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Public Service Announcement: City Expanding Measures to Slow Spread of COVID-19

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As the COVID-19 coronavirus situation continues to develop, the City of Oak Park is announcing an expansion of safety precautions designed to slow the spread of the virus and align with federal and state emergency declarations:

- The City of Oak Park is declaring a local emergency. This declaration will give the City access to federal and state emergency funds should they become available.
- City Hall will be closed to the public through Sunday, April 5. Residents and business owners are encouraged to make use of online payment options or the dropbox outside City Hall.
- All activities, events, classes, and rentals affiliated with the City have been cancelled or postponed through Sunday, April 5.
- The Recreation Department is suspending all shuttle services until further notice.
- All Board and Commission meetings through Sunday, April 5 have been cancelled, with the exception of the Board of Review meeting planned for Monday, March 23.

In an effort to lessen the stress and inconvenience these measures and the COVID-19 situation as a whole may have on our residents and business owners, we are also announcing several related alleviation strategies:

- We will be waiving the online transaction fee for all payments. This will come in the form of a credit after a payment is made.
- We are suspending all late fees and penalties for residents and business owners.
- There will be no water shutoffs for any water customers for the next 30 days.
- All water customers that currently have their water shut off will have their service restored immediately.

Residents should know that the City's essential functions such as those that fall within the Public Safety and Public Works Departments will continue to be fully operational.

For more information, please read the City's dedicated COVID-19 webpage, found at:
www.bit.ly/OPCoronavirus

Together, we can stop the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.