



BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Subject: Update on COVID-19 and Bay View Operations.

COVID-19-WEBSITE ESTABLISHED

We have created a “COVID-19 Information and Updates” page on the Bay View website where members, and the general public, can read updates on program cancellations, past Above Board emails, and access other important information. The link is located on the top of the Bay View [homepage](#), or can be accessed directly by clicking [here](#). There is no password required to view this page.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD COMMUNICAITION

With everything changing on a daily basis, we understand how important it is to have access to real-time, factual information. This is one of the reasons we created the COVID-19 page on the website. We have received a number of inquiries from members, and others, who have not been receiving our email blasts. Past practice has always been that our Lease-holding and Associate members receive our email blasts.

If you are a member, and are not receiving these communications, please check your junk-mail and spam folders. If you still do not receive these communications, please contact our Information Technology Manager, Zach Panoff, at it@bayviewassociation.org or call the administrative office at (231)347-6225 and leave a message.

Other friends, supporters and family who are not members can read COVID-19 response updates and Above Board emails by going to the COVID-19 page on the website. In addition, anyone can become a fan of our [Facebook page](#).

We will be publishing an update on Facebook & Instagram in addition to sending out an email blast every Friday until our response to the virus becomes stabilized. Obviously, being stabilized requires consistent and sustained directives from the State of Michigan and Public Health Officials. We are definitely not there yet. We will continue to be proactive in sharing important information and updates.

UPDATE ON THE POST OFFICE OPENING

The Post Office will open on Monday, May 4th with limited hours and operations. The regular window will be closed until further notice, but members can receive mail and packages. Please click [here](#) to download more information regarding new Post Office policies and procedures.

RUSSELL HALL OPERATIONS

Based on the Governor’s new executive order which allows landscaping and grounds maintenance, the grounds staff began leaf and brush removal on Monday, April 27. Due to the Executive Order, the main office in Russell Hall has to remain closed. If your plumber, or other contractor, needs access to your cottage please

call (231)347-1240 or send an email to bandg@bayviewassociation.org. Our staff will assist in providing access to your cottage upon request.

CONTRACTOR WORK INCLUDING PLUMBING, LANDSCAPING, AND CONSTRUCTION.

Now that Bay View is open, and the new executive order permits travel between residences, our understanding is that cottages can now be opened. Although we are still recommending our members not travel to Bay View, plumbers, electricians, and other workers are permitted to “maintain the safety, sanitation, and basic operation of residences.” The press is also reporting that construction activities will also be permitted beginning on May 7th. Click [here](#) to read an article from Bridge Magazine regarding construction being allowed to start back up.

We have heard from a number of plumbers and contractors that they would understandably prefer to complete this work prior to any members arriving in Bay View. We understand that our extensive support of these area businesses is important, but out of concern for their safety we would recommend they complete their work prior to your arrival if possible.

TRASH COLLECTION

American Waste has substantially increased the cost to pick up garbage in Bay View. The staff are currently seeking new bids and negotiating terms to provide the cheapest, most efficient service available. From now until May 15th, please take your garbage to the American Waste dumpster at Russell Hall. **You do not need to use the red American Waste bags when using the Russell Hall dumpster.**

We understand that many of you may have left over American Waste bags that were purchased last year. We will make every effort to negotiate the use of those remaining bags, if we go with a new sanitation company. More details will be provided in the near future.

Thank you for your understanding and patience. We hope you are safe and healthy.