

October 1, 2020 Borough Manager's Report:

Code Enforcement:

As per Council's directive, code enforcement has been radically increased in the Borough. During the month of September, 2020 at least 225 code violation fines were written in the Borough. By comparison, 284 code violation fines were written in the month of August, 2020. In contrast, during the month of September 2019 68 code violation fines were written and in the month of August, 2019 16 code violation fines were written.

I would like to encourage residents to contact the Borough at (610)522-1305 or email me personally at manager@folcroftborough.org if they would like to discuss or dispute a fine or if they can commit to help correct a situation. Residents who would like to report a violation or for general questions can do so anonymously at the same number and email.

Public Safety:

Folcroft Borough Council and I are aware of several unfortunate and high profile events which have occurred within the Borough over the past few months. Please be aware that we will continue to take all actions possible to keep our residents safe. During previous upticks or in reaction to concerns about the potential of similar events, Police patrols of the community have been increased. The Borough Highway Department is currently in the process of identifying street lights which are out and need to be repaired.

Highway:

In the month of September, the Borough Highway Department saw the hiring of two new employees – Shawn Payne and Neil Callahan. On September 25th, we also saw the retirement of Dan (sometimes referred to as "Diver") Falcone after 46 years of outstanding service to the Borough. Mr. Falcone will be greatly missed as a part of our staff but we're excited for him.

Street sweeping was restarted at the end of September. As there has been a significant accumulation of debris on our streets, this process is taking longer than normal and as a result we have opted not to issue tickets for residents who do not move their vehicles as we cannot definitively guarantee that the sweeper will run on time. The sweeper will return to normal hours for 2021 along with tickets being issued.

Events:

State Representative Dave Dellosa and his staff will be distributing boxes of food (approximately 150) from our property each Wednesday. Boxes contain about 20 pounds of fresh meats, dairy and

potentially vegetables. The time and specific location have not yet been confirmed, however they will be distributed from somewhere near Borough Hall.

Other:

The Delaware County Board of Elections is currently in the process of installing a drop-off ballot box at our Library. If you have already received a mail-in ballot and would like to place it here without sending through the mail you will be able to do so, approximately by October 15th. This box will be monitored by Park Police remotely via a solar powered camera 24 hours per day.