



# TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

## PRESS RELEASE

### OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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## NOTICE REGARDING LIBRARY, SENIOR CENTER, AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

**MARCH 12, 2020:** The Town of South Kingstown continues to take action and implement precautionary measures related to COVID-19. The Town is following State and Federal guidance to help promote the health and safety of our community and reduce opportunities for COVID-19 transmission in our community. **The Town is suspending programming as detailed below through Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Libraries, the Senior Center, the Neighborhood Guild, and the Recreation Center.** Seniors and people of all ages with underlying health conditions are strongly encouraged to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing, and avoid visiting the Libraries, the Senior Center, the Neighborhood Guild, and the Rec Center during this time. The Town will keep the public updated on future programming and events, as well as rescheduling opportunities as they become available. Because of the evolving nature of this ongoing community health situation, the Town may implement additional mitigation measures with short notice, and the information provided below is subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For additional updates from the Town, as well as information and resources related to COVID-19, please visit [www.southkingstownri.com](http://www.southkingstownri.com). Updates and information will also be shared via the Town's official Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/southkingstownri](https://www.facebook.com/southkingstownri).

#### PEACE DALE, KINGSTON FREE, AND ROBERT BEVERLY HALE LIBRARIES

All Library sponsored Adult, Young Adult, and Children's programming at the Peace Dale Library, Kingston Free Library, and Robert Beverly Hale Library has been suspended. This includes all reoccurring Library programs such as story times, books clubs, and yoga, as well as unique Library programs. In addition, organizations and groups who have reserved meeting room space at the Peace Dale and Kingston Free Libraries are being contacted regarding the need to cancel or reschedule. All three library locations will be open during regular business hours, providing access to print and non-print materials, desktop computers, and wi-fi access. Patrons are also welcome to use our remote services such as Overdrive, Hoopla, and Ask RI to access digital downloads. To learn more, visit our website at [www.skpl.org](http://www.skpl.org). If you have questions on any services the library offers, please call (401) 789-1555 x108.

#### THE SENIOR CENTER

Senior Center participants fall into the known high risk population group, and following guidance from the State, The Senior Center has suspended all classes and activities during this time. The Center is also suspending the mid-day meal program during this time, and will be providing an update regarding alternatives to this program in the near future. The Transportation Program will be suspended during this time. The Senior Center will be open during regular business hours and will be staffed and ready to answer any questions or concerns. The Information Specialist will be available to schedule one-on-one appointments at The Center. Please call ahead (401) 789-0268 to verify if a program will be in session.

#### NEIGHBORHOOD GUILD

The following programs are suspended during this time: 50+ Fitness, Aerobi-Conditioning, Intermediate Water Color Class, Toddler Time, Bridge, Creative Writing, Quilting, Knitting, and Community String Orchestra. The Neighborhood Guild fitness room, saunas, and locker rooms will be closed during this time as well. The Guild will be open during regular business hours and will be staffed and ready to answer any questions. Please call ahead (401) 789-9301 to verify if a program will be in session.

#### RECREATION CENTER

The Rec Center's Fitness Room will be closed during this time. The after-school Open Basketball program is suspended during this time. The Rec Center will be open during regular business hours and will be staffed and ready to answer any questions. Organizations and athletic groups who have reserved a room or court space are advised to consider postponing activities to a future date. Please contact the Rec Center at (401) 284-1975 to cancel or reschedule.