

Mayor's Message - March 2022

Hello all. We seemed to survive our one snowstorm of the winter. And the cold temperatures that went with it. It was an exhausting task for our Public Works who started salting and plowing as soon as the flakes started falling. The day after as soon as the temperature started to rise a few degrees they were back out at it. Many hours of work. Residents ask, "why don't they scrape the street?" The answer is we must run rubber shoes on the bottom of our plows, so we don't destroy the roads and send manhole covers sailing. Next year we are looking into a brine machine to help break up the crushed snow and ice from the street making its removal easier when the snow becomes compacted and stuck.

I would like to congratulate three of our exceptional police officers on promotions. Sergeant John Harris has been promoted to Lieutenant. Charles Ryder and Joseph Dunn to Sergeant. We have great officers; our police force is continuing to grow. Other new promotion, Lieutenant Brett Evans will be promoted to Chief next month. We will be sad to see Chief Bob Hess retire. He has been a chief everyone could look up to.

Edgewater Park is seeing the two of the largest projects in its history. The first is the building of a new police station. Unfortunately, ours no longer meets the need or requirements of the day. We will have everything needed to operate a modern police facility. From training rooms, expanded locker rooms, new file storage area etc. Officers will have a place to meet and train. A new state-of-the-art Court facility will also be on the same site. We will also have an area for our Endeavor rescue squad to allow staff to keep an ambulance in town.

Our second project is the overhaul of the Weimann Building, creating a Community Center like no other in the area. A second story will be added. This will allow residents and others to hold an array of functions, birthday parties, sweet sixteen parties, graduations, and the list goes on. It will also be a place for our community organizations to hold their meetings. The facility will include a state-of-the-art kitchen, it will be completely ADA compliant, and there will also be a balcony on the second floor looking over our great soccer / ball fields. During the week the Community Center will host a County-run food program. This will be a wonderful thing, as there is not another program like this in the area. A real benefit to our residents.

Now for the projects we see being developed. The old Pathmark has doubled the size of Big Lots and the property owner is creating a gym, fitness center. The owner Urge Fitness is marketing the facility and signing up memberships. I met with the property owner who said the project is moving ahead and expects his tenant to be open by late spring early summer. Everyone sees the Exeter warehouse behind Cramps Liquors. They are building and hoping to soon have a tenant. We can also see units in the Eagles Chase development going up nicely. Future projects, a brand-new McDonalds will soon be built adjacent to the old one and there will be a new self-storage facility near Rt.130 and Mount Holly Rd.

Remember if anyone has any questions or concerns bring them to our Committee Meetings, first and second Tuesday of the month starting at 7pm. Or call the Town Hall and leave me a message. We are always here for you.

Mayor,

William A. Belgard III