

Letter from the Mayor

5-7-20

Dear Friends,

It is times like this that I miss our hometown paper, the *Hawthorne Press*. They say you never appreciate something until it's gone. It was a great source for local news.

The number of confirmed cases as of this morning is 393, 19 fatalities and 56 active cases. We must remain vigilant continuing social distancing, wearing masks and keeping trips from home to a minimum.

In addition to the park being open, the school district has re-opened the track at the high school for Borough residents.

Last night the Council approved a grace period for May 1st tax payments from 10 to 30 days. They were forced to rescind an earlier action taken because of an executive order.

We have had to make some tough decisions because of the COVID- 19 virus. The Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled, although we will hold a service to honor those who paid the ultimate price defending our country.

We made the decision to cancel spring recreation sports and closed our fields to at least July 1st. There will be no summer rec program, and the pool will open late with reduced hours assuming the Governor allows pools to open.

I want to thank all of you that have donated to our non-perishable food pantry. It shows our extraordinary community spirit. If you need food please contact us. If you can't pick up the food, we can arrange to have it delivered.

We are looking for volunteers to help staff our Farmer's Market. I would hate to lose this market for lack of volunteer staffers. If you can assist, please call my office or email me.

Thank you all for doing your part in combating this virus; together we will prevail.

We are still working at the Municipal Building even though the building is closed to the public. Tax payments can be put in our drop box or mailed to the municipal building.

Sincerely,

Mayor Richard S. Goldberg