Dear Neighbor:

This year we have celebrated Oradell’s 125th Birthday! Thanks to the efforts of many we have marked the occasion in several ways. The 2020 Borough Calendar will once again feature art created by the students at OPS commemorating Oradell’s history. Mary Margaret and George Carter continue to capture Oradell’s history by graciously organizing and moderating discussions with residents who have lived in Oradell for more than 70 years. OPTV is recording it all for posterity! Without the history that these residents are sharing, Oradell is like a tree without roots. Be sure to watch on OPTV and learn what family life was like in Oradell over 70 years ago.

And speaking of Oradell’s history, the Oradell Fire Department and the Borough have partnered to raise the funds required to restore “Old Moe” – the OFD’s 1928 American La France historic pumper. The restoration will be funded 50/50 and the OFD has held several Texas hold’em tournaments to help raise its 50% portion (be sure to sign up, I hear they are a lot of fun!).

Time flies and 2019 is certainly no exception. It has flown by and pretty soon the leaves will be flying too! This newsletter contains the schedule for leaf pickup, please be sure to tear it out and follow it. And I would be remiss if I did not thank the many volunteers who installed the corn stalks in our downtown – it certainly looks beautiful and is a welcome harbinger of fall.

You will also find information about upcoming Borough Events, including our annual Halloween party, our Veteran’s Spaghetti Dinner (stop by and thank our Veterans for all that they have done and continue to do), the Senior Holiday Party and the Tree and Menorah Lightings (yes the holidays will also be here before we know it), to name a few. Please join us at these events and continue to visit the wonderful Farmer’s Market we have each Sunday through November.

Please be sure to look at the rendering of the new inclusive playground that is coming to the Doug Parcells Athletic Complex. This playground has been partially funded through grants obtained by the Borough to offset the cost.

I must also extend our appreciation to all of the volunteers who serve on our many committees and dedicate hours of their personal time to make Oradell the special place that it is. We are also grateful to the many Borough employees who serve our community in so many different capacities – thank you!

Happy Fall and as always, please be mindful of the pedestrians and other motorists on our roadways as our children return to school! Use the pedestrian flags for our busiest crossings and please be safe,

Mayor Dianne Didio