

UPDATE FROM NORTH ELBA SUPERVISOR JAY RAND

JUNE 7, 2020

Dear Citizens of North Elba,

June 6, 1944 (D-Day) was and is a very special and meaningful day in World History as the world's largest armada with over 160,000 Allied Troops left the coast of England and crossed a stormy English Channel to invade the Beaches of Normandy in an effort to free the oppressed nations of Europe that were then occupied by the Nazi forces of Germany. On the eve before 13,100 men of the 82nd and 101st airborne divisions, along with the British 6th and Canadian divisions, had landed by parachute in the darkness of the night. This was the beginning of the end for Nazi Germany, but the sacrifices were immense as thousands upon thousands of citizen soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Many years have passed, but it is a time that our nation should never forget and reflect upon in light of the many world problems of today.

What's **new this week** on our way back to normalcy? The stand-out development of the week was the Governor's announcement that **restaurants are now permitted to open outdoor service areas**, with restrictions such as:

- Must be in an open-air space without a fixed roof (exception an awning or seasonal cover)
- All tables must be spaced at least 6' on all sides
- 6' must be maintained among workers at all times
- Workers required to wear face masks
- Patrons must wear face masks unless seated
- May seat up to 10 persons at a table as long as they are in the same party (do not have to be from the same household)
- Customers may sit at outdoor bar areas while maintaining 6'
- Restrooms may be offered provided social distancing is promoted within and while waiting, etc.

Other allowable activities with restrictions now include **hair salons and barber shops**, which was a relief to many men and women.

I have been advised that restrictions on church services will also be lessened. The criteria have not yet been delegated through our channels, but is expected very soon. We will post any updates we receive on our Facebook pages as well as our website.

PHASE 3 is scheduled to begin this coming Friday, June 12, but as we have seen these timelines are not fixed. This would include the reopening of restaurants, food services and hotels. The announcement from the Governor's Office should be forthcoming soon if the metrics are sustained. The Regional UnPause Dashboard (<https://forward.ny.gov/regional-unpause-dashboard>) provides real-time updates and data on our health metrics. As the pattern has been with other businesses, restrictions are anticipated. However, it will be great to be able to once again enjoy a meal at our favorite restaurants.

The requirements as to how businesses may reopen are provided on the **New York Forward** (<https://forward.ny.gov/>) website including advice on drafting mandatory safety plans. The **North Country Community Chamber** (<http://www.northcountrychamber.com/>) also offers industry specific information as well as webinars.

A special note of thanks to all who have worked to comply with the NYS directives. We have made it second base and hope to slide into third on Friday.

Testing is still a critical part of the requirements to keep us moving forward to additional phases. For further information see below. It is best and/or required to call ahead to make an appointment.

Adirondack Health's Lake Placid **mobile testing location will be at Northwood School** on Wednesday June 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Demand is high, so please call 518-897-2462 to make an appointment.

[Essex County Health Department \(ECHD\)](#) has announced testing locations including:

[UVM Health Network Locations](#)

Elizabethtown Community Hospital (518-873-3069) Daily by appointment.

Elizabethtown Community Hospital -Ticonderoga Campus (518-585-3927) Daily by appointment.

[Adirondack Health Locations \(518-897-2462\)](#)

AMC Center Covid 19 Clinic (Mon-Fri) 12pm-5pm

Keene Health Center (Tue) 1pm-4pm

Mobile Testing (sites vary) (Mon-Fri) 11am-3pm

The **Mirror Lake Beach** is scheduled to open for the season on **June 12**. Park District staff and lifeguards have been diligently working to develop operating plans to meet the new state directives. We do know the beach capacity (sand and swimming area) and beach house will be limited to **50% of occupancy**. They have been working closely with the Department of Health to ensure all criteria are met and the beach remains a safe and enjoyable place for families to recreate. Staff is still finalizing all the logistics so please stay tuned to our Facebook pages and website for what to expect when visiting.

The traveling drive-in movie hosted by radio station 93.3 & 102.1 "**The Mix**" will be showing **Happy Gilmore on Friday, June 12 at 9 p.m.** The event will take place at the North Elba Horseshow Ground. The Lake Placid Volunteer Fire Department (LPVFD) will be assisting with parking and other duties. There is no charge for the movie, but donations will be accepted in support of the LPVFD upon entrance. No restrooms will be available and social distancing is required. Sitting on the back of your pick-up truck or vehicle hatchback is allowed. Gates open at ~ 8 p.m. A good time and a great cause!

The **June Town Board Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, June 9, at 6 p.m. Board members and selected staff will be the only persons allowed in the Town Hall Meeting Room. However, interested citizens are encouraged to call-in: [+1 \(571\) 317-3122](tel:+15713173122) **Access Code:** 350-598-109 to listen in on the meeting.

The **Mirror Lake Sidewalk Replacement Project** is now in progress. Work is commencing near the intersection of Northwood School Road & Mirror Lake Drive. The entire project is expected to continue into September. Please follow flagman's instructions when walking or driving by. For those adjacent home owners, we respectfully request that you keep annual decorative flower plantings back from the anticipated work zone. If you have questions please contact the main office at the Town Hall.

The **Craig Wood Golf Course** is getting off to a good start with many of its members enjoying excellent early season conditions at a new low rate. HUGE bargain! Controlled access to the pro shop and bathroom facilities at the clubhouse are also permitted. Social distancing and sanitization procedures must be maintained at all times. Get your [2020 Craig Wood Golf Course Club Membership](#) for **only \$199 now!** The course is in good shape and

continues to improve each week. Kudos to the Craig Wood Staff. I recently was able to enjoy playing a few holes myself!

Many local families continue to need your support through the **ECUMEMICAL FOOD BANK**. During the second Saturday and the third Thursday of each month a team of volunteers from various community service organizations will be available at St. Agnes Church to receive food donations. Drop off times are Saturday (June 13) 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and Thursday (June 18) 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. For a detailed list of what is needed please visit the Lake Placid Rotary Club's link at <https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000001980/en-ca/files/sitepage/lake-placid-rotary-food-drive/food-drive-needs/Ecumenical-Food-Bank--Flyer---June-2020.pdf>.

! IMPORTANT - NORTH ELBA'S CENSUS RESPONSE RATE IS WAY BELOW THE AVERAGE TOWNSHIPS – WE NEED TO BE COUNTED!

If you have not already done so, please take a few minutes to complete the [2020 Census questionnaire](#). It's quick, easy, safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected. Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to **OUR community** for schools, roads, and other public services. Results also determine the number of seats OUR state has in Congress and OUR political representation at all levels of government. ! Please register and help our cause! DO IT NOW!

Additional information and daily postings may be found on the [Town of North Elba Website](#), the [Town of North Elba Facebook](#) page, the [Lake Placid Village Facebook](#) page and [Friends of Jay Rand Facebook](#) page.

Relevant local information updates, including outdoor restaurant openings, restaurants offering take-out, retail stores opening and/or offering curbside pick-up, and all new developments as well as this newsletter can be received by subscribing to the [Lake Placid Insider](#).

STAY SAFE AND BE SMART

FOLLOW NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDELINES, AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS.

NO GROUP GATHERINGS, WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WARM WATER AND SOAP OR HAND SANITIZERS WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL, WEAR MASKS IN PUBLIC, ETC.