

A note regarding essential businesses and a plan to honor our healthcare and other critical workers.

There has been a fair amount of confusion around “essential” businesses, which are permitted to operate, and “non-essential” businesses, which are not. The designations have been promulgated by Governor Cuomo’s office under his Executive Orders, not by the Village of Quogue, but the Village does enforce them. Designations have changed over the course of the past few weeks. For a time, all construction was an essential business. Now only major infrastructure-type projects are essential. Thus, for the most part residential construction has ceased in the Village. The exceptions are a couple of instances when a project was permitted by our building department to proceed to the point where the project site was safe and a partially-completed roof water tight. An additional exception exists under the State guidance for a single worker to be on a construction site. At the same time, landscaping for maintenance and pest control purposes is regarded as an essential business. That is why you continue to see landscapers at work in the Village. If you see what you believe is non-essential work going on, please call the Village Office (631-653-4498) or the Quogue police department (631-653-4791).

On a lighter note, there is a movement along the East End to take a few moments **tomorrow night (Friday, April 3rd) at 7PM** to applaud our healthcare workers, first responders and other critical workers such as grocery store employees and delivery people. Please take a few minutes to step out of your houses to your front porch or the end of your driveway and join in this event. An added benefit is that you may be able to greet your neighbors (from a safe distance, of course) and maybe even discuss ways in which you can help each other.