

## Mayor's Corner - January 2022



North Wales Borough may be a small town but it's certainly not quiet. Just days into my first week as Mayor, we've already declared a snow emergency!

Thankfully, while the storm wasn't as bad as originally forecast, it provided an excellent opportunity for me to see how the Borough Government works with its partners across the region to ensure the safety of the Borough's residents and visitors.

As the forecasts gained confidence, we were able to see that this was unlikely to be a minor dusting of snow. Hours before the first snowflake fell from the sky, there were emails and texts going around to implement the procedures and plans the Borough has in place for snow emergencies.

Thankfully, the storm produced no major incidents and was a gentle beginning to the winter season.

This is a great segue to a vital point: the Borough has an amazingly competent group behind the workings of everyday life. From the administrative staff at Borough Hall, the police officers on the streets, the Public Works staff working the plows, to the volunteers at North Penn Volunteer Fire Company and VMSC, we are cared for by members of the community we live in.

The same level of care for the community is also evident from elected and appointed officials throughout the Borough. People are making time out of their busy days at work and with families to work hard to make the Borough a great place to live.

While I've had the pleasure of being sworn into office with some amazing individuals, this is also an opportunity to recognize the service of several people who have served the Borough selflessly in years past. Members Jim Sando, Jim Cherry, and Ronny Little have ended their terms on the Council.

Personally, Mayor Gregory D'Angelo, my predecessor in this office, served North Wales Borough with 8 years of selfless service to our community with the love and support of his

family. The transition conversations we had were informative and the epitome of graciousness. Thank you.

To be sure, nothing is perfect. There are challenges facing the Borough in the months and years to come and we will have conversations about tackling those. Today, however, is a great time to pause and celebrate the service of the many who make our Borough a true community.

Finally, I must note that we are still dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic and the Omicron variant. As I'm writing this on January 7th, the Borough has had 64 positive cases of COVID in the past 30 days with 28 new cases in the past 7 days. I urge all residents to continue masking up, getting fully vaccinated/boosted, and follow all applicable County, State, CDC and medical provider guidance on keeping each other safe.

Thank you!

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Mayor, North Wales Borough