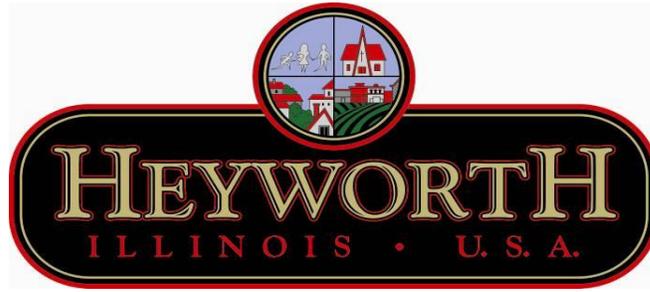


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Hey Heyworth!

It is hard to believe that it has been 8 weeks now that we have been living under “stay at home” orders as a result of COVID-19. I believe and have observed that our community has stepped up and continues to meet this challenge as good or better than most communities. I urge everyone to stay diligent and disciplined in taking measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. This will continue to be important as the Governor’s plan to reopen Illinois, by region, will depend upon positive trends. If we continue to stay disciplined and use “common sense”, I believe we will conquer this disease and will emerge stronger than ever.

The Village of Heyworth, your local government, continues to focus on the health and safety of our community, providing police protection, and maintaining the availability of clean drinking water and removal of sewage as our top priority.

What makes Heyworth great is our strong sense of community; all of us sharing the desire to live in a “small rural town”. We all need to remind ourselves of what we all have in common and focus on what makes our community great. However, like any group of people, individually there are differences of opinions about the disease itself let alone how we should deal with it. If we focus, or pick at, these differences, they will start to divide us in ways that will undermine our community.

There is a whole spectrum of opinions in our community on how Heyworth should best approach this crisis ranging from proactively enforcing every Heyworth citizen to follow every Federal, State, and County order to completely opening up Heyworth in violation of every Federal, State, and County order. I believe Heyworth, overall, as a community, is somewhere between these two extremes. This does not mean any opinion is wrong or any opinion is right.

My ask, my hope, and my prayers for our community, are that regardless of our differences in opinion, we treat each other with more mercy, grace, kindness, goodness, love, faith, patience, and peace.

Take care and be safe!

Todd Zalucha, Mayor