

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of June 19, 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 2 are open and current cases. Both current cases are home quarantined. Thankfully we have had 109 cases closed whereby these citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined.

In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we currently have 39 cases and tragically we report 44 deaths. In Crane's Mill we have 18 Covid 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 1 current case 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 our first responders and a special thanks to all our teachers in our community. We thank them for all their hard work.

I am pleased to announce that restaurants are open for outdoor dining as well as retail businesses, all with guidelines and restrictions.

Also, we are happy to report the West Caldwell Public Library is open for business for curbside pick-up. The Library can only process transactions at this time for residents, taxpayers, and paid library card members. To procure items from the Library please either call 973-226-5441 Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 am to 12 noon. You may also go to the WC library website for additional information at wcplnj.org. The book drop is open 7/24 for the return of materials and all returned items are quarantined for 72 hours while they are disinfected before they are re-shelved and available again.

I also announced last week the West Caldwell pools both Westville Avenue and Cedar Street pools will be open full-time, beginning this coming 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. We are continuing the discounted early-bird rate indefinitely for the season so please take advantage.

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.

For the upcoming July 7 primary voting, the Governor has ordered the entire election to be conducted as vote by mail only. The only exception is for voters who qualify for ADA assistance- they may vote in our Municipal building on election day whereby they may cast their vote by provisional ballot. Also, for the extra convenience of all voters, the County of Essex has placed a drop box in front of the West Caldwell Municipal building to place your filled out sealed ballot into the drop box instead of going through the U.S. Mail. Ballots will be picked up daily by the County of Essex and kept in a secure locked facility until they are counted.

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.