Comments from Supervisor Masters

First I would like to say, I hope all our citizens are safe and healthy. Please stay safe and follow recommendations for "social distancing" as recommended by our medical experts and government officials.

I would like to apologize for the significant delay in getting the March newsletter mailed. We had several logistical issues with the mailing. The cut off for the March letter was approximately 3/12/20 and as such, had no mention of our current situation. Hopefully, this letter will reach you in a more timely manner.

The Town of Tully has declared a "State of Emergency" and the Governor has suspended the "Open Meetings Law," allowing meetings without public attendance. Our goal is to involve the public to the extent possible, and to that end, we conducted the April town board meeting as a virtual meeting, as well as, presenting on Facebook. Details are on our Web site. It is the Town's intent to continue this practice during this current emergency situation.

Please note There were procedural errors in the 4/8 board meeting, regarding votes

on motions and I convened a brief meeting on 4/9/2020 with board members to correct. This will be reflected in an additional set of minutes.

Going forward, please use the Tully Web site http://www.townoftully.org/ to obtain the most recent plans and information.

We have closed regular office hours for our Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessor, and Code Enforcement. We will be regularly checking Emails and Voicemails for any critical situations.

The Justice Court has also been closed until further notice.

The Town Highway Dept is following recommendations for a partial work force, but will bring staff in, in the case of snow or other public safety issues. Let's hope no more snow!

I have also discussed "Earth Day" trash collection and regular trash day collection with our Highway Superintendent and have agreed to delay these activities until a safer time.

If you have a concern or issue, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any of our

Board Members. Contact information is again on the website. My Home phone is 315-696-6037.

Regular Board activities:

The Board did complete our revised solar legislation in March as promised. I want to thank Councilwoman Goodwin, and our attorney Bob DeMore, for their effort. They conducted several weekend meetings to accomplish this goal. However, the followup Planning Board meetings are being delayed somewhat. Here again we are conducting virtual meetings where possible.

I also received a concern from a resident about the ability to reach our Dog Control during off hours, which is currently done through the SPCA. I have contacted the SPCA and law enforcement and it is appropriate to call 911 or police is there is a threatening situation. Law enforcement has emergency contacts for SPCA.

Evaluation of the water system historically maintained by Honeywell in the Tully Valley is ongoing. The Town has contracted for an initial Engineering assessment of the system.

Tag Plant Sale

The annual TAG plant sale will be held at Cornerstone Park on Saturday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. No plant donations from the public will be accepted this year but there will be a good selection of perennials and native plants available. All proceeds from the sale will go to the continued development of the park. There will be a display of locally invasive plants for identification with suggestions for their eradication. If still in place, all recommendations for social distancing will be followed at the sale. Please call Peter Huntington if you have questions (315-263-2537).











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Tully Free Library News

Our building is currently closed due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak.

We miss providing the community with resources and programs for all ages, and we hope to open again soon once the order closing non-essential businesses has been lifted.

In the meantime, please keep any library items at home until we reopen. Our book drop is closed. Due dates have been set to May 1, and no overdue fines will be assessed during this time.

If you need assistance, there are a variety of ways you can reach us:

- Call us at 315-696-8606 and leave a voicemail
- Email us at tullyfree@tullyfreelibrary.org
- Message us on our Tully Free Library Facebook page

We are monitoring all of these and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Our building's WiFi is on at all times, and can be accessed from the areas closest to the building.

The network name is Tully12 and the password is tullyfree.

We have been updating our website (www.tullyfreelibrary.org) with information and resources to help you during this challenging time. There are links to webpages that will help you access Coronavirus information, health, mental health and aging resources, as well as many websites that are offering educational and entertainment programming for all ages.

We look forward to reopening our building soon and seeing our patrons again. In the meantime, we wish everyone good health during this self-isolation period. Stay safe!

Music in the Park 2020

Hope is what keeps us going...making plans for getting together when this is over, making plans for our future! Things will change and it will take time, but we are learning some great things about ourselves, like how to be resourceful, how to really keep in touch and share profound conversations with those we love, how to use Zoom and how to ration short supplies. We are survivors and will get through this!

In preparation for our release from this virus, wouldn't it be wonderful to celebrate together? Entertainers are lined up for our Sunday night FREE concerts, but as nothing is for sure, our schedule may adjust or the season may even need to be cancelled. So much of life right now is being postponed - to be rescheduled in the near future, and it is okay. What is more important is that we need to stay safe as a community, and we must and will continue to follow all the current protocols so we can celebrate when the timing is right! Stay tuned, stay healthy and keep the faith!

As our globe feels under attack, there is a way for each of us to help make our community look a little brighter. Earth Day is this month. If everyone with a trash bag and protective gloves cleans one small area of trash and debris, we will be doing something that matters and show how our community cares! Sally Greene

Heiberg Forest does have maple syrup. Anyone who wishes to buy can contact Jrahn@esf.edu to arrange for the sale at their sugarshack. Two varieties and delish!