

Dillsburg Borough Newsletter

"A Small Town with a BIG Heart"

FALL 2020



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Greetings from the Borough Council President

Once again, we find ourselves approaching Autumn and each year it seems to come faster and faster. Spring and Summer were a blur and now we face a fall season in Dillsburg without Farmers Fair. 2020 has thrown some curve balls to us all! I hope you and your families are doing well.

During the spring and summer, we all faced some challenges with cancelled events, too many online meetings and a lack of in person summer fun. Instead, we found creative ways to move forward and stay connected. We saw car parades celebrating birthdays and high school graduations, along with car parades to support those who needed a boost in spirit. The community found creative ways to be there for each other. Businesses have shown to be nimble and adaptive with the restrictions, keeping the doors open to serve our community. Outdoor dining sprung up everywhere and thankfully, the summer weather accommodated this shift. Please do what you can to support the local businesses and thank them for their efforts in working through the challenges.

Borough events such as the Picklefest and Farmers Fair were cancelled for 2020 but look forward to a big turnout in 2021. These and other events are the primary means of our community groups and school boosters to do fundraising. Since these opportunities did not take place, consider a donation to your group(s) of choice to help them out. As we move through the rest of 2020, let's keep our spirits up, enjoy our time with family and friends and look to a much better year ahead in 2021.

The Borough maintained our meeting schedule, holding the council meetings outdoors keeping the business of the borough moving forward. We lucked out with the weather most of the time. We might hold more meetings outdoors in the future, just to enjoy the fresh air. Council continues to do their best for the needs of the entire community and are proud to serve the residents of Dillsburg.

Be well and have a wonderful fall and winter and Happy Holidays to you all.

Holly Kelley
Council President

Want to be the First to Know or receive information by email?

Would you like to receive information from the Borough by email? If you would like to start receiving items such as important notices, road closings, newsletters, etc., please e-mail us at dillsburg@dillsburg.com. Please include your name and address and a brief note stating you would like to be placed on the email listing.

A Message from the Borough Manager

Hello To All!

You will see some activity in the Borough over the next few weeks. Repairs will begin on the Borough's stormwater system on North Baltimore Street and at Harrisburg Pike and Church Street. Sidewalks will be installed on South Chestnut Street. When complete there will be sidewalks on both sides of the street from York Street to the School and to the Dillsburg Community Park. You may also see some activity on the lot next to the Park. A new Borough Office and Public Works area should be operational by this time next year. A home for NEMA and DEMA, space for EMS and a Community Room will also be part of the project.

With autumn right around the corner, the leaves will soon begin falling. Please keep an eye and/or an ear out for the leaf pickup dates. One last thing: If and when the snow comes, remember that you are responsible for where you park your vehicle, removing snow from your sidewalks, keeping fire hydrants cleared and where you put snow. Snow should NOT be placed on the streets, alleys, sidewalks or neighboring property. Thanks to Miller Brothers, 'snow' parking is now available behind the Dollar General for residents to park their vehicles during snow emergencies.

Hope you have all visited the Community Park, located off South Chestnut Street/Old York Road. The additional picnic tables and bench along the creek is a great place to enjoy nature. You can also take your puppies for a run, grill some food and have a picnic, watch the kids swing, take a walk on the path or do some exercises on the workout equipment. Hope to see you there sometime soon!

The Borough tries to keep residents informed throughout the year by advertising in the Dillsburg Banner, putting as much information as possible on its cable channel and website and utilizing the new communication system. However, many residents find the newsletter to be the most comprehensive form of communication. Please read this newsletter and save it for future reference. If you would like the newsletter sent to you via e-mail instead of regular mail, please let us know. If there is any other information you would like to see in the newsletter, please let Debbi or I know.

Don't hesitate to contact me at the Borough Office with any questions or concerns. You are also welcomed to stop in at the office any time and I would like to invite all Residents and Property & Business Owners to attend Borough meetings.

Please have a Nice Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Karen Deibler
Borough Manager

Fireworks (Disorderly Conduct)

Chapter 6, Section 101, A (1): States disorderly conduct is defined as any act, word or conduct causing or tending to cause a disturbance of the peace and good order of the Borough, or any act causing or tending to cause danger, discomfort or annoyance to the inhabitants of the Borough or to the users of the Borough thoroughfares, whether streets or sidewalks, and shall include, but not limited to: **the sale of fireworks and/or their use**. Any person or firm, whether principal or agent, being convicted of disorderly conduct before the magisterial district judge, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 and cost of prosecution; in default of the payment of such fine and costs, shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period not in excess of 30 days.

Special Need Forms

If you or someone you know who lives in Dillsburg Borough has special needs, special needs forms are available. Only emergency personnel in the Borough will use this confidential information. Please call the Borough Office at 717-432-9969 and request a form be mailed to you or stop by the office during normal business hours and pick one up. Please note: You must fill out a form in advance and keep it updated if you would require special assistance from emergency personnel.

Logan Park—Your Community Park

It's been a busy summer at Logan Park. Despite the pandemic, there have been great improvements to the park.

Thanks to all the financial support and volunteer efforts from the Kiwanis, new benches and playground equipment have been installed. In addition, the Kiwanis purchased playground mulch which was placed in the lot in July.

The park's fall clean-up will be held November 21st at 9:00 am. All are welcome to come out with rakes and help the community provide a nice environment for enjoying outdoor recreation.

Anyone who is interested in renting the pavilion should contact Bill Cressler at 717-432-2260.

Logan Park Authority Board Members are Bob Ingham, Bil Cressler, Ted Pawlick, Kay McKinney, Nancy Putt, Terri Hildebrand, Chad Reed, and Kristin Omlor.

Dechlorinating Swimming Pools

Pool water **MUST** be dechlorinated prior to discharge and should **NOT** be directed toward storm drains. For more information visit www.DEPweb.state.pa.us keyword "wastewater".

Dillsburg Borough Holiday Door Decorating Contest

Decorate to be the brightest in Dillsburg. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

Creativity: original, unique design and creative use of decoration/lights

Arrangement: display and placement of decorations

Overall Appearance: color coordination, balance and overall attractiveness

Contest open to persons or businesses.

The business or persons home must be located within the borough to qualify.

Contest is limited to what can be seen from the street at night.

People or animals are not permitted to be part of the display.

Participants are requested to keep their house decorated through 1/1/21 so the community can enjoy them.

Judging will take place during the evenings of the week of December 8th from dusk to 9:00 pm.

Winners will be notified by December 16th

Judges decisions are final. Entry deadline is December 7th at 5:00pm. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Email Address: _____

Paper: Dillsburg Borough Office, 151 S. Baltimore St, Dillsburg, PA 17019, (717) 432-9969

Email: Dillsburg@Dillsburg.com

New Hope Ministries

New Hope Ministries is a community based social service agency which provides assistance to at risk and in crisis individuals and families. New Hope Ministries shows the love and hope by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts toward stability. Our Dillsburg Center is located at 99 W. Church Street, our phone number is (717) 432-3053.

The Dillsburg community is a huge supporter of New Hope Ministries! Thank you for your continued dedication to our agency.

Christmas Blessing Express: We're already starting to think about Thanksgiving and Christmas at New Hope. We are proud to announce our annual Christmas Blessing Express where our guests are able to shop for Christmas presents for their family. You cannot imagine the difference you make in the lives of these families. See our website to download our 2020 Christmas Wish List and we also have an ornament list that makes a great Giving Tree at your church or business. All gifts need to be received at our Dillsburg Center no later than December 8, 2020.

Join us and volunteer! Volunteer applications can be obtained by visiting our website at www.nhm-pa.org or by stopping by our Center. Help is needed to stock the mobile food pantry, front desk, and pantry helpers.

Food Pantry and Personal Care Needs: Canned meals (Chef Boyardee), Canned meats (tuna, chicken, Spam), Canned fruits and vegetables, Personal care items (toothpaste, toothbrushes), Peanut butter and Diapers (sized 3 and up).

Need Help? If you or someone you know needs help with food, learning budgeting skills, finding a job, or dealing with a financial crisis, please contact us at (717) 432-3053.

New Hope Ministries is honored to have been voted Best Nonprofit Organization and Reader's Choice for Best Place to Volunteer in the 2020 Harrisburg Magazine Simply the Best contest!! Thank you all for your support!



2020 Election

VOTE! VOTE!! VOTE!!!

Tuesday November 3, 2020 is the General Election!! Residents will head to the polls to vote for several races including: President of the United States and U.S. House of Representatives, PA State Attorney General, PA State Auditor General and PA State Treasurer are also on the ballot along with PA State Senate and PA House of Representatives.

New Voting Rules Are Now In Effect! - Please visit www.yorkcountypa.gov or www.pa.gov/guides/voting-and-elections for complete information on the new Election Information.

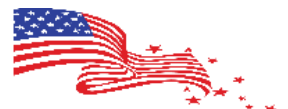
Some details include:

- Last day to REGISTER for the General Election is Monday October 19, 2020.
- **In Person Voting Location will be at New Hope Ministries, 99 W Church Street, Dillsburg.**
- Mail-In Ballots are available to qualified voters. The last day to APPLY for the mail-in or Civilian Absentee Ballot is Tuesday October 27, 2020.
- If a voter is unsure that the ballot will be received on time, the voter may return the ballot directly to the County Board of Elections office by 8 pm on Election Night.
- If a voter is still unsure and cannot deliver the ballot, the voter may go to her/his polling place and cast a provisional ballot.
- Mail-In and Civilian Absentee ballots **MUST BE RECEIVED** at the county office by Tuesday November 3rd, 8:00 PM EDT

For more voter information, please visit www.yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections/2020-election-information or www.pa.gov/guides/voting-and-elections

Please Vote November 3rd!

Thank you,
Holly Kelley and Chris Del Vecchio,



Fall at the Dillsburg Area Public Library

For more information or to register, call the Dillsburg library at 717-432-5613

COVID-19 has greatly impacted the world and the Dillsburg Area Public Library is no different. We are currently open for browsing and are adding additional services as safety allows.

As of August 31, our hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 11am-7pm

Tuesday, Friday 11am-3pm

Saturday 10am-2pm

A mask is required to enter the library. If you are unable to wear a mask, please contact us for possible accommodations. We have increased our cleaning protocols and are cleaning high touch surfaces frequently.



Changes to hours or services are always possible due to the current pandemic. If unsure, it is best to call (717-432-5613) to confirm hours or that a desired service (public computers, copier, faxing, etc.) is available before arriving.

We will be offering a range of programs in September and October. To register for an in-person program, visit yorklibraries.org/dillsburg. Online programs (and updates on in-person programs) can be found on our Facebook page (facebook.com/dillsburgareapubliclibrary). Programs include:

Tuesdays 11:00 am—Outdoor Story Time

Bring your own blanket or lawn chair, and enjoy story time in the fresh air. This program is geared towards children ages 3 to 5, but all are welcome. We will add some baby/toddler favorites if there are younger kids in attendance. Spaces are limited, so registration is required. Walk-ins accepted until the program is full.

Tuesdays 1:00 pm—Online Story Time

Did you miss this week's in-person story time? No problem. Enjoy a video version of our story time, and pick up a craft kit at the library while supplies last. Story time videos are available in our private Facebook Story Time group. Not a member? Make a request to join our group and enter your library card number.

Wednesdays 1:00 pm—Project Time for Kids

Get creative with a different art or science project every week this fall. This program is geared towards children ages 6 to 10, but all are welcome. Come join us Wednesday afternoons for make-it, take-it art and science projects. Join us outdoors to put your creation together, or take the kit home with you to assemble. Even in bad weather, project kits will be available for pickup at the library. Spaces are limited, so registration is required. Walk-ins are accepted until the program is full.

1st Thursday of the Month—Mystery Bin LEGO Club

Take a chance on your very own bin of mystery LEGOS and build a masterpiece. For ages 6 and up. Each month, we will sanitize our LEGOS and fill twelve shoe box sized bins with a mystery assortment of blocks. The first twelve kids to sign up will receive a bin and use their blocks to build a masterpiece for our LEGO shelf. Please register to guarantee your spot. We will reserve a bin for you until 6:15pm. Walk-ins are welcome until the bins are gone.

3rd Wednesday of the Month—Online Coding Club

Beginners and experts code for fun using Scratch. Solve our challenge or code your own project. For ages 8 and up. In our online version of Coding Club we will post a video challenge on our Facebook page. Participants will be invited to code at home and share their projects in our classroom studio.

York County Libraries will also be offering additional online programs. They can be found on their Facebook page (facebook.com/YorkCountyLibraries).

Northern York County Fire Rescue

Reminder—The yearly fund raiser has been mailed out to the residents & businesses of Dillsburg Borough, Carroll Township, Franklin Township and Franklintown Borough.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mark Snyder

Northern York County Fire Rescue

DEMA Updates

The Dillsburg Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) engages in planning for natural and man-made disasters. Our mission is to provide for the protection of persons and property in disasters affecting Dillsburg Borough and the Northern York County community at large. DEMA is a member of the Northern York County Unified EMA (NEMA).

As we move into the Fall and Winter months, we can expect relief from the persistent heat we experienced in July and August. Enjoy those cool mornings and evenings and take time to evaluate what needs to be done to prepare your property for severe weather.

The Atlantic Hurricane season is upon us and will last into November. Rain and high winds may come our way from these storms so safely have spouts cleaned and trees trimmed. Winter can bring us freezing rain and snow so get your snow blower tuned up now and keep the shovels and scrapers handy.

Preparing for severe weather should include plans for “sheltering in place” and “evacuating”. Consider not only your family, but your neighbors and especially the elderly. What will you do if you must remain indoors for a few days? What will you do if you must leave your home?

Consider the following:

- *Make sure you keep your prescription medications current
- *Keep some cash handy and keep the gas tank in the car/truck full
- *Expand your non-perishable food supply to at least 3 days
- *Buy what you eat, eat what you buy (buy foods that you like and rotate the stock)
- *Include water and other drinks especially if you depend on a well
- *Keep several battery- powered lights handy

Along with severe weather, we will have the annual flu season to deal with. It’s now more challenging than ever because of the highly- transmissible Corona Virus. A vaccine is coming soon for Covid-19 which will help our bodies develop immunity but vaccines are NOT 100% effective. The following personal hygiene practices are very effective against ALL “germs”:

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water OR use alcohol-based sanitizers
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue and dispose of the tissue in the trash
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve if you don’t have a tissue
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose
- Sanitize common surfaces in your home (kitchen and bathroom counter-tops, etc.)
- Use face coverings as recommended to help protect yourself and others
- Practice social distancing and stay home if you are ill!!

Recently I heard the High School Band practicing outdoors and watched Football and Cross Country teams preparing for the upcoming seasons. Life is good! Preparation makes it great!

Tim Hildebrand

DEMA Coordinator & NEMA Chairperson

MedReturn Drug Collection Unit

Carroll Township Police Department (call 717-432-4951 for hours of operation) has a MedReturn medication take-back box in the lobby. Please bring all of your old or unused medications to the box for safe and complete destruction. Medication collected in the box is delivered to the York County Solid Waste Authority facility.

Accepted items include: prescriptions (solid or liquid medications), prescription patches & ointments, inhalers, over the counter medication, vitamins, samples and medications for pets. **Not accepted items include:** Thermometers, hydrogen peroxide, aerosol cans, personal care products in the form of non-prescription ointments, liquids or lotions, medications from business or clinics, needles (sharp), bloody or infectious waste and hazardous waste.



GFWC Dillsburg Woman's Club

Are you looking for just the right civic opportunity? Do you love to volunteer? Are you interested in giving back to your community? The *GFWC Dillsburg Woman's Club would love to have you join our ranks!! ** Age doesn't matter. Nor does the amount of time you have to commit! If you are interested, you owe it to yourself to find out what we are all about!

We are a civic club that meets monthly and supports our community through fundraising, volunteerism, and friendship. We provide support to:

- The Dillsburg Senior Center
- New Hope Ministries
- Our local school district in the form of educational scholarships
- Our local Animal Shelter
- The Dillsburg Library
- And we are the stewards of Quay Park.

Think you may want to hear more about us? Contact our Membership Chairman, Faye Myers, @ 717-795-7041 OR send us an email at gfwc.dillsburg.womans.club@gmail.com.

*GFWC is an acronym for the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This organization provides an opportunity for women to get involved at local, state-wide, national, and international levels.

** All ages are welcome, however GFWC minimum age to join is 18 years old.

A Message from the Tax Collector

Tax Collector, Debbi Beitzel, would like to remind residents that County/Borough Real Estate and Borough Per Capita/Occupation bills were mailed out on February 15th and that School Real Estate and Per Capita bills were mailed out on July 15th. **It is your responsibility to let me know if you haven't received your tax bills and also if your job status has changed!!**

Please be reminded that Per Capita bills are NOT paid by your mortgage companies; forward the Real Estate bill to your mortgage company if your taxes are paid by escrow. All residents 18 years of age and older, regardless of job status, should be receiving a Per Capita bill. Please notify the tax collector if someone at your residence should be added to the tax rolls. Contact Ms. Beitzel at (717) 432-3341 for more information.

Unpaid tax notices will be turned over to the delinquent tax collector or the tax claim office of York County at the end of the year, incurring added cost.

TAX BILL PAYMENTS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN TO THE BOROUGH OFFICE

Electronics Recycling

As of January 24, 2013, by law Penn Waste is not allowed to collect your electronic waste.

The Covered Devices Recycling Act prohibits residents and businesses from placing their electronic waste at the curb or in their trash.

Covered devices include: desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer & speakers), televisions and e-readers that browse the Internet.

The Fairview Township's Electronic Recycling Center, located at 55 Fairview Road, New Cumberland, PA 17070 is now open to all York County residents. For hours of operation or any questions check out their website at <http://twp.fairview.pa.us/>



Frequently Requested Phone Numbers

Dillsburg Borough: (717) 432-9969

Dillsburg Area Authority (water/sewer): (717) 502-0431

Dillsburg Post Office: (717) 432-3035

NYC Fire Rescue: (717) 432-3281

Northern York School District: (717) 432-8691

Comcast: 800-266-2278

Met-Ed: 800-545-7741

Met-Ed (Emergency #): 800-544-4877

Penn Waste: 866-575-8720

Logan Park Pavilion Rental: (717) 448-7626 (Bil Cressler)

Quay Park Rental: (717) 432-5206 (Janine Guintner)

Dillsburg Arts and Revitalization Council



The Dillsburg Arts Council is launching its third online art auction as a fundraiser to help support ongoing arts programs in the Dillsburg area. Dates: Sept. 19 - Oct. 17.

Visit www.dillsburgarts.org. Contact us at arts@dillsburgarts.org

The Council's activities have included sponsorship of The Artist in Residence for all 3rd graders in the NYCSD, summer Dance and Arts camps for children in Dillsburg and surrounding communities, concerts involving local musicians, Old Tyme Hymn Sings, historic programs, Arts in the Alley programs and the Colonial Candlelight Christmas Program.

All auction items are donated by local artists or local supporters of the arts. This year has been exceptionally challenging due to the COVID-19 virus and there is no guarantee what the future will bring with regard to the state and federal grants that have helped support the Council's events in the past. It is local support, such as yours, that will keep our programs alive and allow us to continue with our mission to serve our community.

Emergency Programs Can Save Lives

Drivers are reminded of two voluntary programs aimed at saving the lives of residents in emergency situations. Participation in both programs is free of charge.

Under PennDOT's Yellow Program, participants fill out the program form with emergency contact, medical contact and medical information, insert it in the program's folder and then place it in their vehicle's glove compartment. A yellow dot sticker affixed to the rear window alerts emergency responders to the availability of information to help them provide better care to crash victims.

The Emergency Contact Information program offers Pennsylvania driver's license and PennDOT-issued ID holders the opportunity to log into a secure database and list two emergency contacts. Participants can update their records as needed, but only law enforcement officials can view the information in the system. In the event of an emergency, law enforcement can use a participant's ID to find his or her emergency contact information.

The Yellow Dot program is used only in vehicle crashes, but the Emergency Contact Information program can be used in other emergencies as well as crashes.

Go to www.dot.state.pa.us for more information.



Single Stream Recycling

Here's how you can help:

1. There is no limit on recycling and it is mandatory.
2. Recyclables can be mixed in the recycling bin.
3. Bundle and flatten any large loose pieces of cardboard that will not fit in your recycling bin.
4. If the weather forecast is windy or wet, be sure newspaper is covered by heavier material so it doesn't blow away or get wet or keep it until the next week.
5. Check out the new guidelines below to learn how to recycle successfully.



CANS
Aluminum & Steel



PLASTIC
Bottles & Jugs
1, 2 & 5



CARTONS



GLASS
Bottles & Jars



CARDBOARD
Dry & Flattened
No Food Contact



NEWSPAPER
Clean & Dry
No Food Contact

WHEN IN DOUBT - THROW IT OUT

Please rinse out all cans, plastic containers, cartons and glass before putting into your recycling container

NO Plastic bags

NO Shredded Paper

NO Medical Waste

NO Food/Liquid

NO Clothing

NO Scrap Metal

NO Garden Hoses

NO Diapers

NO Styrofoam

For decades, China has used recyclables from around the world to supply its manufacturing boom. The U.S. exports about 1/3 of its recycling and nearly half of that goes to China. China recently declared that foreign recycling includes too many other non-recyclable materials that are dirty, or even hazardous, and has listed 24 kinds of solid wastes it plans to ban in the order to protect China's environmental interests and people's health. Part of the crackdown has to do with what the industry call's "wishful recycling", hoping whatever goes in the bin can be used again. You can help by making sure you are putting the right stuff in the recycling bin. Bottle caps, plastic bags, and pizza boxes are the most common, no-nos. So "when in doubt—throw it out" has become the new industry standard. Find more information online from Penn Waste at <http://www.pennwaste.com/resources/blog>.

Leaf & Christmas Tree Collections



The Borough will once again be assisting Residents with their task of disposing of leaves with our leaf vac. The tentative dates are November 2, 2020 through December 17, 2020 (Monday through Thursday).

The Borough will be collecting Christmas trees on Monday, January 4, 2021 and Monday, January 11, 2021. All trees should be free of ornaments and lights and NOT in a plastic bag. The trees will be used by the Dillsburg Jaycees and turned into mulch.



Trash Pick-up

Penn Waste's regularly scheduled trash/recycling pick-up days are Wednesday mornings.

One bulk item per week that can be lifted by two men is allowed to be placed out on your regular trash day for pick-up. Appliances containing Freon must be prescheduled by calling Penn Waste at 1-866-575-8720. For safety purposes, doors to appliances must be removed. Pay-per-bag customers must attach a Penn Waste trash bag to the bulk item. **Acceptable Bulk items include:** Furniture, washer/dyer, hot water tank, dish washers, mattresses, carpet (4' length rolled/tied), lawn mowers (must have a dry fuel tank and lids removed), automobile tires off the rim (1 per week). **Unacceptable Bulk items include:** Household hazardous waste, chemicals, propane tanks, yard waste, construction waste and loose piles.

Snow Emergency Parking

Miller Brothers Construction and the Borough of Dillsburg have worked together to have a place for residents to park during a snow emergency. MBC will allow residents to park in the **REAR** lot of the Dollar General located on Baltimore Street. All residents who park there must park only in the rear lot. If anyone parks in the front or side lot, in front of Rose Alley, you risk being towed at your expense. All parking during the snow emergency must be to the rear of Rose Alley and be removed as soon as the snow emergency is lifted. We thank you for your cooperation so that this does not interfere with the operation of the businesses at this location and can continue to help our community.

Preparing Mailboxes for Winter

The Borough Public Works supervisor reminds residents living along local roads that now is the time to prepare your mailboxes for the winter months. Snow thrown from plows can easily damage mailboxes that are not prepared. Mailboxes are normally placed within the state's legal right-of-way; however, **mailbox damage is the responsibility of the property owner.** If a mailbox is placed as far from the edge of the road (in other words, the mailboxes should not overhang past the curb) and the mailbox should be placed on a sturdy support, it should be able to withstand the force of snow thrown from a plow. The Borough offers these tips to help reduce the risk of mailbox damage.

- Place a 6 to 8 inch piece of reflective tape on the mailbox to help snow plow operators see it at night.
- Remove snow from around the mailbox, but never throw it back onto the road.
- If the mailbox is located within the right-of-way and damage was experienced in the past, homeowners may want to consider repositioning the mailbox before winter.



What is Stormwater & Why is it Important

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain & melted snow that flows across the ground into the storm sewers & drainage ditches at low points & along the sides of roadways. The stormwater flows through a system of pipes & roadside ditches that make up the storm sewer systems. The water eventually finds its way to lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and the ocean.

What is the Problem?

Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants which end up in our receiving waters that we use for drinking and recreation. The volume of stormwater has increased in the area as a result of development with additional impervious surfaces such as paving & roof areas that don't allow water to infiltrate into the ground. Higher flows in stream channels cause the streambanks to erode washing soil downstream & creating steep banks along stream channel.

What can you do to Help?

As winter weather approaches, keep in mind salt and other materials we use to melt ice and provide traction can runoff into the waterways and contribute to stormwater runoff pollution.

Some of the ways you can help are as follows:

- * Shovel early! The sooner you shovel the less likely it is for ice and snow to buildup and you will not need to use much salt.
- * Don't over salt! Salt takes time to work. Extra salt doesn't increase its effectiveness.
- * Read the bag! Certain deicers/salts have less environmental impact. Look for eco-friendly products that contain acetate, potassium chloride or magnesium chloride. Avoid products containing sodium chloride and calcium chloride which are more harmful to vegetation, pets and wildlife.
- * Check the temperature! Many deicers don't work in temperatures below 15 degrees Fahrenheit.
- * Cracked corn can be an effective and more environmentally friendly traction action. Sand and kitty litter may work but can clog storm drains and contribute to runoff pollution.
- * Sweep up excess salt and traction agents before they runoff into our streams.

Snow/Ice Removal



Residents and business owners are reminded that it's the occupant of the property's responsibility for ensuring that their sidewalks are cleared of snow and ice. Borough Code 21-102 requires all residents to clear a path of at least 36 inches in width within 24 hours of a snow, ice, slush or other such event. If a sidewalk is less than 36 inches, the entire sidewalk should be cleared. Failure to do so would result in a notice of violations and/or citation, which could result in a fine.

While shoveling snow or utilizing a snow blower, refrain from throwing the snow onto the street. This practice will create a safety hazard when it turns into ice and may become a civil liability for the homeowners. Please direct the snow onto your lawns which will replenish the natural water table.

Remember to be aware of the Snow Emergency routes and move your vehicles from the area if a Snow emergency is called. The streets designated as snow emergency routes within the Borough are as follows: Baltimore Street, York Street, Harrisburg Street, Harrisburg Pike and Chestnut Street.

The Borough is not responsible for snow which is deposited in private driveways or driveway entrances. Snow Plow Operators have very little discretion on where the snow can go while plowing. Residents should understand that the Borough's priority is to clear streets to ensure public safety.

Friendly and Safety reminders



Streetlights - Please call the Borough Office if you know of a streetlight that is not working properly. You must know the exact location of the light or pole number in question and the nature of the problem. The Borough office staff will then contact Met-Ed. Met-Ed will then add the situation to their work order list and will be out to verify, and possibly correct, the problem as their schedule allows.

Parking Fines – If you receive a parking ticket in the Borough, the fee will be \$25.00. If paid to the Dillsburg Borough within 72 hours the fine is reduced to \$15.00. If not paid within that time frame it will be turned over to the District Justice.



Borough Ordinances

(Listed are a few ordinances that will be enforced and residents should be aware of. A complete listing can be found at the Borough office and/or the Dillsburg Borough website.)

Property Nuisances: Dillsburg Borough has both property and zoning ordinances that involve property nuisances. Grass, weeds, trees, bushes and other vegetation should be cut or trimmed to prevent overhanging, unsafe conditions and unsightly and/or obnoxious areas. There should not be an accumulation of trash, rubbish, building materials, junk, etc. on your property that could be considered a fire hazard and/ or harborage for snakes, rodents or other vermin. All vehicles, whether on the street or on your property, must be registered, licensed and inspected.

Animals: Ordinance 1988-3 relates to the custody and keeping of animals within the Borough. This Ordinance pertains to the number and type of animals allowed in the Borough, as well as issues dealing with noise, animals running at large and defouling property. An application for a permit is required in order to keep more than 4 dogs & cats, in aggregate number, more than 6 months of age on any premises, regardless of the number of owners. Please be courteous to your neighbors.



Take noisy pets indoors. All dogs and cats must be under the control of their owner at all times. It is unlawful for any person owning or having custody of an animal to permit that animal to defecate upon any public or private property, other than that of the owner or custodian. If an animal does defecate on public or private property, the owner or custodian must dispose of any feces in a non-leaking container for deposit in a trash container. PA state law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed. The following local agent can assist with a yearly license: Diller Landscape, Feed and Tack, 628 Sawmill Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055, Phone #717-766-7779. Lifetime licenses are issued only by the York County Treasurer's Office. An application for a lifetime dog license can be downloaded from their website www.yorkcountypa.org. Click on Departments, Treasurer and Dog license.

Curfew: The Borough has a curfew ordinance in effect which regulates the times that young people can lawfully be in or upon the streets of the Borough during evening hours. It is unlawful for any minor under the age of 18 to remain in or upon a public place between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am. There are some exceptions. A copy of the ordinance can be obtained at the Borough office.

Noise: The operation of mechanically powered devices such as lawn mowers, tractors, power tools, chain saws, model airplanes and cars, and similar mechanically powered devices, between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:30 am anywhere within the Borough where such can be heard, and therefore be an annoyance, to a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

Remember Your Pets

As we approach the winter months and the holiday seasons, remember the safety of your pets. Here are some safety and health tips recommended by the AKC.

Safety Tips:

- Please remember to be careful if playing with your pet on a frozen lake or pond. You or your pet could be injured by sharp ice edges or weak surfaces, causing injury.
- Regular grooming to eliminate excess hair from the feet will prevent snow from gathering between the toes. Petroleum jelly may soften the pads and prevent cracking.
- Please provide proper shelter for your pet to get out of the cold, wind, rain and snow.
- Frost bite can occur on the ears, tail and feet if left outdoors too long.

Health Tips:

- Antifreeze is highly poisonous. It may be on the floor of the garage or driveway. Keep opened containers out of pets' reach.
- Rock Salt may irritate the foot pads. Try to use Pet Friendly alternatives to melt ice from the sidewalks.
- Holly, Mistletoe and Poinsettia plants are toxic to pets and should be kept out of reach.
- Turkey bones should not be fed to your dog. They can splinter and can cause choking.

Holiday Tips:

- The holidays are not the time to introduce a new pet into the home.
- Place wires and electrical cords out of reach of chewing and tugging.
- Tinsel is dangerous for dogs. It may obstruct circulation and can block intestines if ingested.
- Alcohol and chocolate are toxic for pets. It is suggested that grapes may also be harmful. Keep the holiday treats for yourself!



Holiday Fire Safety

Each year fires occurring during the holiday season claim the lives of over 400 Americans, injure 1,650 more, and cause over \$990 million in damage.

According to the U. S. Fire Administration (USFA), there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

Caring for your tree: Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Maintain your holiday lights: Inspect your lights. Do not overload electrical outlets. Do not leave holiday lights on unattended.

Holiday Decorations: Use only nonflammable decorations. Never put wrapping paper in the fireplace. Avoid using lit candles. Never put lit candles on a tree.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.

Ask yourself, do I need a permit???



Please remember that a **building permit** is needed for **all construction**, including additions, alterations, renovations and some repairs.

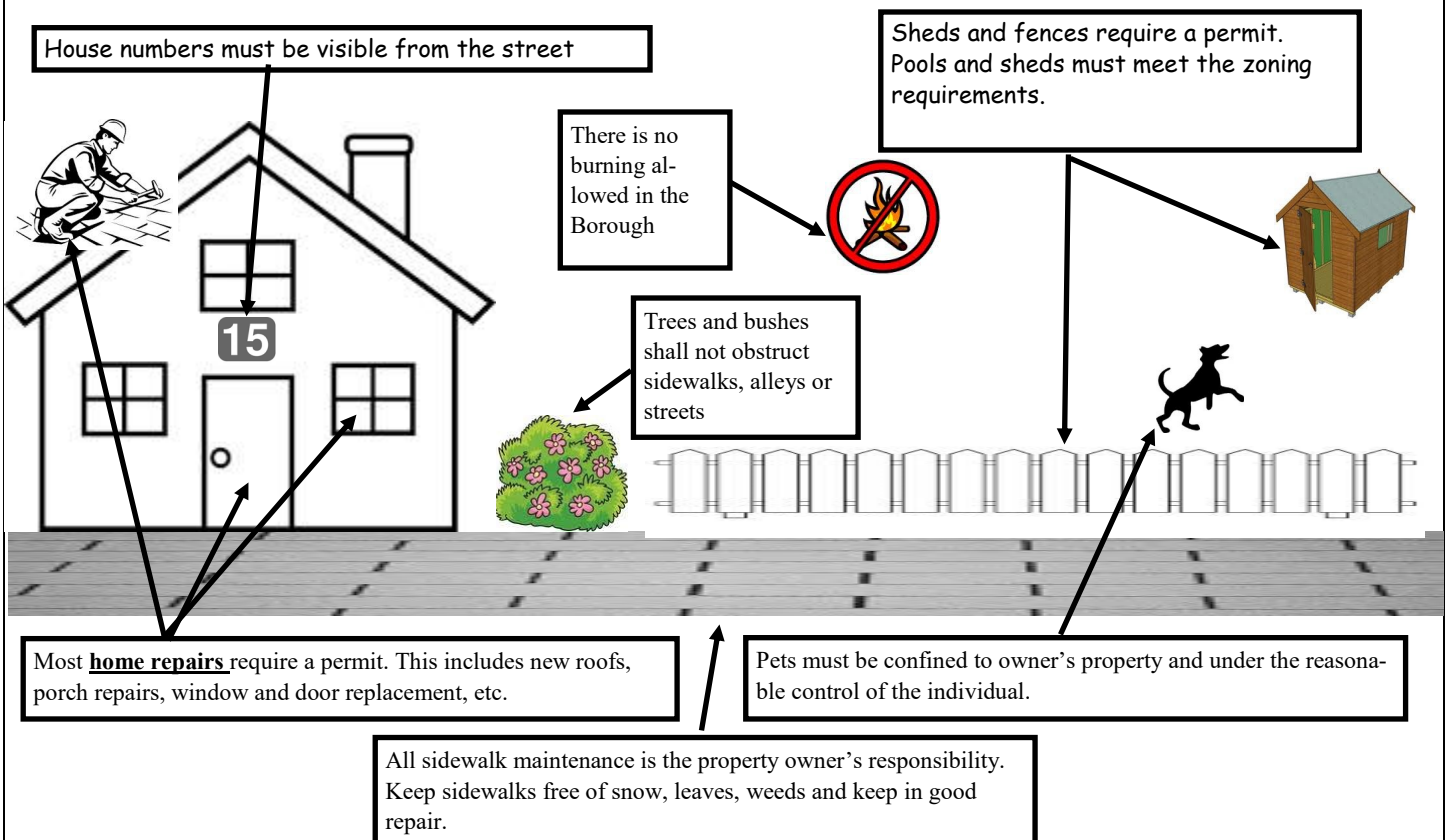
Even Small Projects May Require a Building Permit...

- Any re-roofing
- Finishing or refinishing a basement
- Pre-built sheds over 400 ft²
- Retaining Walls over 4 ft
- Any kind of pool (In-ground, above-ground or stowable)

What Else Do I Need?

Most building permit applications require a **PA-UCC building code review** and **inspection(s) of construction**. These reviews and inspections are completed by **Approved Code Services, Inc.**, and are handled through the Borough office. All building permits must be approved by the borough's Building Code Official, **Irv Spoonhour**. Costs of building permits may vary. Please contact the Borough office for more info. Depending on the project, you may need a zoning permit. **Failure to acquire a permit will result in a fine.**

www.approvedcode.com



Permits are required for the following: New dwellings, swimming pools, additions, fences, porches, decks, sheds, garages, window and door replacement, re-shingling roofs, and any structural changes. Failure to obtain a permit will result in a fine!!!!

Borough Personnel & Government Officials

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Debbi Beitzel (717) 432-3341

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State Representative:

Dawn Keefer (717) 432-0792

Police Department:

Carroll Township (717) 432-3317
Non Emergency (717) 854-5571

Meeting Dates & Times

Committee Meetings: 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Borough Office
(Except for November, when it will be held on Monday, November 2nd due to Election Day)

Council Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Dillsburg Area Authority Building

Planning Commission Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month (when needed) at 7:30 pm at the Borough Office
(Except Nov. & Dec. then on the 3rd Wednesday)

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings: 4th Thursday of each month (when needed) at 7:00 pm at the Borough Office
(Except Nov. & Dec. then on the 2nd Thursday)

All meetings are open to the public!



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Dillsburg's Annual New Year's Eve Pickle Drop

Keep checking the Borough's website, Facebook page or Dillsburg Banner for more information and details.

Trick-or-Treat Night

The official 2020 date and time of Trick-or-Treat in the Borough of Dillsburg is **Thursday, October 29, 2020, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm** (subject to any and all Federal, State and Local guidelines in effect at the time necessary to mitigate the effects of Covid –19). If you are out driving during this time, please watch for children in the streets.



DABA's Light Up Night

DABA is still intending on having the annual "Light Up Night" the Annual Tree Lighting, on Friday, December 4, 2020 on the square. Watch for more details to follow.