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Dear Residents,

We are all going through so much now.

Life is on hold and it feels as though events are slipping away. We are missing so many things - birthdays, anniversaries, weddings and, yes, funerals. We are unable to celebrate the living and the lives of those who we have loved and lost. But celebrations can be postponed. We can celebrate the birthdays, anniversaries and weddings and, yes, even celebrate the life of a loved one who has passed, at a later date.

This is an especially difficult time for new parents, who cannot personally share their joy with grandparents and other relatives. It is hard on grandparents, especially the new ones, who want to hold and pour out their love on their new grandchild.

What we must keep in mind, however, is what is important.

It is important that we are all here for the celebrations which will come. That we are all here for the next birthday, the next anniversary, the next wedding and reception. More important, we want to make sure that not only we, but those we love, are here for "the next."

We can do that by taking care of ourselves and following the guidelines which the medical profession and our leaders have given us - Stay Home/Stay Healthy. Make sure you are not the one who endangers the life of someone with a compromised immune system; the life of a first-responder; the life of a doctor or nurse or other medical personnel who are working so valiantly to ensure that, not only COVID-19 patients are taken care of, but patients with other life and death medical issues.


The responsibility is yours. Bending or breaking the rules for your own gratification is short-sighted and selfish. For a long time, I did not get a flu shot. I was healthy and was never bothered by the flu. However, a few years ago, I began to think about people with whom I came in contact and how many of them had compromised immune systems. The flu might not affect me, but if I was a "carrier", I would risk affecting someone I love. I got my flu shot, and have, ever since.

We can get through this. I know we are up to the challenge and will find a way. There are so many willing to help those in need and we will find a way to do that, when it is necessary, without compromising our health or theirs. We are strong and, together, we can do this.

Take care of yourselves; follow the guidelines and, by doing so, you will safeguard the health of others.

Thanks to all of our employees who are on the frontline and keeping our City running, to all in the medical profession who are having to deal with so much which is beyond normalcy, and to all of you who are making the effort to stay safe and stay healthy. As I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers, I ask that you all do the same.

Take care and God bless.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail McLeod". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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