

*Dear Haworth Neighbor:*

*As the COVID-19 crisis enters a new week, we would like to respond to the matters and questions that you have been raising for us. We will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves.*

*Your Mayor and Council*

- 1. Our regular trash collection (garbage and recycling) will continue to follow the established schedule unless otherwise notified;*
- 2. We hope to have our regular summer programs (Tennis, Swim Club, Children's Rec); planning by the responsible councilmembers, committees, and volunteers is in progress and they will be ready to launch their programs when the public health conditions allow;*
- 3. The new regulations regarding single-use plastic bags and plastic straws will go into effect March 24 as planned; fines will not be imposed until we return to normal conditions;*
- 4. The Haworth Public School and Northern Valley Demarest High School will remain closed until further notice; by all reports, online instruction is going well; remember, however, that the logic of social distancing says it is not safe for children to gather in groups to study or play;*
- 5. All Haworth parks, playgrounds, and fields, including school properties, will remain closed to use until further notice;*
- 6. The Haworth Municipal Library remains closed until further notice;*
- 7. Haworth food establishments are cooperating fully with State and County directives; they are available for delivery, take-out, and curbside pickup and deserve your patronage;*
- 8. The Governor has strongly urged all residents to stay home between 8:00 pm and 5:00 am to minimize social contact;*
- 9. The Haworth Municipal Court session for March 26 has been cancelled; we will keep you posted on the status of other meetings and new restrictions put in place by the State and County;*
- 10. As noted in our last update, Borough Hall will remain closed to the public; key Borough staff may be reached by their email and voicemail and will continue to provide service;*
- 11. The Haworth Police Department remains on the job protecting our residents. Patrol cars and station are being cleaned and disinfected regularly;*
- 12. The DPW has adopted a modified staffing schedule to ensure that social distancing practices are adhered to as they see to the maintenance of the town. Vehicles and equipment are being cleaned and disinfected regularly;*
- 13. Our dedicated Fire and Ambulance volunteers stand ready to respond to any emergencies. Please call 911 in case of emergency.*

*Remember that the virus spreads mainly by surface transmission and that the best defense is minimizing contact with others, social distancing, and social separation.*

*Stay well.*

*Your Mayor and Council*