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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Wilton Town Board recently made the difficult decision to close Gavin Park and cancel or suspend all programs until further notice, including the summer recreation program. The members of the board were unanimous in making this decision.

After conferring with officials in the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services and the Office of Public Health Services, the risks and threats from COVID-19 will not end for the foreseeable future. The vast majority of our residents have not been tested for the virus and there is no vaccine available. We understand that our decision may have an adverse impact on many families, but our first duty is the health and safety of all of our residents.

The experts in this field, with whom we agree, are of the opinion that having hundreds of children, dozens of staff people, counselors, bus drivers and others in very close quarters within the coming months poses a risk not just to them, but to everyone in our community. This is the toughest decision our board has ever made, but we believe taking action at this time will increase the likelihood that our school age children, their teachers and others working in education here, will be able to safely return to school at summer's end.

If you have any specific questions about the pandemic and its impact on Wilton, please feel free to contact the offices of Saratoga County Emergency Services or Public Health Services. Residents should continue to practice social distancing of 6 feet and wear a mask when in public. Residents can also refer to the CDC (Center for Disease Control) website to learn how to make a homemade mask. If they experience symptoms of COVID-19 they should contact their primary care physician or the Office of Public Health at 518-885-2276.

Be Safe and Be Well.

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