**

**(MONROE, MI)** - In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order #2020-70 (Stay Home/Stay Safe extension) issued on May 1 to combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Monroe City Council has adjusted previously released procedural changes, as well as added additional modifications to City operations.

At their Monday, May 4, meeting, Monroe City Council approved COVID-19 Resolution #6. The resolution details the following:

- All City of Monroe facilities will remain closed through May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at 11:59 PM. Essential critical and emergency City operations are not affected by the Governor's Order and will remain in operation. This includes Police, Fire, Water Plant, and Wastewater Plant operations.
- All City park reservations through August 30, 2020, have been cancelled and no further reservations will be accepted through August 30, 2020.
- All special events requiring City approval through August 30, 2020, are cancelled and no special event permit applications will be approved through August 30, 2020.
- The City's Summer Concert Series in St. Mary's Park for the summer of 2020 season is cancelled.
- City skate parks located within Munson Park and at the former Multi-Sports Complex are closed.
- City Council and/or other public meetings of committees, commissions, etc., will continue to be held via remote or technological means pending the extension of Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-48 or other similar Executive Order or legislative action permitting the conduct of public meetings remotely. This includes, but is not limited to, the meetings presently scheduled for May 18, 2020 (work session at 6:00 p.m. and regular City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.).
- The City of Monroe reminds residents that they can participate in public meetings remotely. Virtual City Council meetings will be live streamed to the City's YouTube Channel, [www.youtube.com/c/CityofMonroeMichigan](http://www.youtube.com/c/CityofMonroeMichigan), as well as Comcast Cable Communications Channel 18 and 915, and on Charter Communications Channel 190. Participation information, in addition to the upcoming schedule of meetings can be found on the home page of the City's website: [www.monroemi.gov](http://www.monroemi.gov)

Additionally, Waste Management has announced that 'bulk item' collection will begin again the week of Monday, May 11, 2020. Bulk items consist of large household items such as appliances, furniture, mattresses, and other objects that are too large to fit in a garbage bin. Due to anticipated heavy volumes during the week, some bulk stops may not be picked up on the regular service day. Waste Management crews will work to recover the material as quickly thereafter as possible based on crew availability.

The public should continue to regularly monitor the City's website ([www.monroemi.gov](http://www.monroemi.gov)), Facebook page, [MyMonroe app](#) push notifications, the City's government channel: channel (18/Comcast or 190/Charter), and local media for updates.

City administration will continue to evaluate how to reallocate staff and resources in the most efficient way possible and monitor the situation as it may pertain to the operations of public facilities. Any changes in addition to those released in recent days will be announced via the communication methods highlighted above.

As a reminder, everyone should be taking the following precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including, but not limited to:

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your healthcare provider. If you do not have a healthcare provider, call the nearest hospital.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.
- Replace handshakes with elbow bumps.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting (social distancing).

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at [Michigan.gov/Coronavirus](http://Michigan.gov/Coronavirus) and [CDC.gov/Coronavirus](http://CDC.gov/Coronavirus).

The [Monroe County Health Department](#) has a COVID-19 hotline. Please call 734.243.8600, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, if you have questions or concerns regarding coronavirus. Additionally, the latest information on Monroe County statistics can be found at the Monroe County Health Department Coronavirus Dashboard at:

[https://www.co.monroe.mi.us/officials\\_and\\_departments/departments/health\\_department/coronavirus\\_\(covid-19\).php](https://www.co.monroe.mi.us/officials_and_departments/departments/health_department/coronavirus_(covid-19).php)

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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