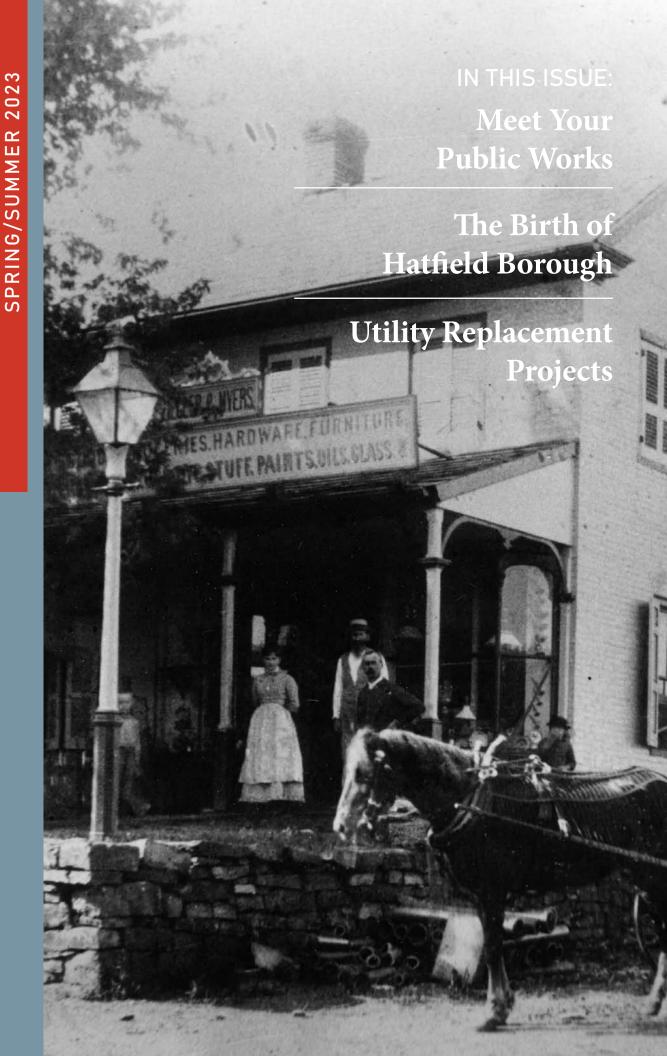
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# RECYCLING

# Thank you for recycling these EMPTY and CLEAN items:







Aluminum and Steel Cans empty and rinse





Food and Beverage Cartons empty and replace cap





Bottles and Jars empty and rinse





Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, and Flattened Cardboard





Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers empty and replace cap

# NO!



Do Not Bag Recyclables No Garbage



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap (return to retail)



No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens (use donation programs)



No Tanglers (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)

#### Questions?

Contact Montgomery County Recycling at 610-278-3618 or Recycling@Montcopa.org

Pennsylvania Act 101 requires each municipality in the state to recycle. The more we recycle, the less garbage winds up in our landfills. The less garbage, the less our environment is negatively impacted. Your Borough receives grant money from the state based on its recycling rate. The higher the rate, the larger the size of the grant. The Borough uses the grant money to fund recycling events, to hold park cleanups and to educate our residents in the recycling process. Please help the Borough in this important endeavor; our actions today will help determine the future of our planet.

mank you.











HATFIELD BOROUGH STAFF



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#### STAY CONNECTED

#### HATFIELD MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

Address: 401 S. Main St., Hatfield, PA 19440 Telephone: (215) 855-0781

Fax: (215) 855-2075

Email: admin@hatfieldborough.com Website: www.hatfieldborough.com

Office Hours: Mon., Tu., Th: 8:30-4:30 p.m. Wed.: 8:30-6:00 p.m. | Fri.: 8:30-3:00 p.m. Staff begins answering the phone at 8:00 a.m.

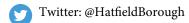
#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### All Borough Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

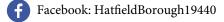
Meetings are held at the Hatfield Municipal Complex (401 S. Main St.)

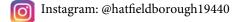
Live-streaming is now available. The link may be found on our website.

#### SOCIAL MEDIA











TV: Comcast Channel 22 Verizon Channel 24

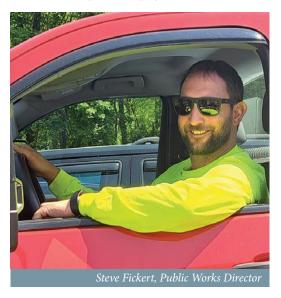
# Meet Your Public Works

**L** The Public Works staff goes above and beyond daily to provide quality and reliable parks, roads, and utility services to our Borough residents. The Borough is thankful to have such hardworking and dedicated individuals who love this community and are committed to seeing it thrive." - Borough Manager Jaime Snyder Most citizens never have to think twice about the Public Works Department if they are lucky. The Public Works Department is responsible for vital infrastructure, public improvement projects, and general city-wide maintenance. Like stagehands in a play, they work behind the scenes to ensure things run smoothly. That is why we are putting the spotlight on this often-overlooked department.

We recently had the pleasure of speaking with Steve Fickert about the role that the Public Works department plays in the Hatfield Bor-

ough. Steve worked has Public for Works for 11 years and has served as the Public Works Director and Electric Superintendent for 2. In addition to Steve, there are four other public works ployees.

The five members of the Public Works



Department work together to maintain the parks, streets, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, and electricity for the Hatfield Borough.

The Public Works team works closely with the borough leadership, including the Borough Manager, Treasurer, and code department, to prioritize and complete projects. They also work closely with you, the residents. For example, residents are often the first to notice a deteriorating storm drain or street lamp that is not working properly. Once they alert the public works department, proper maintenance can occur.

Like many municipalities across the country, the Hatfield Borough owns and manages its own electric supply. The use of public power guarantees that all the revenue from electric sales in the Borough goes back into the town. Money that pays for electricity is reinvested into the electric system, the roads, and the parks. Another plus for having public electricity is that the Public Works department can quickly re-

spond in the rare instances when there are outages. The team is able to respond within minutes to most electric issues and is generally able to fix problems at the local level, such as lines that are damaged due to age, animal interference, or vehicular damage.

Power companies all strive to have a 100% reliability rating, and Hatfield Borough is no different. Over the past four years, they have maintained a 99.98% reliability rating. One way that they have worked to improve this rating is by conducting town-wide tree trimming on a yearly basis. Trees are trimmed with a 15-foot clearance around all high-voltage lines. This practice has greatly cut back on power outages caused by branches. The town has also limited outages by installing sectionalizing fuses. These work to compartmentalize outages, meaning when an outage does happen, it will only affect a street or two rather than half of the town.

Despite these proactive measures, outages still occur occasionally. So, the Public Works department utilizes AMI meters, which provide real-time power usage information to the city and customers. These meters alert Public Works employees when outages occur, significantly reducing their response time.

The Public Works department is always busy. In the coming year, they will be working to repave and repair roads, maintain storm drains and sewer inlets, replace outdated man-hole covers throughout the Borough, and perform yearly maintenance on curbs and ramps for ADA compliance. In addition, they are currently working to add recycling receptacles to all community parks. These blue recycling bins will be located in the parks next to the green trash receptacles that are already in place.

So, the next time you drive on a smooth road, turn on your lights, use a ramp, or watch the water go down the drain - think of and maybe even thank the Public Works!

#### **FUN FACTS**

Employees of the Public Works department are a vital part of the Hatfield Borough community. All five employees live in and around Hatfield.

Steve has lived here for 40 years; he grew up here and is raising his children here. He loves the small-town feel of Hatfield, being able to support local businesses, and getting to know the residents through his work with the Public Works.

Ed Polaneczky has worked for Hatfield Borough for 32 years.

Derik Stover has worked for Hatfield Borough for 12 years and loves the small-town feel of Hatfield Borough. In his spare time, he loves spending time with his family and playing sports with his children.

James Baskin has worked for Hatfield Borough for 8 years and is a lifetime member of the Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company.

Jack Engelhart has worked for Hatfield Borough for 2 years. He enjoys working with his team members in Public Works. In his spare time, he loves spending time with his fiancé and dog, going on walks, watching movies, fishing, and sports.



From Left to Right: Derik Stover, James Baskin, Jack Engelhart

## 1898 - 2023



# 125th Anniversary













Food | Carnival Games | Inflatables | Petting Zoo | Rock Wall | DJ Face Painting | Balloon Art | Giveaways | Raffles Cash 'n' Carry Borough Merch | Non-Profits | Magician & More!

> 125th Anniversary Ceremony that will include State & Local Officials

**JUNE 17** 

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Centennial Park - Cherry St.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR -----





Memorial Day Parade

#### May 29th

The Hatfield American Legion sponsored Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Memorial Park. More information can be found at www.hatfieldpost933.org.



#### Movie in the Park August 24<sup>th</sup>

Bring the family and a blanket and watch a movie under the stars with us. Small snacks for sale; funds raised will be donated to a local charity or non-profit. Hatfield Borough trivia with prizes. Check our social media for the movie title. Begins around 7:30 p.m.



# COOL OFF AT THE POOL

Did you know... Hatfield Borough residents get a resident discount at the Hatfield Aquatic Center? Sign up today!

#### OPEN DAILY FROM JUNE 16 TO SEPTEMBER 4

#### **Hours of Operation**

11 am to 1 pm - Early entry for Season Pass Holders and their guests only. Season Pass Holders and their guests may stay past 1 pm until closing at 8 pm.

1 pm to 8 pm - Daily Pass Patrons

Pre-Season hours: Weekends Only: May 27, 28, 29, and June 3, 4, 10, 11



your phone!

Please Note: On hot days, the pool will become crowded. For the safety and comfort of all, we will limit the number of Season Pass Patrons AND Daily Pass Patrons to around 700. Should that situation occur, we will monitor the count, and as inside pool patrons exit, we will admit outside waiting patrons in the order that they arrived. Please be patient with Front Desk Staff on hot, crowded days.

Please check our website calendar (https://www.hatfield.org/aquatic\_center/2023\_h\_a\_c\_calendar) and/or the Hatfield Township Facebook page for early closures for Swim Meets and other events. You can reach the Hatfield Aquatic Center at (215) 362-2685.

# The Birth of Hatfield Borough

by Larry Stevens, President of the Hatfield Museum & History Society

This year, 2023, marks the 125th anniversary of the incorporation of the Borough of Hatfield! Hatfield Township, founded in 1742, was named either after a village in Hertfordshire, England, or after an early settler of Montgomery County. (There is no strong documentation supporting one possibility over the other.) Hatfield Township was a quiet community made up mostly of farmers until 1857 when the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company completed construction of a railroad line from Philadelphia to Bethlehem, through its open farmland. This rail line, which included a station where it crossed the Cowpath Road, set the wheels in motion that would eventually result in the creation of the Borough of Hatfield.

After the railroad was built, people began to build homes and businesses in the area of the Hatfield train station, drawn by its convenience to public transportation. The village that developed in this area was known as Lower Hatfield (also South Hatfield). In 1874, the Hatfield station was moved from its location at the Cowpath Road crossing to a new railroad property, just a short distance to the north. A village soon began to grow around the relocated station known as Upper Hatfield. The Upper & Lower Hatfields together were known as Hatfield Village.

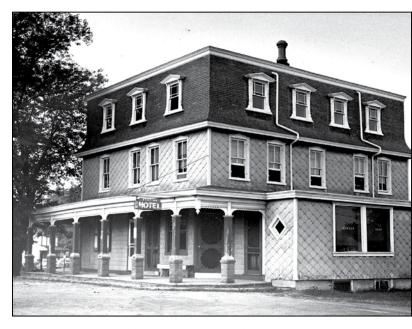
In Edward Matthews' historical account of Hatfield Township written in 1896, he wrote of Hatfield Village: "Here, along the Cowpath and other highways, and about the chief railroad station, has grown up extensive interests, and a population rising above 300, with about 75 dwellings. It is only a question of time when the place will have grown to borough proportions."



The original Hatfield Train Station, previously at the Cowpath Road crossing.

Apparently, one issue that pushed the residents of Hatfield Village to consider incorporating into a Borough was street lights. Hatfield Village was chiefly the commercial center of Hatfield Township, and the business owners and residents of the village felt that it would be beneficial to have more kerosene street lights illuminating the village. However, the majority of Township residents, who were mostly farmers, were not in favor of their tax money going to pay for something as

extravagant as street lights, something that they would see very little benefit from.



Knipe's Hotel, where the first meeting was held to discuss incorporating into a Borough

As Matthews had predicted one year earlier, on November 8, 1897, the editor and publisher of the Hatfield Invincible newspaper stated, "It has been suggested that we call attention of the citizens to the fact that it would be more pleasing if the town had more street lights. Now, we think it would be more to the benefit of the town if the citizens would get together and have the towns incorporated into a borough."

So, in early 1898, a group of citizens of the village called a meeting at Chester Knipe's Hotel, then located at E. Broad Street and Market Street, to discuss if they wanted to form a Borough. Some of these prominent citizens were: Chester Knipe, Chauncey Buckley, George S. Snyder, Frank K. Zepp, Dr. Titus Albright (who officiated over this first meeting), Jonas S. Moyer, Edwin B. Benner, William R. Beisel, Frank Bealer, William B. Hedrick, Jacob Crouthamel, Charles Myers, John Stoneback, and a few other citizens. At this meeting, a petition was presented, signed by many of the residents of Lower Hatfield, stating that they were very much opposed to taking their part of the village into Borough government. Undeterred, the citizens in favor of a Borough hired an attorney to start the procedure of incorporation.

The June 30, 1898 edition of the Hatfield Invincible ran a story stating that on Monday, June 27, Judge Aaron Swartz affixed his signature to a decree, incorporating the towns of Upper Hatfield and Lower Hatfield into a borough, under the name of "Borough of Hatfield." And thus, the Borough of Hatfield was born.

To learn more of Hatfield's fascinating history, schedule a visit to the Hatfield History Museum at www.hatfieldhistory.org, or call 215-362-0428.

# Utility Replacement Projects

#### Broad St. & North Main St. Storm Sewer Replacement Project:

The Broad Street and North Main Street Storm Sewer Project will include improvements to the storm sewer infrastructure which will allow the proper collection of stormwater runoff and reduce the ongoing destructive deterioration of the street system. The proper function of the public storm collection system protects public health by safely conveying stormwater.

The total budget for East Broad Street is estimated at \$593,550, and the Borough of Hatfield is requesting \$498,550 in grant funding from the PA Small Water and Sewer Funding Program with a commitment of \$95,000 in matching funds from a previously obtained grant for the project from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. The total budget for West Broad Street and North Main Street is estimated at \$1,500,000, and the Borough of Hatfield has secured \$575,227 in grant funding with a commitment of \$924,773 in Borough funds. Grants are expected to be awarded in late summer and this project is forecasted to start in 2024.

# FROUNDS RO L WHALL ST. Hatfield ST. TOWAMENCIN AVE.

# N. Main Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project:

The N. Main St. Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project will include improvements to the sanitary sewer infrastructure, which will replace deteriorating and leaking sanitary sewer mains, manholes, and laterals. These improvements are necessary to eliminate stormwater from entering the sanitary

system, remove locations where clogging and reduced pipe capacity have been identified, and reduce the burden on the conveyance system and downstream treatment facility. The proper function of the public sanitary sewer system protects public health by safely conveying and treating wastewater.

The total budget for this effort is estimated at \$730,000 and the Borough of Hatfield is requesting \$306,894 in grant funding from the H2O PA Program with a commitment of \$423,106 in matching funds from a previously obtained grant for the project from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development. Grants are expected to be awarded in late summer and this project is forecasted to start in 2024.

Chad Camburn, Borough Engineer, Bursich Associates 2129 E. High Street Pottstown, PA 19464 www.Bursich.com

# ATTENTION

#### all Borough High School Students

Do you want to get involved in local government?



The Borough would like to implement the Junior Council Person Program in Hatfield. This Program, a concept of the PA State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), would provide you the opportunity to engage in local government and develop critical leadership skills such as team building and collaboration, public speaking, budgeting, and many more. But most of all, it would allow you the chance to actively deliberate on issues that impact our community. If you want to learn more about this program, contact the Borough Office at 215-855-0781, X113 or, email Mayor Girard at magirard@hatfieldborough.com. Please consider joining Borough Government as a Junior Council Person. It is an exciting opportunity that will help prepare you for your future.

# Speed Study Results Are In

During the first quarter of 2023, the Hatfield Township Police Department conducted two traffic studies along roadways that were the source of speeding and other motor vehicle complaints. All borough roadways are designated as 25 mph zones.

#### Towamencin Avenue speed ranges:

Between January 27 and February 15, traffic was monitored in the 300 block of Towamencin Avenue. A total of 31,496 vehicles were recorded during this time.

Regarding traffic traveling northbound towards Forty Foot Road, there were 11,451 vehicles recorded, and of that number, 76 vehicles – or .7% - were in excess of 40 mph. The highest recorded speed was 54 mph. The average speed was 24 mph. The V85 speed, or the 85th percentile speed, is the speed that 85% of drivers do not exceed, and 15% of the drivers do exceed, and this study's V85 speed was 29 mph for northbound traffic.

For traffic proceeding towards South Main Street, there were 20,045 vehicles monitored. Of those 20,045, 475 vehicles – or 2.36% - were in excess of 40 mph. The highest recorded speed was 78 mph, the average speed was 27 mph, and the V85 for traffic in this direction was 34 mph.

It was noted that the visibility of the speed sign display coincided with those headed northbound towards Forty Foot Road, which may have contributed to the fact the motorists headed in this direction were more mindful of the designated speed limit.

The statistics along this roadway indicate that officers should continue targeted enforcement efforts through the practice of selective enforcements and during general patrol.

#### Northbound (towards Forty Foot Road)

< 40 MPH: 11,375 vehicles (99.34%) 41-45 MPH: 53 vehicles (0.46%) 46-50 MPH: 16 vehicles (0.14%)

51-55 MPH: 7 vehicles (0.06%)

56-75+ MPH: 0 vehicles (0%)

#### Southbound (towards South Main Street)

< 40 MPH: 19,570 vehicles (97.63%)

41-45 MPH: 357 vehicles (1.78%)

46-50 MPH: 71 vehicles (0.35%)

51-55 MPH: 20 vehicles (0.10%)

56-60 MPH: 9 vehicles (0.04%)

61-65 MPH: 8 vehicles (0.04%)

66-70 MPH: 4 vehicles (0.02%)

71-75+ MPH: 6 vehicles (0.03%)

#### Blaine Avenue speed ranges:

Between February 15 and March 10, a traffic study was performed on Blaine Avenue, a one-way street within the borough. During this time frame, 1,130 vehicles were recorded.

No motorists proceeded over 40 mph, only one vehicle was recorded at 39 mph, and only two vehicles were between 30 and 38 mph. The average speed of vehicles traveling along Blaine Avenue was 16 mph, and the V85 was 20 mph.

These statistics show that motorists along Blaine Avenue are not only heedful of the speed limit, but most are also traveling well under the 25 mph limit.

< 40 MPH: 1,130 vehicles (100%)

41-75+ MPH: 0 vehicles (0 %)

SPEED LIMIT 25

# Information Corner

#### **Emergency Services Contact Information**

\* In the event of a fire or emergency, please call 9-1-1. \*



#### **Hatfield Township Police Department**

2000 School Rd., Hatfield, PA 19440 Phone: (215) 855-0903 | www.hatfield.org/Police

#### **Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company**

75 North Market St., Hatfield, PA 19440 Phone: (215) 855-2121 | www.hatfieldfire.com

#### Volunteer Medical Services Corps of Lansdale (VMSC)

175 Medical Campus Dr., Lansdale, PA 19446 Phone: (215) 855-3779 | www.vmsclansdale.org

#### Sewer & Electric

#### **Contact & Hours**

- Borough of Hatfield Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- $\bullet$  Electric bills are due by the  $15^{th}$  of every month.
- For Sewer & Electric call (215) 855-0781, opt 4.

#### Paying Your Bill



- ou can pay your sewer and Electric
- Check
- Money Order
- Cash (exact change
- Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express in-person and online (fees apply)

#### **Building & Zoning**

#### **Bob Heil**

#### Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

code@hatfieldborough.com (215) 855-0781, Option 8

Tue & Th: 8:00am-12:00pm or, call for an appointment

#### Voting & Polling Place



All registered Hatfield Borough Residents vote at the Hatfield Volunteer Firehouse.

Hatfield Firehouse address: 75 North Market St., Hatfield, PA 19440 To register to vote https://www.montcopa.org/761/Voter-Registration

#### Trash & Recycling



Hatfield Borough is a member of the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission (NMCRC), a group of 11 municipalities that work together to increase recycling and promote recycling awareness and education in compliance with the state's recycling law, PA Act 101 of 1988, as amended. For recycling information and Hatfield Borough's recycling requirements please visit: www.northmontocrecycle.com

#### Branches & Leaves



- The Borough offers curbside chipping and disposal of branches and limbs on **the first Monday in May** and the **first Monday in October.** There will be one sweep through every neighborhood until all are picked up.

  Only tree limbs and branches up to 6" in diameter will be chipped, and absolutely no leaves, bushes, or other debris will be accepted.
- Christmas trees will also be picked up on Mon. January 8th and 15th, 2024. Please have undecorated trees at the curb by 7:00 am.
- The Borough provides leaf pick up every Monday beginning the last Monday in October through the first Monday in December.
   Only biodegradable paper bags will be collected. They can be purchased at the Borough Hall for \$.25 each. No plastic bags will be accepted.

The Borough does not provide trash service although residents can pick up recycling bins at the Borough Office. Residents must contract with a private hauler. The following is a list of some haulers in our area:

- Republic Services, (215) 723-0400
- JP Mascaro & Sons, (215) 721-1600
- White Tail, (610) 754-0103

- Waste Management, (215) 257-1142
- Advanced Disposal, (610) 584-5450

There are several household hazardous waste collection days held throughout the year by Montgomery County. Please visit their website for a complete listing of dates, locations, items to collect, and other helpful recycling tips. http://www.montcopa.org/637/Recycling-Information

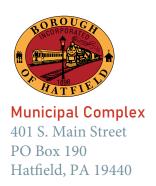
#### Paying your taxes

Payments may be made by check and money order. You may also pay online at www.hatfieldborough.com using a Visa or Mastercard. You may drop these payments off in the Hatfield Borough outside dropbox 24/7 or in the tax collector's lockbox during normal business hours. To make an off-collection-hours appointment, please kindly leave a message and I will get back to you promptly.

Mohammed Haque, Tax Collector mhaque@hatfieldborough.com, (215) 855-0781 Option 7

#### Volunteer

Hatfield Borough is always looking for residents and business owners to join our growing list of volunteers for the numerous events, activities and projects we have planned for the coming years. Email Lindsay Hellmann, Public Information Coordinator at lhellmann@hatfieldborough. com if you are interested in volunteering.



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# Businesses of the Borough



#### **Businesses of the Month**

#### Spring/Summer

#### San Diego Mexican Grocery

36 E Lincoln Avenue (215) 361-8628

#### Victor's Auto Care

444 S Main Street (215) 855-1002

#### **Paradise Manor**

206 E Lincoln Avenue (215) 855-2697

#### Partner's Automotive

E Chestnut Street (215) 268-6005

#### R & R Voice and Data

234 W Broad Street A (215) 565-0213

#### **Razor Sharp Barber Shop**

77 E Lincoln Avenue (484) 280-9853

#### The Cashe' Studio

111 E Broad Street (215) 362-2087

#### Schlosser & Claus Engineers Inc.

21 E Lincoln Avenue #200 (215) 855-3000

#### **State Farm Dave Seibert**

122 S Main Street (215) 855-2848

#### Stoltzfus Signs & Lettering

144 Union Street (215) 368-2067

#### Superb Nails

129 S Main Street (215) 368-8301

#### The Main Hotel

408 S Main Street (215) 855-2611

#### Philomena Santucci's Square Pizza

8 N Market Street (215) 671-6718

### Salter's Fireplace & Outdoor Living

56 E Broad Street (215) 362-2443

#### **US Post Office**

45 N Main Street (800) 275-8777

#### Woodway Manufacturing

E Vine Street (215) 368-4770