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Dear Residents:

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on borough activities. Below you will find a brief letter outlining what is to come in the remainder of the year. This year has been one like no other. As trying as this year was, we pulled through and came together as a community. Though we are not out of the woods yet, we have a better understanding of what we are up against and what we can do to combat it. I am proud to be the Mayor of such a wonderful and caring community.

As of the writing of this letter, our active number of COVID positive cases is 54. There has been a steady increase of cases throughout the country. We must continue to do our part to stop the spread. We are in the midst of the holiday season and with that comes gatherings with our family and friends. Many of us are faced with making the difficult decision of whether or not to spend the holidays with only our immediate family. If you chose to celebrate with those outside of your household please be smart, and whenever possible, continue to follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing, wearing a face covering inside and outside (if you cannot be at least 6 feet apart), and to wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water. Both New Bridge Medical Center and Bergen Community College are conducting appointment only COVID testing. You can schedule your appointments at www.newbridgehealth.org or www.bergencovidtesting.com.

Though it's not yet officially winter, it does feel like it. The harsh temperatures, along with the ice and snow, make it harder for some to venture out of their homes this time of year. Please check on your neighbors, especially the elderly. A simple phone call checking in can brighten someone's day.

I would like to thank all the parent volunteers that made our fall sports season possible. Without them we would not have been able to get our children out on the fields. We had a large number of children enrolled for all the sports and I am very happy to say we had no instances of virus transmission. I would also like to thank the Department of Public Works for keeping the fields clean and in top playing condition.

The Norwood Public Library has two new exciting virtual programs for our residents. On Tuesdays at 1:00pm you can be a part of a chair yoga class. To register please call the library at 201-768-9555 or register online at www.nowdcirc@bccls.org. The library is also offering a public speaking/debate class taught by high school debaters. These classes will be held on Thursdays at 3:30pm. To register please visit www.bcmsdlboard@gmail.com.

This is the last week the DPW will be coming through town for leaf pickup. Friday December 18th will be the final day. Please make sure your leaves are in a neat pile in the street along the curb. Please do not block any sewers, have cars parked near the piles or have logs, sticks, branches or other debris mixed into the piles. The DPW will not be able to pick up those leaf piles. If you still have leaves that need to be picked up after December 18th, please put them in yard waste bags and they will be picked up by IWS until December 24th. IWS will not pick up any yard waste bags after December 24th.

There will be no garbage pickup on Christmas Day, Friday December 25th or New Year's Day, Friday January 1st. Garbage will be picked up on the Saturdays following the holidays, December 26th and January 2nd.

The 32nd Annual PBA Toy Drive is in effect. This holiday season please consider donating a new unwrapped toy for a child in need. The donations will be distributed throughout multiple children's hospitals and charity's, such as Valley Hospital Pediatric Center and Sanzari Children's Hospital. All donations can be dropped off at the Norwood Police Department.

Sincerely,

James P. Barsa

Mayor