

Thursday, March 19

A Note from Mayor Joanne Minichetti:

Thank you to all our residents who are taking Governor Murphy's and County Executive Tedesco's directives to stay in and distance themselves from others seriously. The situation, and the information and orders we are receiving, are changing minute by minute. Some have been reversed. We are doing our best to follow guidelines and get the information out to our residents as accurately and quickly as possible but due to the ever evolving directives, confusion and questions are inevitable. Our top priority is everyone's health and well-being, as I am sure is your own.

Tomorrow, Friday, March 20, Bulky Trash will be taking place curbside. NJ law does not allow electronics to be picked up. TVs, computers etc will need be dropped off at the Recycling Center. Garbage continues to be picked up. Service may take longer than usual but it will continue.

The Recycling Center will be open Saturday, March 21 from 8:30-noon.

Boro Hall is staffed during normal business hours but no one is to enter. Please call or email the department you need to reach. All contact info is on our website, www.usrtoday.org. This is to ensure continued service for our residents. If it's determined that it's imperative that someone come inside, an appointment will be made.

ALL parks are now closed due to recent directives from the Governor and County Executive regarding number of persons allowed in one space at a time. Playgrounds, tennis courts, walking path and basketball courts are closed. This is something we tried to avoid, but it has become necessary.

As of yesterday, the deaths of two women brought NJ's death toll related to coronavirus to five, as Gov. Phil Murphy announced that 162 more people have been diagnosed with the disease — a single-day spike of 60%. Just two weeks after the first case in New Jersey was identified in a Fort Lee man, the statewide total now stands at 427. Cases have been found in all but three of the state's 21 counties. Cases from ages 5 and up have been diagnosed in the U.S. Children and teens are not immune as was commonly believed. Simply put - we need to slow this outbreak as hospital beds and medical equipment are not sufficiently available right now if too many become ill at the same time.

Thank you to our health professionals, EMTs and police for being on the front lines. We must all do our part to keep them and their families healthy. Our teachers, school administrators and parents are doing an exceptional job during exceptional times. Thank you to everyone trying to help contain this virus. We know how difficult it is.

Please check the Borough website, Borough of Upper Saddle River on Facebook and Upper Saddle River on Twitter for updates. Swiftreach messages can be shared as well.

Stay safe and please be patient. As I recently told my family, all of the things we are worrying about now will not matter one bit if we or a loved one becomes critically ill.

Best regards,

Mayor Joanne Minichetti