

MAYOR'S REPORT
JUNE 21, 2022

The Kiosk at Riverside Way has been installed and is now operational. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this up and running.

With the help of the Firth Youth Center, the park program will continue. The program will run from July 11 – August 11 from 9Am to 12PM, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. They will be held at the Firth Playground and Walters' Park. The free playground is opened to kids ages 6-11 years old. For more information, the website is firthyouthcenter.com, phone number 908-454-7281 and info@firthyouthcenter.com.

Warren Street construction continues with a focus on concrete work related to curbing and sidewalks. It is anticipated that concrete on Warren Street will take 2 to 3 weeks to complete and then the crew will mobilize to address the sidewalk project in Hillcrest around the Town public green space area. In addition, sanitary and stormwater inspections continue to progress as part of the 2022 road program. The Town Engineer has been directed to apply for NJDOT grants for Hudson Street Phase 2 as the primary application and a secondary application for Green Street Phase 1 improvements.

Benches, new trash receptacles, a bike repair station, bike racks, street planters and hanging flower baskets will be installed throughout the month of June. Locations for benches will be throughout the South Main Street corridor, trash receptacles will replace the old ones in Shappell Park, Bike Repair Station will be located within Shappell Park, Bike racks will be located within Shappell Park and nearest Cycle Funattics, Large Flower Pots will be located at the 4 corners of Stockton and South Main, 2 at Jersey Street and 2 on Sitgreaves by the Tax Place & Service Electric, hanging baskets will be around Shappell Park and up South Main Street as far as Joe's Steak Shop.

Through the Town's NPP South Main Street Alliance, the Town has partnered Norwescap's Community Development Program and the Union County Economic Development Corporation (UCEDC) to create a Business Development Academy. Applications are available by contacting Helen Zamora-Bustos at Norwescap at zamorabustosh@norwescap.org, or by calling 908-521-4220, Ext. 3005 (Tues, Wed, Thurs).

Two additional workshops will be provided to anyone thinking about opening a business within the South Main Street Business District. These workshops will concentrate on how to open a business, Business 101: 1) How to get started, and 2) How to Finance a business. Registration will be required, but there is no limit to the number of spaces. More to come.

The Town is working with Norwescap's Community Development Program and the Phillipsburg Chamber of Commerce to create the Phillipsburg Open Air Public Market. This is open on Sunday, July 10th and runs for 13 weeks until October 2nd. The location of the Market is Jersey Avenue. There will be a variety of vendors, not just farms, music, and children's activities. The Town's website should be updated soon with a link for more information. In the meantime, if anyone is interested in being a vendor, please contact Laurie Nelson at the Phillipsburg Chamber at 610-739-8858 or Helen Zamora-Bustos at 908-521-4220, Ext. 3005. There is currently a committee meeting once a week, please reach out to Helen if you would be interested in volunteering your time to serve on this committee.

We would like to congratulate Chris Reed and Steve Davis for their 35 years of dedication to the Town of Phillipsburg. Happy Anniversary!!!

It was my privilege to attend the dedication of the Phillipsburg Senior Center to Gloria A. Decker.

We want to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, and safe 4th of July.

Respectfully Submitted,
Todd M. Tersigni
Mayor of Phillipsburg

