

MAY 25, 2021 Borough Manager's Report:

Code Enforcement:

During the month of April, a combined total of 196 Code Enforcement violations were issued, mostly for items like tall grass and weeds. So far, during the month of May at least 123 fines have been issued – again, mostly 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:

On Monday, 5/24 at approximately 5:00pm the grass around the playground at Montgomery Park was sprayed with chemicals that will kill it. After 10 days, the vapor barrier will be installed and mulch will be delivered to complete the first phase of the Montgomery Park work. Jake's Tree Service came in several weeks ago to clear the entranceway to Montgomery park of vines and overgrowth. This area looks fantastic and I encourage all of you to visit and review when you get a moment. Shawn Payne was able to source some decorative slate for the Borough and is retaining it at Borough Hall. In a few weeks to months, this will be used to create some decorative gardens near the entrance to the Borough on Delmar Drive at the "falls" property. Great job, Shawn!

As you may recall, we intended to begin street sweeping at the end of April with fines being issued in the first week/s of May. Due to the repaving program and the highly irregular schedule of repaving which would occur as a result, it was decided that street sweeping should be delayed until at least the middle of June. I will inform Council when I think this should be restarted. I would also like to consider returning to collecting "bulk trash" through Borough staff sometime before the end of fall if this is feasible.

Events:

For now, the Thursday food giveaways have concluded in the Borough. These may continue if and when more food is sourced.

The vaccine clinic was an outstanding success. In total, dozens of Borough residents were vaccinated for COVID 19 including at least once member of Council! The second doses are scheduled in the near future. As children aged 12+ can now be administered the Pfizer COVID 19 vaccine, I suggest that we hold another event to target this group.

The cold patch giveaway also went very smoothly and as many as 50 Borough residents were able to get cold patch. Not even half of the material was taken, so I would like to encourage Council to consider holding this event again, perhaps on a monthly basis through the summer.

COVID 19:

According to the Chester County Health Department's website, a total of 9.45% of Borough residents have tested positive for COVID 19 since March, 2020 for a total of 627 cases. This is an increase of 54 cases since my last Manager's report to Council in April. 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>.