



## Mayor's Message

June... when we celebrate Flag Day on June 14.

It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on

June 14, 1777. The Flag Resolution stated: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." Of course, the flag looks different today with the addition of the stars to represent the 50 states.



The American flag is one of the most widely recognized symbols.

From school classrooms, public buildings, homes, uniforms and much more, the flag is symbol of Americanism. It is flown at half-staff at time of mourning and remembrance. The colors of the flag have their own significance.

The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on June 14! Congress adopted "the American Continental Army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775. Happy birthday to the Army and thank you to all who have served yesterday and today and to those who plan to serve tomorrow!



Did you know.... June was named after the Roman goddess Juno, wife to Jupiter and goddess of marriage. This is where the term 'June brides' comes from.

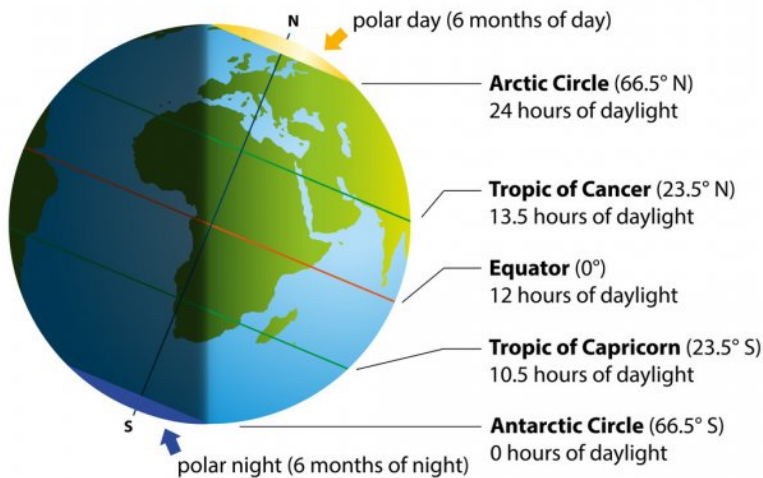
Important note: **School is out on June 16!** Please watch out for more kids playing outside and at the parks. Safety is #1.



Lastly, a shout out to all DADS! On June 20<sup>th</sup>, Happy Father's Day to all! Hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing day!



## summer solstice (June 21)



On the heels of Father's Day, we all get to enjoy the longest day of the year... the Summer Solstice! After a year of almost constant lockdown, how terrific it will be to enjoy all this daylight as we enter the summer season!



MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN.

## Mayors Wellness Event for June:

**Friday Night at the Movies! -- June 18, after dusk.**



Bring your family to Weimann Field to see a movie in the field. Leave the cell phone behind and pack a blanket and chairs! Snacks will be available or bring your own.

Of course, "they" say watching TV and eating snacks is not healthy per se, but family time is! But the rest and relaxation benefits are numerous... including confidence, behavior, and strengthening ties for everyone! And

although we have all had lots and lots of family time with the COVID lockdowns and restrictions, this is a time to be outside, do something different perhaps, see friends, and have a good laugh! But most importantly, bond with those close.

Which MOVIE will we be watching? **Jumanji: The Next Level!** Free event; concession stand will be open.





I especially want to thank everyone who helped launch and attended the Mayors Wellness Campaign kick-off on April 17th. We had two walks around Weimann Field. The weather was perfect, and it was nice to see so many people out and about. The first walk was 1700 steps and the second walk was 1500 steps.

Thank you to Grand Master Jose Torres for having Team Torres

Martial Arts karate demonstrations and to Lisa Horoff-Mattis for teaching kids yoga to the youngsters. National Junior Honor Society members from Ridgway Middle school volunteered to help with the kids, and I appreciate their help at the event as well!

I received a lot of great feedback about the initiative itself and welcome more. Please don't hesitate to email me with your ideas: [Ldifilippo@edgewaterpark-nj.com](mailto:Ldifilippo@edgewaterpark-nj.com).



Congratulations to Grand Master Jose Torres on the 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Team Torres Martial Arts karate school... but even more to having April 24 declared by the Burlington County Commissioners as **Team Torres Day!**

*(left to right, Mayor Lauren DiFilippo, Jose Torres, County Commissioner Tom Pullion)*

**Please note:** Edgewater Park will not be able to have a fishing derby in June due to emergency work needed to be done at Roosevelt Park's pond... but mark your calendars for a fall fishing derby October 23! Details will come later!

Again, have a wonderful month of June, see you at Friday Night at the Movies on June 18<sup>th</sup>, and Happy Father's Day to all dads!

Laurent Kremper DiFilippo, Mayor

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