

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of June 12 2020

This is West Caldwell Mayor Joe Tempesta with a public service announcement.

Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us there have been 117 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the West Caldwell general population and we have had 6 citizens pass away from the virus. Of the 117 cases 3 are open and current cases. Of the 3, 1 is hospitalized and 2 are home quarantined. Thankfully we have had 108 cases closed whereby these citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined. In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we currently have an additional 65 cases and tragically we report 44 deaths. In Crane's Mill we have 18 Covid-19 cases in the memory care an assisted living units, and 6 reported deaths. In the Skilled Nursing and sub-acute section of Crane's Mill, we have 20 current cases of Covid-19 and 11 reported deaths. In the Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center, we report 5 current cases of Covid-19. Tragically we report 27 deaths at the facility. We ask that you pray for those who have the virus and to pray for those families that have lost their loved ones.

I also ask that you continue to join me in thanking all of our first responders and a special thanks to all of our teachers in our community. We thank them for all of their hard work.

Governor Murphy announced that some businesses will be allowed to open next week including retail businesses, day care facilities, and outdoor dining for restaurants, all with guidelines and restrictions. I also announced last evening the West Caldwell pools both Westville Avenue and Cedar Street pools will be open this summer, full-time, beginning on Wednesday, June 24th. To account for the weekend days missed in June, we will also open weekends only in the month of September, post Labor Day weekend.

If you are interested, please submit your registration as soon as possible. Due to recent events, we have decided to continue the discounted early-bird rate indefinitely for the season.

Pool memberships are currently very low. If we do not have a significant increase in the number of memberships in the next two weeks, we may have to

make the decision to only open one pool for the season. Our decision will be based on the number of memberships received by our opening date.

To register, you may visit the Township's website at www.westcaldwell.com and click on the Recreation tab at the top of the page. For additional information, you may contact the Recreation Department at 973-226-3621.

We have also made the decision to NOT offer our summer playground programs this summer. The amount of regulations for both the staff and the children attending make it difficult to insure the safety of all participants.

Due to the restrictions of 500 people gathering outside effective July 3rd, the 4th of July Fireworks celebration will be postponed to either Labor Day weekend or sometime in the fall. Also we are attempting to schedule our free Gazebo concert series later in the summer as soon as the Governor increases the number of outside gatherings to more than 500 people.

For additional information regarding the corona virus call the NJ COVID-19 Information Public Call Center at 1-800-962-1253 or

Call NJ 211 or text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive text information and to stay informed.

To receive live text assistance, residents can text their zip code to 898-211.

The NJ Department of Human Services operates a toll free "warm line" which is a resource for people seeking mental health services. (877) 294-HELP (4357).

Thank you.