

E-BLAST – April 4, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of W-PHS . . .

While we continue to be challenged by COVID-19, make no mistake . . . this **IS** also an extraordinary time. Despite many consequences, we are blessed and thankful for so much.

- Corporations and school districts are partnering to feed our children.
- The country is exhibiting resiliency in the face of adversity.
- Learning is taking place everywhere, and anywhere, extending well beyond the classroom.
- New methods for the delivery of instruction are being developed and implemented.
- Teachers are connecting with students.
- Social distancing is happening.
- As recommended, people are outside exercising.
- Neighbors are helping and looking out for each other.
- Church services are available online and people are tuning-in to worship.
- Entertainers are sharing their gifts of music and talent online.
- Restaurants are offering takeout and curbside service, and customers are supporting local businesses.
- Grocery stores are adjusting their hours for customer convenience and making every effort to ensure safe shopping experiences.
- Record numbers of people are applying for unemployment benefits.
- Temporary hospitals are being erected to care for the sick.
- Frontline healthcare professionals are making sacrifices every single minute of every single hour, of every single day, to care for others despite the lack of PPE, space and medical equipment.

We, along with all Americans have learned to adopt and adapt. These are truly extraordinary times, and all in the interest of mitigation to slow the spread and flatten the curve of this deadly virus.

In many ways, history is repeating itself as in past times of crisis. In other ways, we are making history together, employing new strategies and tools to survive in tough times and documenting lessons learned.

Somehow, together we are making it work.

Yes, out of necessity, our schedules are being altered. In addition to the cancellations listed in last week's e-blast, please note the following W-PHS cancellations for April:

April 9th Gates Hall Fundraising Meeting

April 14th Homecoming Meeting

April 27th W-PHS Board Meeting

A heartfelt **Thank You** to all who continue to quietly move our historical society forward whether working behind the scenes to manage day-to-day operations, on grant applications, on details for upcoming events, coordinating efforts to install internet access, or working with our socially-distanced grounds committee on Spring clean-up. All efforts are very much appreciated.

W-PHS looks forward to resuming its regular schedule as we are able. In the meantime, be well ... and stay well. Please continue to be mindful of social distancing and look out for each other throughout the duration of this crippling public health crisis. If you are aware of anyone needing support, please share with others so that together, we can meet those needs.

Try to remember that our spirits unite us . . . and, in time, we will emerge from these defining moments in history, stronger than ever before.

Regards,  
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