

# Borough of Wanaque

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Dear Residents,

Wanaque is blessed with great employees and fantastic and dedicated volunteers. Over the next few weeks, I will be sharing with you how they are facing this emergency, and what you can do to help them and our community.

The Wanaque First Aid Squad is a very dedicated group of men and women who have been serving our community since 1973. The Squad currently has 30 members and they are in desperate need of more volunteers as both EMT's and drivers. In addition to answering hundreds of calls each year, the Wanaque First Aid Squad has been there to support our residents at the Memorial Day Parade, Lakeland football games, St. Francis Carnival, the FOP Food Truck Rodeo, and many other community events. They have also played a vital role during Tropical Storm Floyd, Hurricane Irene, Superstorm Sandy, and many snowstorms and blizzards. Now they face one of their toughest challenges with COVID-19.

The Squad members are taking every precaution to protect themselves and those in need. The ambulances are disinfected after every call, and the volunteers follow strict protocols in disposing of used personal protective equipment.

There is a crew on duty every night from 6 p.m. through 6 a.m., with Chilton Hospital providing daytime service. The Squad asks that you only call for help for **Non COVID-19** injuries and sickness. This helps to limit exposure for our volunteers. **If you have COVID-19 symptoms, please call your personal physician and follow the guidance from your doctor.**

These are tough times for many people and also for non-profit organizations. The Squad Auxiliary has sponsored Thursday Night Bingo for many years. This is the Squad's primary sources of outside income. Since Bingo is suspended due to the pandemic, the Squad needs additional funds to support the service they provide to our community. Please consider sending a donation to the Wanaque First Aid Squad, 5 Melrose Avenue, Wanaque NJ 07465 or at [www.wanaquefas.com](http://www.wanaquefas.com).

Thank you to the members of the Wanaque First Aid Squad for their dedication to the residents of our town, not just during this pandemic, but every day of the year.

Very truly yours,

Mayor Dan Mahler