

The New Year is a great time of the year to reflect back on 2019 and prepare for the challenges of 2020. We look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead, and we remain passionate about working cooperatively with all of you to make Greenwich a great place to live, work, play, visit and raise a family.

In the spirit of the season I commend all our volunteer First Responders and Law Enforcement protecting our property and keeping Greenwich safe. Our Highway Department providing outstanding road maintenance for all of us. The Town Offices delivering daily support to residents in a professional and efficient manner. We, the elected officers and employees of the Town of Greenwich, will continue to work everyday in 2020 providing the best services to you, the citizens of Greenwich.

Our warmest wishes to you, your loved ones for a Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season, and a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

May God bless you, your families and our great Town of Greenwich. – Supervisor
Donald B. Ward

The Town of Greenwich would like to take this opportunity to show our support and appreciation to Police Officers on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. Law Enforcement Officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. They've answered the call to public service that is demanding and often unappreciated. Their jobs are often thankless and take them away from loved ones for extended periods of time. A simple THANK YOU to our police officers is always appreciated and shows community support for their professionalism and dedication to keeping Greenwich a safe community.

Local Police Officers, Sheriff's Deputies, NYS Troopers and Federal Officers and Agents, we are thankful what you do to keep us safe. Never doubt our support for what you do every day.

God Bless our Police Officers and the Great Town of Greenwich.

**Supervisor Don Ward's remarks at the Middle Falls Fire Department Annual Dinner,
January 11, 2020**

I would like to acknowledge the families of the firefighters. Without your support their ability to meet their responsibilities would be impossible. Thank you for supporting our firefighters. The days of hopping on the back of a truck with minimal training are long gone! Most people don't realize the time spent on training and recertification. It takes dedication and true grit to be a firefighter. You respond at all hours, in all types of weather to keep us safe. You're always there for us! Thank you!

Tonight your newly appointed officers take an oath to perform their duties to the best of their ability. Their most important duty they have is to make sure everyone returns home to their families at the end of the day and they will acknowledge that duty tonight.

I sat in this room several months ago and attended a meeting about firefighters and cancer. The health risks go beyond your active time as a firefighter.

Please listen to your officers. Take your training seriously. Take care of your equipment. And return to your loved ones healthy and free of injury.

Thank you for your service.

May God bless our firefighters and our great town of Greenwich!

On Monday we take time to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King. We believe the best way to Honor Dr. King is with his own words. Please take time to read his *I Have A Dream* speech.

<https://www.archives.gov/files/press/exhibits/dream-speech.pdf>

THE CORONA VIRUS AND THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US

True, the Corona virus is upon us, but it is not a time to panic. Step back, take a deep breath and count to 10, for we have faced many difficult challenges throughout our history and have always overcome them. And we shall overcome this challenge!

And we will do it as a country and a community. Not with fear but with “common sense” and American GRIT! Kindness, Grace, Generosity and Civility... basic to our American character... will win the day and carry us through our current difficulties. We will come out on the other side of this challenge stronger and smarter.

Here's a few things you can do:

- First, don't over react
- Help the most vulnerable
- Calm the fears of our younger citizens and explain to them how we've been through challenges like this many times
- Be patient with others
- Follow the recommendations of medical experts to protect your family and community from the further spread of the virus
- Stay informed and ask questions for ignorance is our enemy.

Working together we will come through these difficult times and return to our normal routines of daily life and have stories of the Corona virus to tell future generations.

May God bless and protect our citizens and our Great Town of Greenwich!

Don Ward
Supervisor

The Town of Greenwich has issued a local State of Emergency to facilitate Town administrative actions. These administrative actions are due to the emergency conditions caused by the Coronavirus, COVID-19. This resolution will enable the Town to pay employees effected by closures caused by COVID-19, to perform safety checks and adjust Town Office hours. Also, limiting access of the public to Town facilities.

The order is effective Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. to Thursday, March 26, 2020, 8:00 a.m. This order may be extended or rescinded by the Supervisor with consultation with the Town Board.

This emergency order is not in response to significant changes in the COVID-19 situation, but the order is being implemented to facilitate flexibility in the administration of Town functions.

May God bless our citizens and our Great Town of Greenwich.

Don Ward
Town Supervisor

DECLARATION FOR A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF GREENWICH

A local State of emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Greenwich. This order shall continue for a period of five (5) days from Saturday, March 21, 2020, effective at 8:00 a.m. to Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Pursuant to New York State Law Executive Law, Article 2-B, a State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Greenwich and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed five (5) days, unless sooner rescinded or extended. This State of Emergency has been declared due to emergency conditions produced by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which imperil the public health, safety and welfare of the residents, business and workforce of the Town of Greenwich.

The Town of Greenwich office will remain open on a limited basis, the hours will be posted on the Town website, Facebook page and posted on the door. All in-person services provided to the residents shall be by appointment only.

Pursuant to Town of Greenwich Resolution Town Employees will receive pay and benefits, if employee absences stem from a declared public health emergency. Upon notification to the Town Supervisor, the Highway Superintendent is authorized to act pursuant to recommendations from public health guidelines for safety and scheduling of employees.

The Highway Superintendent is authorized to use department vehicles to conduct safety checks and other public safety measures approved by the Town Supervisor.

I hereby direct all Departments in the Town of Greenwich to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

Stepping Up to the Coronavirus Pandemic

Americans step up to a challenge. It's in our DNA. We volunteer to help our neighbors... we help people we don't know very well... we help people we don't know at all. We meet the challenges we face head on. It's what Americans do! And now we must step up and face another great challenge: The Coronavirus Pandemic.

Our doctors, nurses... all of our healthcare workers and officials... are stepping up to keep us safe from COVID-19.

Our first responders... police, Fire and Emergency services... are stepping up to protect our lives and property.

Our Town and Village Highway workers are stepping up to make sure our roads are safe, and our water and sewer treatment operations continue.

The workers at Hannaford are stepping up to keep the supermarket shelves stocked so we can continue to shop for our needs.

Our local businesses are stepping up to provide the services and products we need... everything from emergency home repairs to takeout meals.

Individual citizens and our community organizations are stepping up to assist seniors, to make protective masks for first responders, to do whatever is necessary in this time of crisis.

Rainbow placards are popping up on homes to remind us that there is hope and that this too shall pass. We even had a real live fake Dragon step up this weekend to put a smile on our faces.

As a community, we must all step up:

- Follow health officials' recommendations to "STOP THE SPREAD"
- Show respect for each other
- Be courteous, patient... and smile
- DO NOT OVER BUY

And with clear eyes and full hearts, Greenwich will prevail.

May God protect our citizens and our Great Town of Greenwich!

Don Ward, Supervisor

DECLARATION FOR A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF GREENWICH

A local State of emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Greenwich. This order shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days from Sunday, April 19, 2020, effective at 8:00 a.m. to Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Pursuant to New York State Law Executive Law, Article 2-B, a State of Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Greenwich and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, unless sooner rescinded or extended. This State of Emergency has been declared due to emergency conditions produced by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which imperil the public health, safety and welfare of the residents, business and workforce of the Town of Greenwich.

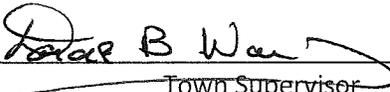
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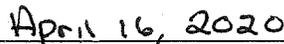
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Town Supervisor



Date

NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

On May 5, 1984, President Ronald Reagan signed Proclamation 5187 creating “National Correctional Officers Week.” Since then the first full week in May has been marked to recognize and honor the work of Correctional Officers and Correctional Personnel nationwide. The Town of Greenwich wishes to echo these sentiments of thirty-five years ago as we acknowledge and thank the men and women who work in Correctional Facilities all across this country.

My father was a NYS Correctional Officer for 32 years; I know firsthand how difficult their job is on a daily basis but having to deal with the added burden of the Corona Virus is a daunting task.

Take time this first week in May to thank the many men and women who work in jails, prisons, and community corrections. The Town of Greenwich prays for their continued safety as we honor those who have given their lives protecting and serving our nation.

Don Ward, Town Supervisor

Let this Fourth of July always be a reminder that here in this land, for the first time, it was decided that man is born with certain God-given rights; that government is only a convenience created and managed by the people, with no powers of its own except those voluntarily granted to it by the people.

- Ronald Reagan

Let us focus on the American traditions that we have valued for 244 years. As a nation we have more in common, than what divides us. As Americans, we believe in freedom, equal opportunity, safety and a better life for our children.

This Fourth of July let us celebrate what unites us and our ongoing quest to provide justice for all.

Enjoy the July 4th celebration with family and friends. Be safe!

May God Bless the United State of America and our Great Town of Greenwich.

- Don Ward, Town Supervisor

A message from Town Supervisor Don Ward concerning the recent events in Greenwich

Our Country has a long tradition of the peaceful transition of political power through an open and free electoral process. Part of that electoral process involves the freedom to openly and without fear of intimidation express our support for the ideas and candidates of our choice. A few individuals, through their intolerant and even dangerous actions, are undermining these basic freedoms... freedoms that are guaranteed to all of us by our Constitution and Bill of Rights!

There have been four acts of intolerance in Greenwich and we must condemn these despicable acts in the strongest of terms:

- 1) A family who displayed a Trump Flag before their home received an intimidating post card addressed to "a traitor" and warning that family not to support President Trump.
- 2) Someone defaced one of the signs supporting Democrat candidate for the House of Representatives Tedra Cobb.
- 3) Someone supporting Blues Lives Matter across from Mowry Park was almost hit by a car that drove onto the sidewalk. Individuals exited the car, yelled curses, made an obscene gesture and called the supporter of Blue Lives Matter a "white racist" before driving away.
- 4) Someone painted a vicious racial slur on the side of a home displaying a Black Lives Matter sign.

Republicans, Democrats, Independents... all Voters... must "Stand Tall" and condemn these acts of intolerance regardless of our political affiliations.

Americans are a fair and forgiving people. We have a long tradition of honoring our long held Freedoms, of engaging in debate and not hate, and of treating each other with grace, tolerance and dignity.

We in Greenwich must honor these traditions and spearhead the fight against political bigotry. We must work together as a community to stop these hateful acts and to allow our fellow citizens to express their views without intimidation and fear of retribution.

On September 11, Patriot Day, we solemnly remember the nearly 3,000 people who perished on this day in 2001. Like few moments in our history, Americans recall the precise moment when terrorists killed our fellow Americans at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

Our strength and courage never wavered. First responders rushed into harm's way to rescue their fellow Americans from the wreckage of those attacks. The passengers and crew of Flight 93 fought back and saved countless lives at the cost of their own. Americans provided aid, assistance, and comfort to those in need. We will always be grateful for the service of our Soldiers, Sailors and Marines that fought in defense of our country in the aftermath of the largest terrorist attack on our soil.

On Patriot Day, take a moment to hold in remembrance those who sacrificed so much on that terrible day and the weeks that followed. Comfort those who still suffer and who quietly grieve for their loved ones, our Patriots, who we have all lost.

May God Bless all our citizens on Patriot Day and our Great Town of Greenwich.

Don Ward

Supervisor

ON VETERANS DAY 2020
THE TOWN OF GREENWICH SALUTES THOSE THAT SERVED

Since 1776, Americans have been called to protect our Nation and our freedoms from tyranny through their selfless service in uniform. America strives to live up to our great national vision as found in the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution.

Veterans Day is a time of reflection and to recognize and honor our Veterans service and sacrifices. For 244 years they have shouldered the challenge and responsibility of defending our freedoms.

Today, less than one percent of our population bears the responsibility of our national defense and fewer than 6 percent of all Americans have worn our Nations uniforms. We must recognize and honor their commitment not just on Veterans Day but every day.

On Veterans Day 2020, the Town of Greenwich honors the sacrifice of men and women who serve today and those who have served in years past. May God's providence protect our Veterans and return them to their loved ones.

May God bless those that served and our Great Town of Greenwich.

Don Ward
Supervisor