

The Mayor's Corner

August 3, 2017

Another Arrow in the Quiver

Recently a resident contacted Christine Hart, our Borough Manager, Chief Fantry, and me about a speeding incident. She wanted to be sure that we were aware of this potentially dangerous situation. At the end of her message she apologized for the complaint.

Christine told her that she should never apologize for a complaint.

I reiterated what Christine said. I then went on to say that I didn't consider her message a complaint. As I saw it, she was bringing a situation to our attention and I thanked her for taking the time to do so.

The safety of our residents is always first and foremost. Unfortunately, given our limited human resources; we are not always aware of situations that need our attention. Thus it becomes necessary to turn to special tools to help with the task. Communication from our residents is one of the tools that we use to ensure that safety. I like to think of it as "another arrow in the quiver".

When you see something that could be detrimental to the safety of our citizens, e.g. speeders, potholes, defective streetlights, or trees that are in danger of falling on to sidewalks or streets; to name a few, please don't hesitate to contact the Borough. You will be helping us to help you and all of our residents to be safe.

Whenever I declare a snow emergency, I point out that safety is not just the responsibility of one agency or the other. I say that we are in this together. Please don't limit this "togetherness" to snowstorms.

We are looking to you to be that much needed arrow in our quiver.

Thank you.

Greg