

# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



We at The Forest City News want to let you know that we will continue to provide you with the most up-to-date information for our area. We are considered a life-sustaining business and will continue to print our newspaper. With that being said, we have decided to close our office to walk-in traffic effective immediately. We have a drop slot in the front door to pay your bills, drop off your dining guide coupons, or drop off advertising information. Please call us at 570-785-3800, fax us at 570-785-9840 or email us at fcnews@nep.net or patricia@forestcitynews.com for all your event information, cancellations, advertising, or subscription renewals.

This is a difficult time for all of us. We want you to know that we will be here providing you with news in our area and beyond.

We will all be back, bigger and better than ever. We have a strong community with great people who go above and beyond in times of need.

Check us out on Facebook for immediate updates. We are trying to post and re-post activities, events, restaurant updates, school food distributions and other school information on our Facebook page.

Patricia Strielsky  
Publisher

## Coronavirus Guidelines For America

To help stop the spread of the coronavirus, the President has issued the following Guidelines for America:

1. If you feel sick, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.
  2. If your children are sick, keep them home. Contact your medical provider.
  3. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work or school. Contact your medical provider.
  4. If you are an older person, stay home and away from other people.
  5. If you are a person with a serious underlying health condition that can put you at increased risk, (for instance, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.
- Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.
1. Work or engage in schooling from home whenever possible.
  2. If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employees should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.
  3. Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people.
  4. Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts—use drive thru, pickup, or delivery options.
  5. Avoid discretionary travel, shopping trips and social visits.
  6. Do not visit nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.
- Everyone should also practice good hygiene:
- Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.
  - Avoid touching your face.
  - Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
  - Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.

## RESIDENTS OF FOREST CITY AND VANDLING BOROUGHS

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the closing of Schools, Business and the Borough Building, the Police Department will change its ways of responding to NON-EMERGENCY CALLS. The Police department will be on duty as always and will provide patrol and response to Emergency Calls as usual. For the Safety of Police Offices and the Public, the Police Department will not respond to non-emergency situations but will handle them either over the phone or through email. Please call 911 as usual and the Officer on duty will handle the call. You can also call the Office and leave a message if the Officer is not in the Office at that time.

If Police Officers do respond to your situation Please respect all the safety precautions being taken as advised by the CDC and other health officials. Please bear with us and the government and adhere to the new regulations being imposed and we will get through these trying times with minimal impact on everyone. Also please keep an eye on your elderly neighbors as they are affected the most. Be sure they have all their necessities for living. If someone needs help to get groceries or medications, please contact us and we will make arrangements to help them.

If there are any concerns, questions or issues please feel free to contact me at 570-785-3453 or fcpolice@nep.net.

The police department is looking for donations of hand sanitizer. Please call the office if you would like to make a donation.

Thank You for your anticipated co-operation.

Lee Rowan Police Chief  
Christopher Glinton, Mayor

## Area Restaurants open for take-out, delivery, and curbside pickup

The following food establishments in our area are open for take-out, delivery, curbside pickup:

- Beer Express, Simpson, 570-282-5338 - take-out
- Max Deli, Forest City, 570-785-7007, take-out and drive-thru
- Shirley's Family Diner, Forest City, closed
- Elegante Restaurant, Forest City, 570-785-4100, take-out and delivery
- Frank's Place, Simpson, 570-282-0159, take-out, delivery, curbside and online ordering
- Pierogie Cafe, Forest City, 570-785-5858, take-out
- China Wok, Forest City, 570-785-8878, take-out
- Speakeasy Saloon, Union Dale, 570-679-2100, take-out, delivery and curbside
- Red Schoolhouse, Pleasant Mount, 570-448-2130, take-out and delivery
- DC's, Forest City, 570-785-5995, take-out
- Lakewood Lodge, Lakewood, 570-798-2565, take-out
- McDonnell's, Carbondale, 570-282-5144, take-out
- Candlelight Inn, Union Dale, 570-679-4000, take-out and delivery
- Crystal Lake Hotel, Crystal Lake, 570-222-3181, take-out and local delivery
- Arlo's Tavern-closed
- Arlo's Country Store, Union Dale, 570-727-2970, store, gas and kitchen open for to-go orders
- Chet's Place, Union Dale, 570-679-2129 take-outs
- Beacon Bar & Grill, Union Dale, closed, re-open April 9
- Plate D'Azure, Carbondale, closed
- Cable's Deli, Union Dale, closed
- Missi's Place, Thompson, 570-727-2007, take-out & local delivery

## LETTER FROM MAYOR CHRIS GLINTON

To the people of Forest City and surrounding cities as the Mayor of the community and a citizen during this scary time that we are facing,

I am in contact with higher authorities and being informed as needed on what is happening to keep everyone safe.

I am asking all of our residents, young and old, to follow the instructions that our Governor and President are asking us to do for the well-being of ourselves and our families.

This will pass if we unite and work together. For those of you with older family members, please check on them and make sure they are safe.

If anyone needs to speak with me, please contact the Borough office at 570-785-3840 and leave a number and I will call you back.

All the events that have been planned for the Borough are only postponed for now. They will happen as soon as they can.

Again, the town and the residents are my priority. I will do whatever I can to keep you all safe. Stay safe!

Mayor  
Christopher Glinton

## St. Katherine Drexel, Pl. Mt. schedule

St. Katherine Drexel, Pleasant Mount, will be open for adoration only on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 am until 9:30 am. All masses have been temporarily suspended until the coronavirus is controlled. This is a diocesan directive for all churches. Sunday masses also are suspended but the Church (St. James) will be open from 1 pm until 2:00 pm, for those wanting to say a rosary or other prayers on Sundays.

No confessions unless there is a critical need. Notify rectory @ 785-3838 or 785-7856 in emergency.

CHECK WEB-SITE for further updates: apskdp.org.

## FC Library closed until at least March 30

Lisa Spangenberg, Librarian at the Forest City Branch Library, announces that the visit of technology trainer Howard Burkett at the Library Wednesday, March 25 has been cancelled. In addition, the Forest City Library will be closed until at least March 30 by Governor Wolf's order.

## No In-person tax collection in FC till further notice

Forest City Tax Collector Pam Green announced that there will be no tax collection in the Borough Building until further notice. You can mail in or drop off your tax payment to the address on the bill.

## Free Wi-Fi available outside Pl. Mt. Library

The Pleasant Mount Library is currently closed due to the Coronavirus. They are offering free Wi-Fi in the parking lot for those who do not have access to Wi-Fi in their homes. Thanks to NEP Telephone Company for increasing the speed of the Wi-Fi.

## Zazzera's Supermarket keeping food on the shelves for area families



Zazzera's Supermarket is trying to keep up with the high volume of traffic in the store with the coronavirus pandemic hitting the country. The Trichilo family has seen an increase in customers which is requiring them to receive more frequent shipments of food. On Friday morning, March 20, a tractor trailer unloaded a large shipment which the employees quickly brought in and put on the shelves. They are open and working hard to keep the shelves stocked for customers. We appreciate the hard work of all the employees and the Trichilo family at this difficult time.

## Roads, waste removal, wage taxes highlight Clinton Twp. session

by Theresa Opeka

Various issues were on the agenda at the Wednesday, March 11 meeting of the Clinton Township Supervisors. The township received \$153,000 in liquid fuels money.

### ROLLING/GRADING

Supervisor/Road Master Brian Non made a motion to put DSA, rolling and grading for the job and not by the hour and to put the bottom half of Burns Road all out for bid. All voted in favor. Motions passed. He said they need to use \$40,000 in grant money by the end of April for Burns Road. He also set up a meeting for April 1 at 8:30am to discuss the approval of Ravnikar Road for a Dirt and Gravel Road Project.

### ORDINANCE

Supervisor Dr. James Zefran said they were asked by a representative from Keller Williams Realty if the township had an ordinance for short-term rentals in the township. Solicitor Jeff Treat said no. "It would be like an Airbnb. Realtors are nervous because places can be rented by the day and not by the week. It could be deemed a commercial venture."

### MEETING MINUTES

Matt Curtis asked about posting the meeting minutes to the website. Zefran said, "We have a draft of the minutes. I'll have the secretary scan it and

put it into the website. It will be noted that they aren't the official minutes." He made a motion to post the previous month's minutes onto the website. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

### BURNS ROAD

John Lillie asked, "Why is Burns Road always being paved every year?" Zefran replied, "They said they need to pave the bottom of the road now. It was deemed #1 at the work session."

### LOGGING

Ken Coles said, "You need to do something about the logging ordinance. Loggers are coming in on Smith Road. It's going to get crushed." Non said, "I know someone who works at DCNR. We are going to discuss it."

### CDL'S

Non said, (Road workers) "Kevin Weist and Ryan Wilmarth want to get their CDL's on the township. It's legal for the township to pay \$1,000 each." Zefran said, "I agree but they should stay for two years or they should pay it back." "Supervisor Russ Curtis disagreed, "I don't think that is right. I had to pay. Ron (Poska) had to pay." Non made a motion that they will have to sign a 2 year contract or they will have to pay the township back. Zefran added, "Put a stipulation in the contract that they can't work

outside the township for 2 years and put in the motion they have to be employed by the township for so many years." Non added to the motion that they have to be employed by the township for at least two years. Zefran said, "You need to do a little more of an investigation. Have an amount of service time in the township. Come up with detailed numbers at the next meeting." Curtis voted no, "Not fair to me and Ron," he said. Zefran voted no. Motion failed.

### COMMITTEE

Zefran said they are still looking for volunteers for the Sewer Advisory Committee.

### DONATE PAY

Curtis said, "I got paid \$300 for the past few extra meetings. I want to donate my pay for the next few meetings until this gets straightened out." Non told him he didn't think he could.

### WASTE REMOVAL

Non made a motion to 'dump' County Waste and hire MMM out of Beach Lake for waste removal. He said County Waste charges \$30 a month for a dumpster and an additional \$100 for pickup. MMM would cost \$53-\$54 every other week. Treat told him to find out if they have a contract. Zefran said to find out for the next meeting.

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## Coronavirus Update- Fri., March 20 from FCR

Statement from FCR Superintendent Dr. Jessica Aquilina

We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now, as this is an unprecedented situation for all of us. District leadership is working with state and local leaders to ensure that our community has access to the most up-to-date information available.

Unfortunately, as of now, we have many unanswered questions. We ask for your patience, understanding, and trust, as we continue to respond to and to share the updates we receive. The Forest City Regional School District will continue to share information with our community via: Infinite Campus Messenger, the Forest City Regional School District website (www.fcrcsd.org), and Twitter. In addition, teachers will continue to communicate using district email, google classroom, and other methods that they have used with your children throughout the school year.

If you have specific questions, please do not hesitate to reach out via email jaquilina@fcrcsd.org or phone at 570-785-2403.

### School Closure

Currently schools are scheduled to reopen on

March 30, 2020. As of today, the Pennsylvania Department of Education has not extended the closure beyond this date. However, the spread of COVID-19 has intensified across Pennsylvania, and it seems as though there is a strong possibility that schools will be closed beyond March 30th. We share our community's concern about lost instructional time and extracurricular activities. In addition, we are thinking of our seniors and their families as we wait to better understand how this pandemic will impact events like senior night and graduation; events our Foresters look forward to throughout their high school careers.

We will share updates from the Pennsylvania Department of Education as we receive them. The health, safety, and welfare of our school community is the first priority and we know that the PDE will base their decisions on the guidance and direction they receive from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

### Instruction during the Closure

We know that our students, parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and administrators are concerned about the im-

pact of lost instructional time. With school closed for what could be an extended period of time, we want to provide opportunities for students to remain engaged with the resources that are in use when school is in session.

The high school teachers will continue to communicate through the Infinite Campus portal, District email, and Google Classroom.

The elementary teachers will continue to provide review packets for students. These will be distributed during the food distributions.

For additional resources, please visit our website at www.fcrcsd.org, click on NEWS, and then, Online Resources and Activities for Students.

### State Assessments and Advanced Placement Testing

The Pennsylvania Department of Education cancelled all state testing for the 2019-2020 school year.

College Board is offering access to resources for students during the school closures. The resources can be accessed here: https://ap-students.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates#free-classes.

**ZAZZERA'S SUPERMARKET INSERT**

Since the market will be securing products from various suppliers, there will not be an ad insert during the emergency. We will continue to keep our store stocked for you. We appreciate your patronage and urge you to stay safe.

Trichilo Family

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