



## COVID-19 Community Update - April 10, 2020

*Each day, information evolves about Coronavirus Disease 19 (COVID-19). At the Town, we want our citizens and visitors to know that we are working to reduce the spread of this disease in our community, continue to provide critical Town services, and address impacts of closures of schools, business and events. For the most recent and local data on cases and outcomes, visit [townofstevensville.com/covid19](https://townofstevensville.com/covid19)*

### **Mayor Appoints Economic Support & Recovery Task Force**

In a [press release](#), Mayor Brandon E. Dewey today announced the creation of an Economic Support and Recovery Task Force. The Task Force is charged with guiding the Town's efforts to sustain and recover local businesses and employment and mitigate the economic hardships that come from the COVID-19 crisis. Their work will support Stevensville organizations and individuals throughout the remainder of Governor Bullock's Stay Home order and will lay the groundwork for economic recovery in the area by identifying and mobilizing available resources to strengthen the local economy.

The Task force includes a broad range of stakeholders building a partnership of public and private for-profit and non-profit entities. The team is built from a team of experts and professionals that share a passion for our community and an enthusiasm for positive growth. The Task Force will be staffed by the Mayor's Office and will include the Town's Finance Officer Robert Underwood, and Town Clerk Monica Hoffman.

The Task Force will begin meeting next week and continue through June 30 to develop short-, medium- and long-term strategy recommendations. Members of the public are invited to learn more about the task force and share their ideas for economic recovery by visiting [www.stevensvillefirst.org](https://www.stevensvillefirst.org)



### Public Recommended to Wear Face Masks

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and to know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure. Learn how to make one yourself [here](#).

### Driver License Renewal Deadline Extended

During this time, citizens needing a driver's license renewal will be allowed to self-certify their ability to drive instead of requiring forms signed by medical and vision professionals. Online and mail-in renewals will be good for a maximum of two years and will be offered for the duration of the declared state-of-emergency.

All Montana issues Class D driver licenses that expired on March 1, 2020 until May 31, 2020 remain valid for an additional 90 days after their expiration date.

Find more information at <https://dojmt.gov/driving/>



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### Bitterroot Valley Businesses - Ask Senator Daines

The region is working hard to mobilize **relief and resources for small local businesses**. For up to date information and a list of resources visit the Town of Stevensville's [Small Business Resources](#) page.

The **Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce** has arranged a live tele-conference with Senator Steve Daines on Wednesday, April 15 at 1:30pm. This is an opportunity for local businesses to reach out and ask any questions they may have.

**Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/576807877>

**You can also dial in using your phone.**

United States: +1 (646) 749-3112

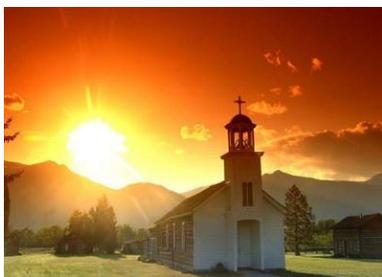
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## Running Out of Ideas for Kids at Home?

North Valley Public Library has you covered!

**You may be experiencing some cabin fever or be seeking distraction with everything going on in the world.**

Keep busy with a variety of digital resources from the library. From little ones, to teens to adults there are great ideas and activities to access!



## On the Bright Side

Yesterday Governor Steve Bullock took measures to ensure that the essential services provided to children, young and young-at-heart, continue through the health emergency.

The Governor's directive provides that certain magical creatures may travel throughout Montana to perform essential services. Authorities include the Easter Bunny and Tooth Fairy. Other magical entities, including but not limited to elves, unicorns, and friendly dragons, are also considered essential workers, provided they maintain a comfortable six-foot distance. Visits to homes for magical purposes is essential travel.

Governor Bullock also said that any parent with a child who has a birthday during the stay-at-home order can email [governor@mt.gov](mailto:governor@mt.gov) and receive a personalized birthday video from the Governor and Lt. Gov. Mike Cooney.

## Stay in the Know

Follow Local Info

The Town wants to ensure citizens stay informed about this evolving situation. For daily updates and official information follow [Town of Stevensville - Municipal Government](#) on Facebook and [www.townofstevensville.com/covid19](http://www.townofstevensville.com/covid19)

For Ravalli County case data, visit <https://ravalli.us/631/Corona-Virus-COVID-19>