

The Council Corner

Mayor Jim Hollenbeck
November 2020



Letter From the Mayor

Hello Marseilles Residents,

I would first like to say I hope this letter finds you well and healthy. This wave of COVID has been especially hard on Marseilles and we all recognize the stress this has put on our community, both personally and professionally. City Hall continues to be a resource for our community, and we encourage you to reach out to us with needs and concerns. We will do all that we can to inform and help.

We do have a duty to protect public health. There are steps that need to be taken to lower risk which will help lower the numbers that will lead to the removal of resurgence mitigations. The City will be monitoring businesses for compliance. Noncompliance may result in citations and/or a report filed with the Illinois Department of Health (IDPH). The steps beyond that would be up to the IDPH.

With the news that Morris Hospital has reached capacity, we must protect ourselves and others by following the guidelines given to us by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These guidelines and the Governor's orders have created a strong divide among people. This is not the time to be divided. We need to work together. We are always stronger together. I feel very fortunate to be a part of this community. We have shown that we can work together throughout this year and that work has most likely saved lives and businesses. Something not to forget or take lightly.

In closing, all of us at City Hall would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and suggest we all take this holiday to be thankful for all that we do have.

Thank you,

Mayor Hollenbeck

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WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?



Only go out when necessary.
Order takeout/delivery, locally.



Wear a mask.



Buy gift cards, locally.

Stay positive.



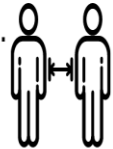
Thoroughly wash hands.

Social distance.



Stop blaming. It's not helpful.

Adopt the attitude of better
safe than sorry.



THESE ARE JUST A FEW WAYS TO HELP.
LET'S TAKE CARE OF OUR COMMUNITY!



Before you buy a bunch of "stuff" for family and friends this holiday season, try asking them what they really NEED.

Maybe they need help with a utility bill, or a car payment, or the rent.

Maybe they need a kid-free night, and could use a free babysitter.

Maybe they need a night off of cooking, and could use a homemade meal.

Maybe they need help with gas for their car.

Maybe they need a night out with friends.

Maybe they need a cup of coffee, and someone to just listen.

Maybe they need help making the holidays bright for their children.

Maybe they need help in some other way, but they either don't know how to ask for help, or are embarrassed to ask.

Maybe YOU could be the one to give them what they really need this season, rather than just more "stuff".

Gift Certificates are available at City Hall for water bills and can be sent anonymously. and most of our businesses. Please support our local businesses during this difficult time. I am sure many people could use help with a utility bill, food or groceries.

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For more information on how to donate
or submit an application, please contact
Laurie at 815-795-2131 ext 11.



IN A CRISIS

- 911
- Text HOME to 741741 for free 24/7 crisis support

SUICIDE CRISIS

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:
1-800-273-Talk (8255)
◦ available 24/7
- NAMI Helpline:
1-800-950-NAMI (6264)
◦ Available M-F
10am-6pm
- im4live.org click "CHAT NOW" to instant message someone during a crisis
- The Trevor Project LGBTQ+ Crisis Line:
866-488-7386
- CARES Youth Crisis Line:
1-800-345-9049

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CRISIS

- National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS

- SAMHSA Treatment Referral Hotline:
1-800-662-HELP (4357)

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

IT'S OKAY TO ASK FOR HELP

PROFESSIONAL HELP IN LASALLE COUNTY

North Central Behavioral Health Systems
Mental health and substance abuse services such as counseling, online counseling, intensive outpatient program, etc.

- Ottawa, IL: (815) 434-4727
- Streator IL: (815) 510-9894
- LaSalle IL: (815) 224-1610

OSF Health Care (815) 433-3100

Behavioral and mental health resources including inpatient and outpatient services

Illinois Valley Counseling Services (815) 993-1614
Mental health and substance use resources

Youth Service Bureau (815) 433-3953

Resource for children and families of the Illinois Valley including counseling, treatment, youth and family activities, etc.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: afspil.org

- 312-890-2377 | Illinois: @afsp.org
- Provides resources and direction in the time of a crisis and after a suicide loss. Provides research, events, and prevention programs related to suicide prevention and mental health.

To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA): twloha.com

- An organization that brings hope and finds help for those struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury, and suicide

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): nami.org

- Dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education, and advocacy

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA): SAMHSA.gov

- Goal is to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on America's communities