## **Mayor's Report**

## Thursday, December 13, 2018

On Thursday, December 6, 2018 the fourth and final Mayor's Forum was held at Borough Hall. Major topics were the overpopulation of deer and what is currently being done to reduce the numbers. Other questions of concern were also conveyed by residents for which responses are being prepared. It was truly a great meeting which brought holiday smiles upon many faces where many gift certificates were awarded ranging from ten dollars to 49 dollars. The gift certificates came courtesy of the Mayor.

On Friday, December 7, our Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was held at Borough Hall. It was quite a festive atmosphere that saw some 150 kids and guardians out to officially kick-off our borough Christmas season. On Stage Production also assisted in putting on a play around the Christmas character of Charles Dicken's Mr. Scrooge. Special thanks go to Councilman Ron Francis and the Recreation Committee as well as to Mrs. Nelson, the wife of Andrew Nelson, who greatly assisted in our efforts.

From December 1 through December 30, The Borough Flag is being flown at half-staff in honor of President George W. H. Bush's passing and in keeping with the 30-day national day of mourning afforded all presidents upon their passing at all government buildings and institutions.

On Tuesday, December 12 Fox 29 ran a story regarding Yeadon Police Officer Austin Gallagher. Officer Gallagher had observed students playing hoops at Bell Avenue without the proper netting. Officer Gallagher took it upon himself to purchase the netting out of his own pocket, installed it and mixed it up with kids in playing hoops with them.

This is a great example of Community Policing where officers intervene within the natural community environment, while seen as a friendly neighbor, rather than a stereotype of being hostile to the community that they serve. We want to thank Officer Gallagher and the YPD for his humanitarian touch in assisting our youth in such a heart-warming fashion. And on behalf of the Mayor, I want to say, "Thank you for a job well done!"