

Letter from Mayor Goldberg

3/23/2020

Dear Resident,

It has been a week since I last communicated with you. For the most part you have adhered to the Governor's plea to stay home, as we can see from the minimal traffic on the Borough streets. Passaic County has confirmed to us that the Borough has just one case of the virus.

I am very concerned for the small businesses and restaurants in Hawthorne that have been forced to close. I am extremely heartened to see that people are picking up takeout food to support our local restaurants. This is the kind of community spirit which makes Hawthorne the great borough that it is.

It pained me to have to close the Municipal Building to the public, but it was important for your health as well as the Borough employees. We are trying to maintain the same level of service without the personal interaction.

As I'm sure you know the library and recycling center remains closed as well as the schools. Recreation programs like baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse remain closed until further notice. Decisions on Summer Rec and the pool won't be made until later in the season.

Many of you have taken advantage of the mild weather to do yard work and spring cleanup. Yard waste pick up begins April 1, 2020 and your weekly garbage and recycling at the curb continues uninterrupted.

It seems that supermarkets are returning to normalcy. To those who over bought products thus denying those who truly needed them, that's not the Hawthorne way. Look after your elderly neighbors, make sure they are ok and not needing anything. For those who aren't aware, the Borough has a non-perishable food pantry. If you need food and can't afford or can't get to a supermarket, please call the Board of Health at 973-427-4011 for access to our food pantry.

I know staying at home isn't fun, but it keeps you and us safe. Eventually life will return to some form of normalcy and we can continue eating out, shopping, playing sports and return to school and work.

We are here at the Municipal Building. If you have any questions, please call the main number at 973-427-5555 and follow the prompts, or you can call my office directly at 973-427-1168.

Sincerely,

Mayor Goldberg