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## PRESS RELEASE

## Boardwalk and Parks Closed to Non-Residents / Callis Park Closed to All

**March 22, 2020:** The top priority of the Town of North Beach continues to be the safety of residents, staff and guests. As confirmed cases of COVID-19 Coronavirus increase, it is extremely important for all citizens to do their part in social distancing. The safest place for everyone is in their own home.

Effective at sundown today, March 22, 2020, the entire boardwalk, Sunrise Garden and Wetlands Overlook Park will be closed to non-residents until further notice. Only residents who reside within the incorporated limits of the Town of North Beach will be permitted to walk on the boardwalk or visit Sunrise Garden and Wetlands Overlook Park. We feel this closure is necessary to prevent the crowds we have witnessed in our town over the last few days.

In addition, effective at sundown today, March 22, 2020, Callis Park will be closed to residents and nonresidents until further notice. We are following the guidance of Governor Larry Hogan that the public should avoid playgrounds and pavilions. Public parks contain benches, play structures, etc. that are high-touch areas and could potentially be a source of spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus.

Lastly, because it was impossible to ensure surfaces were disinfected at all times, the public restrooms at the boardwalk are closed. Another reason for the restroom closures is to prevent additional supplies from being removed without permission.

To seek additional information on the COVID-19 coronavirus, visit the CDC <u>website</u>, the Maryland Department of health <u>website</u>, and the Calvert County Health Department's <u>website</u>.

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