

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2020

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Media Release

The Grandview City Council at their meeting on March 24, 2020 authorized the closure of all City buildings to the public. In an effort to protect the safety of our customers, employees, and the community, the closure will be essential to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

The City of Grandview will continue to provide essential services to citizens that include water, sewer and garbage. Police and Fire services remain available. Effective immediately, City Hall, Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department and Parks and Recreation Department buildings and offices will be closed to the public, but staff will continue to report to work to perform their duties. The Grandview Library building which is owned by Yakima Valley College was previously closed in compliance with the Governor's directive for closure of schools and higher education facilities.

The City will continue to maintain our essential operations as follows:

Utility payments

Utility payments will be received as follows:

- Mail: 207 West Second Street, Grandview, WA 98930
- City of Grandview Auto Pay
- Drop box located in the City Hall parking lot
- On-line credit/debit card payments @ www.grandview.wa.us or call City Hall for assistance. Service charges for using your credit/debit card will be credited to your account during the City Hall closure.

Yard sale and dance permits will not be issued at this time.

For more information, please call (509) 882-9200.

Police Department

The Grandview Police Department (GPD) will generally be operating as normal. Some minor changes will include:

- Public fingerprinting is suspended until further notice.
- When responding to a residence, officers will request outside contact.
- GPD will attempt to educate when possible in order to encourage compliance with any state or county public health orders.

In the event of an emergency, please call 911. For general information and questions, please call dispatch at (509) 882-2000.

Fire Department

In the event of an emergency, please call 911. For general information and questions, please call (509) 882-9200.

Public Works/Building Department

Water meter reading will continue, however, the Public Works Department will not be performing any house inspections for potential high-water usage and/or water leaks in an attempt to minimize employee/public exposure. Development applications and building permit applications can be mailed to 207 West Second Street, Grandview, WA 98930. Applications will be reviewed in a timely manner. Payment information will be provided for you to send in a check or money order. Plans and applications can be left in the drop box located in the City Hall parking lot. Building inspections will continue, however, we will request to have limited face-to-face interactions. For more information or to schedule an inspection, please call (509) 882-9211.

Parks & Recreation Department

All recreation programs have been suspended. All public restrooms and playground equipment throughout the City will be closed. Cancellations include the following special events: April 11 Easter Egg Hunt, April 15 Arbor Day Celebration, April 17-19 Flea Market and April 25 Rose Garden Work Party. For more information, please call (509) 882-9219.

People For People will continue to prepare meals at the community center for homebound senior citizens. Please call (509) 426-2601 to schedule meal pick-up or delivery.

Grandview Library

The Library will be staffed Monday-Thursday 9 am-6 pm and Friday 9 am-1 pm to provide phone and email reference services, questions regarding library accounts and renewal of materials. The book drop is open. We request that currently checked out materials be retained until the Library re-opens. Due dates will be updated accordingly so that fines will not accrue. For more information, please call (509) 882-7034.

We will be making additional changes to our processes as necessary and will keep you updated.