

WINTER 2021 BOROUGH INFORMER

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Congratulations to Hatfield Borough's 2020 Citizen of the Year- HATFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE!

BOROUGH OF HATFIELD

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION No. 2020-30

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE HATFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1927 by a group of civic-minded men for the purpose of boosting the image of Hatfield Borough and Hatfield Township; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce has worked toward that goal in many ways including supporting efforts to promote safer communities through road and intersection upgrades and by supporting the local business community. The Hatfield Chamber of Commerce has sponsored and supported many community projects over the years and through their efforts, many improvements were made to make Hatfield a better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce in 2005 appointed long term Treasurer, Lawrence G. Stevens, to serve as their Executive Director. In the upcoming years Larry would have a major impact on the success of the Chamber and rising numbers in membership across the Hatfield Community.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hatfield, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, take great pride in recognizing The Hatfield Chamber of Commerce and Executive Director Lawrence G. Stevens, on their dedicated service working tirelessly for the good of Hatfield's businesses and the community. It is with great pleasure that the Borough Council of the Borough of Hatfield recognize The Hatfield Chamber of Commerce as the Citizen of the Year 2020.

Editor's Note: Please note that after 93 years, the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce has merged with the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce to continue their service to our community. We appreciate all you have done to serve.





IMPORTANT UPDATES

BOROUGH COUNCIL UPDATE

The COVID-19 has made a substantial impact on our country, state, county and local governments. The Borough of Hatfield, its residents and businesses are no exception to the ramifications of this pandemic. Being the essential source of electricity, sanitary sewer service, snow and ice removal just to name a few services, Borough staff has had to deal with the realities of the COVID-19 Health Emergency. Borough Council has been faced with many difficult decisions as well. Dealing with an anticipated \$ 360,000 revenue short fall in 2020 was the first hurdle. Moving projects to the 2021 calendar year was necessary to reduce spending. During preparations for the 2021 fiscal year, it became apparent that Hatfield Borough would need to trim discretionary spending and to increase revenues to adopt a balanced 2021 Budget. Facing this difficult decision Borough Council took a multi-faceted approach to the impending shortfall. Reducing expenditures with minimal increases to revenues was the final result.

Real Estate Tax Increase of .25mils plus the current 1.75mils equals 2.00mils for the Borough General Fund and .25mils for the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company. Based on the County Assessed Valuation of the Borough, the average assessed property value of \$147,379.50 would increase Real Estate taxes approximately \$ 36.85 annually per house hold.

Electric Customer Charge Increased from, \$ 8.82 to \$ 12.00 per meter per month would amount to a \$ 38.16 annual increase

Sewer Base Rate Increase of 5.00 per EDU per quarter would amount to a \$ 20.00 annual increase. Total impact to the average home owner in the Borough would be \$ 95.01 annually.

2021 PROJECT UPDATES

The 2021 ADA Curb and Ramp Project was authorized for advertisement at the January 6th Borough Council meeting. The Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement Project was authorized for advertisement at the January 20th Borough Council meeting. The 2021 Roadway Resurfacing Project is scheduled for consideration at the February 3rd Borough Council meeting. The AMI meter replacement project is currently being delayed due to meter production. Once all the meters are on site the Borough can coordinate installation of the remaining electric meters. The Behind the Meter Electric Generator Agreement between the Borough of Hatfield and AMP (American Municipal Power) is in the final stage of construction design. The project is scheduled to be operational in the fourth quarter of 2021. Borough Council welcomes any questions on projects during regularly scheduled meetings.

REMINDER!

**DUE TO COVID-19, OUR TEMPORARY OFFICE HOURS ARE
MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30AM-4:00PM.**

**ALL MEETINGS ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
AND ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

Pre-registration is required.

Please go our website or Facebook for information on how to register for these meetings.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMISSION— 7:00 pm

March 1st
April 5th
May 3rd
June 14th
July 12th
August 2nd
August 30th
October 4th
November 1st
November 29th

REGULAR & WORKSHOP MEETING— 7:30pm

March 3rd
March 17th
April 7th
April 21st
May 5th
May 19th
June 16th
July 21st
August 18th
September 1st
September 15th
October 6th
October 20th
November 3rd
November 17th
December 1st
December 15th



Currently, all meetings are being held via Zoom. Please see our website for registration details.

All are welcome to attend!

HATFIELD ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE (HERC)

8:00am

If you are a Borough Business Owner or a Borough Business Employee and are interested in joining the HERC Committee, please contact Lindsay at lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com
Or 215-855-0781 option 9.

March 24th	April 28th
May 26th	June 23rd
July 28th	August 25th
September 22nd	October 27th
November 17th	December 15th

**Currently, all meetings are being held via Zoom.
Please e-mail
lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com
if you would like to attend.**



EVENT DATES

Due to Covid-19, all event dates are subject to change.

May 27th— Movie Night
June 21st— Founder’s Day
July 22nd— Movie Night
August 26th— Movie Night
September 25th— Fall Fest & Car Show
December 4th— Christmas Tree Lighting

HATFIELD BOROUGH OFFICE CONTACTS

Phone— 215-855-0781
Fax— 215-855-2075

Options:

- 1— Borough Manager
- 2— Public Works Director
- 3— Zoning Officer
- 4— Utilities Coordinator
- 5— Assistant Manager/
Human Resources
- 6— Treasurer
- 7— Tax Collector
- 8— Fire Marshall
- 9— Public Information
Coordinator
- 0— Operator

UTILITIES

- Electric—**
Hatfield Borough
215-855-0781 option 4
- Sewer—**
Hatfield Borough
215-855-0781 option 4
- Gas—**
PECO Energy
1-800-494-4000
- Water—**
N. P. Water Authority
215-855-3617

HATFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY PROGRAMS

**All programs begin at 7:00pm and are live on Facebook “Hatfield Museum & History Society”
Be sure to watch!**

March 23rd
May 25th
September 28th
November 23rd



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Did you know that the Montgomery County Bookmobile has two stops in our area?



Those locations include Ralph's Corner and the Snyder Square Shopping Center. For more information and scheduling visit, <http://mnl.mclinc.org/>.

The Montgomery County Library website offers a plethora of services and access to a variety of different programs, entertainment and education. Be sure to check it out!

The Hatfield History Museum is now open!

The museum is located at 1702 Cowpath Rd.
Hatfield, PA.

To schedule a tour of the museum please visit,
www.hatfieldhistory.org.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW HATFIELD ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS!



MELISSA ROSENBERGER– THE TROLLEY STOP DELI
SADE SPARKS– KD LAUNDROMAT

If you would like to be involved in the community and events, we would love to have you!

Contact Lindsayhellmann@hatfieldborough.com for more information!

We are a Food Cupboard collection site!

Feel free to drop off anytime during normal business hours. The Food Cupboard is always looking for items such as rice, cereal, laundry detergent, tomato sauce, pasta, etc.

If you have additional questions, please contact them directly at foodcupboard@yahoo.com or (215) 855-2540 (leave a message).

We are a Prescription Drop-Off location!



Drop your expired/unused medications in our secure bin anytime during normal business hours. The Hatfield Police Department comes and disposes of the contents once a month.



UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Electric Payment Reminder

ALL ELECTRIC PAYMENTS ARE DUE MONTHLY BY THE 15th.

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

Payments may be dropped off during regular business hours or put in the 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 overnight box.

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

UTILITY UPDATE

Hatfield Borough now has CentraVu!

The Borough of Hatfield is proud to introduce CentraVu, a customer utility portal designed to give our customers access to a dashboard of information to manage both their utility account and usage. Data is fed to the dashboard in real-time. This portal will give customers the reporting and analytic tools needed to not just view their consumption, but truly understand how their behavior affects consumption. Customers can analyze, compare, and download their usage history, see how events such as installing a heat pump or running A/C affect consumption, and set up usage notifications to help achieve their energy conservation goals.

Please visit <https://hatf-pa-web.ampppartners.org/index.php> to access the customer portal.

YOU MUST TYPE NAME AND ACCOUNT NUMBER EXACTLY HOW THEY APPEAR ON YOUR BILL.

Account Number

Account Number:

Enter the account number as it appears on your bill.

Customer Name

Customer Name:

Enter the name as it appears on your bill.

Login Information


Email:

User Name:

Password:

Re-enter Password:

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Privacy - Terms

Register



PUBLIC POWER

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 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.

Congratulations to our 2020 Borough Lights Decorating Contest Winners!

- 1st Place— The Ertel's— 47 Blaine Avenue
- 2nd Place— The Belfatti's— 360 Wheatfield Circle
- 3rd Place— The Klaski's— 449 West Vine Street

Less than half a point separated the three winners so competition is getting stiff. There will be new categories for next year. A preview you ask? Most Colorful, Most Classic, Most Creative to name a few! We cannot wait to see what you all come up with to light up Hatfield!



STORMWATER & RECYCLING

What can you do to reduce or prevent storm water pollution?

- Sweep or rake up debris on surfaces
- Place waste in containers for proper disposal
- Use less toxic weed and pest control methods
- Avoid over watering
- Don't dump chemicals or oil down the storm drain
- Properly maintain your pool and spa
- Don't drain unless absolutely necessary
- Check local regulations when draining
- Use a full or self-service car wash that recycles water
- When washing cars at home use as little water as possible, use biodegradable cleaning products, and drain water into vegetated or graveled surfaces
- Pick up animal waste



Where can I recycle my TV? Microwave? Tires?

Believe it or not, this is one of the most frequently asked questions. To find where to properly dispose of the above items and dozens more:

- Visit montcopa.org.
- In the "Exploring Montgomery County" box, type "Recycling Guide: Recycling A-Z"
- Click on the item you are looking to recycle.



We hope this helps make recycling properly easier for our residents!

Hatfield Township offers a variety of discounted amusement park and ski lift tickets.

You may purchase them in person at 1950 School Rd.

They accept cash & check.

To view a list of available tickets visit www.hatfield.org.



Hatfield Borough Office
 37 n. Market St,
 PO Box 190
 Hatfield PA 19440

Tax Collector’s Corner- “From the desk of Nancy DeFinis”

Happy New Year! Hope this finds you healthy. I will post my in person hours on your tax bill however they are subject to change due to the Covid19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. Please call my office with any questions or to schedule an appointment. I will do my best to try to accommodate. You are encouraged to drop your payments in the drop box outside of the borough office or drop them in my payment window inside the office. If you require a stamped receipt enclose your copy and my copy of the bill with your payment and a self addressed stamped envelope. I will mail you your receipt upon payment processing completion. You may also pay online with your credit card or electronic check. See below for payment processing information. To pay on our website go to www.hatfieldborough.com and click payment menu.

Hatfield Borough also offers the convenience of accepting MasterCard, Discover, American Express and Visa credit cards. There is a convenience fee of \$3.00 for bills less than \$113.00. Bills over \$113.01 will have a fee of 2.65% attached to their total. Stop by my office on tax collection days printed on your bill or schedule an appointment. Additionally, you have the flexibility to go online to use your MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express or Visa.



Electronic Check Payments

Hatfield Borough now accepts electronic check payments using our online payment service. Payments will be charged to your checking or savings account at your bank. You will need your 9-digit routing number, as well as your account number from your personal checks (see example below). A per transaction service fee of \$1.50 will be charged by the payment processing company for this service.



I can be reached by email ndefinis@hatfieldborough.com or by telephone at 215-855-0781 x 7. Leave me a detailed message with your name and phone number and I will get back to you as soon as I’m able. As always, thank you for allowing me to be your tax collector in our town that we love. –Nancy DeFinis, Tax Collector