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**Robert C. Zarnetske
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Dear Summer Resident,

On behalf of the Town Council, I'm writing to let you know that South Kingstown's restaurants and businesses have been busy preparing for the summer season and town officials are working to make sure summer in South Kingstown will be as COVID-safe as possible. You can come back with confidence.

Working with local businesses, we've designed a "COVID Safe Harbor" program we want to share with you. Our COVID Safe Harbor logo will help you identify businesses that have implemented the recommendations made by the RI Department of Health and completed the State's COVID-19 safety checklist. These businesses may be randomly spot inspected by state and local officials throughout the summer to ensure consistent COVID-safe practices. While there are no absolute guarantees, we hope that our local commitment will provide you with peace of mind as you consider your summer plans.

Things will be different this year, there is no doubt about it. There will be fewer beach passes, but there will be no lines — not at our beaches or parks and not at your favorite restaurant. South Kingstown's restaurants will have reservation-only outdoor dining and phone-ahead takeout and delivery services. Many will be using online reservation systems. All of these efforts are in line with the Rhode Island Department of Health's well-designed guidance so all visitors to South Kingstown feel safe and welcome.

There will be a little more distance between the beach towels, but the sun will still be just as close as it ever was and the roar of the waves will still be heard. The laughter and smiles will still be here and the memories made will still last a lifetime. We want you to know you can come back and we hope you'll join us soon. For more information about the Town's response to the COVID crisis, current restrictions and guidelines, please visit www.southkingstownri.com.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Zarnetske
Town Manager

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