

Township of



West Caldwell

**Mayor's Message of June 26, 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 have been 117 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the West Caldwell general population and we have had 6 citizens pass away from the virus. Of the 117 cases 1 is open and considered a current case. The one case is home quarantined. 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 we report 44 deaths. 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 am pleased to announce that restaurants are open for outdoor dining as well as retail businesses, all with guidelines and restrictions.**

**Also, we are happy to report the West Caldwell Public Library is open for business for curbside pick-up. The Library can only process transactions at this time for residents, taxpayers, and paid library card members. To procure items from the Library please either call 973-226-5441 Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 am to 12 noon. You may also go to the WC library website for additional information at [wcplnj.org](http://wcplnj.org). The book drop is open 7/24 for the return of materials and all returned items are quarantined for 72 hours while they are disinfected before they are re-shelved and available again.**

**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.**

**To register, you may visit the Township's website at [www.westcaldwell.com](http://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.**

**I am also pleased to announce all retail stores that can open are open and the following restaurants have outdoor dining available in addition to all restaurants offering take out dining: Russillos on Bloomfield Avenue and PF Market on Bloomfield Avenue as well as Mander's Restaurant at Broadway Square Mall and the Tap House on Passaic Avenue. Please patronize our businesses when you can.**

**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.**