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Dear Fellow Residents,

Yesterday Governor Murphy issued an Executive Order closing all state and county parks, leaving local parks to the discretion of local officials. Subsequently, our emergency management team discussed this issue and decided that all parks in Wanaque be closed to the public. The police department and the DPW placed barriers closing all Borough parks first thing this morning. It was a difficult decision because we know that people were still enjoying the walking trails and staying far enough apart. However, with CDC announcement that the CODIV-19 virus could exist for several days on metal and plastic surfaces such as those that the playgrounds are composed of and with nicer weather approaching, we wanted to make sure that our children remain as safe as possible. We considered leaving the walking trails open, but this would make enforcement difficult.

As everyone can see from the news channels the number of cases, throughout northern New Jersey is continuing to escalate. If you are interested in numbers, you can log on to the Passaic County website.

Rather than discussing numbers, the most important issue is social distancing. The CDC states that this virus can be in person's system for up to 14 days before they show signs of infection. An infected person will have no idea that they are infected until symptoms show and an infected person is most contagious during the period before infection shows. We must all work hard to distance ourselves from others. Stay at home whenever possible. When in public stay a safe distance from everyone. Wear a mask over your nose and mouth and wear gloves. Wash your hands often. Consider everyone to be a possible carrier.

The knowledge of this disease is evolving and will continue to evolve. I am confident that the American pharmaceutical industry will develop a solution to this disease. The question is when? Meanwhile, it is most important that everyone remain safe and healthy. We must all continue working together in our efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 virus.

In closing, Passover began today and I would like to wish all of our Jewish residents a Happy Passover.

Sincerely,



Mayor Dan Mahler