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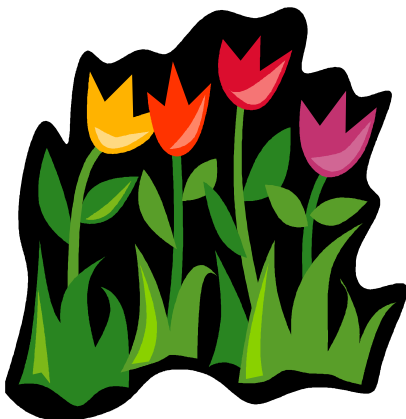


2014 WINTER STORMS

There have been at least 15 separate winter storms that have required response from the Hatfield Borough Public Works Department. The most significant storms were the February 4th – 6th ice & snow event that caused a Borough wide power outage. The initial outage was caused by a momentary power interruption on the PPL distribution lines. Shortly after that blip, all Borough power lines could not energize. Many of the lines were covered with debris from fallen trees or damaged by falling branches. As in any emergency event, it is necessary to identify the problem, gather the resources essential for repairs, develop and execute a recovery plan; all during extreme weather conditions. As you can see by the picture above, this can be a daunting task. Remember this is one isolated incident on February 5th. There were several more that required at least the same manpower response.

The snow storm of February 13th that lasted through the 15th, created a great deal of challenges. The Northeast region was hit with a salt shortage and manpower was stretched to the limits. Many years of planning and cooperation between Hatfield Borough & Township proved valuable during this storm. The large joint salt storage facility constructed by the Borough and Township kept both municipalities supplied with salt. Utilizing outside contractors helped the Borough Public Works Crew keep up with the storm.

The culmination of all these storms have created a shortfall in weather related budget line items. Borough Council has directed staff to review all funds (General, Sewer, Electric, etc.) and look for ways to reduce expenditures.





COUNCIL CORNER

2014 WINTER ROAD DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Borough & PENNDOT roads have taken a beating from the 15 winter storms. Many roads will require some method of repair. Many will require patching with crack sealing and seal coating. Some will require mill and overlay. The roads pictured below are state roads requiring PENNDOT maintenance and repair. Hatfield Borough Council and Mayor Kaler are calling on State Representative Bob Godshall and State Senator Stewart Greenleaf to encourage PENNDOT to place these roads at the top of the repair list.



Market Street



Market Street



East Broad Street

UNEXPECTED COSTS FROM WINTERS COLD BLAST

Due to the extreme cold weather from the Polar Vortex that gripped much of the nation for several weeks, the Borough of Hatfield was levied with an unexpected high cost for electric capacity. The PJM that distributes electric to about a third of the nation experienced additional cost due to extremely high demand. The FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) allowed the distributors of electric and their parent organization pass those costs on to end users. Several States have held, Consumer Affairs hearings on this subject. Hatfield Borough Council is waiting for a response from the hearings. Should the increased cost be upheld, Borough Council will be forced to pass the cost on to Borough customers. At this time, Borough Council is considering a .0055 per KWH increase for not more than 10 months to recover the \$ 74,761.00 additional non-budgeted electric charge. Borough Council considers this cost to be excessive and has made its feelings known to State Officials.

AVERAGE USAGE	BILL BEFORE INCREASE	BILL AFTER INCREASE
500 KW HOURS	\$78.72	\$81.47
1000 KW HOURS	\$151.22	\$156.72
2000 KW HOURS	\$296.22	\$307.22

*Flat customer charges not included
Illustration based on residential customers



BOROUGH INFORMATION



Owner Occupied Critical Home Repair Program comes to Hatfield Borough!



In partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Hatfield Borough is looking to start a Critical Repair Program for owner occupied residences in Hatfield Borough. This program will offer those who qualify labor and financial assistance to foster image-making improvements to their residential properties.

This program is NO COST to Borough residents but some sweat equity in the project is mandated. If you are interested in receiving more information on the program please, contact 215-855-0781 ext 5.



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Tune into these media outlets to find out the latest news in Hatfield Borough

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MONDAY MAY 19 5-8PM

A Business Open House Event!

WALK, BIKE OR RIDE

around town to visit participating businesses

-Raffles for Prizes

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-Moon Bounce -DJ Mike Trotter -Trolley Rides

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EXPERIENCE HATFIELD BOROUGH IN 2014!

Come Celebrate Earth Day with Us!

**Borough Resident Cardboard Drop Off
& Shredding Event!**



Saturday, April 26 9:00 am — 1:00 pm

Hatfield Borough Office Parking Lot
401 South Main Street

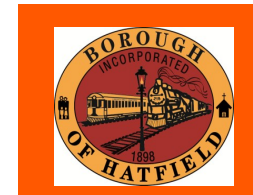
Founder's Day

June 16, 2014

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Centennial Park, Cherry Street

Come Out and Celebrate Your Community!



SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

CAR SHOW & FAMILY FUN ENTERTAINMENT



HATFIELD AQUATIC CENTER

Season Pass Pricing for 2014

Season Pass Type	Resident Fee	Non-Resident Fee
Junior/Senior Pass (ages 1 - 4 & 60+)	\$70.00	\$99.00
Individual Pass (ages 5-59)	\$99.00	\$119.00
Twilight Pass (All ages, Only valid after 5:00 pm)	\$54.00	\$69.00
2 Member Family	\$198.00	\$238.00
3 Member Family	\$297.00	\$357.00
4 Member Family	\$345.00	\$476.00
5 Member Family	\$390.00	\$595.00
6 Member Family	\$435.00	\$654.00
7 Member Family	\$445.00	\$763.00

All Season Pass prices include a \$10.00 maintenance fee

	Regular Admission Guest Fees	2:00 pm	5:00 pm
Junior/Senior (ages 1 - 4 & 60+)	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$4.00
Individual (ages 5 - 59)	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$6.00

May & September Bonus Days:

Friday, May 16
 Saturday, May 17
 Sunday, May 18
 Saturday, September 6
 Sunday, September 8
 Saturday, September 13



2014 Season Pass Perks!

Early Admission:

Each day, the Aquatic Center opens at 11:00 AM

Lap Swimming:

M-F, June 30 through August 1 lap swimming is available from 7-8 AM

Friday Fun Nights:

Beginning June 13 every Friday the Aquatic Center stays open until 10 PM.

Please visit www.swimhatfield.org to learn how to purchase your 2014 Hatfield Aquatic Center Season Passes, find out details about Bonus Days hours of operation and many summer events planned at the Aquatic Center.



2014 BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

Trolley Stop Deli
76 East Broad Street

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210 South Main Street

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23 South Main Street

Tranquility Life Spa &
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Tax Collector Corner “From the Desk of Nancy DeFinis”

Welcome Spring!

Can you guess what County in PA that does not have a discount on municipal/county and school taxes? The answer is Cameron County. I'm trying to make a fun segue to the fact that your Hatfield Borough and Montgomery County taxes are currently due. If your payment is postmarked by April 30, 2014 you will receive a 2% discount. My collection hours during discount are Wednesday April 2,9,16 from 11:00am - 2:00pm and April 23,24,25,28,29,30 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm closed noon - 1:00pm for lunch. I have added extra hours to my schedule on June 30th, the last day of face from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Borough Office.

Reminder, please be on the look out for your North Penn School District tax bill in your mail on/or before July 1, 2014. If you do not receive your tax bill contact me as soon as possible. The millage rate for your school taxes will not be determined until mid June.

As always, if you have a question or want to schedule an appointment regarding your real estate taxes kindly call me. My telephone number is 215-855-0781 option 7. Please leave me a detailed message with your return phone number and best time to call. I check my messages on a regular basis and return calls promptly. Please know I am very happy to serve as your elected Tax Collector representing you and the town that I love.

Fondly, Nancy