



April 25, 2020

Dear Residents and Businesses of Rockaway Township,

No one could have imagined that our community along with other communities would still be under the pandemic restrictions. I know many people have lost their jobs and businesses are suffering. We are all feeling the effects of this virus.

Our community has come together with many people helping neighbors and supporting local businesses. This is a true sign of our great community joining together. I thank you all for staying positive and helping Rockaway Township.

Our Township employees have continued to work and service our residents. Below are some examples:

- Starting Wednesday (4/22/20) both recycle centers resumed normal operating hours.
- On Thursday the Township released a new modern & improved website.
- On Monday April 27, 2020 the municipal parking lot construction project begins. The project includes expanding the current parking space availability, new curbing and new pavement.
- All parks are being well maintained by the Park's Division.
- The Office of Emergency Management is keeping our staff fully equipped with masks, cleaning supplies etc. to keep the staff safe while they are continuing to work.
- The Municipal Building is open one day a week (Tuesday's) by appointment only.
- Volunteer Fire Companies and EMS (ambulances) are still operating and servicing our community.
- The Police department is protecting our neighborhoods and businesses.
- Rockaway Township Day is rescheduled to August 15, 2020.
- The Township Council, planning board and zoning board meetings are being held electronically (WebEx).
- Administration has recommended and the Township council has introduced a budget with a **decrease** in the in the municipal taxes.
- Due to the current economy, administration is recommending no increase in the yearly sewer fees.

I have taken many phone calls and will continue to keep our Township moving forward. We live in a great Township and I am proud of our residents, businesses and staff.

Please be rest assured that we are looking for viable ways to assist our residents and businesses while keeping the Township functioning. Please visit the [website COVID-19 page](#) for updates.

Thank you to all the residents, businesses and employees. I hope we will be able to get together soon.

Mayor Michael Puzio