



**Terry W. Briggs**, Mayor

March 16, 2020

## MEMO

**TO:** Bridgeton Residents  
**FROM:** Mayor Terry Briggs & City Council President, Councilman Jerry Grimmer  
**RE:** City Council Meeting and Short-term rental discussion

With an abundance of caution and in accordance with an order issued by St. Louis County, we plan to postpone discussion of the short-term rental issue[Airbnb; VRBO]scheduled for this Wednesday's, March 18, 2020, City Council meeting. This action is being taken to minimize the potential spread of the Coronavirus(COVID-19). After the Coronavirus threat has diminished, Council and Administration will again recommend holding a public hearing on the short-term rental topic before an ordinance is drafted.

The regular Wednesday City Council meeting will be held, but no more than 50 individuals will be allowed into Council Chambers, per the County's order. We do not want to deny anyone from attending City Council meetings, but would suggest residents and anyone else to err on the side of caution, particularly those who are vulnerable to this virus, before deciding to attend the meetings. As a reminder, citizens can view the Council proceedings on-line a day or two after the meeting by going to the city's website, click on "City Council" and then "View Council Meetings" on the left-hand side.

The city administration continues to monitor the virus situation closely and will take whatever action is necessary to minimize the threat this virus poses to our residents, employees and those who work or travel in the city of Bridgeton. Unfortunately, this means closing the doors to the Bridgeton Recreation Center beginning Tuesday, March 17 at 6 p.m. This closure will last at least through April 5<sup>th</sup> and we will reassess a potential reopen date in the weeks ahead.

All rentals, classes, and programs will be cancelled during this time. Our Older Adult Services division will continue Senior Van Transportation and Meals on Wheels, but will do so only with the utmost discretion and caution, limiting to essential trips such as the grocery store and pharmacies.

Please keep yourself and your family safe during the outbreak of the coronavirus and check on other individuals in your neighborhood, especially those most susceptible of getting it. If you suspect someone may have contracted the virus, contact the St. Louis County Health Department immediately at 314-615-2660. Be Careful!