In March 2020, the lives of everyone in Creedmoor changed when the global COVID-19 pandemic was officially detected in testing throughout the United States, within North Carolina, and finally in Granville County. City staff had been carefully following the news as state, national, and international public health experts tracked the spread of COVID-19, and began instituting measures to protect citizens.

The City of Creedmoor immediately took action to develop a Continuity of Operations Plan and Continuity of Government Plan, which were approved by the Creedmoor Board of Commissioners at an emergency meeting on March 17. By March 23, Creedmoor Mayor Bobby Wheeler had joined Granville County Board of Commissioners Chair David Smith as well as Oxford Mayor Jackie Sergent, Butner Mayor Terry Turner, Stem Mayor Casey Dover, and Stovall Mayor Janet Parrott in declaring a State of Emergency in Granville County and all of its municipalities. At the time this publication went to press, Creedmoor, Granville County, North Carolina, and the United States remain under a State of Emergency. City staff continue to work with our local, state, and federal leaders to forge a return to normalcy.

Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, the City of Creedmoor website and social media feeds have been continually updated with the most accurate and relevant information from a variety of reliable sources. Various announcements and posts including public health information, small-business grant resources, and the latest information on Creedmoor services and programs. Creedmoor businesses extraordinarily affected by this public health crisis are asked to reach out to city government and let us know what we can do to help. Email admin@cityofcreedmoor.org or call (919) 528-3332, Option 0.

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Help shape Creedmoor’s future by participating in the 2020 Census!

By now, all residents should have received their invitations to participate via US Postal Service. Options to participate in this census include online, by phone, or return mail.

Granville County’s self-response rate is currently 58.9%, ranking 21st out of 100 NC counties. Let’s work together to push Granville County up to number 1!

If you have not responded in one of these ways, in the coming months an employee with the US Census Bureau will visit your home to assist with the process. All employees of the US Census Bureau will immediately present an ID badge (containing name, photo, expiration date, and a Department of Commerce seal) to confirm they are official representatives of the Census Bureau.

Get counted! For more information visit www.census.gov.

LOCAL DMV SERVICES AND REAL ID

Visitors to mobile DMV locations are able to acquire their REAL ID, which will be required to board a plane, enter a military base, federal courthouse, or any other federally regulated facility. The deadline to acquire a REAL ID has been extended twelve months to October 2021. For more information about REAL ID, and the documentation needed to obtain one, visit www.ncdot/dmv/realID.

DMV has also extended many other deadlines five months from the original expiration date for credentials that expire between March 1 and August 1, 2020. This extension applies to most DMV credentials including drivers licenses, handicap placards, vehicle registration, and vehicle inspections.

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City Staff: On the Frontlines and Behind the Scenes

Although City Hall has been closed to the public since March 23, Police Department and Public Works personnel continue serving our community on the frontlines. Officers remain on patrol and responding to calls for service, and Public Works staff are maintaining facilities including sanitizing and disinfecting of public restrooms, completing yard waste and white goods pick-ups, and maintaining stormwater infrastructure.

Creedmoor’s elected officials and administrative staff are working to keep all facets of city operations running. Staff are working remotely and reporting on-site in staggered shifts to maintain all other administrative services. As we continue to plan for the future, we look forward to being able to gather together again as a community very soon.

Board of Commissioners Meet Remotely

The Creedmoor Board of Commissioners continues to accept the challenge of governing during this unprecedented crisis by staying in constant communication with the City Manager and holding remote meetings using Zoom video conference. Since public gatherings have been limited and/or prohibited since mid-March, the Board has had the opportunity to meet remotely five times in March, April, and May. The primary focus of these meetings, besides COVID-19 response, has been the complicated process of developing the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget. The Board has the unique challenge of planning for an increased need for city services with the expansion of Lake Rogers Park, and the upcoming completion of the Cross City Trail and Creedmoor Community Center projects.

Project Construction

The stay-at-home order did not stop construction projects, which were deemed “essential” in Governor Cooper’s order. The Cross City Trail and Creedmoor Community Center have been progressing at a steady pace, and both projects are slated for completion by September.

www.cityofcreedmoor.org/projects

ADVISORY BOARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE

APPLY TODAY!

The City is seeking qualified applicants for the Parks and Recreation Committee (CPRC). The CPRC is made up of individuals passionate about creating a diverse and inclusive slate of recreational activities for city residents. With the upcoming opening of the Community Center, staff are excited to ramp up programming as soon as possible. For more information and application materials, visit www.cityofcreedmoor.org/cprc.

Application deadline is June 30.
CITY OF CREEDMOOR SOCIAL MEDIA IN THE COMMUNITY

The City of Creedmoor maintains several social media accounts, which are typically focused on promoting city services, events, and operations. With the onset of COVID-19 we have flooded our Facebook, Instagram, Nextdoor, and Twitter pages with community information, and a major effort to promote our local businesses.

With the stay-at-home order issued in March, Governor Cooper ordered the closure of bars, dine-in restaurant service, and non-essential businesses to help slow the spread of COVID-19. City of Creedmoor staff immediately partnered with the Granville County Tourism Development Authority to lend a lifeline to our local restaurants, plus other businesses that have been able to stay open to serve their customers.

City staff first reached out to our business community in March to help distribute guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services. Our hope was to guide business owners to the latest and most accurate data to enable as many business owners as possible to stay open, and keep their employees and customers safe. We encouraged businesses to share with their customers how they were adapting to the crisis, and offered our website and social media accounts to help with this communication.

Additionally, staff has stayed in contact with our local restaurant community to keep their customers informed on take-out, delivery, and curbside options so that Creedmoor residents could continue patronizing their favorite businesses while complying with public health guidance and executive orders.

The City of Creedmoor, and our partner governments in Granville County, continue to work with our local businesses to support everything that our workers are doing to keep Creedmoor running. We applaud the innovation and hard work that our business owners have exhibited during these difficult times to serve our community; from grocery stores, to gas stations, to car dealerships, to pharmacies, to restaurants, all the way to our retail establishments.

Remember that when you shop local, almost 70% of what you spend stays in your community. Be the recovery... support our local Creedmoor businesses!
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Board of Commissioners meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of each month at 6 pm*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Current program information is posted on the Calendar of Events page at www.cityofcreedmoor.org, and on the City's social media pages.

ALL PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THROUGH JULY 2020 ARE CURRENTLY CANCELLED OR POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19. VISIT THE CITY OF CREEDMOOR WEBSITE OR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR THE MOST CURRENT INFORMATION.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES MAY STILL MEET AS NECESSARY. TENTATIVE DATES ARE INCLUDED BELOW:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS
June 2, July 7, August 3 // 6 pm

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS
June 11, July 9, August 13 // 7 pm

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING
August 10 // 7 pm

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS
June 23 & August 25 // 5:30 pm

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Hall will be closed on the following dates:

INDEPENDENCE DAY (OBSERVED)
Friday, July 3

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