In an effort to provide downtown business owners and patrons with up-to-date information on City operations and opportunities to obtain assistance through a challenging time, please take the time to read the information below compiled from state and federal sources.

*DOWNTOWN PARKING UPDATE*

Due to precautions enacted to limit the spread of COVID-19, Westfield City Hall has been closed to the public. Therefore, all parking passes that are valid as of March 2020 will remain valid through April 30th.

Those who do not have passes but require use of the off-street parking lots for more than three hours, please contact Gerri or Peter at (413) 572-6246.

The City of Westfield Office of Community Development is offering its Microenterprise Grant Program to qualified businesses with less than 5 employees to assist with working capital or other needs. The program is currently capitalized for $20,000 through the Community Development Block Grant program. For additional information, visit our website at: https://www.cityofwestfield.org/701/Community-Development-Block-Grant-CDBG

The Massachusetts Growth Capital Fund has created a $10 million loan fund to provide financial relief to businesses of 50 or less employees impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis. Loans are immediately available with no payments due for the first six months. More information on this program can be found here: https://www.empoweringsmallbusiness.org/what-we-offer/emergency-loan-funds/covid-19-loan-fund

The U.S. Small Business Administration is also offering federal disaster loans for working capital to small businesses impacted by COVID-19 disruptions. For additional information on this program, visit here: https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19#section-header-1