



Mayor's Report

May 13, 2021

Mayor's Citizen's Forum: On Thursday, March 4, the first quarterly Mayor's Citizens Forum was held via Zoom. The next forum is scheduled for June 3rd. This special Forum focused on our Wellness Center and the COVID-19 vaccination rollout. Special guests included Delaware County Councilor Kevin Madden and County Health Advisor Dr. Lisa O'Mahony. A follow up meeting was established to ensure the County Council met our deliverables for Borough Residents.

Yeadon Wellness Center & Vaccination Update: Since its grand opening on January 28, 2021, the Wellness Center has vaccinated an estimated thousand plus Yeadonites. In addition to the Mercy Fitzgerald Site – also located in Yeadon, the figures are estimated in the thousands. Supply is now outpacing demand, as everyone who wants a vaccine can now obtain one. The Mercy Fitzgerald site is now taking drive thru residents 18 years of age or older with the Moderna Vaccine.

Community/Police Love Park: On Monday, May 10, there was a ground-breaking ceremony at Yeadon Community Park. Chief Paparo & Mayor Hepkins were informed that the YPD was one of the first organizations to commit to participating to the national day of recognition known as 'Love is the Answer' Day in September 2019," according to filmmaker A.J. Ali. "Love is the answer has helped officers and community residents draw closer together," he said. As a result of this initiative, the nation's first known police love park for residents was one of the outgrowths of that movement. It also bolsters our community policing efforts. The ceremony generated great press coverage. Kudos to Chief Paparo and the YPD for this great initiative. The LOVE Community Garden will be a great place to meditate, relax and/or meet in an aesthetically pleasing atmosphere that is designed to decompress, meet, and advance dialogue between police, residents, and the community as a whole.

Public Safety Meeting: The Public Safety Meeting was held on Saturday, April 24. Next meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, May 29.

Nile Swim Club – Historical Site Marker: The Yeadon Borough Historical Commission (YBHC) was successful in having the iconic Nile Swim Club in Yeadon, Pennsylvania officially recognized as a Historical Pennsylvania landmark. A dedication ceremony will be held at the Nile Swim Club on **Saturday, May 22, tentatively at 10:00 AM**. Check the borough & library websites for latest updates.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week: May 2 through 8 has been designated as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week by Delaware County Council. We have acknowledged this with our own Borough Proclamation. Information will be posted on our Website.

Mayor's Senior Expo: On Saturday, May 15, a Senior Expo will be hosted at the former Citizen's Bank Parking Lot on Guenther Avenue. Various vendors will be onsite to assist Seniors in a host of medical, social, and various programs designed for seniors.