

Township of



West Caldwell

**Mayor's Message of July 24, 2020**

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

**Please be advised the West Caldwell Health Department has informed us that there are currently 4 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in West Caldwell's general population. That's an increase of 1 over last week. These 4 individuals are home quarantined. We have had 6 citizens pass away over the last several months from the virus. Over the last several months we have had a total of 121 cases.**

**Thankfully we have had 111 cases closed whereby those citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined. We are also thankful the community is being diligent in social distancing and wearing masks when you can't social distance.**

**In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we currently have an additional 2 cases. In Crane's Mill we have 1 current case in the memory care and assisted living units. In the Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center, we report 1 current case of Covid-19.**

**Tragically though over the last several months we have had 44 deaths in those facilities. However, even though we had 1 new case in each facility, I am pleased to report that both Crane's Mill and Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center have done a good job in stabilizing the covid outbreak in their facilities. We ask that you pray for those whose families 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 also thank you for continuing to patronize our restaurants and retail stores that are open for business.**

**The West Caldwell Public Library is open for West Caldwell card holders, paid card holders and BCCLS card holders. The hours of operation at 10:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday and 9am until 12 noon on Saturdays.**

**The West Caldwell pools both Westville Avenue and Cedar Street pools are now open 7 days a week. We continue to welcome anyone wishing to join the pools from the West Essex area including the towns of Caldwell, North Caldwell, Essex Fells, Roseland, Fairfield, Essex Fells, Verona, and Cedar Grove.**

**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.**