The Mayor’s Message is short this month, as it often is in December, to make room for other critical, year-end information, so here are just a few quick items.

First, Public Works is well supplied with salt, brine and plows as winter approaches. In the event of a large snowfall, please consider helping out by clearing the snow from your local fire hydrant.

Second, in November the Borough held another Facebook Live session, and members of the governing body were available at the Library one Saturday morning for an informal discussion session over coffee. That will continue, and we’ll get information out as similar events are scheduled.

Third, the borough’s Branch Avenue sidewalk project has been completed, with the county now scheduled to finish repaving Branch as soon as weather permits in the spring. The borough is also now scheduled to repave Markham Place in the spring (during a school break), funded with a DOT grant. The weather dashed our hopes of having that project done this fall.

Fourth, please come out to our holiday events, all advertised in more detail elsewhere in this newsletter: the Tree Lighting, with music by our students, a special visitor for the kids, and post-lighting goodies, outside Borough Hall on Sunday, December 1 at 4 p.m; the Parker Homestead’s holiday open house on Sunday, December 8, from 1-4, with tours, decorations by our Garden Club, and the Embury Church Carolers, all overlooking the newly-dredged Parker Homestead pond (thanks to Monmouth County); and on December 14, we’ll place wreaths at our Memorial Park monuments at noon to acknowledge our veterans and the absence of those in the military during the holiday season, through Wreaths Across America.

Fifth, please patronize your all-volunteer Fire Department’s sale of trees, wreaths, garland and sundries at the Little Silver Firehouse. Your home will look terrific, and your purchase will help our volunteers keep us safe.

Sixth, please remember that leaves only may be placed to the curb until December 27. Brush and limb pickup will resume January 1, so the leaves must be gone by then.

And last, the Borough’s reorganization meeting for 2020 is on January 6. Among other things, various appointments are made to our volunteer committees, boards and commissions. We have a couple openings, so if you have an interest, please feel free to call or email me.

On behalf of the Borough Council, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukah, and a healthy holiday season no matter what you might celebrate. As always, please call borough hall with any concerns, or contact me directly by calling my home phone at (732) 576-8595, or emailing me at bobneff80@gmail.com.