

VILLAGE OF VALDERS

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VILLAGE OF VALDERS COVID-19 OFFICIAL PUBLIC INFORMATION

To mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Village of Valders is taking preventative measures intended to protect susceptible populations, including elderly individuals and those with an underlying health condition. The health and well-being of our community and staff is our number one priority. There are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Village of Valders and or Manitowoc County.

On March 12th, 2020 Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers issued an executive order to declare a public health emergency in response to cases of COVID-19. The declaration provides guidance to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to purchase, store, or distribute appropriate medications among other initiatives. On March 17th, 2020 Governor Tony Evers issued a moratorium on all gatherings in groups of more than 10 people and closed all restaurants and bars to serving in-house, only carry out orders or curb side pick-up is allowed, to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Therefore, the Village of Valders is taking social distancing measures they deem necessary during this phase of the global pandemic. Such measures will result the following:

The Village office will remain open, however, will be secured during normal business hours 8:00- 3:00pm, Monday-Friday, please knock on the door or ring the doorbell for access, the clerk will meet you at the door. Currently we are only allowing 2 people at one time into the Village office. Please follow the instructions from the clerk when given to you.

The April 7th election is still scheduled, and we will provide updates regularly as we receive direction from the Wisconsin Election Commission. We urge you to request an absentee ballot online at www.myvote.wi.gov prior to April 2nd, and a ballot will be mailed to you (if you are currently registered), you will need to provide photo ID if not already on file.

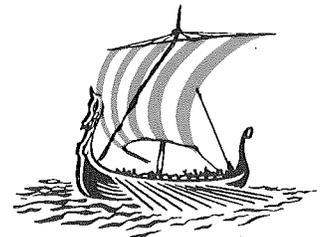
Residents will still be able to register to vote and vote by absentee at the Village Office during this time. The Village Office will be staffed and limited to essential functions only. Staff will be available to answer phones and respond to emails during the regularly scheduled hours of 8:00am - 3:00pm Monday-Friday and/or by appointment only.

A drop box is available outside the Village office to drop off utility payments, dog/cat license requests, applications, etc. **We strongly encourage the use of the Drop Box or by Mail** to remit or send in any payments. Check or Money Order is suggested, please use cash only as the last resort. Regular office access will resume Monday, May 8th, subject to county, state, and national measures.

Village Board meetings will continue as scheduled, all Committee meetings will be postponed until at least Monday, May 8th.

Police services will continue to be provided by the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office. If you need to contact a deputy, please call the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Department at (920) 683-4201. In the event of an emergency, you should dial 911.

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The Valders Fire Department Ambulance Service will continue to respond to emergency and nonemergency calls. Personnel have been trained and equipped with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and will continue to serve the community with the highest standard of care and response. Though, the Fire Department Ambulance Service will not be open for walk-in services, public education events, tours, CPR classes, etc.

Manitowoc county dispatchers are asking more detailed questions when someone calls 911, dispatchers will utilize the Emerging Infectious Disease Surveillance Tool to assess all calls for service.

If you see our emergency responders wearing masks, gowns, eye protection, or hazmat-type suits, please do not be alarmed. This is not only for our own personal safety, but it also protects our ability to serve you

All recreation programming, events, and the community center will be suspended until May 8th, subject to county, state, and national measures. All current rentals of the community center will be cancelled effective March 18th, 2020.

The Village Wide Rummage sales are postponed until a future date, which has not been determined.

Building inspections and permits will continue as normal.

Department of Public works will only be doing emergency sewer and water work if it develops, please contact Marc Stephanie at 920-629-4970 for an appointment or questions about service.

All public buildings and restrooms will remain closed until further notice.

Garbage pick-up will remain on Tuesday mornings as usual.

Village Recycling Center hours have been adjusted until May 8th, 2020, as follows:

Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:00pm

Saturdays from 9:00am-11:00am

The Village of Valders continues to be business as normal with essential Village services, water, sewer, police, fire and ambulance. Village officials are working closely county health officials to coordinate the response and use our resources effectively. We emphasize that these measures are intended to lessen the community spread of COVID-19, these methods will also ensure the protection of our first responders who are on the front lines during this crisis.

The Village of Valders will continue to monitor this health crisis and will modify its recommendations as necessary. We will update daily during the week on the Valders Fire and Rescue Facebook page.

Respectfully,
Valders Village President
Devan Schneider

Reference links:

Manitowoc County Emergency Management: <https://www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/departments/emergency-management/>

Manitowoc County Health Department: <https://www.co.manitowoc.wi.us/departments/health-department/>

Valders Fire and Rescue: <https://www.facebook.com/valdersfireandrescue/>

Village of Valders: <https://valders.org/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: www.dhs.wis.gov