

Dear Residents:

We are very far from the peak of the COVID-19 crisis. Each day of compliance is critical in flattening the pandemic curve. Every day of compliance saves lives.

Unfortunately, there are still some residents who do not take this seriously. Some believe we will get back to normal very soon, and do not clearly understand the impact their individual actions actually have on the greater public.

OUR SOLUTION: *STAY HOME... SAVE LIVES!*

As we all adapt to Sheltering in Place as ordered by Governor JB Pritzker to combat the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus, we count our blessings for our health. I have been advised that there are cases of the virus here in Sauk Village, and at least one case of a 48 year old man who lost his life while on a ventilator. This is serious and this virus impacts those young and old.

Thankfully, the Village is operating as planned and pretty much as normal, with the exception of our Village Hall Lobby which will remain closed. We continue to monitor our employees to ensure that they are healthy and can carry out their daily duties. We are working at this time to disinfect the Village Hall as staff has been working remotely as directed by the Governor. Once the process of disinfecting Village Hall is completed, we will ask employees to return on a rotating basis so that they are in a safe work environment. Residents will continue to be urged not to come to Village Hall at all during the Shelter in Place Order. Village Hall will remain closed to the Public. Please stay home! You can pay your water bills by mail, by using the night drop on the north-side of Village Hall or you can pay online, or use your bank's bill pay service. **As I previously posted, all disconnection orders during this period are suspended.** We will worry about the details after this pandemic has passed.

As Mayor and as a Village, we have never been through such a crisis impacting every resident of the Community. As a Village and as residents, we will be experiencing some financial challenges in the weeks and months ahead. We can expect significant shortfalls reductions in State revenues as a result of the economic shut down. This will impact State Sales Tax, Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues (LGDF) and Gaming Revenues as well as our own Water Revenues will all be sharply reduced in the coming months. Village Government will have some very tough decisions to make which will impact the

services we provide. I know we can work through this crisis to do what is right for the future of our residents and for our Village.

Finally, I'm confident that the great residents of Sauk Village will adapt, improvise and together we will overcome this. If at all possible, please patronize our local carryout food businesses so they can survive this ordeal. Share important and factual information with those close to you. And by all means, **STAY POSITIVE!**

Mayor Derrick Burgess- Sauk Village