

Community Update
Nov. 30, 2021

- Good evening. I am Mayor Bob DeFillippo and on behalf of the Township Council, welcome to our meeting tonight. We hope everyone had a very pleasant Thanksgiving break. Moving around town, it was nice to see people out. It felt normal and I think we all needed that.
- I am excited that we are bringing back several holiday events over the coming weeks – more about them later.

COVID

- None of us want to hear this, but the number of people who have contracted Covid since our last meeting on Nov. 9 jumped again -- from 3,127 to 3,308. That is 181 new cases in about three weeks.
- Our Public Health Nurse Jim Craig, who continues to closely monitor Covid in our community, thinks the jump may be the result of people getting together more frequently as the holiday season begins – something we were told to expect.
- With that in mind and with news about yet another variant, the Township Council wishes to remind everyone to be careful during this holiday season and to follow social distancing recommendations by wearing a mask when indoors and in large crowds.
- We also urge those who are eligible to get fully vaccinated to protect themselves and the community from further spread of the virus.
- We are all anxious to gather with friends and family. It makes sense to do it safely.

Library Gala

- On Wednesday, Nov. 17, the Roxbury Library Foundation's inaugural gala, took place to honor our local first responders and essential workers, who helped Roxbury during the worst days of COVID-19. The event also raised around \$70,00 for the future expansion of the library, including a surprise \$10,000 last-minute gift from Roxbury Pharmacy owner Sam Maddali.
- During the ceremony, those who were honored were presented with proclamations and citations from state Senator Tony Bucco, and Assemblypersons Aura Dunn and Brian Bergen.
- Morris County Commissioner Kathy DeFillippo said: "The honorees you are about to meet tonight are folks who went to work every day when we were all asked to stay home. They protected us from harm, transported us to the hospital, patched our roads, cared for our parents, put out our fires, maintained the public health, taught our children, and cared and fed for the most vulnerable among us."
- The library and the Township wish to thank our generous sponsors who helped to make the evening a great success. They are:
 - County Concrete Corp.
 - Bob and Kathy DeFillippo
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 - Ann Kreidler and John R. Wetzel

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 - HMR Architects
 - Investors Bank
 - Kingstown Truckstop LLC
 - Roxbury Woman's Club
 - Roxbury Rotary Club
 - Sharp
 - Valley Pharmacy
 - TAPinto Roxbury was a media sponsor for the gala.
- Coming up, I know my fellow Council members are planning to tell you more about Home for the Holidays, Santa Land, the Township's Tree Lighting Ceremony, and other holiday events.
 - So, with that, thank you all for your attention. As a reminder, we have only one more Council meeting this year on Dec. 14.
 - Stay safe. Now, back to our agenda.

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