

## **Village of Pardeeville Responds to Supreme Court Decision Overturning “Safer at Home Emergency Order #28”**

Last week the Wisconsin Supreme Court overturned Safer at Home Emergency Order #28, rendering the terms of that Order invalid and unenforceable. On May 14, 2020, Columbia County indicated that they will not be issuing any local orders similar to Safer at Home Emergency Order #28.

In the absence of any public health orders related to the pandemic, the Village of Pardeeville is working to safely re-open public spaces and facilities and do what is necessary to both suppress and prevent any spread of disease. This is what we can offer as guidance at this point:

- Village Hall continues to work, but is closed to walk-in customers. We anticipate re-opening these offices on Monday, June 8, 2020 with additional protections in place. Safety measures will include additional sanitation measures, limit the number of people inside and encourage social distancing. Due to the small space available for customers, we ask that you do not congregate in the office especially if people are waiting due to social distancing guidelines.
- Village parks including playgrounds, bathrooms, basketball courts and shelters are open. We remind everyone using these areas that they are open spaces, and not cleaned or sanitized regularly and please respect our signs placed out in these locations and bring your own sanitizer.
- Baseball fields are open for use, although there will be maintenance on the fields in the coming weeks and fields will be closed at that time until work is complete. CDC suggests groups undertaking organized sports practice social distancing and promote sanitizing and hand washing frequently. Please contact a member of the organization with any questions or concerns.
- The Angie Williams Cox Library Board will be making a determination on how and when they will re-open, and you can find additional information on their website or Facebook page.

We will continue to monitor the situation, and will evaluate our operations as conditions change throughout this pandemic. We encourage every business and organization to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing, cleaning, and disinfecting whenever possible. Businesses with specific questions or concerns about liability related to their operations during this pandemic should check with their legal counsel.

The Village of Pardeeville would like to reiterate the guidance offered by Columbia County, encouraging all residents to continue to follow good public health practices, including:

- Try to maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others;

- Do not congregate in groups larger than 10 people without physical distancing between groups
- Wash your hands frequently;
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- If you are considered high risk due to age or health condition continue to remain safer at home and take precautions – only going out for essential reasons and working from home as much as possible.

Based on the history of this pandemic, its uncertain trajectory, and the likelihood of additional emergency orders or legislation, we anticipate our operations will need to change over time as the circumstances change. Please monitor our website for additional updates in the future. If you have any questions, please contact Village Hall at 608-429-3121.