

Hello, this is Mayor John Coiro.

As of April 30, we now have 241 Totowa residents who have been confirmed testing positive for the corona virus. I am sorry to report that Totowa now has nine confirmed deaths from the virus as well. In Passaic County, the total confirmed positive has passed 13,600.

In my last message, I let you know that the Memorial Day parade and picnic is cancelled this year. I am now announcing that Totowa Day, which has normally been held in June, will also be cancelled. Due to the advanced planning required and uncertainty surrounding the virus, the decision to cancel has been made. We will make a decision at a future time if we can hold Totowa Day later in the calendar year or not.

Also, in my last message, with respect to property taxes due on May 1, in order to assist our residents, I told you that the Council and I wanted to extend the grace period for tax payments without an interest charge to June 30. However, on Tuesday, April 28, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order #130 which states that municipalities can only extend the grace period to June 1. Thus, the Council passed a resolution following the executive order. To be clear, you must make your May 1 property tax payment by June 1 to avoid an interest charge.

The Governor also issued an executive order opening State parks and golf courses, effective May 2. For those of you who use the Passaic County golf course, please check the County website for restrictions and prerequisites that have been put in place. Totowa's parks and fields remain open subject to social distancing. All playgrounds will remain closed however.

Please continue to practice all of the preventive measures you have seen and read about. I will update you again as events warrant. Be safe.

Thank you'