



Borough Informer

Summer 2013



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Council Gets Good News on the 2012 Audit

Hatfield Borough Council & Mayor Robert L. Kaler III received the results of the 2012 audit Wednesday, July 17.

Nancy Gunza of Clifton Larson Allen told Council they would receive an unmodified opinion. By accounting and auditing standards unmodified is the best opinion one could achieve.

Council President John H. Weierman noted "there were no issues" in the draft report to Council. Nancy Gunza accompanied by Bruce Braunewell & Kristin Deissler noted during 2012, Council made significant progress on prior year comments. By adopting the Capitalization Policy, Records

Retention Policy and updating the Employee Handbook.. During the presentation council member John Weierman, Chairman of the Budget Finance & Labor Committee noted, utilizing cash reserves earning interest below one percent to pay off debt with a higher interest rate is sound business practice. Council member John Kroesser and Mayor Kaler agreed.

Council members John Weierman, John Kroesser and Mayor Kaler thanked staff for their efforts in compiling the information for the audit.

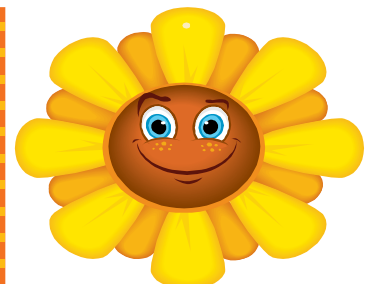
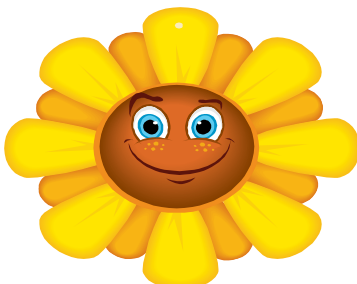


Owner Occupied Critical Home Repair Pilot Program comes to Hatfield Borough!



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.

A town meeting will be held in later months with more detailed information about this opportunity. If you are interested in attending this meeting and would like to be put on the notification list please call 215-855-0781 ext 9.





BOROUGH OF HATFIELD OFFICIALS SUPPORT



Pictured from left to right: Borough Tax Collector Nancy DeFinis, American Legion representatives Keith Varcoe and Ralph Kett, Borough Councilman Bryan Moyer and Borough Mayor Robert L. Kaler III.

Hatfield Borough representatives present American Legion Post 933 members with a donation check for \$1,500.00 for the Vietnam Moving Wall during the Founder's Day celebration on Monday, June 17.

2013 FALL HARVEST DAY

October 26, 2013

9:00am - 2:00pm

Market Street - SEPTA Lot



Food for Thought.. Back to School Food Drive

August 1 – 31 2013

*Partnership of Hatfield Borough
And local Hatfield food cupboards*

look for donation bins in local businesses



Mayor Kaler has public office hours every Wednesday from 9:30am - 2:00pm at the Borough Office. If you have any questions, concerns or just want to chat about your town, please stop down and see him.



KEY ORDINANCES



Outdoor Burning Ordinance

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 which 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.



Trees



Ordinance #224 states that it shall be the duty of the owners of real estate in the Borough to trim and maintain trees located on their property and along or near any street in the Borough.

Junk Cars

It shall be unlawful for any person, owner or lessee to maintain a motor vehicle nuisance upon the open private grounds of such person, owner or lessee within Hatfield Borough. A motor vehicle ordinance shall include any motor vehicle which does not have a current registration or inspection sticker or which is unable to move under its own power or one which has any physical defects or may be a danger to citizens.



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 or 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.

The owner of any premises, as to vacant premises or premises occupied by the owner, and the occupant thereof, in case of premises occupied by other than the owner thereof, shall remove, trim or cut all grass, weeds or other vegetation growing or remaining upon such premises.

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



SUCCESSFUL BOROUGH EVENTS!



EXPERIENCE HATFIELD 2013

Thank you to all who attended!



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FOUNDER'S DAY 2013

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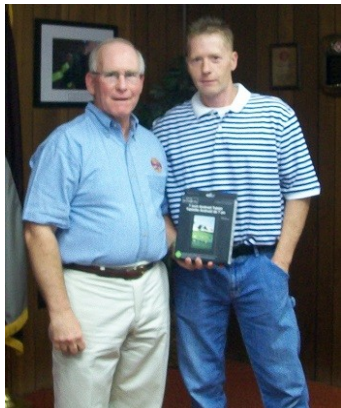
***Many photos courtesy of Ray Masser*



EXPERIENCE HATFIELD WINNERS!



7 INCH ANDROID TABLET!



Borough Council President John Weierman and John Disimone

42 INCH SANYO LCD TV!



Pictured from left to right: Borough Councilman Bryan Moyer, Mayor Robert L. Kaler III, TV winner Brianna O'Gara, Borough Council President John Weierman, Borough Councilman John Kroesser and Borough Councilman Larry Stevens.

26 INCH SCHWINN BIKE!



Christine Kelly and Borough Council President John Weierman



Pictured from left to right: Borough Councilman Bryan Moyer, Mayor Robert L. Kaler III, electric winner Tom Salter, Borough Council President John Weierman, Borough Councilman John Kroesser and Borough Councilman Larry Stevens.

**Hatfield Borough
Electric Credit Winners!**
\$250.00 Tom Salter
\$150.00 Sandy D'Orazio
\$75.00 Michael Butera
\$25.00 Bill Roth



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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Swimming Pool Safety

- Learn to swim!
- Never leave a child unobserved around water. Adult supervision is recommended.
- Install a phone by the pool or keep a cordless phone nearby for emergencies.
- Learn CPR and post instructions and “9-1-1” in the pool area.
- Enclose the pool completely with a self-locking, self-closing fence with vertical bars. Fence openings should be no more than 4 inches wide.
- Never leave furniture near the fence.
- Always keep basic lifesaving equipment by the pool & know how to use it. Pole, rope and personal flotation devices (PDFs) are recommended.
- Keep toys away from the pool when not in use. They can attract young children.
- Pool covers should always be completely removed prior to pool use. Also, do not allow anyone to walk over the pool cover.

Basic Water Safety

- Learn to swim!
- Swim in areas supervised by a lifeguard and never swim alone.
- Read and obey all rules & posted signs.
- Children or inexperienced swimmers should wear a personal flotation device (PFD).
- Be informed of the water environment, such as deep & shallow areas, currents, depth changes, obstructions and entry & exit points.
- Do not swim in bad weather.
- Feet first when entering the water unless the area is clearly marked for diving.
- Know how to prevent, recognize and respond to emergencies.
- Watch out for the dangerous “too’s” - too tired, too cold, too far from safety, too much sun.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection 9:00am - 3:00pm

Sunday, August 11, 2013
Abington Junior High School

Saturday, September 7, 2013
Pottsgrove Senior High School

Sunday, October 20, 2013
Lower Merion Transfer Station

Electronics Collection Program 9:00am - 3:00pm

Sunday, August 18, 2013
Springfield Township High School

Saturday, September 14, 2013
Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School

Saturday, October 12, 2013
Upper Merion Middle School

Montgomery County Recycling Hotline
610-278-3618



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



317 South Main Street

Hours:
Monday - Sunday
11:00am - 10:00pm

Check them out on facebook
Moms Real Italian Water Ice & Ice Cream Shop

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Owner Joe Amorosi
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Hatfield, PA 19440



Hatfield Borough Office
401 S. Main St.,
Hatfield PA 19440



Tax Collector Corner “From the Desk of Nancy DeFinis”

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Hello, I hope you are enjoying the summer. I want to make sure that you are aware that if you own a property in Hatfield Borough and it is your primary residence, you may file for a Homestead reduction through the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals. Applications and rules are on the County website www.montcopa.org. Type in BOA (Board of Assessment) and print the application. Should you choose to apply you will be notified by Montgomery County if you qualify for this program to reduce your tax liability.

If you have already paid your school taxes, thank you! If not, pay them by August 31 to receive a 2% discount. On tax payments made from September 1 through October 31, the face amount is due. After October 31, you would fall into the penalty period and incur a 10% penalty on your payment. You have until December 30 to pay your tax bill, however, I am unable to accept any personal checks after December 15, 2013. After December 15, only cash, certified check or money order will be accepted as payment.

COLLECTION HOURS: August 7, 14, 21 from 11AM to 2PM, August 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 from 10AM to 4:30PM (closed noon to 1PM). As always, you may call the office for an appointment or with special needs. My number is 215-855-0781 option 7. Kindly leave me a detailed message with your telephone number and I will return your call as soon as I am able.

EXTRA HOURS: October 31, 2013 and December 30, 2013: 11:00 AM to 2PM

ATTENTION: The Borough Office will be closed on December 31, 2013.

Thank you for your support. I am happy to serve as your elected Tax Collector representing you and this town that I love.

Fondly, Nancy DeFinis