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TOWN OF MILLS RIVER PUBLIC SAFETY

MILLS RIVER, North Carolina – As communities begin to feel the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the Town of Mills River is closely monitoring the situation and taking precautionary steps to protect the health of the public, employees, and the community.

Town facilities are open to the public during normal hours and will remain so as conditions allow. With schools temporarily closed the Town expects higher than usual attendance in Mills River Park. Please consider this before planning a visit. According to the Centers for Disease Control, the best way to prevent illness from COVID-19 is to avoid exposure to it. This means keeping at least six feet between yourself and others. Remember to wash your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

In addition to routine cleaning and maintenance, beginning Sunday, March 15, 2020, the public restrooms in Mills River park will be closed at least twice per day for additional cleaning and disinfecting. We ask for your patience as we conduct these additional cleanings.

Mills River employees will be taking steps to reduce their risk of exposure by limiting contact with each other and members of the public. Town Hall will remain open as long as it is safe to conduct operations and tax payments will be accepted in-person for the time being. Until further notice, the Town is not accepting picnic shelter reservations.

Next Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm Town Council is meeting to discuss the procedure for appointing a resident to the recently vacated seat on Town Council. This meeting was originally advertised to be held in Town Hall. It has since been moved to the large picnic shelter on Town Center Drive. This provides an open-air venue with space to keep safe distances between everyone.

The Town of Mills River will make every effort to keep its facilities operational as long as it is safe to do so. We thank you for your understanding. If you have questions please call (828) 890-2901.

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