

# Letter from the Mayor

7-23-20

Dear Friends,

Our numbers remained the same: 439 total cases, 20 fatalities and 2 active cases. We are crushing the curve in Hawthorne. Keep using your masks and practice social distancing.

The Municipal Building is open, and we continue to serve our residents. Now that the tax bills are out, you can see the effect that revaluation has had on your taxes. For those seeing increases who didn't let the appraisers in to inspect, I told you that they would most likely assume items that may or may not be accurate. If this is the case, please call our tax assessor to plan to have your property inspected. Unfortunately, it's too late to appeal this year's taxes, but you have the opportunity next year to appeal. For those of you who had increases in your taxes, please keep in mind that you had 30 years of artificial, lower taxes.

Last night at the Council meeting I announced the upcoming retirement of Chief Richard McAuliffe. The Chief has been on the police force for 33 years. He is a great Chief, and he will be missed. I will shortly name his successor so that we can have a smooth transition.

Our local restaurants seemed to be doing well with outside dining; they still need our help, so please support them.

I want to thank all of you that have donated to our non-perishable food pantry. It shows our extraordinary community spirit. We are *Hawthorne Strong*.

The pool is open, and those who have joined are enjoying it. I'm hearing positive comments; it's nice to have a local place to cool off.

Thank you all for doing your part in combating this virus. Together we will prevail. If you have problems or concerns, please email me at [rgoldberg@hawthornenj.org](mailto:rgoldberg@hawthornenj.org) or call my office at 973-427-1168.

Sincerely,

Mayor Richard S. Goldberg