

• Mayor's Monthly Message August 2020 - #Communicate2Elevate



Hello, and Happy August!

As we gear up to open the Township offices to the public this month, I want to remind our residents to continue practicing the guidelines as set forth by the CDC as well as our Governor. As a reminder, you can find the most up to date information related to COVID – 19 at <https://covid19.nj.gov/>. Here you can 1) Find out which states or on the travel advisors list 2) When and how NJ is lifting restrictions? What does a responsible restart of NJ's economy look like? 3) What businesses are open? What rules or safety guidelines must they follow? Etc. The CDC site can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>. There is a ton of helpful information utilizing these two websites. Burlington County also has a ton of useful information on their site as well <https://www.co.burlington.nj.us/>.

Last Month, Governor Phil Murphy and New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission Chief Administrator Sue Fulton announced additional extensions to driver license, registration, and inspection expiration dates in their continuing efforts to mitigate COVID-19 and safeguard public health. Effective immediately, the following documents, if expiring between March 13 and May 31, have been extended to July 31. Documents expiring June 30 are extended two months to August 31, and those expiring July 31 are extended to September 30.

Just a bit of History - What is special about the month of August? **August** in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to February in the Southern Hemisphere. Augustus renamed the **month** of Sextilis because many of his greatest triumphs occurred during this **month**. **August** is a **month** of summer vacation and holiday for many children around the world.

Fun Fact: August is the ONLY month of the year that does NOT have a real holiday.

As has happened in communities throughout the world, effects from the tragic death of George Floyd have also been felt in Edgewater Park as well as New Jersey. So far, the protests here have been peaceful and without incident. That is a credit to those who organized and participated in the protests, and also to our local police department headed up by Chief Robert Hess.

It's going to be a very different summer in Edgewater Park Township... and everywhere else for that matter. Remember to keep your distance, wash your hands, and wear a mask if you have to be close anyone. During the month of June, Township Committee approved various resolutions that authorized our submission of Grant Applications to New Jersey Department of Transportation for improvements to various roads around town. We also submitted a Grant Application to NJ DOT for a Heritage Trail Bikeway project. Please wish the Township luck on those!

Our Public Works department is hard at work! During the month of May they made 488 stops around town for chipping, hit 127 streets, and disposed of 180 Cubic Yards of chipping! WOW!! They also loaded 20 cubic yards of leaves, swept multiple streets and cut our Township Fields and Parks. Thank you Edgewater Park Public Works Department.

Well, that's all for now folks...please take care of yourself and others!

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