

Mayors Letter November 2022

Fall has set in, my favorite time of year is here again, leaves changing, temperatures dropping and the start of the holiday seasons. Halloween into Thanksgiving into Christmas and New Years Eve, a whirlwind of stuff to celebrate. I realize not all residents celebrate these particular holidays, that's how my family does it. I hope that the Gym opens soon, I might need it with all the eating and celebrating. No matter what holiday you celebrate, take the time to enjoy your family and friends at this time of year.

There have been a lot of questions concerning the Weinman soccer fields this year. The EPAA came to us several months ago and said some of the fields needed repair. They decided to not use the fields. Our field use from soccer has gone from a one season sport to a three season sport. More games certainly equals more wear and tear. The Township has not closed or restricted use of any of the fields, however this fall they will be re-seed and the bare patches in the goal areas will be fixed. This process is done in the winter and will be completed at the end of the spring.

We are currently working on two road programs, Otto Ave, which should be fairly complete at the writing of this letter and Woodlane Road which is gearing up right now. Please take the time to follow the detours and watch out for the people completing this work. It may be a short inconvenience but in the end the roads will be new and a dream to drive on. Next year we will expand our road program, paving and repairing our streets is one of my top priorities.

Very soon we will be breaking ground on our new state of the art police station. The survey work is complete and our police force is very excited. We hope to break ground by early spring and the building finished by next fall. I along with our Police officers are very excited for this big move. This will be the largest project taken on by the Township Committee, I think ever. Best yet it will be funded by new development you see such as the warehouse and Curaleaf facility.

Until next month, stay warm, enjoy the fall, take a walk in Woodlake park or Roosevelt Park. Check out the changing colors of the trees and take some time to relax and enjoy our wonderful town.

Bill Belgard