

Prince George's County's Department of Public Works & Transportation's
Monthly Newsletter

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THE DISPATCH



COVID-19 Update: Stay-At-Home Order Extended

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)
Prince George's County
STAY-AT-HOME Executive Order

County Executive Alsobrooks is extending the Stay-At-Home Order until **JUNE 1, 2020.**

What Remains CLOSED:

- ALL non-essential businesses** (Icon: 'SORRY WE'RE CLOSED' sign)
- Retail stores and personal services** (Icon: Shopping bags)
- Worship Services/Facilities** (Icon: Hands in prayer)
Religious facilities may continue to hold virtual worship services

The Executive Order ALLOWS travel for essential activities to:

- Seek medical attention and pharmacy visits** (Icon: Medical symbol)
- Veterinarian/ Pet Supply Stores** (Icon: Paw print)
- Businesses to purchase essential supplies** (Icon: Shopping cart with 'X' over it)
- Gas Stations** (Icon: Gas pump)
- Grocery Stores** (Icon: Shopping basket with food)
- Care for Family** (Icon: Family group)
- Restaurants for Carryout Only** (Icon: 'Menu' sign)
- Banks/Insurance Companies** (Icon: Bank building)

Prince George's County Stay-At-Home Order extended until June 1, 2020

Last week, County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks announced an extension of the [Stay-At-Home Order](#) until Monday, June 1, 2020. This decision comes as Governor Larry Hogan has launched phase one of Maryland's Roadmap

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to Recovery Plan that allowed other parts of the state to begin reopening on Friday, May 15, 2020.

The advice of public health officials and Prince George's County's standing as COVID-19 hotspot in Maryland, with a current daily average of nine deaths per day, contributed to the County Executive's decision to extend the order.

During the announcement on Thursday, May 14, 2020, Dr. Ernest L. Carter, the Prince George's County Chief Health Officer, outlined the five measures necessary for Prince George's County to begin steps to reopen:

1. **Reduce the Curve:** Two-week decline in new cases and deaths due to COVID-19
2. **Healthcare System Capacity:** Ensuring our hospitals have the capacity to handle COVID and non-COVID patient needs, which includes a two-week decline in hospitalized COVID-19 cases
3. **Adequate Testing:** At least nine thousand residents tested per week
4. **Contact Tracing**
5. **Adequate Hospital/Frontline Staffing and Personal Protective Equipment for Workers**



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Virtual Public Information Meeting: Montpelier Drive Improvements



Montpelier Drive Street Improvements rendering

DPW&T, along with Council Member Tom Dernoga, hosted a virtual public information meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 6:30PM regarding the Montpelier Drive Street Improvements Project. Construction for the project, spanning from MD-197 to south of Carland Place will begin in June 2020.

This meeting provided attendees the opportunity to understand the project's scope, proposed tree removal schedule and the upcoming construction schedule, as well as ask questions, and provide comments regarding construction. Maps and visual information about the project were presented

during the virtual meeting. In addition, Prince George's County DPW&T staff were available to answer your questions.

If you were unable to attend the virtual session you can still view the presentation [here](#).

Honoring Our Workforce During National Public Works Week 2020



National Public Works Week 2020 - The Rhythm of Public Works

It's National Public Works Week 2020! National Public Works Week takes place from Sunday, May 17, 2020 to Saturday, May 23, 2020 and celebrates our workforce and the public works profession throughout the country. The American Public Works Association (APWA) has been sponsoring the week-long celebration since 1960 and while we are unable to celebrate with an awards ceremony and other traditions we have become accustomed to, we still want to honor our employees.

This year's theme is "The Rhythm of Public Works", an ode to the integral part public works plays in a community "as a symphony of essential services, working in concert to create a great place to live."

Public Works is a vital function that increases the quality of life, while maintaining and growing Prince George's County's infrastructure. A few of our employees shared the importance of what they do and why they love public works in the [new video](#) posted on our website.

DPW&T National Public Works Week
Video https://youtu.be/VS_9sDDQBpM

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to see us celebrate the men and women of public works. We also encourage you to leave comments expressing your gratitude to our frontline workers!

DPW&T Celebrates Mother's Day



DPW&T celebrated Mother's Day virtually this year with the Mother's Day Seven Day Challenge. The challenge took place during the week leading up to Mother's Day and culminated on Sunday, May 10, 2020. We invited employees as well as social media followers to share their stories, why the holiday is important and how they would be celebrating this year. The challenge provided a boost to morale during such a difficult time.

Director Bellamy took part in the challenge, reflecting on the significance of the day, saying, "This is the Mother's Day that I do not have my mother here earthly with me. I understand now the love that mothers bring to the family. The journey of life is to move from a self-serving heart to a serving heart. As with mothers, they realize that life is about what you give, rather than what you get. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers especially our DPW&T Mothers!"

Some of the activities throughout the week included submitting Mother's Day song favorites, answering Mother's Day trivia and sharing Mother's Day photos.

We hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day!

Slow Down: Decreased Traffic Met with Increased Speed



Speed Camera near local elementary school

The County Executives Stay-At-Home Order has meant less vehicle traffic. While the open road is not a license to disobey the speed limit, law enforcement officials throughout the County and the country have seen an increase in speeding violations during this pandemic.

Officers clocked speeds up to 136 miles per hour on the Capital Beltway in Prince George's County in recent weeks, signaling the need for additional reminders and education about safe driving and the impact speeding can have. Driving at speeds exceeding limits can result in fines ranging from \$80 to \$1000 in the State of Maryland.

This is the perfect time to visit our [VisionZeroPrinceGeorges.com](https://www.visionzero.princegeorges.com) webpage to take the Vision Zero Pledge and learn more about how you can assist in achieving the overall goal of eliminating traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries in Prince George's County by 2040. You can also share your ideas on how we can reach this important objective by taking the [Vision Zero Prince George's Survey](#), located on our [webpage](#).

No TheBus and Call-A-Bus Services on Memorial Day



Memorial Day 2020

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, TheBus and Call-A-Bus will not operate on Monday, May 25, 2020. [Regular COVID-19 Operations](#) will resume for both TheBus and Call-A-Bus on Tuesday, May, 26, 2020.

Remember, it is important to continue to stay home and practice social distancing, even during a holiday that is traditionally celebrated with parties and large gatherings.

Have a safe and happy Memorial Day!

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