

June 15, 2021 Borough Manager's Report:

Code Enforcement:

During the month of May, a combined total of 200 Code Enforcement violations were issued, mostly for items like tall grass and weeds. This represents an increase of four violations over the month of April, when 196 violations were issued. Again, most of these fines were issued for tall grass and weeds.

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 mulch that councilmembers ordered for the Montgomery Park playground has been delivered and looks fantastic. Highway staff have been busy sprucing up the equipment with a fresh coat of paint and will soon replace the swings on the swing set. The snack bar at Montgomery Park has been fully repainted and no graffiti is visible and all lighting has been repaired.

New employee Hunter Frank started working last week. Already, he has proven himself to be a wonderful asset to the Highway Department!

Events:

The final Thursday food giveaway has concluded with the Share Food program. If another source of food is found I would be glad to restart it. These giveaways, which have been hosted almost every single Thursday since the beginning of October, have helped hundreds and hundreds of people.

The vaccine clinics have been outstanding, but have now received such a low number of attendees that I do not believe we can justify keeping the Borough gym open for these events. As vaccines are now nearly universally available, we can still help direct residents to these resources. I would like to thank "NUAC" Nurses United Against COVID for vaccinating a total of approximately 100 Borough residents. NUAC is still providing at-home vaccinations so residents who cannot get out (for any reason) should still be encouraged to contact the Borough.

COVID 19:

According to the Chester County Health Department's website, a total of 9.65% of Borough residents have tested positive for COVID 19 since March, 2020 for a total of 640 cases. This is an increase of just 13 cases since my last Manager's report to Council on May 25th. Notably, this is

by the far the smallest increase I've seen since I began monitoring this data. Of these cases, 6 Borough residents have now passed away due to COVID 19 which represents no increase from the previous month. 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:

Borough offices have been open to the public for over three months, though masks and social distancing have been required. In accordance with CDC guidance on the matter, I have not required staff who are fully vaccinated and working inside the office or those visiting the office who are fully vaccinated to wear masks. I am still directing staff to not allow residents and visitors into the office except in rare, pre-planned circumstances. In these incidents, I do require residents and staff to wear masks.

As the Borough moves to bring permitting in-house and begins the parking permit program, I think it might be advisable to hire another office assistant to monitor these tasks. This employee should be dedicated to processing permits, scheduling inspections and working on some other projects as well as providing backup services for resident assistance.