

November 17, 2020 Borough Manager's Report:

Code Enforcement:

Code Enforcement has been limited this month as we transition to a new, in house employee Joseph Donnelly. Mr. Donnelly is currently out of service so he is not yet enforcing Borough codes. Currently, Catania Engineering is temporarily filling in in this capacity, however they enforce codes in a different manner so there is no known tally for the month of November 2020 and a complete tally for the month of October 2020 may not be tabulated until at least next month. Notices are being sent to residents to repair issues in the meantime.

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 has been busy street-sweeping on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and has reportedly been very effective. Contrary to previous thoughts, the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority will now be accepting leaves for pickup. Unless Council has strong opinions otherwise, I advise that we use this system instead of composting the leaves at Montgomery Park as we had originally planned. Leaf pickup began last week and is continuing, though we will need to discuss purchasing a new leaf box next year. Also, having Dan Falcone (our former Foreman) pick up leaves on a per diem basis is critical to continuing this function.

Recently, I've noticed Neil Callahan out doing a fantastic job edging and removing soil and roots and other overgrowth from our sidewalks. I have already received resident compliments about the quality of his work – please thank him if you see him!

The Bid Specifications for a backhoe have been completed by Shawn Payne and are currently in the process of being sent out and advertised so that we can begin looking at vehicles. Hopefully, for the month of November I will have some updates about how this is going.

Events:

I'm currently in discussions with the Police about this plan. By the time this goes out, we should be accepting some Thanksgiving meal materials as donations at Borough Hall. Ideally, meal-kits and Turkeys will be given to residents in need that have been identified by the Borough. The Highway Department has begun Christmas setup has begun with preparations at the Library, though I will defer to Councilwoman Leigh Daly who will likely provide more accurate information about this process.

Other:

Next week, expect small road closures on Carter road and some possible closures on the side streets that intersect with it, though some of this work may not ultimately result in a closure. Plan on Grant Road being closed for the duration of the week during work hours. Horn Road will be closed all week during working hours. Delview Drive will also be closed all week during working hours. Hopefully, this work will be completed in full by the middle of December, something I understand that we are on track to do.