



# INFORMER

NEWS FOR RESIDENTS OF HATFIELD BOROUGH

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Fall 2011

## Borough Council Section

### BOROUGH COUNCIL

Borough Council held their Annual Retreat September 14<sup>th</sup>. During the planning and strategy session, Council directed the administrative staff to develop the 2012 Budget with NO TAX INCREASE and NO ELECTRIC RATE INCREASE. Council members Kenneth V Farrall, Chairman of the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee identified the recently awarded Open Space Grant extending the Chestnut Street Trail to connect the Liberty Bell Trail. While Councilman Bryan A. Moyer Chairman of the Public Safety Committee reminded staff the benefit of a DVIT Grant enabled the strategic placement of surveillance cameras. These grants saved the Borough thousands of dollars.

JOHN H. WEIERMAN, PRESIDENT

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Borough Manager/Secretary

LINDA L. WATTS,  
Assistant Secretary

LORIE LANG,  
Public Information Coordinator

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## Leaf Pick-up / Curbside Chipping

Leaves Borough of Hatfield conducts a Fall Leaf collection every Monday from late October through the beginning of December. Residents must place leaves in biodegradable paper bags which can be purchased at any home improvement store and also at the Borough Hall for \$.25 each.

Bags must be placed near the front curb by morning for pick-up. *No plastic bags will be accepted!*

### Limbs

The Borough also conducts a Tree Limb Chipping program every Spring & Fall. The intent of this collection is for the clean-up of debris from limbs that have fallen over time. Residents who choose to cut down a tree or bush on their property must make other arrangements for disposal.

- Only limbs and branches up to 6" in diameter will be chipped.
- Branches should be placed by your curb in an orderly pile with the trunk ends facing toward the road.
- Hedge and shrub clippings, tree stumps, as well as branches with thorns will not be collected.

### Power Line Maintenance

Due to the Borough's commitment to reliable electrical service, the trimming of trees (10 foot clearance) around primary power lines will be accomplished this fall. The purpose of this endeavor is to protect the electrical wires and poles from damage due to overhanging tree limbs in high wind situations. Homeowners will be contacted via door hanger notices for this scheduled maintenance. Any resident with questions or concerns can contact the Public Works Department at 215-855-0781 opt. 2.

### Christmas Trees

Discarded Christmas trees are picked up the first 2 Mondays of every new year. Trees should be cleaned of any decorations and placed by the curb for early morning removal.

*Residents are also reminded that open burning of leaves is strictly prohibited.*

The Borough of Hatfield Office is proud to introduce it's new "Team member" Lorie Lang to the Hatfield Borough Community. Lorie started her employment with the Borough on August 8, 2011 and is the Borough's Public Information Coordinator and Community Program Affairs Administrator. Lorie has worked in the executive administrative field for over 20 years and is proficient in customer service, PC updates and trouble shooting. Lorie will be coordinating all Borough Events, updating and monitoring our website and is handling all HTV requests and updates. Plan on attending Harvest Day on October 8, 2011 and give Lorie a big Hatfield Borough Welcome. If you need assistance please contact her at 215-855-0781 option 9 or e-mail her at llang@hatfieldborough.com.



## Founder's Day 2011

A ROARING SUCCESS!!!. The transition from a hot dog on a roll went to a full service food court. This event was well received by residents and the positive feedback was overwhelming. Thank you to all our vendor participants and volunteers. **SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!!**

### Save Our World



#### Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL's)

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.

Questions?

Water Management Program  
DEP's southeast regional office  
484-250-5970 or online @  
[www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us)

Source: **PADEP**



## Recognition of Service

- **Bradley V. Moyer Sr.** Moyer observed and immediately responded to a medical emergency in progress at the Twin Woods Golf Course on May 12, 2011 and going Over and Above the Line of Duty, assisted the Hatfield Township Police Department with CPR and compressions to a person in a cardiac emergency until at which time Bradley V. Moyer continued CPR until the arrival of the volunteer Medical Service Corps.
- **D. Glenn Snyder** has served for thirty years on Hatfield Borough's Planning Commission as a Member and Chair and is a vital member of HERC (Hatfield Economic Revitalization Committee), and Hatfield Community Revitalization Task Force, and Board of Appeals.
- **Edward Polaneczky** joined the staff of Hatfield Borough as a laborer August 5, 1991 after working at the American Olean Tile. August 5, 2011 marked the 20th anniversary of Edward Planeczky's dedicated service to the Borough of Hatfield, Assuring Hatfield Borough a better place in which to work and live.
- **William F. Cossman** has served for five years with Hatfield Borough Public Works Department operating and maintain the street-sweeper, reading electric meters and has been a vital part of numerous Borough projects.
- **Richard H. Ludwig** has served for ten years on HERC (Hatfield Economic Revitalization Committee), and is a vital member of the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce and the Hatfield Community Revitalization Task Force.
- **Linda Watts** started her employment with the Borough in May of 2000 when she served as Administrative Assistant to the Borough Manager Geoff Thompson. Linda has since that time become an important and integral part of workings of Hatfield Borough. Linda acts as Human Resources Manager and is also the Assistant Secretary to Manager Mike DeFinis.
- **John Pedrazzani** was appointed to the Borough of Hatfield's Zoning Hearing Board on April 18 1984 and has served for twenty-seven years on the Zoning Hearing Board as member and Secretary. John was honored by the Hatfield Borough Council, family, constituents, and his many friends on April 20, 2011.
- **Midjet 18AA National Hockey** which had just won the USA Hockey 18 Under Tier II Division 3A National Championship in Gates Mills, Oh. The Ice Dogs solid team work and game strategy was the key to victory.
- **Katelyn P. Farrall** joined the Girl Scouts in 1998 and has completed many service projects for the Girl Scouts and her community. Katelyn's numerous services, involvement and earned awards has given her recognition of service through the Borough of Hatfield.
- The Borough Council and Mayor of the Borough of Hatfield wish to congratulate **Sula Morse Vetterani** on her 100th birthday. With a long history following her , congratulations on her incredible life's journey.



# Community Events

## Ham & Roast Beef Public Supper



**Hatfield Firehouse**

75 Market Street

**Saturday, October 15th 4 pm - 7 pm**




**2nd Annual OctoRun 13K**  
scare yourself fit!  
Sun. Oct. 23 Kids' Race at 8:45 am.  
Main race at 9 am

Event themed for Halloween!

Pre-register by Oct. 2 for \$20 to be guaranteed an event tee shirt  
\$25 after Oct. 2 and up until the race.

Kids' Registration is \$10 and includes tees shirt and medal while they last.

More information  
215-855-0900 or  
[www.hatfieldtownship.org](http://www.hatfieldtownship.org)

The Annual Hatfield Community Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by the Hatfield Chamber of Chamber, will be held Saturday, December 3, at 8:00 AM, in the Banquet Hall of the Hatfield Fire House. The morning will include a delicious breakfast buffet, special music, great fellowship, and a timely message. Reservations (\$10.00) by November 29. 215-855-3335



## Community Caroling and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday,  
December 3 7:00 pm  
At the Railroad Plaza



*Come meet Santa!*

### HATFIELD MUSEUM & HISTORY SOCIETY COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

**Tuesday, November 22:** "Hatfield, PA – Turkeytown, USA" A look at how Hatfield's huge turkey auctions of the early 1900s really put Hatfield on the map!

**Tuesday, January 24:** "Business Advertising Memorabilia" An encore presentation of a program presented in 2010 - The program will include a slideshow presentation as well as display tables of memorabilia that Hatfield businesses gave away to promote their products and services.

Programs will be held in the Hatfield Fire Co. Banquet Hall beginning at 7:30 PM. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

**IT'S NOT TO LATE TO REGISTER FOR HARVEST DAY! \*SPACE IS LIMITED\***



**Hatfield Harvest Day and Yard Sale**

Sat, October 8  
9 am – 1 pm  
Septa Parking Lot  
Market Street

**Vendors & Farmers Wanted!**  
\$10 per space

Registration forms available at the Boro Hall & [www.hatfieldborough.com](http://www.hatfieldborough.com)

### Hatfield Borough Office

401 S. Main St., Hatfield PA 19440  
Telephone.....215-855-0781  
Fax.....215-855-2075  
Web address....[www.hatfieldborough.com](http://www.hatfieldborough.com)

#### Office Hours:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

### Borough Meeting Schedules

#### Borough Council

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

#### Planning Commission

Monday before 1st Council meeting of each month.....7 p.m.

#### HERC

4th Wednesday of each month.....8 a.m.

## Dates to Remember

Curbside Chipping

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3**

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Leaf Pick-Up

Every Monday from  
**OCT. 24 THRU DEC. 4**

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General Election Day

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

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Daylight Savings Time Ends

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

*When you change your clocks....  
....Change your batteries!*

Hatfield Borough Holiday Closures

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 24**

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 23**

**MONDAY DECEMBER 26**

**FRIDAY DECEMBER 30**

**\*HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM HATFIELD BOROUGH TO YOU\***

## **\*BUSINESS OWNER AND RESIDENTS\*RECYCLING IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY**

### ***Here are some helpful tips and tools:***



So much trash has accumulated in the Pacific Ocean that it is now the size of Africa. Do your part! Learn how to reduce waste at home and work. It's free and easy. Recycle: Cans, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and glass We recommend and encourage you to take your newspapers to your local school where accepted.

Use plastic grocery/shopping bags. Buy canvas or nylon reusable bags and keep and use them when you shop.

Use sponges instead of paper towels whenever possible. Disinfect sponges by microwaving them damp for 1 minute or by running them through the next dishwasher cycle. Paper towels can be composted.

Use washable table napkins instead of paper napkins — cloth napkins are usually much larger and more absorbent than paper products, and they can dress up your dinner table too!

Buy washable cotton diapers check the yellow pages to see if there is a diaper service in your area. If you select those with velcro wraps, reusable diapers are just as convenient and may even be cheaper than disposable diapers. For more information check the Montgomery County website [recycling@wsaemc.org](mailto:recycling@wsaemc.org). Contact Hatfield Borough at 215-855-0781 option 9 for larger recycling items and appliances.

## ***Greetings from your Tax Collector:***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has paid their taxes. In the event you have not paid the end of the face period which is October 31, 2011 this date is quickly approaching. Afterwards, you would fall into the penalty period and incur a 10% penalty on your payment. You have up until the end of the year to pay. I will not be able to accept personal checks after December 15, 2011. Cash, certified check or money order will be accepted as payment. Thank you for your kind courtesy and cooperation in this regard....Nancy DeFinis. Collection Hours: October 31, 2011 and December 29, 2011: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Borough Office.



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