

Dear Haworth Neighbor:

As we near Labor Day, marking the end of summer and the launching of the new School Year, it's time to take stock of where we are. As we write this on Thursday evening, we are listening to the reports of Hurricane Laura as it makes its way across the country from Louisiana and Texas in our direction. We are on alert from our power companies about possible high winds and heavy rains – as we were just two weeks ago. Let's hope by the time you read this that the storm will have passed with no further damage to our community – but do let us know and alert your power and cable companies if you do need assistance.

Now for the positive news, since last we wrote and urged renewed vigor in following Best Practices with regard to COVID, we have had only one confirmed new case, bringing our total to 47 cases since the beginning of the crisis. We do note that this number contains only those cases reported by the County Health Department and may not include unreported cases or cases that are still making their way through the official system.

This is the best outcome we have had since early July when we noted an upsurge in cases. We asked you to take notice and to work as a community to return to the minimal number of cases we had been experiencing - and we have done so!

But once again the message is do not relax - stay vigilant – the fight is not over. In fact, as we approach Labor Day and the last barbeques of the season and then the school year, we will be entering another challenging period as the level of activity escalates as we socialize with friends and we take our children to and from school or as they walk to school and downtown for lunch – as we see and want to catch up with friends that we haven't seen all summer. It's an exciting time and we want to enjoy every minute of it. And so we remind you – maintain distance, keep your masks on when you gather to chat with friends. We have proven we can do this – let's keep up the good work – and keep Haworth safe for our children, our families, and our neighbors.

### **MESSAGE FROM THE DPW:**

The DPW would like to thank the residents for their patience and cooperation in the storm cleanup. If large branches have been removed from the curb area of your property and there remains a pile of small branches, sticks or garden debris, they all must be placed in a barrel or biodegradable bag for pick up on Monday by our garbage contractor.

### **UPDATE ON NVD HIGH SCHOOL:**

The NVD school year starts on Wednesday, September 2nd. The first two days are virtual and then they move into their hybrid cohort system.

### **UPDATE ON THE SWIM CLUB:**

The Swim Club is open through Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Take advantage of this 'extra' time and spend the end of summer with us! Guest and Day passes will still be available through the end of the season. Please note the adjusted hours during the first week of school to account for lifeguards.

They are:

Tuesday, September 1:            11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 2:       3:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 3:	3:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday, September 4:	3:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Saturday, September 5:	11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Sunday, September 6:	11:00 am – 7:00 pm
Monday, September 7:	11:00 am – 6:00 pm

### **SENIOR IPAD LENDING LIBRARY PROGRAM:**

The JCC on the Palisades is offering a Senior iPad Lending Library program, which delivers preloaded iPads to any senior in need, with ongoing tech support to ensure every senior can benefit from the array of live and interactive classes. For more information or to sign up, call Sarah Feinmark at 201-569-7900, ext. 404 or email [sfeinmark@jccotp.org](mailto:sfeinmark@jccotp.org).

### **UPDATE ON 2020 CENSUS:**

Visit <https://2020census.gov/en.html> to fill out your census now. All surveys need to be filed online by September 30.

A complete and accurate count is critical for our community because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congressional representation, and more. Census results shape the future of communities, as census data informs how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed for health clinics, school lunch programs, disaster recovery initiatives, and other critical programs and services for the next 10 years.

The response of the state of New Jersey is at 79%. Because we were under counted in 2010, New Jersey has not received billions of dollars that it was otherwise entitled to from the federal government. Your response is vital to our future!

10 questions, minutes to fill out, privacy assured!

### **ELECTION UPDATE – VOTE BY MAIL – IMPORTANT DATES AND FACTS:**

On August 14<sup>th</sup>, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 177 (“**EO**”) relating to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> general election. The EO, certain provisions of which are summarized below, modified certain relevant dates and expanded on certain aspects of the general election process. A full copy of the EO can be accessed [here](#).

Based on the EO, vote-by-mail ballots will be sent to all registered voters no later than October 5<sup>th</sup>. All ballots will be accompanied by return envelopes with prepaid postage to facilitate their delivery to the proper location to be verified and, if appropriate, counted.

Each municipality is required to provide at least one polling location and, as usual, the gymnasium in Haworth Public School (which will be closed to students on Election Day) will be the designated polling location in Haworth. Residents will be permitted to personally hand in their completed vote-by-mail ballot (**and only their ballot**) to a poll worker or, if preferred, voters may vote “in person” at the polling location by completing a provisional paper ballot and affirming that they have not otherwise voted by mail. It is important to note that, although there will be voting machines located at the polling location, pursuant to the EO, the only people who will be permitted to vote using a voting machine will be those with disabilities which prevent them from being able to vote using a paper ballot. Any provisional ballot completed in person will be counted after verification by the County.

In addition to returning a ballot by mail or in person to the polling location, pursuant to the EO there will be, to the extent possible, at least 10 secure ballot drop boxes in each County where ballots may be deposited. In Haworth, there will be a secure drop-box at the Haworth Public School. All ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by November 3<sup>rd</sup> and received by the County by 8:00 PM on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The New Jersey State Board of Canvassers is required to certify the results of the election no later than December 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **UPDATE FROM PSE&G REGARDING REIMBURSEMENT OF CUSTOMERS FOR FOOD AND MEDICINES SPOILED DURING TROPICAL STORM ISAIAS:**

PSE&G is expanding its claims policy for those impacted by the extended outages caused by Tropical Storm Isaias. Customers who experienced an electric outage for at least 72 hours can apply for reimbursement for spoiled food and medication at [pseg.com/claims](https://pseg.com/claims). Reimbursement claims cannot be processed over the phone. Customers will have until Sept. 16, 2020, to file claims. Reimbursement is expected to take up to 60 business days from when a proper claim form is completed and submitted to PSE&G.

### **UPDATE ON QUARANTINE ADVISORY FOR THOSE TRAVELING TO NJ:**

Individuals traveling to New Jersey from states or territories with significant community spread of COVID-19 are advised to quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state or territory. For a complete list of states/territories that meet the criteria, please click [here](#).

### **UPDATE ON GYM RE-OPENINGS:**

Beginning Tuesday, September 1st, gyms will be able to open their indoor spaces at 25 percent capacity. Face masks will be required. Additional guidance is available [here](#).

### **UTILITY SHUTOFF MORATORIUM EXTENDED UNTIL OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>:**

The State's public water, gas, and electric utility companies regulated by BPU have all agreed to extend their voluntary moratorium preventing shutoffs to both residential and commercial customers during the COVID-19 pandemic until October 15th. Additionally, the utilities will offer residential and commercial customers a flexible and extended Deferred Payment Agreement (DPA) of at least 12 months and up to 24 months. No down payments will be required for this assistance. A list of public gas and electricity utility company phone numbers is available [here](#). More information about the Utility Assistance Program is available [here](#).

### **MESSAGE FROM SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION:**

The Social Security Administration (SSA) wants residents to know that during the current coronavirus pandemic, SSA continues to provide help to our community. While their offices are not providing service to walk-in visitors due to COVID-19, SSA remains committed to providing ongoing benefits and vital services. Most business with SSA can be done online, but you can still reach them by phone. And, if you have a critical situation they cannot help you with by phone or online, they may be able to schedule an appointment for you. Please click [here](#) for important links and [here](#) for information from our local SSA office in Hackensack.