

From the Mayor's Desk - This is my first message to our community in the Folsom Newsletter and unfortunately it is during a time of unprecedented concern for the health and safety of our community. While this pandemic is like nothing we have ever experienced before, I am thankful for our great municipal team, as we all work together to follow the guidelines and directives set before us by the NJ Governor's office in effort to keep our community safe. We are all in this together, let's stay focused and work together to get through this difficult time.

In addition, I recommend that you visit the Folsom website: www.folsomborough.com regularly as your source for Borough information, and stay up-to-date on the latest instructions and changes to restrictions and information on how to stay safe. Please feel free to contact me via email at gschenker@folsomborough.com with any questions or concerns you may have.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all the businesses in Folsom for their generous donations and ask our community to patronize them as without them this publication would not be possible.

Greg Schenker

Mayor, Borough of Folsom

FOR ALL COVID19 QUESTIONS, PLEASE VISIT: COVID19.NJ.GOV

From the Clerk's Desk – You may renew your pet license through the USPS. Please send a copy of updated rabies certificate along with the appropriate fee \$9.00 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$12.00 non-spayed/non-neutered.

To request a copy of a Certified Birth, Marriage or Death Certificate, please provide a copy of your ID and application found at www.folsomborough.com/clerk/vital statistics. \$5.00 per copy.

When applying for a Marriage License, please contact the Clerk's Office at 609-561-3178

Voter Registration can be mailed or downloaded from the County Clerk's Office www.atlanticcountyclerk.org.

All OPRA requests can be made through mail/fax (609)561-5821 or pgatto@folsomborough.com

Dept. Public Works - (will remain operational) Leaf Collection Schedule – Spring collection begins April 1st and will continue until May 18th. Collection will begin on Monday and continue until the entire route is complete. Please have all leaves curbside at the beginning of each week and keep free of yard debris. **NOTE:** work schedule may change due to Governor mandates.

Electronic Waste (E-waste) - Personal computers, monitors, televisions, and batteries are not permitted to be included in trash. Please recycle them at a Goodwill location, Best Buy or at the Borough Garage the 2nd Saturday of every ODD number Month between 8am and 1pm. They will NOT be collected at the curb.

Chipping services will continue at least twice per month. Limbs may be no larger than 6” round and cut on a 45 degree angle. Please place the trunk end facing the street. **NO vines, Weeds or corn stalks.**

Folsom Environmental Commission - A grant for a pollinator garden at the community garden site is in the works. And we are again sponsoring Arbor Day contests for our students.

Helpful Recycling Reminders: remember recycling properly saves our town money !!!

- Single use plastic bags are **NOT** recyclable!! **DO NOT** put recyclables in plastic bags.
- Recycle only clean dry cardboard **NOT** waxed or wet. No bottle caps!

Save the Date: Council meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM. Minutes can be found on the Borough Website. April 1st, 2020 is Census Day. Please participate. It can help our town save money. Arbor Day is April 24th.

Park and Recreation Committee: Folsom was approved for a **\$414,000 DOT** grant for a walking/bike path from Folsom School to the 13th street Jack Eckhart complex.

This spring/summer look for the installation of outdoor exercise equipment at Penny Pot Park. There will be exercise stations and some intended for wheelchair users.

Friendly Reminders: Don't forget to get Building Permits for home improvement projects.

Test your CO alarms

Please check out the ads from various businesses around town. Support local.

Office of the Tax Assessor and Collection – Please use the tax-payment drop off box located across from the front door of Borough Hall. Reductions in taxes can be obtained for veterans, disabled, and of course senior citizens who qualify.

Planning and Zoning Board - The Borough is designated into 8 land use categories or districts. These districts were implemented by the Pinelands Commission. Any changes in land use require an application to the Planning/Zoning Board for a variance which can be obtained at Borough Hall or at the **Borough Website**.

Important Numbers: A complete list can be found on our Borough Website

Fire: 609-561-9614 Tax questions: Collector: 609-561-4374 Assessor: 609-561-3507

Clerk: 609-561-3178 Planning Board/Zoning office: 609-561-3507

SUPPORT LOCAL – Local businesses have been very generous in this time of crisis.

Remember: YOU ARE NOT ALONE. If you're feeling down, or you or a loved one feel unsafe:

♥♥Crisis Text Line: text "NJ" to 741741

♥♥Family Helpline: 1-800-843-5437

♥♥Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-572-7233

♥♥Mental Health Hotline: 866-202-4357

We will get through this together.