May 6, 2020

Dear Fairfield resident,

We hope this message finds you and your family well. As of today the Township of Fairfield has a total of 76 positive cases of Covid-19.

Taxes were due on May 1st with the usual grace period to May 11th. As you are probably aware, the Municipal Building is closed to the public so no one will be able to enter the building to pay their taxes. Payments can be mailed, or put in the mailboxes at the Municipal Building marked “tax payments”. Payments can also be made online by visiting the Township’s web-site “www.fairfieldnj.org”

The Township of Fairfield collects 100% of the property taxes and those taxes are divided into 3 separate accounts: First for the schools, which is approximately 50%, and the second share goes to Essex County, which is approximately 25%, and the Township share is the remaining 25%. The school and County taxes MUST be paid; the Governor has not given Municipalities any leeway not to pay them. That is one of the reasons that the Township must collect taxes on time. In addition, the Township must continue to pay the Police, DPW, Municipal Staff, garbage and recycling pick up and disposal, PSE&G, health and pension insurance payments, just to name a few, since our operations have been ongoing and uninterrupted.

We fully appreciate and are empathetic to everyone’s situation, and continue to appreciate your vigilance in staying at home as well as social distancing. As long as we look at the big picture, we will prevail and continue to insure that we will remain FAIRFIELD STRONG!