



► Mayor's Monthly Message December 2020 - #Communicate2Elevate

Hello, and Happy December! December – it's time to celebrate, reflect, appreciate, and create **new goals**.

5 Fun Facts about December:

1. An almanac prediction states that if snow falls on Christmas Day, Easter will be warm, green and sunny.
2. The name December comes from the Latin *decem* for "ten", as it was the 10th month in the Roman Calendar.
3. December 28th is considered by some to be the unluckiest day of the year.
4. Common decorations on a Christmas tree each have their specific meanings. Candles – the light of the world, the Star at the top is a reminder of the first Christmas night and Candy canes are to represent the Shepherd's cane.
5. "Jingle bells" was composed in 1857, and not for Christmas – it was meant to be a Thanksgiving song!


Ring Doorbells now has a new app called "Neighbors." This app allows you to see video clips from other Ring Doorbells and provides alerts immediately about crime in your area. At this time of the year, package thefts have been one of the most common events recorded. The homeowner can view a package theft while at work and then choose to send it to our Police Department. Within minutes of this happening, homeowners in the system also decide how big an area he or she wants to receive an alert. You can also choose a two-block area around your house or a one-mile area, your decision to choose.

It has almost been one year since I took office as Mayor of the Township. There was nothing fun or even pleasant for most of the first couple of months. First off, I have never been a Mayor. I had a lot to learn. Second, the Township was confronted with a number of serious challenges, such as COVID 19 to say the least.

We put our heads down, and got to work. We focused on grant applications. We undertook visioning with our elected leaders and Township staff and professionals. We created goals. We talk freely and openly at Township meetings and at times disagree, but agree to disagree. I have opinions, but I try to listen and be flexible and understand. We are engaging in an ongoing effort to make it easier to do business in Edgewater Park.

I can now honestly say that each and every employee of our Town is working hard for you and is very dedicated to the Township and their jobs. We're a small but efficient engine.





As 2020 comes to a close, we have much to reflect upon. It has been a very difficult year for so many and yet so many more in our community came together to support and help one another. May we continue to focus on shared goals and working together toward common solutions. I would like to extend my best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season and great start to 2021. Thank you for being part of our community, thank you for all you do and thank you for continuously paying it forward and giving back.

So, from everyone here at Edgewater Park—our Township Committee, and Township staff—we wish you a very Happy Holiday season.

It is going to be a very different Fall here in Edgewater Park Township... and everywhere else for that matter. Remember to keep your distance, wash your hands, and wear a mask if you have to be close to anyone.

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