



# Borough Informer Summer 2015

## Borough Council and Staff



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- *Kenneth V. Farrall, Vice President*
- *John Kroesser*
- *Bryan A. Moyer*
- *Lawrence G. Stevens*
- *Robert L. Kaler III, Mayor*
- *Michael J. DeFinis, Borough Manager/ Secretary*
- *Jaime E. Snyder, Assistant Secretary*
- *Fred Leister, Public Works Director*

# F A L L F E S T I V A L

**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2015  
8:00 AM — 3:00 PM**

**8:00 AM—1:00 PM  
MARKET STREET**

**VENDOR SALES**  
MOON BOUNCE  
FACE PAINTING & BALLOON ART  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
MUSIC, FOOD & GAMES

**HATFIELD AUTO MUSEUM**  
LINCOLN AVENUE, HATFIELD BOROUGH

**LIVE MUSIC**  
TOURS  
HATFIELD HISTORY & MORE!

## CAR SHOW!

**11:00 AM—3:00 PM**  
VEHICLE CHECK IN 8:30 AM—10:30 AM  
**LINCOLN AVENUE, HATFIELD BOROUGH**  
JUDGING FOR EVENT 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
AWARDS CEREMONY HELD @ 2:30 PM

CALL 215-855-0781 TO REGISTER FOR FREE

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## UPDATES FROM COUNCIL AND YOUR MAYOR



Pictured Left to Right: Council Vice President Kenneth Farrall, Councilmember Larry Stevens, Council President John Weierman, Councilmember Bryan Moyer, Mayor Robert L. Kaler III and Councilmember John Kroesser

### Congratulations Councilmember Moyer & Hatfield Borough!

On April 28, 2015 Councilmember Bryan A. Moyer was awarded the Pennsylvania State Eastern Councilmember of the Year by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.

Councilmember Moyer has been a vital part of the Borough Council since 2004 and we are honored to have him serve this community.

On April 28, 2015 Hatfield Borough was presented the First Place Award in the Municipal Newsletter Contest by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs.



Pictured Left to Right: Borough Manager Michael DeFinis, Councilmember Bryan Moyer, Assistant Secretary Jaime Snyder, and Mayor Robert L. Kaler III

## Mayor's Desk

I hope you all are enjoying your Summer.

I wanted to take the time to inform everyone that the Borough has been working hard to lock in a new electric contract which will extend through 2022 with our power purchase provider. This new, extended contract will allow the Borough to keep stable rates that we can pass along to our customers. Through this process the Borough has looked at extending the current Power Purchase Agreement which was set to expire in 2017 with lower rates that are available on the market. With this new contract now in place, the Borough is looking forward to holding the line on electric rates over the next seven years.

Secondly, the Borough has been busy aiding in many Eagle Scout Projects around the Borough. We are excited to work with the Boy Scouts of America and create some wonderful projects in the parks around the Borough.

As always, I am available at the Borough Office every Wednesday from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm to answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to stop by and visit me; no appointment is required. If you are not available on Wednesdays, call the Borough Office and schedule an appointment to meet with me.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Mayor Bob



# COMMUNITY REACH OUT



## A Message from the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce President

Did you know that there are over 1200 businesses in Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough?! That's a lot of businesses when you stop and think about it. But in the internet era, when it's so simple to Google something and press the buy button, it's easy to forget about our local businesses. I will be the first to admit that I do this frequently, mostly because of the convenience. But we should really stop to question if this is the right thing to do. If you could get the product or service you need from a local "guy" rather than someone on the other side of the country, or maybe even the world, shouldn't we all give it a try? After all, even if it may cost a few cents more, you will be supporting the local economy. Our goal at the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce is to promote our local businesses, which in turn helps the folks that live right here in our own community. So the next time you need a product or service, before you go to Amazon or Google, check out the members of the Hatfield Chamber at [www.hatfieldchamber.com](http://www.hatfieldchamber.com). Just click on the "Our Members" box at the top-right side of the page to access our membership database and digital directory. It won't cost you anything more to check them out, other than maybe a few extra clicks, I promise.

George Bardissi, President  
Hatfield Chamber of Commerce

# FOOD CUPBOARD MOST WANTED LIST

**Canned Soup (esp. low-salt)**  
**Peanut Butter**  
**Jelly**  
**Paper Towels**  
**Canned Spaghetti Sauce**

All donations will be accepted at the Hatfield Borough Office at 401 South Main Street between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.





## DID YOU KNOW..

# Stormwater Management

Stormwater runoff is generated from dispersed land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—efforts to control stormwater pollution must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and activities that can generate pollution from these surfaces. These common individual behaviors have the potential to generate stormwater pollution:

- littering
- disposing of trash and recyclables
- disposing of pet-waste
- applying lawn-chemicals
- washing cars
- changing motor-oil on impervious driveways
- household behaviors like disposing leftover paint and household chemicals

\*[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)



## IRS SCAMS ARE REAL

During this past tax season, Hatfield Police were seeing an increase in IRS scam complaints in which persons, posing as IRS agents over the phone, aggressively demand money "owed" and threaten immediate arrest or deportation if there is non-compliance. If you receive one of these phone calls, hang up immediately. Do not give out any personal information or send money. Contact either the police or the IRS directly (using the contact information found on its website IRS.gov) if you are unsure whether the phone call - or any letter received - is truly from the IRS. Be aware that persons can even alter the caller ID information to make it look like the call is originating from the IRS.

According to the IRS, here are some other things the scammers often do but the IRS will not do: Any one of these things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

### The IRS will never:

- Call to demand money or call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card or wire transfer.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- Threaten to bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

Find out more at: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Scams-Consumer-Alerts>



# SPRING TIME EVENTS!

## EARTH DAY RECYCLING



- 29 Car Tires
- 7 Car Batteries
- 75-100 Gallons of Gas / Oil

- 1.3 Tons of Paper
- 2,450 lbs of Electronics
- 2 Refrigerator / Freezers
- 5 Air Conditioners
- 8 Yard Dumpster of Cardboard

..and more!



# ROLL & STROLL



PHOTOS COURTESY OF RAYMOND MASSER & PTMA



## GET CONNECTED, STAY INFORMED



Would you like to learn more about the local history of Hatfield? Check out the Facebook page of Hatfield Museum & History Society! The page is packed full of photos, memories, and info of old time Hatfield!

Upcoming Hatfield Museum & History Society Presentations:  
 Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
 Tuesday, November 24, 2015  
 Hatfield Vol. Fire Co. Banquet Hall - 75 Market Street

## Do you enjoy walking in the Borough?

If you enjoy walking in Hatfield Borough and were unable to make our community walk audit with the Montgomery County Planning Commission there is still time to let your voice be heard. Please go to the website below and click on Hatfield Borough downtown. You will be able to register or just comment on what you experience when walking in the Borough, it's that easy!

<http://wikimapping.net/wikimap/walkmontco.html>

## Montgomery County Alert System

Montgomery County is moving to a new emergency alert system called Everbridge. This system will allow residents to register for emergency updates in their area through a website provided by Montgomery County. Once you register you will be able to receive these updates via text, email, cell phone, landline or by mobile app. Some of the updates that will be available are: severe weather, traffic disruptions, shelter or evacuation information, water main breaks, power outages, law enforcement or fire rescue incidents. The Borough of Hatfield is currently registered for the training sessions on the new system and once in place we will notify residents and business owners on how they can register for the updates.



# 2015 BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

Mom's Water Ice  
317 South Main Street

Bella Italia Pizzeria  
317 South Main Street

Salon Shabella  
111 East Broad Street

Shear Delight  
37 East Lincoln Avenue

Dr. Gazdick DDS  
461 South Main Street

Brooks Instrument  
407 West Vine Street

## YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Paradise Manor**  
A large, multi-story building with a classic architectural style.

**George Didden Greenhouses, Inc.**  
A brick building with a sign for 'Sala Bella'.

**Ponnie's Beauty Boutique**  
Family Hair Care, Nails & Facials. 368-1703. By Appointment.

**State Farm**  
DAVE SEIBERT 215-855-2848

**Casey's Saloon & Eatery**  
210 South Main Street • Hatfield, PA  
215-368-8823 • FAX 215-368-2751  
www.caseyssaloonandeatery.com

**FRAN TAYLOR**  
PLUMBING & HEATING  
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL

**FAMILY DENTISTRY**  
STEPHEN F. GAZDICK  
D.D.S., P.C.  
(461)

**ITALIAS PIZZERIA**  
Formerly 'Italia's Pizza' from Snyder's Square!  
215-855-8821 • Fax 215-855-8822  
EVERYDAY SPECIAL  
2 Large Cheese Pizzas \$19.95

**Doyle's Family Restaurant**  
Breakfast Omelettes Lunch

**Hatfield Depot SELF-STORAGE**

**MILKO'S TIRE & AUTO CENTER**  
Repair and Maintenance on All Cars & Light Trucks

**the Woodburners**  
Stove & Artisan Shop

**Mom's Real Italian**

**WATER ICE & Soft ICE CREAM**

**BROOKS INSTRUMENT**

**Gehman Chiropractic & Wellness**  
Don Gehman, DC  
p: 215.362.5949 f: 215.362.1849  
39 Market Street Hatfield, PA 19440  
gehmanchiro@verizon.net

**Godshall's Auto Service**  
225 S. Main St. • Hatfield, PA 19440  
www.godshallsauto.com  
Tel: 215-855-7800 Fax: 215-855-7883

**Crystal Rose Catering & Special Events Solution**  
Bill Lee Agency Owner  
Allstate Insurance Company  
21 E. Lincoln Ave Suite 250 Hatfield, PA 19440  
Phone 215-362-7353 Fax 215-362-1259

**Hatfield Pizzeria**  
129 S. Main St., Hatfield

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100 White Road, Lansdale PA 19446  
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www.franconiaauto.com 215 362 8843  
Owner Joe Amorosi 23 South Main Street Hatfield, PA 19440

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**Tranquility Life Spa & Hair Design, LLC**



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

## Tax Collector Corner "From the Desk of Nancy DeFinis"

Hello, I trust you are enjoying your summer. If you own a property in Hatfield Borough, the North Penn School District tax bill will be postmarked by July 1st. North Penn School District has switched banks to National Penn. The district requires all their tax collectors to receive training from the bank on (ACH) Automated Clearing House. (ACH) is electronic scanning of all checks for payments. This will allow the district to get paid faster. Please know when you submit your payment it may be electronically deposited the same day received.

Additionally, kindly note that North Penn School District will have a returned check fee on all the accounts with National Penn Bank. This fee will be passed on to any tax payer that bounces a check and that I must recoup.

**The fee will be \$35.00 \$30 for each check returned plus \$5 for a duplicate bill.**

Taxpayers may elect to pay their school real estate taxes in three equal installments.

If the installment method of payment is selected installment payments must be made on or before August 1, September 15, and October 31, 2015.

**If you choose to participate in the installment program, you cannot take advantage of the 2% discount.**

**Payment of the first full installment must be received by August 1, 2015 to confirm your intention to pay your school district tax bill in installments.**

Return only one coupon for each installment payment on or before the due date.

Late payment of the second and/or third installments will result in a 10% penalty.

**COLLECTION HOURS:** August: 5, 12, 19 from 11 AM to 2 PM, August: 26, 27, 28, 31, from 10 AM to 4:00 PM (closed noon to 1 PM). As always, you may call the office for an appointment or if you have special needs. My number 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 30, 2015 and December 30, 2015: 11 AM to 2 PM.

**ATTENTION:** The Borough Office will be closed on October 31, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

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