

Township of



West Caldwell

Mayor's Message of July 3, 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 is one current open case of Covid-19 in the West Caldwell general population and that case is 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 117 cases. Thankfully we have had 110 cases closed whereby these citizens are recovered and are no longer quarantined.

In our two skilled nursing facilities combined we currently have no current cases and tragically over the last several months we have had 44 deaths. However I am pleased to report that both Crane's Mill and Hackensack Meridian Health WC Care Center have done a great job in clearing up their cases and nursing those covid patients back to good health. 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 ask that you patronize our restaurants and retail stores that are open for business.

Also, we are happy to report the West Caldwell Public Library will open its doors this coming Monday July 6. There are restrictions including no more than 20 people at once and all patrons entering the Library will have to sign in and out with their name, address, phone number in the event there is an outbreak for contact tracing purposes. For more information you may call the Library directly at 973-226-5441 or you may also go to the WC library website for additional information at wcplnj.org.

The West Caldwell pools both Westville Avenue and Cedar Street pools are now open 7 days a week.

If you are interested in joining, please submit your registration as soon as possible. We are continuing the discounted early-bird rate indefinitely for the

season so please take advantage. We have also invited all West Essex Communities to join our pools and this includes, in addition to West Caldwell, Caldwell, North Caldwell, Essex Fells, Roseland, Fairfield, Essex Fells, Verona, and Cedar Grove.

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.