

Please join me in welcoming two new employees to the Borough, Alicia Jones and Amado Bencosme. Alicia is the new Technical Assistant to the Construction Official (TACO) and Amado is our new Code Enforcement Officer. He is working as the Borough's first **Full Time** Code Enforcement Officer. We wish both of them success in their new positions.

On behalf of the entire Council, I would like to express our best wishes to Margaret Moniz on her retirement from the Borough. Maggie had worked in the Construction Office since 2013. We wish her and her husband, John, many happy and healthy years ahead.

Our beachfront, parks and playgrounds have seen unprecedented use this summer due to the ongoing pandemic. I want to send out a special "Thank You" to our Police Department which has provided extra protection to ensure the safety of our residents and the many visitors who have enjoyed our spaces and to the Public Works Department which has kept these areas clean and sanitized for safe enjoyment. I also want to recognize all our Borough Hall and Construction Office workers who continue to provide necessary essential services during these challenging times. Finally, our Emergency Services are unparalleled in their commitment to our community no matter what the circumstances.

The Municipal Building Addition & Renovation Project continues to move along. We are very excited that our employees will soon be moving into their new offices while the renovation of the existing building gets underway. Our 2020 capital improvement projects which began in late Spring are now near completion. This year's roads that were part of the plan, Lorillard and Ocean, look great and the reconstruction of these roads is a real asset for the Borough. The \$156,647 grant that we were awarded by the Community Development Block Grant Program for the reconstruction of one block of Ninth Street has, unfortunately, not yet been released. If it is too late in the year to begin a new project once the funds are released, we will include the Ninth Street project as part of the 2021 Capital Improvement Program.

Remember to check the Borough website for regularly updated information.

Please keep in mind that there are children still outside playing so drive carefully and put down the phone.

Stay safe.

Peace,
Albin