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Mayor's Message to Belleville:

To say this has been an unusual few weeks in our city, state and country is an understatement. My remarks start with extending our deepest sympathy to the family of Alderwoman Jane Pusa who passed away last Friday, March 13 after battling a long illness and brain tumor. This is an unfortunate reminder of the importance to keep your loved ones close and remind them they are loved.

It's absolutely necessary that each of us keep ourselves and our families safe during this time. Please check on your elderly neighbors or those who may be alone or not well, but be sure to check by phone, email, social media, or at a minimum, keep good distance if you're checking in-person.

Please, try to stay positive and understand everything that's been cancelled will most likely be rescheduled at a safe time.

Please be patient with our public services, first responders and public officials; this is a unique situation for us all, and we are often stuck between making a bad decision or worse decision. No one wants to be faced with some of the choices we are being asked to make. So, please find your compassion and know we are working to do the best we can to continue to serve the community.

I'd like to thank all our local schools for taking the appropriate precautions and for continuing to serve our students by way of nourishment and academic support.

Please do not forget to continue to donate to area food pantries. Needs are increasing as so many people are now without work. Please continue to do as much business as you can with our local community businesses; they are hurting.

Do not hesitate to call your local government here in Belleville if we can help. City services are continuing; however, we have stopped public access to our offices. Please call at 618-233-6518 , email, or check our website, www.belleville.net, or our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/welcometobellevilleil/> for updated information.

Sincerely,

Mark. W. Eckert
Mayor