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From the Howell Township Governing Body:

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To the residents of Howell Township,

Finally, we have some positive news to put out. In light of yesterday's Executive Order by Governor Murphy; Howell Township will be extending our grace period to June 1, 2020 for the Second quarter 2020 Property Tax Payment. This action is effective immediately and will be memorialized in a resolution at the Council's next meeting. There have been some questions as to why the Township waited to take action. We assure you that until yesterday's Executive Order was signed, extending the grace period past May 11th would have been an unlawful action of the part of the Howell Governing Body. Now that the state is allowing municipalities to legally act, our grace period will be until June 1, 2020.

Next, effective Friday May 1, 2020; Howell Township Parks will be reopened to the public for passive recreation only. Playground equipment, basketball courts and any fields used for team sports shall remain off limits. We must insist that visitors to the park continue to maintain social distancing, as well as using facemasks whenever possible. This decision has been coordinated with several other large towns in the area.

We must continue to thank our residents for their continued support during this time. Township officials have continually received compliments and words of praise for their efforts during these trying and unprecedented times. Our First Responders have been well fed by donations of our local businesses. In spite of the positive messages being put out in this update, we must remind everyone that we are not yet out of the woods. We all need to continue to practice common sense. The use of face masks and regular hand washing will remain with us for the foreseeable future.

Stay safe and enjoy our breaking Spring weather!