

Community Update

Sept. 28, 2021

- Good evening and on behalf of the Roxbury Township Council, welcome to our meeting.
- Before I get to our COVID report, I want to say how much fun it was to see everyone at Suckasunny Day this past Saturday – I especially enjoyed watching Deputy Mayor Hall and Councilman Potillo get dunked for a good cause – to raise money for the library. I wish to thank them for being good sports.
- It looked like everyone had a great time and I would like to thank the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna, the Roxbury Library, and Succasunna United Methodist Church for presenting this great event. We missed it last year and it was nice to get it back.
- Also thankful for the High School Gaels Band – they were amazing – and the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts who provided the color guard and led us in the Pledge of Alliance.
- Events like Suckasunny Day remind us how much we have missed these community events and how much we sacrificed as a community because of COVID. But it also reminds us of what a great community Roxbury is to live, work, and raise a family.

COVID

- Turning to our COVID report. Roxbury experienced another significant jump in confirmed COVID cases over the last two weeks. Since our last

meeting on Sept. 14, the number of confirmed COVID cases went from 2,842 to 2,906 – 64 new cases.

- We seemed to have leveled off in terms of the increase in the number of cases. But that number is still too high. Once again, the new cases are attributed to people who have not been vaccinated and are generally confined to families and households.
- Our Public Health Nurse Jim Craig, who remains fully involved with the pandemic in Roxbury, also tells me that we are also seeing more breakthrough cases -- especially with persons vaccinated with Pfizer.
- On a positive note, there seems to be a consensus that we are going to see a steady, gradual decline in cases over the next few months. And that can probably be attributed to the fact that Morris County has the highest vaccination rate of any county in the state.
- I'd like to thank our community for its cooperation and patience during the pandemic and we ask that you stay focused on ending the pandemic by getting vaccinated if eligible.
- Recently, New Jersey approved the booster shot for the Pfizer vaccine for people over 65 and for those with compromised immune systems.
- We urge those who are eligible to get a booster shot.
- To break the current surge in cases, we need to continue to get vaccinated and to practice social distancing whenever we are indoors or in large crowds.

MOBILE DMV

- Finally, I am pleased to announce that the state's Mobile Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) unit will be in Roxbury on Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Horse Show Lake complex, 72 Eyland Ave., in Succasunna, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- This was a service the state launched during the pandemic to address the overwhelming demand for MVC services following the agency's pandemic shutdown.
- I would like to thank Councilman Jim Rilee for requesting the Township invite the Mobile MVC to come to Roxbury and Assemblywoman Aura Dunn for making the arrangements.
- I know you do need to make an appointment through the Assemblywoman's office. More details about the Mobile DMC Unit will be available on the Township's website. We are also planning to promote the event over the next few days.
- Thank you, again, for joining us tonight. Now, back to our agenda.

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