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Dear Fellow Residents,

Happy Fourth of July Weekend. This past 3 ½ months have been a very difficult time due to the COVID-19 virus. However, we have recently seen much progress in New Jersey. While the Governor's restrictions were very unpopular, especially with our recent graduates and their families, they were the right thing to do. I applaud our Governor for listening to the health care professionals and doing the right thing for our citizens. A recent survey shows that the infection rate in New Jersey is now the lowest in the nation. Here in Wanaque we are down to only a few positive cases. However, we cannot let our guard down. Look at the news reports of the large number of cases in Florida, California and Texas. Places where they stopped social distancing. We must all continue to wear face coverings in public and maintain social distancing. Failure to do so may result in a second wave of this disease, which we all want to avoid.

I would like to congratulate all of our recent graduates. While you did not have all of the traditional graduation festivities, your graduation was different and special. Years from now you will look back and realize how special this graduation really was. I wish all our graduates the best in their future endeavors.

I am very proud of how Wanaque's citizens have joined together to help others in our community during the pandemic. Wanaque Feeds the Hungry, our local food pantry started 30 years ago by Mayor Warren Hagstrom, was running low on supplies due to the heavy demand. Several groups ran food drives to replenish the supply. I would like to thank three groups from the Wanaque Reserve, the Community Outreach Club, the Amici Club and the Milk & Honey Club who together raised over \$19,000 and also delivered much need food. I would also like to thank the Ken Manning Facebook Crew who collected and delivered several pickup truck loads of food to our food pantry. Last but certainly not least, I would like to recognize Lois Roszko and Joe DeMaio, two volunteers and officers of the food pantry, who have worked long hours to collect and distribute food to our citizens in need.

Once again, we cannot stress enough the need to continue being extremely vigilant in maintaining social distancing and wearing a face covering when in public. The risk of spreading this disease is much greater indoors than outdoors. If you are attending holiday functions this weekend, make sure to stay outdoors, maintain proper distancing and wear a face covering if possible. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Sincerely,



Mayor Dan Mahler