

FEBRUARY 16, 2021 Borough Manager's Report:

Code Enforcement:

During last week's snow storm, Joe Donnelly issued a total of 25 tickets for failing to shovel snow within 24 hours of the conclusion of the storm. This is about half of what was written after December's storm, so there seems to be a notable response from residents. In total, 45 tickets have been written over the 9 business days (so far) this month. Joe also stopped commercial construction that was being done without a permit at a site on Delmar Drive, among several projects that were being done without a permit.

As always, 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.

Highway:

The Highway Department did an *incredible* job during our recent snowstorm. Staff were on duty non-stop for 48 hours salting, plowing and clearing our sidewalks. Just like last time, I received dozens of compliments from residents about the quality of their work. The new backhoe has been a great help and has already been put to good use.

This week, staff tore down the old office located in the Highway Garage to make space for more tools and equipment and to allow the backhoe to be comfortably fit inside the building. At some point, perhaps in a year or more, it might be good to discuss buying a car port or other shed to store equipment.

It was brought to my attention that after the snow, some residents are driving all over the grass behind the baseball field in Montgomery Park. I've directed Shawn to close off the access road to the "fishing hole" until the snow melts to avoid erosion and damage to our property.

Events:

The Thursday Food Giveaways have been a resounding success. Currently, we distribute over 4,000 pounds of food in about an hour. I'm thankful that literally hundreds of residents have been able to make good use of our giveaway. These giveaways will continue for at least 6 more weeks, although I am attempting to have them last longer if possible.

This event is not limited to residents as we did not personally source the food. If you know anyone in need, please feel welcome to invite them!

COVID 19:

According to the Chester County Health Department's website, a total of 7.19% of Borough residents have tested positive for COVID 19 since March for a total of 477 cases. This is an increase of 23 cases since my last report to Council. Of these cases, 6 Borough residents have now passed away due to COVID 19. Regrettably, another resident has succumbed to the virus since our last meeting. If you are interested in reading more about this or would like to respond to the survey, please go to <https://www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19>.

Other:

The roof above the Police station seems to be deteriorating at an even faster rate. We've had a number of new leaks appear and with snow covering most of the roof there isn't much we can do about it right now. I've had a roofer come and investigate some cheap but longer term solutions to this problem as it could easily be a year until we move into the new Borough Hall. I'll report to Council when I have more details, but as of now our roofer believes that the cost will range from \$800 to \$3,000 and hopefully prevent any new, serious leaks from being created in the Police Station.