



SUMMER 2020 BOROUGH INFORMER

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We are so excited to announce that Hatfield Borough now has new (and improved) social media outlets!

Please like share and follow the below links!

Instagram: @HatfieldBorough19440



Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbhHXU5rz5CAuWgd6NiQfHA?view_as=subscriber

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HatfieldBorough19440



Twitter: www.twitter.com/HatfieldBorough

HTV: Channel 22 Comcast & Channel 24 Verizon

Sign-up & Follow us on www.readymontco.org to receive text alerts in events of severe weather, power outages, road closures, etc.



For direct links to these pages please visit
www.hatfieldborough.com
Event Page: Social Media Updates

BOROUGH OF HATFIELD SOCIAL MEDIA



HatfieldBorough19440



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Comcast- Channel 22
Verizon- Channel 24

WWW.HATFIELDBOROUGH.COM





Borough Council, Staff & Mayor

BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE

Not long after the onset of the COVID-19 Health Emergency the Budget Finance & Labor Committee and Utilities Committee of Hatfield Borough Council became actively engaged with the Borough Administration. Weekly teleconference/zoom meetings are scheduled to discuss operations, employee work schedules, utility billing and future projects. At this time the Borough has encountered a down turn in revenues of EIT (Earned Income Tax), LST (Local Services Tax) and Utility receipts. The Borough of Hatfield entered the COVID-19 Health Emergency in a sound well-built financial position developed over several years. At this time the Committee is confident the Borough can weather the same financial burden many of its residents and businesses are experiencing. While the future is uncertain, rest assured Borough Council is doing everything possible to continue providing the services necessary for the Health, Safety & Welfare of our citizens.

PROJECT UPDATES

The 2020 ADA Curb and Ramp along with the Roadway Resurfacing Projects have been postponed until further notice. Once the COVID-19 Health Emergency subsides the Borough will resume projects on a prioritized schedule. Some projects continued during the Health Emergency. The AMI meter replacement project resumed after the Borough and the contractor were able to implement safe working (CDC recommended) guidelines. The final phase of electric meter installations will begin in September. Please check the Borough's social media outlets, HTV, website and Informer for up to date information. The Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement Project continued with design and permitting. The Behind the Meter Electric Generator Agreement between the Borough of Hatfield and AMP (American Municipal Power) has been executed. The project has moved into construction planning.

When possible, please remember to Shop Local. Hatfield Borough businesses have a variety of services to offer— medical, food, auto repair and everything in between. It has been an extremely trying time for everyone and our Borough businesses are the foundation of our municipality, along with you, our residents. If you need information on a business feel free to reach out to lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com or by phone 215-855-0781 option 9.

COME EXPERIENCE HATFIELD!



Important Information

**Bring this Coupon to the
Borough Office and receive
LEAF BAGS BUY ONE, GET
ONE FREE! LIMIT 10 FREE!**

2020/2021 season
401 SOUTH MAIN ST

FOOD PANTRY

Our Community needs your help!

The local food pantry is in need of stocking! Items in great need include personal hygiene items such as feminine products, deodorant, shampoo & conditioner, bar soap, toilet paper. Household items like laundry detergent, cereal, children's snacks, juice, etc.

Every donation is greatly appreciated. For a more complete list call Emmanuel Church Food Cupboard 215-855-2540.

Items may be dropped off at the Borough Office (401 South Main Street) M-F 8:00-4:30pm year round.

UTILITIES

Electric & Sewer Department

Hatfield Borough
215-855-0781 option 4

Gas-

PECO Energy
1-800-494-4000

Water-

N. P. Water Authority
215-855-3617

Electric Payment Reminder

ALL ELECTRIC PAYMENTS ARE DUE MONTHLY BY THE 15th.

****YOU MUST WRITE SEPARATE CHECKS FOR SEWER AND ELECTRIC.****

****CHECKS MUST BE CLEARLY WRITTEN IN BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY.****

Borough of Hatfield Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

Should the 15th fall on a weekend day, ALL payments must be put in the mail drop box to the left of the door located at the Borough Office (401 SOUTH MAIN STREET.) by 8am Monday morning to be considered on time.

Payments may be dropped off during regular business hours or put in the door mail drop box during off hours.

Payments sent by mail adhere to the same guidelines as listed above. A postmark is not considered as "payment received".

Please note that ALL electric and sewer payments must be presented with your payment stubs in order to ensure your account is properly credited. Failure to comply may result in improper application of payment.

Please do not put cash in the drop box.

Payments may also be made online at www.hatfieldborough.com or in person at TD Bank- 1500 Cowpath Rd. Hatfield, PA 19440.

Questions or comments? Please call 215-855-0781 option 4 for Utility Services. -



Public Power information Series

PENNSYLVANIA
MUNICIPAL
ELECTRIC
ASSOCIATION
PA PUBLIC POWER



The Value of Public Power

Public power utilities are community-owned and locally controlled and operated.

Pennsylvania's 35 boroughs providing public power serve 81,492 electric customers and 166,496 residents.



Accountability

Public power utilities are the only power providers fully accountable to customers and focused on serving the local community.

Customers have more say in policies and practices of public power utilities as they are managed locally and subject to public processes. Business is conducted in open meetings and adheres to public records laws.



Community Investment

Much of the of revenue generated by electricity sales is reinvested in the communities through contributions that sustain police, fire and EMS services; support local libraries and parks; and help fund community infrastructure projects.

These investments ease the burden on taxpayers. When all taxes and contributions are considered, the American Public Power Association found that public power contributes 33% more than investor-owned utilities.



Affordability

The revenue generated by electricity sales help keep property taxes lower.

Property tax rates in boroughs with electric utilities are 43% lower than other boroughs in Pennsylvania.

Access to tax-exempt municipal bonds can save a public power utility 25% over the 30-year life of a project.



Efficiency

Public power utilities offer operational efficiencies at the local level.

Activities that overlap with municipal services can be streamlined so that administrative services are leaner. Whether it's shared office space and personnel or lower per-person administrative costs for employee benefits, these efficiencies benefit the community at-large.

The average outage time is only 13 minutes for non-major outage events and 42 minutes for major outages, a response time that is significantly shorter than with investor-owned utilities.



The Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Association is the professional association representing the Boroughs in Pennsylvania which own and operate electric distribution systems.

These Boroughs provide reliable, low-cost electric service to all citizens and businesses within their geographic territories, We are a diversified and unique group of small and large municipalities who each buy power at a wholesale rate from an outside generator /distributor and then provide power at a retail rate to the residential, commercial, and industrial customers in our municipalities.

Our mission is to promote cooperation between governments and governmental agencies, cooperative associations, non-profit corporations and public power systems to assist organizations engaged in planning, coordinating or administrating programs related to the development and use of electric power resources. We also seek to promote the mutual improvement and common purposes of the public power sector, and to educate and assist the public power sector in areas such as: management and operation; engineering, design, construction, operation and research; accounting and commercial practice; public policy; personnel training; and such other matters of general interest to public power systems.

Information sourced from: www.papublicpower.org



Stay Informed

Grass & Vegetation

No person, firm, or corporation, owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted for some useful ornamental purpose, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of 6 inches or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit or to create or produce pollen.

*Please refer to Chapter 10 of the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances for the entire overview of the law.

Hatfield Borough is a member of the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission (NMCRC), a group of 11 municipalities that work together to increase recycling and promote recycling awareness and education in compliance with the state's recycling law, PA Act 101 of 1988, as amended.

For recycling information and Hatfield Borough's recycling requirements please visit:
www.northmontocrecycle.com

As we receive more information of Recycling Postponement reschedule dates, we will be sure to share on our social media outlets.

Outdoor Open Burning

1. Except as specifically authorized by the ordinance or permitted by the Borough Fire Marshall in writing, no person shall cause, allow, permit or maintain an outdoor bonfire or open burning on a public or private street or right of way or on public or private property.
2. All burning, or open burning of the following is specifically prohibited:
 - A. Garbage
 - B. Household, business, or industrial trash or similar waste products of every kind or nature.
 - C. Loose leaves or yard trimmings.
 - D. Burning or open burning that results in unreasonable quantities of dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas, soot or cinders.
 - E. Open burning that violates the provisions of the International Fire Code as adopted by Hatfield Borough.
 - F. Burning of material that is required to be recycled under Pennsylvania law.

*Please refer to Chapter 7 of the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances for the entire overview of the law.

FIREWORKS

Consumer Fireworks are prohibited in the Borough.

Fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

You cannot ignite or discharge fireworks on public or private property without express permission.

As a reminder never discharge fireworks under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

**For additional Ordinances or to view updated Resolutions for Hatfield Borough visit www.hatfieldborough.com
Click Resources, then Ordinances, view ECode360 at the bottom of the page.**



Community Spotlight

A great big Thank You to Hatfield Borough Council, Public Works and Coca-Cola!

Due to a generous Powerade donation from Coca-Cola, that was coordinated by Borough Councilman Jason Ferguson, Hatfield Borough was able to distribute 44 cases of Powerade to local Food Cupboards and First Responders.

We are thankful for such a wonderful community and the people that keep us safe!



ATTENTION 2020 GRADUATES! KINDERGARTEN, 6TH, 8TH & 12TH!

We want to honor you!

If you live in Hatfield Borough and completed one of the grades mentioned above, please email lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com with the following information:

- Name**
- Grade Completed**
- Plans for next year**
- An interesting fact about you**
- A photo of yourself**



We will feature you in the next issue of the Borough Informer!



HERC Committee

HERC BOROUGH BUSINESS RELIEF GRANT

If you are a Borough business and have not yet received your Relief Grant Information please contact Lindsay at lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com

EVENT DATES



**Hatfield Borough's 1st Annual
"Movie in the Park" Series!
Centennial Park– Cherry Street
July 16th– Toy Story 4
August 20th– Frozen 2**



**The movie will begin at dusk approximately
Between 8:05-8:15pm.**

We are planning on moving forward with these events. Due to social distancing guidelines seating may be limited and masks are recommended while moving throughout the area. Please take these pre-cautions into consideration when attending these events. Should a cancellation or postponement take place, it will be posted on our social media outlets.

Bring your own blankets, low back chairs, bug spray and snacks to join us for a free family-friendly movie night in the park!

Snack "buckets" will be available for purchase for a \$2.00 donation and will include a water. All proceeds will benefit local charities and non-profits.

**Seating and parking will be "first come, first served" beginning at 7pm.
Additional parking can be found at the Septa Lot–
Next to Memorial Park**

There may be some trivia and prizes at the beginning so brush up on your Hatfield Borough & Borough business knowledge! (HINT, HINT!)

**For more information visit "HatfieldBorough19440" on Facebook
or call Lindsay at 215-855-0781 option 9.**

***Friendly reminder– No Alcohol or Smoking in Borough Parks.**



401 S Main St.
PO Box 190
Hatfield PA 19440

Tax Collector's Corner- "From the desk of Nancy DeFinis"



NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR:

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic NPSD is looking at making some changes to the 2020 bills. Nothing is final until the board of directors' votes on proposed changes. Some changes I can share with you are the discount will now be 5% for the penalty on the regular tax bill and they will be having six installment payments. The School Board will be making final decisions on June 18th. NPSD is preparing an insert to send with the school tax bills regarding both Installment and Rebates available. Your NPSD bills were mailed by July 1st. If in the event you do not receive a copy of your school bill please contact me by mid July.

The State of PA has legislation pending regarding tax collectors collection of taxes in person due to the current Pandemic. I will not be holding in person collection hours as of the writing of this newsletter pending guidance from the State legislature for both our health and safety. As always, you can mail your payments to me through USPS. You can also drop your payments in the drop box in front of the borough office. Further, you can pay online through MuniPay the same way you would pay your sewer or electric bills. Just go to the Tax Collector payment section of the www.hatfieldborough.com website. I will be available by telephone 215-855-0781 x7 just leave me a detailed message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Finally, I will be in and out of the office checking my email ndefinis@hatfieldborough.com, voicemails and mail. It is my hope that we will be back to normal soon.

Thank you all for your support and stay well. I look forward to seeing you again soon, God willing. It is my honor to serve as your elected Tax Collector representing you and the town that I love.

Fondly, Nancy DeFinis, TC