



June 19th, 2020

Dear Community,

Three days ago I got an email from one of our residents. Not an unusual thing—except that this resident is 6 years old. I've heard from him before when he's been concerned about our turtles and the upkeep of the parking planters.

In this email, however, he simply asked: "What are you doing?"

The last time I scheduled a Tot's Town Hall my six-year old pal was there. This is how he and I met—he's a TTH regular. Tot's Town Halls are meetings for residents age 6 and under. We sing, the Tots ask me Mayor questions, usually somebody falls down and cries. Sometimes it's the Mayor.

In the City of Pine Lake, relationships are centerpiece to how we assemble the blueprint of this small municipality. That's what every city wishes it could provide. It's the goal of urban planners, it's in the language of sacred liturgy.

So let's talk about COVID-19. In Montgomery Alabama Mayor Steven Reed signed an Executive Order mandating face masks. Wearing masks in public is proving to make a fundamental difference in controlling the spread of coronavirus. Our disinterest in the virus does not make it less virulent.

When I wear a mask, it protects the six-year old I know. And everyone else, whether I know them or not. It's personal: it's a kind, compassionate pre-vaccine. 30072 is not yet listed on the Dekalb County zip code COVID statistics map because we've only had four cases. Let's continue to keep it personal, relational, and masked.

Public health. Public safety. Fiscal responsibility. Who we are to each other. All intertwined in ways we can't begin to address without compassion in the mix. Without relationships.

Face: please mask it.

Hands: please wash them.

Feet: please stay 6 of them apart.

In answer to my pal's question—that's what I'm doing my best to do.

THANK YOU to our ongoing food pantry volunteers! Thank you for the assistance provided to our families.

THANK YOU to Stephanie Morales who broke 6000 1st Responder meals served last Friday!

Dekalb County: 3rd in the state

<https://dph.georgia.gov/covid-19-daily-status-report>

30083: 2nd in the county.

<https://www.dekalbhealth.net/covid-19dekalb/>

Pine Lake City Council Meetings - Zoom - every Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Conference line: 1 (929) 205 6099

Meeting ID: 813 0156 9377

PL COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.pinelakega.net/Covid19Updates.aspx>

Georgia COVID-19 hotline: 1-844-442-2681.

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