

Mayor's message July 2022

July is not here yet but summer excitement is in the air. Last night, June 8th, the Edgewater Park Summer Concert Series hosted at the Red Dragon Canoe Club started the season off with OMGB, the Old Man Garage Band. They played rock to country blues to funky. The crowd amassed to over three hundred attendees, and ate every hot dog, hamburger and pork roll sandwich the club had to sell. The night air was cool and the band entertained everyone present. The only problem was the band's bass player was so handsome and charming all the females who attended would scream like the women who attended the Beatles on the Ed Sullivan show, whenever he glanced up towards the crowd.

This week the Senior Advisory Group held their summer picnic at the Ridgeway school. Principal Rob Trampay and I cooked for the event. We made what seemed to be hundreds of hamburgers and hotdogs. The teachers and students helped with serving the seniors, the Superintendent, Dr. R., rolled up his sleeves as well. I want to thank Mrs. Judy Hall, the leader of the Senior Advisory group, for her collaboration with Deputy Mayor Johnson on this event. Their planning of the event carried it to the next level. Next year it will be even better.

A little bit about July 4th. Our Independence Day is the cause of great celebration. There will be cookouts, parties and fun for everyone. Please understand that fireworks are illegal to set off in our community. Who wants a ticket and a court date, or worse yet, an injury? No one wants that! What a terrible way to end a good time, or worse blow off your hand. When your buddies ask where your fingers are, you have to say firecrackers. They will laugh at you forever. Also, fireworks cause the neighborhood dogs to go crazy and become very upset. And everyone cares about dogs.

Given the spirit of the 4th of July, I would suggest taking a short trip over the bridge to Old City Philadelphia. The Constitution Center and Museum of the American Revolution are two of my favorites. The Betsy Ross house and Independence Hall are also open and great places to explore. And, don't forget the Liberty Bell. We have so much history in this small part of America. You can walk on the same cobblestone streets that Benjamin Franklin and George Washington strolled along. A short car ride or the NJ Riverline will get you there in a jiffy. I believe the National Parks may be free as well.

Your's truly,
Mayor Bill Belgard & bass player for OMGB.