



# TOWNSHIP OF HOWELL

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From the Howell Township Governing Body:

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To the residents of Howell Township,

Hopefully this update finds everyone healthy and enjoying some of the spring weather that is finally breaking. On May 1, 2020 Howell Township Parks were opened along with our State and County Parks for passive recreation activities only. We cannot emphasize enough to maintain Social Distancing. All playground equipment remains closed until further notice. Common sense should prevail that most organized team sports cannot follow the social distancing recommendations and therefore should be avoided.

One issue the Township is currently contemplating is whether summer camps will be held this year. *As of this point, no final decision has been made.* Our staff is awaiting recommended guidelines from the CDC and the American Camp Association (ACA) if camps can be held and what recommendations are being made, if they are held and whether they can be reasonably accommodated. The Township has been in constant communication with our partners in the School District. If the Department of Education or other State Government agencies mandate that schools remain closed to the public, they will not be available for our camps. We can assure you that every attempt possible is being made in an effort to return to normalcy, while considering the safety of our children and staff. We understand that some parents do rely on summer camps to accommodate their work schedule. We are making every attempt to continue forward with planning to host camp, but please understand that decisions may be made at a higher level that could prevent us from doing so. Any updates to Camp status will be posted to the Howell Township website and Social Media.

At our last Council Meeting the Governing Body approved a resolution forming a Business Recovery Task Force. This Task Force will be comprised of various Business leaders, Government representatives and residents; all volunteering their services to recommend policy and designing a plan for economic strategies. These policies and strategies are intended to assist our businesses recover from the economic damages related to the pandemic. If you wish to serve on this Task Force please complete a Township application [here](#).

Our Department of Public Works has recently returned to full staffing. They will begin Bulk Pick Up on Monday June 1, 2020. Please contact the DPW Office at 732-938-4500 x2450 to schedule your bulk pick up. Please visit our [website](#) to see what materials are accepted and not accepted for bulk.

Stay safe and enjoy our breaking Spring weather!