



INFORMER

NEWS FOR RESIDENTS OF HATFIELD BOROUGH

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Spring 2008

Founder's Day 2008 Set for June 28



The 110th anniversary celebration of Founder's Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2008 and this year will definitely be **spectacular!**

The day will begin at 11 am with the dedication of the new "Memorial" at the Electric Plant Park located in front of the Borough Hall on Main Street. The Memorial features a new brick walkway, a waterfall, benches and 3 new illuminated flagpoles.

From there, the celebration continues with a walk along the Liberty Bell Trail ending at Centennial Park on Cherry Street.

There will be plenty of food & refreshments along with a moon bounce, pony rides, a petting zoo, clowns, face painting, many children's activities and games of all sorts.

There will also be a history display in the Historic Jail House Building as well as an afternoon full of musical entertainment. "Cool Beans" is back by popular demand and the day will conclude with a performance by the "Montgomery County Concert Band".

Be sure and mark your calendars because this is an event that you won't want to miss!

Volunteer forms are available at the Borough Hall or for more information contact:
Shawn Skelly, Event Coordinator
610-454-1286
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Mayor Kaler Honored



Mayor Robert L. Kaler, III was recently honored at a Borough Council Meeting with a Resolution of Commendation for his 50 years of service to the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company. He was also honored by his firefighting peers at the annual Hatfield Fire Company banquet held in March at Marjeane's Caterers.

A lifelong resident of Hatfield Borough, Mayor Kaler joined the Fire Company in 1957 as a junior firefighter and has continued with years of unsurpassed dedication to the entire Hatfield community. He served as Fire Chief for 15 years

from 1968 to 1982 and also served as the Borough's Fire Marshal during that time.

Along with his outstanding devotion to the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company, Mayor Kaler has also served the community as Borough Council Member, Council President, and as Mayor of Hatfield Borough since 2005. **Congratulations & Thank You Mayor Kaler!**

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Community Improvement Project Update

Lincoln Avenue Bridge Construction

The next phase of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge Reconstruction will take place this summer. The rehabilitation to be undertaken includes constructing parapet walls and side treatments, the replacement of sidewalks and protective fences on both sides of the bridge, and the installation of new guiderails. In addition, the



new sidewalks will include a decorative brick paver feature. This construction work will bring the new structure into compliance with current Penn DOT safety and accessibility standards. Deferred maintenance and age had caused the deterioration of the bridge. The rehabilitation work will correct these safety issues and make the bridge safer for vehicles and pedestrians. The total cost of the project will be around \$85,000. The Borough has secured a Community Development Block Grant from Montgomery County for \$75,000 for the work. Look for work to commence in late summer.

Montgomery County Hazardous Waste Collection Program

The 2008 Montgomery County Household Hazardous Waste Collection program will be held at the following locations:

- * **Indian Valley Middle School** 130 Maple Ave., Harleysville
Saturday, April 19, 2008; 9am to 3pm
- * **Montgomery County Community College** Cathcart Rd. Blue Bell
Saturday, June 14, 2008; 9am to 3pm
- * **Springfield School District** 500 Haws Lane, Flourtown
Saturday, August 2, 2008; 9am to 3pm

Products to Bring:

- Automotive:** Motor oil, transmission & brake fluid, antifreeze, gas & kerosene.
 - Household:** Drain & oven cleaners, spot removers, rug cleaners.
 - Paint:** Paint thinner & remover, oil based paint, furniture stripper/refinisher.
 - Electronic:** Monitors, small TVs, computers, PDA's, printers & cell phones.
 - Pesticides & Herbicides.** **Please bring mercury containing devices.**
 - Miscellaneous:** Dyes, lighter fluid, swimming pool chemicals, asphalt sealers.
- DO NOT BRING PROPANE CONTAINERS OR LATEX PAINT!**
- For more info call: 610.278.3618 or visit the web at www.wsaemc.org

A Safety Message from your Fire Marshall...

Outdoor Barbeque Safety Tips



1. Keep your barbeque grill clean & free of grease buildups. Also, insects love to build nests in gas grill tubes. Follow the manufacturer's cleaning instructions.
2. Grease fires are difficult to put out with water so be sure to have a fire extinguisher handy.
3. Never start a gas grill with the lid closed.
4. Never wear loose clothing that might catch fire during a flare-up. If your clothes do catch fire remember, **drop to the ground & roll.**
5. Never use a flammable liquid other than barbeque starter fluid to start your grill or smoker.
6. When using starter fluid, place the container well away from the grill before lighting. Take care not to spill. And **never ever** add liquid starter to hot or even warm coals!
7. Wear insulated fire retardant mitts and use long handled tools designed for barbequing.
8. Always shut off the valve to propane tanks when not in use.
9. Always shut off the dampers on your grill or smoker when not in use.
10. Never leave a hot grill unattended. And keep children and pets at a safe distance.

Lawn Mower Safety Tips

1. Check the lawn first for objects such as bottles, stones, etc. Exercise similar caution when using lawn edgers. Propelled objects cause most lawn mower-related injuries.
2. Check that lawn mower guards and shields are functional.
3. Set wheel height **prior** to starting the engine.
4. Always use care when filling the tank with gas. Wipe up spills and never fill the tank of a hot mower.
5. When using a bag attachment, turn the mower off prior to removing or re-attaching the bag. Better yet, when using mulching mowers, there's no need to use a bag at all.
6. Very steep slopes are dangerous to mow. Consider an alternative to grass such as growing ground covers.
7. Mow only when the grass is dry, to reduce the risk of injury through slipping.
8. Wear appropriate clothing and use hearing protection such as earplugs.
9. Disconnect spark plugs when servicing the mower to prevent any accidental start-ups.
10. Never leave a running mower unattended.





News From Our Public Libraries

Lansdale Public Library

301 Vine Street, Lansdale PA
215-855-3228

The Lansdale Public Library offers a variety of programs and activities such as our Friday Night Movies; Story Times for children; book discussions; free tutoring; and many more! All of our programming is free, unless otherwise stated and membership is not required to attend.

We also have a Community Service Volunteer Program as well as our "Friends of the Library" volunteer group.

Montgomery County Library

1001 Powell St., Norristown
610-278-5100

The Friends of the Montgomery District Library Center offer public programming and cultural bus trips year round. We also offer a wide variety of programs for children, teens and adults.

We have computer labs; videos & DVDs for rental; financial, environmental & lifestyle workshops; our popular "Teen Zone"; and our community Bookmobile which makes stops in the Hatfield area.

North Wales Free Library

201 Summit St., North Wales
215-699-5410

The Library Board has purchased a 10,000 square foot building which will eventually house our new library & community center with expanded room for books, periodicals, computers with internet access, a children's room, an area for the North Penn community to hold meetings and events, and even a café and a fireplace!

Library membership is free and we offer many programs & activities for all ages.

Hatfield Borough Office

401 S. Main St., Hatfield PA 19440
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Fax.....215-855-2075
Web address....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.

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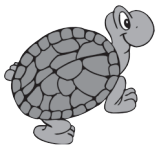
4th Thursday of each month.....8 a.m.



Earth Day



Come out and join us for Hatfield Borough's annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 8:30-11:30am. We will be planting flowers along the Liberty Trail and at many of the parks in the Borough, as well as general litter and branch pick-up. Bags will be provided, but be sure to come prepared with sunscreen and work gloves.



Interested groups & individuals can register for Earth Day by filling out a volunteer form available at the Borough Hall by April 16th. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be no rain date.



Come out and join the fun as Hatfield Borough Goes Green!!!

Flag Retirement Ceremony



The Hatfield American Legion Post #933 will host a flag burning ceremony for retired U.S. flags on Saturday, June 14, 2008 in honor of Flag Day. The event is set to take place at the American Legion, located at 2100 Koffel Road. The community is welcome to utilize the collection box for old flags in the vestibule of the American Legion.

POOL REGISTRATION TO BEGIN SOON

Come see what's new and exciting at the Hatfield Aquatic Center for 2008!

You can register in-person at the Hatfield Township Municipal Building during normal business hours and during special evening and Saturday dates.

Also online at: www.hatfieldtownship.org

Watch for the Parks & Recreation newsletter for further details.

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Important Dates to Remember

CURBSIDE CHIPPING
Monday, May 5
 Tree limbs and branches up to 6" in diameter will be chipped. Please place all material to be chipped on your curb by morning.
(no leaves or other debris)

FOUNDER'S DAY
Saturday, June 28 11am - 5pm
 Stay tuned to HTV & Hatfield Borough's website for more updates and information. This will be a **spectacular celebration!**
 You don't want to miss it!!

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Tuesday, April 22
 Hatfield Fire House
Information can be found online at www.voterservices.montcopa.org or by calling 610-278-3280.

EARTH DAY
Saturday, April 19
 8:30 am to 11:30 am
More information on page 3

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
Monday, May 26 9:30 am
 Broad Street in Hatfield
 Interested participants should contact American Legion Post #933 at 215-368-7733

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM
Saturday, April 19 9am-3pm
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