

From the Desk of Mayor Carmen F. Amato, Jr.

THE CURVE IS FLATTENING AS WE ALL DO OUR PART TO STOP COVID-19.

As Mayor, I would like to thank all our residents who are doing their part to help “Flatten the Curve”. When visiting our parks or just walking in your neighborhoods, please practice social distancing. As of this writing, (5-24-20) Berkeley Township had 576 confirmed cases of COVID-19. That represents a little over 1% of our total population. Sadly, we have lost 78 residents to COVID-19. May they rest in peace.

I thank you all for your understanding and compliance during these unprecedented times. We are all in this together.

STRUGGLING WITH FOOD INSECURITY? WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

We know many are struggling with food insecurity during this difficult time. Working with Fulfill, formally the Food Bank Monmouth and Ocean County we have acquired emergency food “crisis kits” available for those residents in need. If you are in need of an emergency “crisis kit” please call the Berkeley Township Recreation Department at: [732-269-4456](tel:732-269-4456) to register. We will be distributing these crisis kits on Thursday, [June 4th from noon to 1:30pm](#) at two locations in Berkeley Township: The Recreation Center on Route 9 in Bayville and at the Holiday City Berkeley Clubhouse parking lot.

SIGN UP FOR NIXLE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION

I am pleased that many Berkeley residents have signed up for the Township’s new information notification system. However, many still have not. This service is in addition to our Reverse 9-1-1 notification system. By signing up for this service, you will receive real-time alerts and advisories directly from the Township and other public safety agencies. Please visit our web site at: www.berkeleystownship.org to sign up today.

DON'T FORGET TO FILE YOUR 2020 CENSUS FORM!!

Here is something everyone can do that will be extremely beneficial to Berkeley Township. Please fill out your Census 2020 forms. The census counts are critical in how the Federal Government allocates funding. The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for our community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. Let us be COUNTED and get our fair share of funding from the Federal Government! To date, Berkeley Township has had the SECOND highest response rate in Ocean County. We have had a 69.2% response rate thus far. In 2010, our FINAL response rate was 74.1%.

We need to do better!

The online forms were mailed first week of March. Then, a follow up blue postcard was mailed in late April. By now you should have received the long form. If you haven’t received any information, please visit: www.2020census.gov

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO IS CONTRIBUTING DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

I want to thank our Doctors, Nurses, Hospital Staff, EMS, Police, Fire, Contractors, Restaurants, Food Stores & Employees, Utility Workers, Pharmacy’s, Delivery Services, Food Banks, Financial Institutions,

Clergy, Volunteers, Donors, Educators, Truck Drivers, Public Employees and EVERYONE who is helping our Country during these unprecedented times!

As always, as Mayor I am here to serve our community. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at: mayor@twp.berkeley.nj.us or by phone: [732-244-7400 ext. 1203](tel:732-244-7400).

Berkeley Farmers Market Opens THIS Tuesday, May 26th.

Thanks to the hard work of Councilman Angelo Guadagno, our Berkeley Farmers Market will be BACK again in 2020! The first day will be Tuesday, May 26th. The Market will be held every Tuesday after through October. The market will run from 10am to 5pm at our Recreation Center, located on Route 9 in Bayville. Local vendors from around the area, including our own Moore's Farm Market, will be on hand selling Jersey' Fresh produce and other items of interest. Your support is critical in making this a success. Again, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we ask that you practice social distancing and wear a mask or face covering when visiting the market.

Please come on out and support your local vendors.

THANK YOU AND PLEASE BE SAFE!

Mayor Carmen Amato