



Borough of Yeadon

Mayor's Report

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Mayor's Forum: The next Mayor's Forum will be held next week on Tuesday, September 24th. The topics will again feature current crime stats, mitigation plans for the upcoming deer season, and again our Police Chaplaincy innovation. Next forum will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019

The 2020 Census in now underway: We have not received the amount of attention from the County, who oversees ensuring each resident of the 49 municipalities are thoroughly counted. Short of that effort, each municipality will have to step up to assist in this undertaking. If there is a significant undercount, our share of federal dollars for infrastructure, education, transportation, and regional representation in Congress, will suffer and we become less powerful. Consequently, we want each resident to be aware of this status, while encouraging everyone to be counted.

Union Avenue Flooding: On Monday, September 16th, Mayor Anthony Campuzano of Lansdowne, Mayor Tom Miccozzie of Upper Darby, and Mayor Hepkins of Yeadon, met regarding longstanding flooding issues on Union Avenue just below the SEPTA railroad tracks, which converges upon these three Borough's, which has been a problem for years. This meeting was initiated by Mayor Campuzano. We explored ideas to address flooding mitigation, and reviewed prior feasibility studies, which had been estimated to be in the millions. Each borough will try to assist in identifying grants and work with our respective engineers to address this issue.

Reconciliation Night: On Tuesday, September 17th, Yeadon Police Department hosted a Night of Reconciliation. Residents were invited to the borough to view a nationally shown video of police brutality and how residents and police can learn from each other and start a dialogue of healing and understanding in order to engender a better relationship with each other. Fox 29, Joyce Evans ran a story on the matter. A Bucks County couple attended this meeting, as they stated their local police refused to take part, and wanted to learn from what Yeadon is doing – as they appreciated our approach on this issue. The meeting was well attended with approximately 65 residents.

Comprehensive Camera System Procurement: Discussions were made during last week's Caucus Meeting regarding the status of our comprehensive borough-wide camera procurement under the direction of our Borough Engineer. We are continuing to advance this procurement with the engineer and the Borough management team.