

MAYOR'S REPORT

December 6th, 2022

Last week and over the weekend I was proud to see Phillipsburg's community spirit embodied fully in our tree lighting on Monday evening in Shappell Park as well as Operation Toy Train at the Phillipsburg Union Tower on Sunday, where the Town of Phillipsburg not only surpassed last year's record for toys collected but all years combined with 572 toys and counting as donations as it is not too late to donate. Those still interested in donating toys to needy families may do so by bringing new, unwrapped toys to participating local businesses. The list of participating businesses can be found on the Operation Toy Train website. I'd like to thank our Fire Department, Police Department, EMS and DPW as well as Norwescap and the Phillipsburg-Easton Chamber of Commerce for their participation, and last but certainly not least the Chesapeake & Delaware Railroad and the Phillipsburg Union Tower Group for their hard work and dedication which made this great event such a success for our town.

I'm pleased to announce that the Town of Phillipsburg has received NJDOT approval for Phase II of Hudson Street through the Local Aid Program. Design work for Phase I is being completed now and I look forward to this important rehabilitation project. Lead and galvanized service replacement by Aqua will continue throughout the winter. Residents with questions or concerns about their line should contact my office and we will coordinate with Aqua where needed. Elizabethtown Gas is also planning a number of main replacements and upgrades which will result in better service to our residents as well as new pavement once the work has been completed. The traffic signal at Roseberry and Center Streets has been activated which will control traffic in and out of the Bridge Development warehouse complex. This much needed traffic control was paid for entirely by Bridge Development and will allow the Town of Phillipsburg to regulate truck traffic flow. The Circulation Plan Subcommittee will be meeting soon to finalize the Circulation plan for motorized, pedestrian and bicycle traffic through town. Public hearings on the plan will be held in January.

Recently I held a meeting with one of the principal members of a local skateboarding group, William McWilliams about the need for skate park in Phillipsburg. I was extremely impressed by their dedication, knowledge and hard work at attempting to construct their own park and I've directed my Administration to investigate available grant opportunities both public and private. My Administration also continues to work on Phillipsburg's bid for a Cal Ripkin field and I am pleased to announce that Van Cleef Engineering has generously agreed to donate survey work at Walters Park as well as to donate time to serving on the Ripkin Field Committee. I thank Van Cleef Engineering for providing their expertise on this project to the Town of Phillipsburg. Residents will also be pleased to see major improvements to Delaware Heights Park and Chambers Street Playground. We are also working closely with our UEZ on the projects they will be submitting for state approval which will help to drive foot traffic in our downtown and stimulate business growth. Finally, I will be dedicating the Joyce Sickels Memorial Room at Freeman School which currently serves as our Town Hall this Friday, December 9th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd M. Tersigni, Mayor