

Village closes playground equipment

Beginning March 31, 2020, all playground equipment in the Village of Kohler has been closed in an attempt to reduce the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community.

"This decision was not made lightly as we recognize that residents will want to be outdoors," said Kohler Police Chief Shawn Splivalo in a release. "Unfortunately, it is still unknown how long the COVID-19 virus can live on metal and plastic surfaces."

Basketball and tennis courts will remain open to village resi-

idents, but their use is restricted to one household per court. Residents are asked to please abide by this order as the Village attempts to give families an outdoor option while still following the Governor's Safer-at-Home order.

"We want to thank everyone for the sacrifices you have made by social distancing. We, too, hope this will pass quickly, returning the Village of Kohler to the close community we have and always will be," Splivalo said.

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civic-mindedness adjective



The definition of civic-mindedness is actions, activities or individuals that are motivated by or that show concern for the public good or humanity as a whole.

(From YourDictionary.com)

Doing community service, running for public office and military service are examples of activities motivated by civic-mindedness.

Our senior, homebound and disabled population goes unnoticed in the best of times. In the era of social distancing and self-quarantine, this vulnerable population will be virtually invisible. On the evening news, we see videos of families with kids picking up desperately needed meals from their shuttered schools, which is wonderful, but there are no videos of hungry seniors sitting home alone. They remain unseen. At Fresh Meals On Wheels (FMOW), we are doing all we can to ensure that those at the greatest risk of serious complications and death from COVID-19 are fed and looked after as safely as possible.



- We are following the social distancing, disinfecting, and self-isolation guidelines set out by the federal government, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization.
- We are preparing and freezing three times as many meals a day to meet increased demand.
- We are planning six months out for trays and other supplies.
- We are working to minimize the transmission risk to our clients, volunteers and the entire community by going to weekly delivery of frozen meals combined with daily wellness checks via telephone. This transition will be complete by the end of March.
- We continue to accept new clients as more high-risk individuals decide to shelter in place.

None of this is free and the extra expenses are mounting, including:

- food to make extra meals each day,
- additional sanitizing products,
- extra packaging supplies including bags big enough to accommodate bulk deliveries,
- additional staff hours spent strategizing and implementing the emergency plan, as well as preparing and cooking hundreds of extra meals daily.
- phone and mailings to keep clients and their families, volunteers and others abreast of the changes, and
- lost revenue from feeding people who are not able to pay for their meals.

Now is the time for all civic-minded people to step up and help the less fortunate in the community to get through this pandemic. Please check in with your senior, homebound and disabled neighbors, contact FMOW if you or someone you know is in need of meals. Please consider sending a donation to help cover our additional costs, so that we can continue to help those in need in Sheboygan County.

Together we can overcome!

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