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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to this week's update on the City's multi-level response to the COVID-19 pandemic. My goal in posting these messages is to keep everyone informed on what we are doing to protect the health, safety and welfare of our city and its residents during these difficult times.

- Food Drive This Saturday

As a reminder, I will be joining Mayors from across the region this Saturday May 9th as the City of Town and Country hosts a food drive from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the parking lot of Town Square. We will be accepting all donations of non-perishable food, including pet food, as well as personal hygiene products. Just pull up in your vehicle, and volunteers will safely remove any donations. I hope to see you there, and please tell your friends and neighbors. We are conducting this event in cooperation with the St. Louis County Municipal League to support the St. Louis Area Foodbank. Please help keep the region strong by supporting those who are struggling due to business closures and other adverse economic circumstances.

Finance

As a follow-up to last week's message, the Town and Country Ways and Means Commission, under the leadership of Alderman Sue Allen, convened an on-line meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. The meeting can be viewed on our website, [here](#). Finance Director Pam Reitz provided the commission with a detailed analysis of anticipated declines in revenue as a result of business closures and expected project deferrals. She also reviewed our strategy for potential cost cutting measures recommended by City staff that, while difficult, would still allow the City to maintain important public safety and other essential services. The committee members provided thoughtful feedback that we value and appreciate, particularly during this difficult time. During the meeting, we discussed the history and benefits of having built a healthy reserve fund over the years that has positioned us well to deal with this crisis, especially while maintaining a zero percent property tax levy rate. However, our dependence on sales tax could result in revenue losses of up to \$2million this year alone. Now, more than ever, it is important to support our Town and Country retailers and restaurants, and continue to do so in the months ahead. With the skilled and thoughtful advice of our professional staff, we will be continuously monitoring revenues and expenses and making adjustments to our plan as necessary and appropriate based upon all available data.

- Re-opening

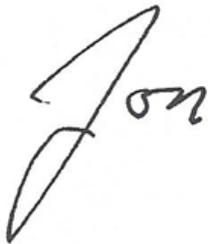
St. Louis County Executive Sam Page announced this week that May 18th has been set as the date for businesses to begin reopening. I have received inquiries as to what this entails for Town and Country.

The County regulates our health codes and has the jurisdiction and authority to determine, based upon public health matters, what businesses can be open and to what extent. As more specific regulations are released to guide the implementation of re-opening, we will communicate that information to you and our business community. Stay tuned.

- City Business

As previously reported, all City operations are ongoing. Each department continues its service to our residents and commercial interests, and our advisory boards and commissions are meeting as necessary. The Board of Aldermen will again conduct its regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020 via Zoom at 7:00 pm, which can viewed live by clicking the “Watch” banner on our homepage. It will also be posted, along with other videoconference meetings, in the Agenda Center on the City website. If you are not signed up for our email [Notify Me](#) service, I encourage you to register so we can provide timely updates direct to your inbox.

Please stay safe and healthy out there. Best wishes always,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon" with a stylized flourish.

[Click here to read Part I, published on May 4, 2020.](#)