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Business News Update June 1, 2020

Today, we opened our office. We have to limit the visitors and because of the nasty weather, we usually will see more foot traffic. But it feels so good to at least say we are open!

With that being said, I wanted to share the we recently lost a very loved one in Fran Zepczyk. Franny volunteered for the Chamber for many years. She was always cheerful and witty and had a wonderful heart for volunteering and giving of her time! Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

We sent out a communique to our runners to let them know we were still planning on WhistleStop, and wanted to gauge their thoughts on their comfort level. Overwhelming positive responses. Most races have been cancelled, so they are very thankful and hopeful for the Memorial Medical Center WhistleStop Marathon & Half Marathon to become reality in October.

I will be speaking to the Health Department this week to look at a possible target date for the House-to-House Garage Sale and will let you know when we

have agreed on a new date for this event.

Lots of headlines over the weekend. I have copied a few stories that I found very interesting and resourceful to businesses.

Just 2.3% of new coronavirus test results in Wisconsin were positive — the lowest on record

The state Department of Health Services on Sunday reported 173 more confirmed cases of COVID-19, the lowest in almost two weeks. The percentage of positive tests dropped sharply from previous days, down to 2.3% — the lowest point ever. Four more people have died from the virus, significantly fewer than the number announced in any of the past few days — 71 total deaths were reported between Wednesday and Saturday. [Click here to learn more](#)

What's safe to do during a pandemic? We polled America.

What is safe to do during the pandemic? As states begin to reopen, it might feel hard to tell. It's not yet clear where Americans stand on these questions as they begin to venture out of quarantine. So over Memorial Day weekend, in partnership with Morning Consult, POLITICO asked nearly 2,000 Americans to rate the relative risk of a dozen common activities from 1 to 10. Then, we asked a panel of 18 public health experts to give their professional opinion. [Click here to learn more](#)

Senate Democrats pump brakes on new stimulus checks

House Democrats looking to deliver another round of \$1,200 relief checks to Americans are encountering skepticism from an unexpected source — fellow Democrats in the Senate. The \$3 trillion House-passed measure is not only facing opposition from GOP senators, it's also prompting Senate Democrats to raise concerns about what they see as a huge untargeted expenditure. [Click here to learn more](#)

Five charts that track the U.S. economy as states reopen

As states gradually reopen, the U.S. economy is showing signs of life after one of

the most significant downturns in history. Though many restrictions remain in place across the country, Americans are gaining a greater sense of normalcy as they venture out to restaurants, increase travel and buy new homes. [Click here to learn more](#)

We're All In Small Business Grant Update:

Main Street and Connect Communities directors and coordinators are identified as one of the eligible individuals to provide the required acknowledgement of operations for businesses applying for the \$2,500 grant. This email acknowledgement will serve as proof that the business was in operation in the community prior to February 2020. Additional information on application requirements will be released on Monday afternoon (June 1), and the application period will open in mid-June. Just wanted to make everyone aware that you will have a role to play in helping your businesses access these funds! Overview of the grant parameters here: [We're All In Announcement](#) - we'll post the updates when they are released later this week.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/WIGOV/bulletins/28c2doc>_This doesn't open until June 15th so be prepared!!

RV Camping is open!! Kreher Park and Prentice Park are now open for RV's and Campers. This year the city is working on the tent sites at Prentice Park so that is closed to tent camping.

BUSINESS UPDATE

As a business please continue to email information regarding your business to info@visitashland.com as we will continue to update the [website](#) and Facebook pages.

For a complete list of what businesses are open and how they are doing business go to <https://www.visitashland.com/events/latest-news-and-updates/>

If you would like to view any of the past COVID-19 updates from the Ashland Chamber go to <https://www.visitashland.com/events/covid-19-updates/>

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In an effort to limit our people to people contact, the Ashland Area Chamber of Commerce will close the office. If you need anything, please call our office; we have remote access to the phone lines 715-682-2500. If you need chamber dollars reimbursed, please email Mary at info@visitashland.com and we can take care of that as well.



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