

Message From Lower Township Mayor Frank Sippel - May 6, 2020

Hello this is Lower Township Mayor Frank Sippel to give you a weekly update. This past Saturday we had great weather, and many were able to get some exercise or do some fishing. For the most part everyone seems to be very responsible and follow the mandate of social distancing. As of last Sunday, the state had a drop of 1,000 patients that entered the hospital, the largest decrease yet. Cape May County represents 2/10 tenths of one percent of the positive cases in NJ. However, in order to keep this number down we must follow the recommendations of our health care professionals.

Cape May County has implemented a County-Wide Recovery Initiative, this initiative is committed to a safe reopening. The goal is to facilitate a progressive reopening of public and business facilities. It is unlikely the Governor will approve any reopening before the Memorial Day weekend; however, we feel optimistic that a date will soon follow. This will only be possible if we are able to follow strict protocols and keep our resident's safe, keeping our resident's safe is and will always be the number one priority.

With so many businesses closed there are way too many families that are struggling to pay their bills and feed their family. This past January when I was appointed Mayor, I said to all those in attendance “ **The measure of a great township is how it provides for and how it treats the least among us**”. This Saturday May 9th Deputy Mayor Perry and Councilman Coombs will be putting together a food drive to stock the shelves of the food banks, myself and the rest of council will also be helping. There will be a drive through drop off point in front of Town Hall (2600 Bayshore Road, Villas) between the hours of 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Those that cannot make the drop off we can pick up at your residence between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. You can email me at fsippel@townshipoflower.org or call 609-886-2005 ext. 132 and leave your address. If you can donate it will be greatly appreciated, God bless everyone and please stay safe. Thank you

