

Dear Haworth Resident:

This week, we want to focus on the good news.

For the second week, Haworth has had no new confirmed cases of COVID-19. All your efforts are paying off and we thank you. We must continue our best practices as we cautiously re-open. Remember this is a critical time. If we don't maintain best practices we may see a surge in cases as we have seen in other parts of the country that relaxed too easily.

As you will see below, many of our cherished traditions will come to pass, albeit with restrictions, modifications and new interpretations. For some, the new versions fall far short of expectations, and it might be easy to focus on what isn't. Instead, if we focus on the love and dedication and sheer determination demonstrated by our community to have celebrations and openings, disappointment will hopefully give way to gratitude.

So we would like to draw attention to the tremendous dedication and hard work of our volunteers and professional staff who faced the problems and obstacles presented by the pandemic and insisted that traditions would be honored. They did not have the luxury of dusting off last year's plan and implementing it. They had to envision, in some circumstances, entirely new ways to open, celebrate and move forward.

And they did. They sat through countless Zoom meetings, sent detailed emails, argued and pushed forward to ensure that this summer would deliver its own unique set of cherished memories.

So let's clap out and cheer our graduates, sign up for tennis and join the swim club. And let's thank the dedicated parents, volunteers, administrators, officials, and professional staff that put in the hours and hours of work to make the Summer of 2020 happen.

Stay safe and stay well. Together, we can do this.

MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF GRACEY:

Once again, it has been a relatively quiet week on the police front. Continued cooperation by residents in abiding by the distancing guidelines is greatly appreciated. We are seeing more and more residents on the streets, so please remember to pay attention to your surroundings and, when driving, please keep your eyes on the road and off your phones and avoid other distractions.

As we've advised in each of these updates, the Haworth Police Department can be reached at 201-384-1900, which is answered by a representative at the Bergen County Dispatch Center who will promptly relay your call to our department.

Peaceful March/Protest – Two groups have approached the Borough about holding a peaceful march/protest in Haworth in light of recent events across the country. The leaders of the two groups have met with Chief Gracey and the details of the March are as follows:

1. The march will be held from 4:00PM to 6:00PM on Tuesday, June 16th and will start on Haworth Avenue near the top of Tank Hill. The march will proceed down Tank Hill and will end on the eastern portion of the lawn in front of Borough Hall (by the Fire Department memorial).

Once the march reaches the Borough Hall lawn, we have been advised that there will be one or more speakers addressing the gathering.

2. Haworth Avenue will be closed to traffic from Schraalenburgh Road to Stevens Place as of 4:00PM. The Haworth Business District will be open and accessible via detours.

3. Parking will be permitted in the parking lot at the Haworth School; however, no protesting, etc. will be permitted on the grounds of the school.

We look forward to a peaceful and respectful event.

8TH GRADE TOWN WIDE CLAP-OUT:

Haworth residents are invited to celebrate The Haworth Public School Class of 2020 Car Parade Clap-Out! Again, maintain social distancing at all times and wear masks when appropriate.

When: Wednesday, June 17th at 2:00pm

Where: Haworth Avenue on both sides of the median from Valley Road to the train tracks.

The Haworth Police Department asks that everyone observe the following guidelines to ensure a safe and successful event:

- Please line up on Haworth Avenue no later than 1:45 pm. The car parade will start promptly at 2:00pm.
- Please be mindful that there will be 49 cars in the parade and cars may be tempted to stop and talk but we ask that you help keep the parade moving. The Haworth Police Department will be setting the pace and escorting the parade.

UPDATE ON NVD CLASS OF 2020 CAR PARADE:

Come out to celebrate and cheer our graduating seniors – while maintaining social distancing at all times and wearing masks when appropriate.

When: Thursday, 6/18

Where: The car parade will commence at the NVD campus on Knickerbocker Ave and will continue through Demarest, Haworth and Closter.

Please keep your eye out for more details from the Haworth Police Department as to when to expect them to drive through town, traffic diversions and possible road closures.

UPDATE ON HAWORTH TENNIS COURTS:

The tennis courts are tentatively scheduled to open on Tuesday, June 16! Please click [here](#) for details on how to obtain permits and reserve court time. And stay tuned for more exciting announcements for the 2020 season.

UPDATE ON HAWORTH SWIM CLUB:

Governor Murphy has given outdoor pools permission to open this summer. We have been preparing a plan to keep the Haworth Swim Club safe and ready for Summer 2020, and there will be some

noticeable changes in our day-to-day operations. We will confirm the opening day once we have the "green light" from our local health department.

You can find our full COVID-19 Protocol document [here](#) but some important highlights are listed below:

- Swim Club hours will be 11am - 7pm daily.
- Patrons must wear masks in the front lobby, changing rooms, and bathrooms. Masks are not required while sunbathing. Masks are not permitted in the pool.
- Patrons must sign in upon entering to facilitate contact tracing if the need arises.
- Patrons will be required to maintain social distancing (6ft) while on the premises. Immediate family members may sit together.
- Changing rooms / bathrooms, the front lobby, ladders, railings and other high volume areas will be cleaned regularly throughout the day, after closing and prior to opening each day.
- Patrons will be required to bring their own chairs / blankets. Limited tables will be available, and they will be cleaned at the beginning of each day. Chairs will be available for our special needs or senior members by request. Members will be allowed to leave chairs locked to the chain link fence if they choose to, but the Swim Club is not responsible for any items left.
- The snack stand, snack area, water fountains and playground will remain closed. Patrons will be allowed to bring their own food and drinks. We ask that our patrons be diligent about disposing of your food, drink and disposable masks/gloves in the proper receptacles.
- The lap pool, diving board and slide will be open!

One important requirement from the Governor is that all clubs must operate at 50% capacity. We are fortunate that our grounds allow us space and grass to spread out. However, we will need to be very mindful of the number of patrons on the premises. We are expecting a large volume of applications due to the closure of summer camps, daily rec programs, and the closure of other local swim clubs. We may have to limit the number of membership we are able to offer. We recommend that you get your applications in as soon as possible if you are thinking of joining us this summer.

We expect that these restrictions and guidelines will be followed by our members, which will allow all members to enjoy a safe and fun summer! Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have regarding our plans.

MESSAGE FROM BOARD OF HEALTH:

As COVID cases decline in New Jersey, we are seeing some secondary consequences such as medical neglect, mental illness and accidental trauma. Please remember to seek medical attention if needed. The doctors' offices, hospitals and emergency services are open at full capacity and are safe to visit. Please remember safety gear such as helmets and wrist guards when biking and using scooters. Please click [here](#) for safety information.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT:

The June 14th Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event originally scheduled for Bergen Community College has been moved to the Bergen County Utilities Authority, Foot of Empire Boulevard, Moonachie. The collection hours are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Click [here](#) for more information and directions.

LIMITS ON INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GATHERINGS INCREASED, AND ADDITIONAL OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL BUSINESSES OPENING:

On Tuesday, Governor Murphy signed two executive orders - one lifting the stay-at-home order in place since March 21 and the other raising the limits on both indoor and outdoor gatherings. Effective immediately, indoor gatherings are capped at 25 percent of a building's capacity or 50 people total, whichever number is lower. Up to 100 people are now allowed to gather outdoors. Social distancing is required.

Outdoor recreational and entertainment businesses are permitted to reopen immediately, with the exception of amusement parks, water parks, and arcades. These recreational and entertainment businesses are required to abide by a number of social distancing protocols that are specified in the Order. Any type of event at an outdoor recreational or entertainment business that involves individuals there at a specific time for a common reason, such as a movie or concert, are subject to the restrictions on outdoor gatherings.

Additionally, last week Governor Murphy announced that beginning June 15, non-essential in-person retail and outdoor dining at restaurants can resume. Salons and barbershops can open on June 22. There will be restrictions as these businesses re-open, so expect reduced capacity.

To review a copy of the Executive Orders, click on the following links: No. 150, click [here](#); No. 152, click [here](#); No. 153, click [here](#).