



Borough Informer

Fall 2014

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Hatfield Community Caroling & Tree Lighting!

Saturday December 6th at 7:00pm
Railroad Plaza, Broad & Market Streets



Community Carol Sing!
Visit From Santa!
Christmas Tree Lighting!
Refreshments afterward at the Fire House!
Kids, bring your Christmas list to give to Santa!
Sponsored by the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Pet Pictures with Santa!

3:00pm – 5:00pm
Gazebo at the Borough Office
401 S. Main Street
Cost is \$10.00 but will be
donated to the SPCA!



FREE ARTS & CRAFTS!

Borough Office
5:00pm - 6:00pm
401 S. Main Street

Come out, drink hot
chocolate & enjoy some
arts & crafts time with
your family before the
tree lighting event!



UPDATES FROM COUNCIL AND YOUR MAYOR



Pictured Left to Right: Ken Ruch, Dan Ruch
Council Vice President Kenneth Farrall and
Mayor Robert L. Kaler III

George Didden Greenhouse's Celebrates 100th Anniversary!

Hatfield Borough Council and Mayor Robert L. Kaler III presented Resolution 2014-17 and a Mayoral Proclamation to Ken and Dan Ruch of George Didden Greenhouses recognizing their 100 years of service in the Hatfield Community.

2015 BUDGET UPDATE

During one of this country's largest economic recessions, Hatfield Borough Council has held to its commitment not to burden residents and business owners. Borough Council & Mayor Kaler directed the administrative staff to reduce spending and look to eliminate unnecessary expenditures. Looking back to 1991, when this Borough enacted EIT collection (Earned Income Tax), the tax structure has not increased since that time. In fact, in 1997 Borough Council reduced Real Estate Taxes by 50%. With the 2000 county wide reassessment, the Borough took a neutral stance on Real Estate Tax Collection, electing not to gain from the opportunity to raise taxes. In 2015, for the third time in over twenty four years, Borough Council is proposing to increase revenues to balance the Budget. A slight increase to Real Estate Taxes, enacting the LST (Local Services Tax) and a minor increase to Sanitary Sewer Rates will result in an average annual increase of One Hundred Twenty Six Dollars per residence. Borough Council & Mayor Kaler appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Residents & Business Owners,

Mayor's Desk

I hope you all have had a nice and relaxing summer. As we move through the fall and into the winter months I would like to remind you of the leaf bag pick up we provide here in the Borough every Monday from October 27th through December 1st. Bags can be purchased at the Borough Office for .25cents a piece. Please take advantage of the coupon provided for you in this newsletter for a money saving offer on leaf bags. Since winter is fast approaching please remember to be safe and follow the Borough Ordinances when it comes to snow removal. Our community prides itself on being a walkable community and we want to make sure the sidewalks are clear for all walkers.

Also, there has been some road work completed in the last few months in the Borough with PennDOT completing a temporary repair on Market Street and East Broad Street in preparation of the winter months. The Borough has also completed the mill & overlay project on Maple Avenue. I want to thank all residents and business owners for their patience and cooperation during these projects.

As a reminder, Edgewood Drive at the intersection of Towamencin Avenue is still closed. This closure is due to a failed culvert underneath the roadway. The Borough has applied for grants to help aid the cost of this project and are working with DEP and our Engineers to move the process forward.

Lastly, please remember I hold office hours every Wednesday at the Borough Office from 9:30am until 2:00pm or by appointment. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to stop by and see me or set up an appointment at the Borough Office.

Thank you,
Mayor Bob



JUST A REMINDER...



ATTENTION BOROUGH BUSINESS OWNERS - GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE

Hatfield Economic Revitalization Committee and the Borough of Hatfield would like to remind all Borough businesses of the many grant opportunities that are still available. These grants are intended to stimulate private investment in the preservation of historic architecture, to foster image-making improvements to commercial properties, and to encourage special events for the community.

Available Grant programs:

- **Façade Improvement Grant Program**
Provides grants of up to \$5,000 for the restoration and rehabilitation of building facades and storefront enhancements including major maintenance and repair.

- **Façade Improvement Grant Small Project Program**
Provides grants of 50% of a project cost, up to a maximum reimbursement of \$1,500 for small projects including minor maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and restoration of storefronts and facades.
- **Business Event Funding Program**
Provides funding of 50% of cost for a special event up to a maximum request of \$1,500. The event must be open to the public.

Grant guidelines and applications can be obtained at the Borough office or by calling 215.855.0781, or online at: www.hatfieldborough.com.

Notice to all Residents & Business Owners

Please keep our sidewalks safe!

All overhanging tree limbs, bushes and ornamentals must be trimmed back from the sidewalks for the safety of our pedestrian traffic.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Looking for a Job?

Check out the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce website's new Employment Opportunities Page for local job openings!
www.HatfieldChamber.com

Recycling Reminder:

According to Borough Ordinance 462, owners or landlords of any multifamily residential units where individual refuse collection does not occur are responsible for providing suitable containers for recyclable materials. The containers or dumpsters shall be provided at easily accessible locations and written instructions must be provided to the occupants concerning the use and availability of such containers. All tenants or lessees of multifamily units are responsible for separating recyclable materials and placing them in the containers or dumpsters provided for such purposes.

In conjunction with the 911 emergency telephone system, all property owners are required to have their house numbers clearly and prominently posted on the front of their house and/or mailbox. Emergency responders must be able to locate your house without delay when called. The numbers should be no less than 4" in height, in contrasting color to the background and placed so as not to be obstructed by trees, shrubs, or porches. Preferably, they should also be reflective for greater night-time visibility.

Remember, in an emergency situation every second counts!



What happens when a street light burns out in the Borough?

After the Public Works crew determines the nature of the outage, the Borough's contracted electrician is scheduled. He is contracted for a minimum of 4 hours of work each call, so he is available about twice a month. An emergency situation, however, is addressed immediately.

Save Our World



Compact fluorescent light bulbs or **CFL's** are a great way to reduce your electricity bill while lessening your carbon footprint. These types of bulbs however, do contain a small amount of mercury and should be handled carefully and disposed of properly at all times. Intact CFL bulbs can be taken to any **Home Depot, Lowes** or **Ikea** stores for free proper disposal and recycling. CFL bulbs can also be taken to any County sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Event for free disposal and recycling. Please **DO NOT** throw them in the trash! Nationwide, over 670 million mercury-containing bulbs are discarded improperly each year. In Montgomery County most of these bulbs are ultimately land filled or incinerated. These disposal methods can lead to a release of mercury into the environment through breakage and leakage and ultimately contaminate the food chain.



THINK WINTER! THINK FUN & SAFETY!



ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS & BUSINESS OWNERS:

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST!

Rules and Regulations:

- Participation is open to all Borough Residents & Businesses.
- Entry is FREE, no cost or fees to apply.
- Entry registration must be received by December 8, 2014. Please call 215-855-0781 option 9 or email jsnyder@hatfieldborough.com to register. (please include name & address)
- Residents & Businesses must have decorations and displays ready to be judged on Saturday, December 13, 2014 by 5:00pm.
- Electric Credit off of your Borough Electric Bill will be awarded for top prizes.
- Winners will be announced the following week and advertised on social media!



BE CREATIVE, BE FESTIVE, HAVE FUN!

visit www.hatfieldborough.com for more details!



WINTER SAFETY



5 TIPS FOR SHOVELING SNOW SAFELY

Shoveling snow is hard work, stay safe

1. Keep up with the storm
2. Push don't lift
3. Wear breathable layers
4. Wear good boots
5. Stay hydrated

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PROFESSIONAL SNOW MANAGEMENT AT WWW.SIMA.ORG



KEEP KIDS SAFE THIS WINTER



Kids love to play in the snow!

Make sure they know not to play in or on snow piles and to always watch for snow removal equipment on streets and in parking lots.

WALK SAFE THIS WINTER

BE CAREFUL WALKING ON SNOW AND ICE, FOLLOW THESE 3 GOLDEN RULES:

1. Always wear proper footwear
2. Don't jump or slide
3. Stop and scan for hazards

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Holiday Canned Food Drive

NOW - December 8, 2014

Help those in need this Holiday Season.

Donate canned items to these participating businesses:

- Casey's Saloon & Eatery
- Godshall's Auto Service
- Hatfield Pizzeria
- Trolley Stop Deli
- The Woodburners
- *Borough Office*

****BRING A CANNED ITEM TO THE TREE LIGHTING EVENT DECEMBER 6!**

Hatfield Community Coat Drive

Many families are in need this winter of new coats for their children. Please considering buying a new winter coat and dropping it off in the coat drive bin located at the Hatfield Borough Office Building; 401 South Main Street. Coats will be accepted through November 24, 2014.

Any size winter coat will be accepted from infant to 16/18 youth. These coats will be distributed through Hatfield Food Cupboards and child care centers.

This is a HC3 and Hatfield Community Partnership

**HATFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.
SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN ON
THE FIRE TRUCK!**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

STARTING AT 9:00AM

Check Hatfield Vol. Fire Co. Facebook for more details!



Christmas Tree pick up is the first two Mondays of the new year. Trees must be undecorated and placed by the front curb.

Hatfield Borough Office Closures

- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

Small Business Saturday



Hatfield Borough supports Small Business Saturday. Stay local and support our small businesses on Saturday, November 29, 2014.

Public Works, works for YOU!!



LEAF PICK-UP

Every Monday beginning October 27 thru December 1 Please place bags near the front curb by morning. Only paper bags will be collected.

No plastic bags!

Bags are available for purchase at the Borough for \$.25 each.

**Money Saving
Coupon!!**



Buy One Leaf Bag Get One FREE!

**Buy 1 leaf bag for \$.25
and get second bag FREE!!**

Valid ONLY at
Hatfield Borough Office
Limit of 10 FREE bags
per purchase





INFORMATION CORNER



Telephone.....215-855-0781
Fax.....215-855-2075

Website: www.hatfieldborough.com

HTV CHANNELS:

Verizon: 24
Comcast: 22



Facebook: Hatfield Borough

Twitter: @HatfieldBorough

Office Hours:

8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday - Friday

**Borough Meeting Schedules for
Borough Council :**

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month
at the Borough Hall 7:30 PM

Planning Commission:

Monday before 1st Council
meeting of each month 7:00 PM

HERC :

4th Wednesday of each month 8:00 AM

All correspondence by mail including electric and sewer payments should be sent to:

**HATFIELD BOROUGH
P.O. BOX 190
HATFIELD PA 19440**

Payments are also accepted in person at the Borough Office, located at 401 S. Main Street, during regular business hours. You may also pay your bill at:

**TD BANK
1500 COWPATH ROAD**

Montgomery County Prescription Drug Disposal Program

**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING
2000 School Road, Hatfield**



-Look for the Med-Return box located in the lobby to safely dispose of all unwanted & unused medications at anytime the police department is open.

-All collected medications are then discarded during the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative events.

All questions regarding zoning issues, property maintenance, ordinances, code or building and fire safety should be addressed to the following Borough Officials:

Jim Ennis

Zoning Officer / Property Maintenance
215-855-0781 ext. 3

Tuesday / Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Mark Highley

Building Inspector
215-855-0781 ext. 8

Tuesday / Thursday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Daniel Jenkins

Fire Marshal / Fire Safety Inspector
215-855-0781 ext 8

Tuesday / Thursday 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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**Report Rx Fraud or
Diversion
ANONYMOUSLY**

TEXT

tip 411

(847411)

**Include Keyword
RXTIP**

**in your message
or call 215-238-5164**





2014 BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH



Doyle's Restaurant
43 Market Street

Dr. Gehman Chiropractic
39 Market Street

Dales Barber Shop
14 W. Broad Street

Dr. Larry Snyder, DDS
41 1/2 Market Street

Hatfield Laundromat
220 W. Broad Street

World Wide Stereo
104 E. Vine Street

The Woodburners
11 N. Market Street

State Farm, Dave Seibert
122 S. Main Street

YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES



PARADISE MANOR



THE MAIN HOTEL
08/03/2012



Shia Bella



Bonnie's Beauty Boutique
Family Hair Care
Nails & Facials
368-1703
By Appointment



Dale Moyer BARBER SHOP
BY APPOINTMENT
(215) 855-2483
PARKING IN REAR



State Farm™
DAVE SEIBERT 215-855-2848



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Saloon & Eatery
210 South Main Street • Hatfield, PA
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FAMILY DENTISTRY
STEPHEN F. GAZDICK
D.D.S., P.C.
(461)



ITALIAS PIZZERIA
Formerly "Italia's Pizza" from Snyder's Square!
215-855-8821
215-855-8822
EVERYDAY SPECIAL
2 Large Cheese Pizzas \$13.95



MILKO'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER



the Woodburners
Stove & Artisan Shop



Mom's Real Italian



WATER ICE & Soft ICE CREAM



BROOKS INSTRUMENT



Godshall's Auto Service



Hatfield Pizzeria
129 S. Main St., Hatfield



Partners Towing
Professional Recovery Service
100 Whites Road, Lansdale PA 19446
130 Chestnut St Hatfield PA 19440



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Tranquility Life Spa & Hair Design, LLC



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401 S. Main St.,
Hatfield PA 19440

Tax Collector Corner “From the Desk of Nancy DeFinis”

Tax Collector Reform Bill is signed by Governor Tom Corbett

On October 22, 2014 Governor Tom Corbett signed into law HB 1590 "The Tax Collector Reform Bill". The bill was supported in the Senate by a 40-9 vote and concurred in the House by a 186-5 vote.

This measure requires all newly elected tax collectors to take a course of study, pass an examination, have a background check and mandates all collectors to take yearly continuing education courses. This legislation is a giant step forward to the professionalization of the office of tax collector and to upgrade the tax collection system in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The bill sponsored by Representative Mario Scavello, Monroe County, increases the requirements for tax collector and is an improvement in the collection of taxes for Pennsylvania. Senator Charles McIlhinney, Bucks County, worked diligently to pursue this higher standard for tax collectors. For their efforts the Pennsylvania State Tax Collector's Association awarded Representative Scavello the "Legislator of the Year" award in the House of Representatives and Senator McIlhinney was named "Legislator of the Year" in the Senate of Pennsylvania.

These Legislators are to be commended for their efforts to raise the standards for tax collection and tax collectors. The Association would also like to commend Governor Corbett for signing the measure into law. Pennsylvania will have an improved tax collection system and create a higher standard for all tax collectors.

I am proud to be a qualified tax collector. Thank you for your support and allowing me to serve the town that I love.

Fondly,
Nancy DeFinis