

MAYOR'S MESSAGE – MAY 20, 2020

Many “happenings” to report for the last 14 days:

RE-OPENING OF HALLOWELL BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS

Yes, our downtown slowly emerges from being mostly closed! Many shops re-opened on or around Monday May 11th; and our restaurants were able to re-open on Monday the 18th – and many have! This lovely weather, along with an excellent forecast for Memorial Day weekend, finds outside dining very popular. I know the owners and proprietors have reviewed the requirements from the State and have their “checklist” to make sure of your safety. Welcome Back!

On May 4th, at a Special City Council meeting the City Council voted to approve and then passed funding for a “Hallowell Business Survival Grant Program.” I am pleased to report that we have received donations from many local businesses or individuals, which combined with City funding capped at \$15,000, will provide a number of Hallowell businesses with grants to assist in their survival. My thanks to the Council for their support, and to City staff for assisting in developing application forms, distributing the guidelines for the program and a checklist to the three independent Hallowell citizens who agreed to review applications to determine if the applicant qualified for a grant.

SUMMER REC -

Many cities and towns across the State have been forced to cancel their Summer Rec programs. City Manager Rudy along with our Board of Health, consulting with Town of Farmingdale, are looking for some means to keep a Summer Program open. It may not be possible, but has not been ruled out as of this date and time. Participant safety and the Rec Staff safety remain highest priorities.