

DAILY UPDATE – Thursday, April 9, 2020

CITY DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Brookshire Golf Club

- No update today.

Community Relations and Economic Development

- Feed the frontlines update: Working to correct Paypal link issue for website. Link for donations works via email at this time; Finalizing press release; Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday meals are secured; Finalizing online submission form with hyperlinks.
- Cancelled in-person May community events, will update community calendar on website.
- Handling multiple media requests every day for information, background and interviews with the Mayor.
- Sharing as much as possible on social media the various news releases, etc.
- Closed current claims in purchase system
- Started compiling invoices for next claims round
- Hamilton County Community Guide ad – discussed changes in ad content due to COVID-19 – switch focus to Carmel Cares instead of upcoming events
- Worked to finalize Carmel Minute Videos- Road Construction – Mayor’s second COVID update video
- Communicate with Liz Hamilton re: Read to Feed
- Carmel Cares working group phone call. FB page stats—Likes: 1368. Followers: 1499. #Carmel Cares Group Members: 1965
- Bicycle Safety Town Project
- Website Review for Updating
- Updated COVID-19 test kits to NY release

Department of Community Services

- Today in DOCS, inspectors have 11 building inspections scheduled.
- Building and Code activity thru midweek:
 - 37 Total Inspections conducted
 - 22 Inspections Scheduled
 - 11 New Projects to project dox
 - 29 plan reviews (Includes re reviews)

- 1 Temp C/O issued
 - 1 Fence permit issued
- Staff and I participated in Go-To meeting with Dan Moriarity regarding a proposed project.
- A make-up BZA meeting has been slated for this Monday, April 13, using the Zoom meeting platform. The agenda will include both a Hearing Officer meeting beginning at 4:15, and full BZA meeting at 6:00. Staff is talking with Community Relations and IT to be sure citizens are aware and will be able to attend the meeting.

Engineering

- Staff performed 22 inspections around the City pertaining to private development, drainage concerns and Storm Water site inspections.
- We responded to one location for an Illicit Discharge of someone draining their pool water to the storm sewer.
- Six new right of way permits were approved on Wednesday.
- The intersection at 96th & Haverstick was closed on Wednesday and we continue to coordinate some of our next closing set for the end of the month.
- A preconstruction meeting was held for the raised crosswalk installation at Carmel Drive and Range Line Road which we are trying to move up in the construction schedule as businesses are closed. Due to material ordering, work is anticipated to begin the last week of April.

Fire Department

- CFD run information for Wednesday April 8th.
 - Total runs: 41
 - Fire calls: 29 (many directly related to the thunderstorms our community experienced last evening.
 - EMS: 12 (1 difficulty breathing and 2 sick person)
- On 4/8 the run totals were above average. We are averaging approximately 17.5 runs per day (over the last three weeks).
- We will continue to monitor trends throughout the duration of Covid-19. Our total EMS calls for service have remained fairly consistence over the last three weeks. There is a trend of a very slight increase, but nothing to exceed our capacity to provide services to our community.

Information & Technology (ICS)

- The GIS group has been working on restaurant updates, trail updates, Parks app', subdivision updates, and continued work on existing projects.

- The Network & Comm's group has been working on assisting OMNI in cut over to new connectivity provider, CFD Knox box and connectivity device installing into apparatus, phone system provider issues, public meetings integration with Council system, and continued work on existing projects.
- The ICS Systems group has been working on digital signatures project, creating form for CRED, ticketing system, continued work on insurance app', continuing to setup new hardware, working with user's issues, and continued work on existing projects.

Legal Department

- Addressed Brookshire tower lease and Duke easement documents
- Helped with OV violations, Health savings account issue, prepared numerous research memoranda
- Addressed Merit Board and Republic trash issues
- Reviewed several record requests, reviewed and signed record request responses, reviewed contracts, advised Mayor and Department Directors, and addressed phone/e-mail communications.

Human Resources

- The City is continuing its testing of City employees, with emphasis on first responders and others who have contact with the public.
- We will soon start testing all employees and family members. The process has been effective in identifying and isolating those who are positive for the coronavirus and keeping everyone else healthy. This process has also helped us monitor those with the virus and get them back to work as soon as it is safe to do so.

Office of the Controller

- The Controller's Office is working with City Departments on new capital leases.

Parks Department

- No updates.

Police Department

- Carmel Police Department responded to three calls regarding mental/emotional subjects. Two of those calls resulted in immediate health detentions.

- CPD received one call regarding social distancing. Officers continued Monon patrols by bike and on foot.
- 250 security checks/directed patrols were conducted.
- Officers responded to multiple alarms throughout the city due to storms.
- Several trees were blown down across roadways throughout the city. Carmel Street Department was contacted and responded to clear roadways.
- There were 106 power outages in Hamilton County (several in Carmel) affecting approx. 25K customers county wide.
- Officers were detailed to assist with traffic direction at 146th Street/Springmill Road, 146th Street/Oakridge Road, and Carmel Drive/AAA Way due to storm damage and power outages to traffic signals.

Street Department

- Today the Street Dept. crews are doing the following:
 - Patching
 - Storm clean up (several trees down)
 - Sweeping
 - Daily Claims
 - Daily Zoom call with all managers
 - Yesterday the Street Dept. did:
 - 84 Line Locates
 - 10 Phone Calls
 - 2 My Carmel apps request for service
 - 4 new Service Request
 - 3 service request closed
 - 7 New Work Orders
 - 1 Work Orders closed
 - 1 new insurance claim
- Processed Daily Claims to pay vendors

Utilities

- The storm last night caused a power failure at five sanitary sewer lift stations. Generators were used, and four of the lift stations now have full power back.
- The Plum Creek lift station is still out but has a generator handling flow without issue. We also lost our remote monitoring network for 5 hours last night but we are now fully back on-line. All in all we came through the storm fine, and it certainly could have been worse.
- Water production is still up over the same time period last year.