



Borough of Yeadon

Mayor's Report

Thursday, May 9, 2019

The next Mayor's Forum will be held on Thursday, June 6, 2019. This will be the second of four quarterly forums scheduled for the year.

The Borough is dealing with two (2) high profile deaths over the past few weeks. The first involved Henry Tomah, a U.S. Citizen of Liberian decent. He was going to work on Tuesday, April 16 when an auto driving at a high rate of speed, crashed into his auto on Church Lane and Darnell, pinning Mr. Tomah in the auto. He passed away that night. The hit and run suspect was arrested and arraigned, and is currently awaiting trial. This has generated tremendous media interest, with several press conferences conducted. The funeral and repast will be held on Saturday, June 1, 2019 at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd in Yeadon. The Mayor is also assisting the family in obtaining visas for family members in Liberia. Our new chaplains as well as the police department has been assisting the family in grief counseling to assist in coping with this tragedy.

The second death occurred over the weekend of Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4. Over those two days, John Smith, who practiced his trade as a barber at the "Cutting Edge" Barber Shop located in the 700 block of Church Lane, did not show up for work and was non-responsive to phone calls. Finally, his apartment was forced into, where he was found deceased having succumbed to a sudden heart attack. His funeral and repast will be held at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, May 11, 2019. I would like to thank our police department and first responders for promptly responding to both incidents.

On Saturday, May 4, Yeadonites rolled up their sleeves for our third annual Comcast Cares Clean-up Day. The areas of concentration was Church Lane and Chester and also Chester and West Cobbs Creek, which saw a welcome facelift. Special thanks go to all volunteers, including Yeadon resident and Comcast executive Winston Reid, along with Public Works, Police and Code Departments who assisted in the effort.

I would also like to thank State Representative Joanna McClinton and Margo Davidson for hosting a wonderful Yeadon community event on Saturday, May 4. The weather cooperated as the 700 block of Church Lane was closed down for a carnival type atmosphere which was a great prelude to our upcoming 70th Flag Day celebration on June 8.