

To: Residents of Germantown

In the last few weeks, our lives have dramatically changed. No longer are we able to go to a local restaurant to share a meal or cup of coffee, attend church, shop in our local stores or listen to the sound of children playing in the school playground. The Governor ordered a delay in the primary election, all people, except essential workers, to stay in their homes and businesses to close.

Hopefully, with everyone following the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and state governors, this war with the Coronavirus will end soon.

Like other cities, Germantown has also had to make some tough decisions. The City Administration Building has been closed to the public and the Senior Center has been temporarily closed. We must do everything possible to limit contact with other people. This action, alone, will greatly reduce the spread of the Coronavirus.

Essential services in Germantown have been maintained. Police, Fire-EMS and the water and sewer department are operating. The City phones are staffed from 8AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Friday.

Refer to the City's website for up-to-date information at www.germantown.oh.us

I am asking everyone to be mindful of your neighbors, especially if they are senior citizens who have difficulty or unable to get out. If you can, help them out without putting yourself at risk. School age children who are used to getting one or more meals at school may also need support. If you become aware of other needs in the community, please help if you can or let the City Office know of the need and our staff could possibly organize assistance.

Germantown has one main asset that will help us survive this war on the Coronavirus. That asset is our strong sense of community. Our residents have always helped out in another's time of need. That spirit is needed now more than ever.

With regard to the Germantown City Council, we are working with the City Manager to conduct business and pass legislation in a timely way. For example, our April Council meeting will likely be conducted over the phone. Many cities are considering similar action.

Let me assure our residents that our employees and City Council Members are committed to maintain services and assist our residents and businesses in every possible way.

I wish everyone God's blessings as we deal with the Coronavirus.

Steve Boeder

Mayor