

## Village and COVID-19 Update 4/9/20

Congratulations to Det. Jason Carroll, whose outstanding police work was covered in the Westchester-Putnam Real Crime Task Force Monthly Newsletter (story below).

Pelham Manor representatives participated in a call yesterday with the County Executive's team and other elected officials. Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul called in to provide information about the experience of municipal governments during this public health emergency.

The Village's number of positive COVID-19 cases is forty-three (43), as of yesterday afternoon. Please remember that there is a significant gap between when New York State receives testing information and when the State sends it to the County, and certain people on our list have been cleared by healthcare professionals to discontinue quarantine measures.

We have received questions regarding landscaping and are pleased to provide the following information:

### *Is Landscaping an Essential Business?*

The Empire State Development Corporation, the organization authorized by the Governor to determine whether a business is essential, has opined on this matter.

Pursuant to the revised New York State Executive Order 202.6 with respect to the business function of landscaping, that business function, limited to maintenance and pest control, but not for cosmetic work (i.e. no new planting), is an essential business and is not subject to the required 100% workforce reduction. Jim Maisano, Director of the Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection (and our former County Legislator), circulated a letter to 3,000 landscaping contractors referencing this recent guidance. That letter is attached.

### *What are the Permitted Hours for Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers?*

Pelham Manor Village Code Chapter 139-10 B. provides:

During the period from October 15 through April 30 it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any gasoline-powered leaf blower before the hour of 8:00 a.m. and after the hour of 5:30 p.m. on any weekday and before 12:00 noon and after 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.

As a reminder, if you experience COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath), please call the Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 to speak with a representative and determine whether you should be tested at the Glen Island facility in New Rochelle. Walk-ins are not accepted. Please do not visit a doctor's office or an emergency room without calling ahead first.

Finally, please continue to adhere to the Governor's order directing New Yorkers to maintain a distance of six feet from others in public. It is imperative for each of us to practice social distancing in order to stop the spread of this virus. Hygiene and safety guidance from the CDC and the NYS and Westchester County Departments of Health to protect yourself and the community is below.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/13067.pdf>

## **RTC identifies the Suspect in a Larceny Scheme– Pelham Manor**

**Date: 03/12/2020**



Pelham Manor was investigating a larceny scheme targeting ride-hailing app operators. The incidents occurred on March 5, 2020 and March 9, 2020. On both occasions, the suspect(s) met with a Lyft driver and an Uber driver in the parking lot of Fairway in Pelham Manor. Once in the vehicle, the suspect was able to get possession of the driver's cell phones and electronically steal money from them. The suspect(s) fled in a black Honda with a New Jersey temporary license plate.

RTC Taskforce member Det. Jason Carroll, Pelham Manor PD, searched video from the Boston Post Road/HRP camera and located the vehicle. The video was only able to provide a partial plate. With the help of RTC HIDTA, Det Carroll was able to get the complete plate. He entered alerts on the vehicle in the LPR systems and within minutes received an alert. Pelham Manor officers located the vehicle parked and unoccupied. Officers surveilled the suspect vehicle until the operator/registered owner returned. The vehicle was impounded and the suspect was taken in for questioning.

Investigation continuing.....



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County Executive

From: Maisano, James  
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:28 PM  
To: Landscapers  
Subject: Important Message To Landscapers - Please Read!

Dear Landscaper:

As you are aware, our office regulates the licensing for landscapers in Westchester County and administers any complaints against them.

Last week, New York State ("NYS") informed Westchester County that landscapers are an essential business limited to "maintenance and pest control, but not for cosmetic work (i.e. no new planting)" under the Governor's PAUSE Executive Orders, including 202.6 and related orders ("EO 202.6"). This has been confirmed on the webpage for the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets:  
<https://agriculture.ny.gov/coronavirus>

So while landscapers may continue to work only as described above, we also wish to make clear that we still face a challenging public health crisis with the coronavirus pandemic and that "Essential Businesses must continue to comply with the guidance and directives for maintaining a clean and safe work environment issued by the Department of Health and every business, even if essential, is strongly urged to maintain social distance to the extent possible." (NYS ESD Guidance)

NYS has advised us that landscapers are essential solely with respect to employees that must be present at business locations in support of essential business activities. Your business activities that are not essential are still limited by EO 202.6, and employees may not work on them outside of their homes. You must comply with any other executive orders from the state and county, as well as any recommendations from the NYS Department of Health. You must also implement social distancing throughout the work day and should consider reducing your workers in the field as much as possible.

Please be advised that if your business is not following the requirements under EO 202.6, you are liable for fines by NYS for up to \$2,000 per incident.

Sincerely yours,

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