

Town of Cornwall



Apart Together, Vol. 11 Coronavirus / Covid-19 Update April 15, 2020

Hello,

As we continue to go through the Covid era together, I thank everyone who has taken measures large and small to make conditions in Cornwall better. I emphasize again that the silent threat is here. The number of confirmed Covid cases continue to increase in Litchfield County. Like everywhere else in the United States, the lack of testing has resulted in an undercount of the infection rate here. I know of people in Cornwall who have been diagnosed by their doctor without testing due to their symptoms. Again, there are many people infected who show no symptoms. Assume it is out there and very contagious. Wearing masks & gloves in public and other measures recommended by the Center for Disease Control need to be followed.

The economic fallout of the Covid-19 crisis continues to be felt here. Two financial programs available to small businesses and not-for-profits and sole proprietors in Cornwall are linked here:

- 1) <https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/> and
- 2) <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/PPP%20Borrower%20Application%20Form.pdf>

Also, residents should check out Explore Cornwall, CT - (<https://www.explorecornwallct.com/>) a website that is maintained by the Town's Economic Development Commission. There is a lot of useful Covid-specific information on Explore Cornwall and ways to support local businesses.

Food and medical supplies continue to flow to vulnerable resident, with a family count up 25% in two weeks. Donations can be sent online through Paypal to cwlfinance@optonline.net. Local donor heroes include Hurlburt Farm (beef), and donations from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of Northwest CT, as well as donations from 57 Cornwall Families & \$1000 from the barrel at the Cornwall Country Market.

Social Service Director Heather Dinneen's wish list includes: White Sugar; Flour; Coffee; Juice Boxes; Crackers (especially Ritz and Saltines); Rice; Salad Dressings and Marinades. Items can be dropped off at the UCC, Bolton Hill Rd. in Cornwall, inside the back door of the main building. Also, items can be ordered on www.Boxed.com and delivered to 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, CT 06753. Thanks to the UCC Cornwall for allowing the Town to stage its food delivery service at the Parish House.



I would also like to thank the Cornwall Fire Department & Ambulance Squad which responded to over a dozen calls mostly for downed trees and powerlines, but also medical emergencies during the last 24 hours. Our first responders were outfitted in the very necessary Personal Protective Equipment by our constantly working Emergency Management Director Diane Beebe. Thanks for all your help. This is a remarkable town. Stay Safe.

Sincerely,

Gordon Ridgway
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Town of Cornwall, CT

