

October 20, 2020 Borough Manager's Report:

Code Enforcement:

Code enforcement is significantly down from September, looking like we may max out at less than 200 violations for the month as we are averaging about 6-7 fines being issued for day to businesses and property owners. We currently have at least 125 delinquent fines over three months old that have not been paid. I would advise that we sent out reminder letters (as we have done with Police tickets) to all of these residents letting them know that their tickets can now be paid online.

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. It seems that the debris which accumulated through the spring and summer has mostly been removed and we now seem to be on a regular schedule. Beginning at the end of October or early November, the Highway Department will transition to leaf collection, which should continue until at least the end of November or into the first week of December. The County is not currently providing a location to drop off leaves, so I recommend that we consider a site in Montgomery Park along the dirt road leading to the "fishing hole" area.

Highway staff are currently in the process of replacing and repairing the degraded fencing around the pumping station at Montgomery Park. Recently, staff stripped the weeds and vines off the old, red fencing and replaced it with new wood. While we are waiting on a quote to replace the old, crooked cyclone fencing around this facility, we may also be able to straighten the old fence and replace some parts which may ultimately save several thousand dollars.

We recently purchased official staff hoodies and shirts for the Highway Staff to help make them more visible when they're out working in the community. This week, staff repaired the 16 year old trailer that we use to tow the lawn mower. Lastly, we should seriously discuss and consider purchasing a backhoe prior to winter.

Events:

I'm proud to report that Rep. Dave Dellosa's food giveaways have been a major success. Combined, we distributed over 7,000 pounds (350 boxes) of food to people in need, of whom it seemed that the overwhelming majority of those who attended were Folcroft residents. These giveaways will continue

through the month of October. Currently, we expect that Senator Williams will attend the October 21st giveaway and Congresswoman Scanlon will attend the October 28th giveaway.

Other:

Our new business privilege tax collection company (e-Collect) has found a total of at least 281 delinquent accounts in the Borough. This means at least 281 different businesses at least one year behind on paying business taxes, though many are years to decades behind. So far, at least \$25,000 in delinquent taxes have been recovered just since the end of September representing perhaps as little as 1% of delinquent accounts.

The ballot drop-off box should be open and ready for the delivery of mail in ballots as of Sunday, 10/18. Originally, we were told to expect that the box would be available as soon as 10/15 however I understand that there was an unexpected delay in sourcing the solar cameras used to monitor these locations. This box will remain in place permanently, though it will only be unlocked during election season.