



## Message From the Mayor Sam - 3/24/2020

We were caught behind the game Saturday. Who could have guessed so many folks would look to our beach as the salve for their own concerns.

We at City hall have been on this for two weeks or more. We had declared our emergency Monday the 16th with little hoopla. We have been working behind the scenes. Stuff is being done.

The City owned RV park is closed. City staff are on a ridged protection of our services schedule. Police are on super duty, as I would expect, as are the Fire department people. We have officially put up a CB is Closed sign. The ghost of John Frazier is with us. This is a short list see the web site for details.

To the big concern, day trippers. It is too outrageous to close the beaches as much as it seems desirable. As it would be to barricade the entrances to town. We do not have the man power to enforce or do we truly want to. Mother nature is helping with her best dampener.

What we should work towards is for people to respect our concerns and follow the stay home guidance. Disregard for other's needs is a hideous failing and that is on those who endangered us. Like wise I can not block the beach from some one who will follow guidance properly, keeping their distance and go back home, safely. If the beach was closed we would need to follow the same rule.

We are asking Businesses to send the message of; Not now please. Businesses and the city must work together to solve this problem so that in the coming weekends we are safe and as close to financially sound as this crisis can be.

The county has stepped up with a doctrine, in many ways we have followed and I believe improved on. We will, underline will go beyond these measures if we need too.

Working within our Emergency Operations and staff we will need to act fast and concise. Be advised we will be open to all criticism after this blows thru, but, if needs be and we make harsh decisions now, be they right or wrong, we must make decisions.

We will be flexible and attentive to input. We will be as alert to our neighbors actions as possible but foremost is CB safety. We do ask that you, our residents, pay attention. Today's communication jungle is a beast to navigate. City web site is our primary out put of info. It may not seem as up to date as NPR but it will be trustworthy on CB essential knowledge.

I ask residents to not depend on Facebook or internet rumors. Get verification before you 'like'. This crisis may fizzle, or it may take lives, no way to know. We must work on the premise it will get worse before better.

Carry on, you, me all of us are in this together and working to meet new and different challenges with the best available information available, as it changes constantly.

As Mayor and your neighbor I ask you to "Hold On!" I ask you to for patience and flexibility. Follow the practices suggested and be safe.

Mayor Sam

PS - any one who needs wellness check or assistance contact our CERT. We are trying to ramp up a coordination of our residents in need data base. CannonBeachCERT@gmail.com