



*December 7, 2018*

*On behalf of the Borough Council, municipal employees, and service volunteers, I want to wish all our residents a joyous holiday season and best wishes for 2019.*

*With Hanukkah already upon us, and with Christmas less than three weeks away, most of us are deep into the frenzy of the season. We worry about buying gifts, decorating the house or the Christmas tree, preparing for a large family meal, or making travel arrangements. It frankly amazes me how we let ourselves fall into the trap of extreme commercialism. We hunt for the perfect gift to give friends or family, and sometimes exceed our budgets, but often sacrifice the most precious gift of all—time. Time with loved ones, time outdoors with Mother Nature, and if you are religious, time with God. We should heed what Ben Franklin said: “Time is the stuff life is made out of.” And if I heard our Borough Chaplain, Pastor Brian Neville, correctly at last night’s Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Veterans’ Park, he and Ben Franklin are on the same page!*

*So, in addition to wishing my fellow residents Season’s Greetings, and a Happy New Year, I wish you all the gift of time, for that is truly the most precious gift one can offer in this season of giving.*

*Mayor John J. Ruocco*

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