

Message from Mayor Slavicek...

Friday, June 12, 2020

Helmetta Friends & Neighbors:

Hope this correspondence finds you enjoying the beautiful sunshine and fresh summer air! As we slowly progress on **'The Road Back'** as outlined by Governor Murphy, I am happy to report, to date, that Helmetta has maintained zero positive COVID-19 cases since May 31st. While this presents as good news, I strongly encourage you to continue to follow safety guidelines as it relates to social distancing and face coverings to uphold this pattern. The Borough reports thirty-seven (37) total positive COVID-19 cases. Sadly, four (4) expirations; warm regards to the families and friends. I highlight and celebrate the full recovery of thirty-three (33) residents!

Borough offices will open to the public on Monday, June 15th with full services available. It is imperative that all employees and visitors practice social distancing with required face coverings. All in-person transactions are to be made through the service windows in each office space. Online, email and phone services continue to be an option. The building will be fully sanitized on a daily basis. Thank you to our dedicated Borough employees for truly being chameleons during the pandemic to provide for our community!

We value the **recreational areas** in town that are a vital part of social and mental well-being for our residents and neighbors. The parks remain open with basketball and tennis courts opening on Monday, June 15th. Playground areas will remain closed until further notice. Again, please play smart for your safety!

As the school year closes, **Hat's off to our Class of 2020 Graduates and all students** alike. We invite all Helmetta children to join us on Wed., June 17th between 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Maple Street Pavilion for a 'Sweet Wishes' Grab & Go Ice Cream treat for their fine accomplishments and flexibility with distance learning.

Are you zoomed out? Well... 'zoom' on over to our **Drive-In Movie** showing of *Disney Pixar's Onward* scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd at 8:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Parking Lot. Reservations required to Sandy @ (732) 521-4946 x100. All attendees will remain in their cars with the sound being transmitted through an FM radio channel provided on the evening of the event.

All residents should have received their **2020 Consumer Confidence Water Report**. It is posted on our website for your reference. **Fire hydrant flushing** will take place during the period of June 22nd through June 26th. You may experience a slight decrease in water pressure during the flushing. The scheduling of **town-wide street sweeping** is in process and will be communicated once dates are secured. Should you have specific questions regarding this report or these matters, please contact Paul Reed, Supervisor of Public Works, at preed@helmettaboro.com or (732) 521-4946 x110.

Voting polls for the **Primary Election** on Tuesday, July 7th will be held at the Helmetta Community Center at One Brookside Avenue. Voting will be provided by provisional or mail-in ballot only. A voting machine will be available for any handicapped person who cannot write. Social distancing and face covering guidelines will be in effect.

Save the Date...**Helmetta Day 2020** is scheduled for Saturday, September 19th at 4 p.m. A family day with food, fun and fireworks at dawn. Rain date is Sunday, September 20th. Come join the festivities!

Again, **thank YOU** for making Helmetta a beautiful community and the epitome of our small town, big heart motto.

Personally, I anxiously await the arrival of my niece, Hayley. Any day, any minute!

Always available,

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Drone photos courtesy of Helmetta resident, Tommy Zyhajlo