



# INFORMER

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## Take a Walking Tour of Hatfield



Larry Stevens with his book "Walking Tour of Historic Hatfield Borough".

**H**ot off the press!! A self-guided walking tour guidebook of Historic Hatfield Borough has just been released, highlighting many of the buildings and sites that are part of the Borough's rich history.

The book, written by resident and Hatfield Museum & History Society President Larry Stevens is titled,

"Walking Tour of Historic Hatfield Borough". It features 39 different locations and contains 15 old photographs. The tour is written with Centennial Park on Cherry Street as a starting point, but can just as well start and stop almost anywhere along the route. The whole tour, taken

at a leisurely pace, can easily last several hours.

The brief descriptions that are given for each site give a small glimpse into the history of some of the people, businesses, and churches that have made Hatfield Borough into the community that we know today.

The book was released on Monday, June 22, 2009, at the Borough's Founders Day event at Centennial Park. The Hatfield Museum & History Society had a small display in the Historic Hatfield Borough Jailhouse building next to the park.

The book is available for purchase for \$10 (add \$1 postage if you would like it mailed). All sales benefit the Hatfield Museum & History Society.

To purchase a book contact Larry Stevens at 215-362-0428. The book is also available at Dale Moyer's Barbershop on West Broad Street.

**Hatfield Museum & History Society**  
[www.HatfieldHistory.org](http://www.HatfieldHistory.org)

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**Call  
911**

**"Be Aware....Get Involved....Stay Safe"  
Vandalism Present in Borough Parks**

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911**

It's been a little over a year since the Service Memorials at the Electric Plant Park were dedicated, but if you wanted to view them today, you're out of luck. They are no longer displayed thanks to the frequent vandalism that has forced Borough Officials to store the untouched memorials in a safe place. Problems at the park, located in front of the Borough Hall on South Main Street, began in the Fall of last year, with damage to the pond-less waterfall. They escalated over the winter and spring months with the destruction and theft of four of the seven memorials located at the base of the flagpoles.

Each of the seven memorial plaques honored the five branches of the US Armed Forces along with our own Police and Fire Departments.

The Electric Plant Park has not been the only park in the Borough affected by vandals. Residents of Cherry Street have often complained of problems at Centennial Park involving graffiti, litter, damage to playground equipment, and late night loitering.

The Borough's Public Safety Commission, in an effort to keep our neighborhoods safe, has initiated a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" campaign. The parks belong to the community and problems there could escalate to problems in the neighborhoods. The Commission is asking every resident to be alert to any vandalism, suspicious illegal activity, destruction of property, and/or any disturbance they witness in our streets, parks, or neighborhoods. **They should respond by calling 911.** *The police will keep your name and address confidential.*

Borough Council is also considering other possible measures to curtail future vandalism and destruction of public property up to and including video surveillance of all parks and Borough owned properties.



The "water-less" waterfall at the Electric Plant Park



## Liberty Bell Plaza Dedication in Fall

Renovations to the Liberty Bell Trail Plaza and Parking Lot are nearing completion with the recent installation of the Borough's new 17-foot-tall, four-faced clock on East Broad Street. The new clock, surrounded by a decorative brick planter, is the main attraction in the newly updated plaza. The plaza is also home to 4 picnic tables with benches, old-style light fixtures, decorative planters, trash receptacles, a bicycle rack, and an imprinted asphalt trail which is a continuation of the Liberty Bell Trail theme.

Renovations to the parking lot on East Lincoln Avenue have included LED lights, 49 lined parking spaces, landscaping, and a new multi-business sign. Upon total completion, the Borough will hold a dedication ceremony for the plaza and parking lot in early fall. The festivities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a reception with local dignitaries. Light refreshments will be served and all residents are invited to attend.



Hatfield Borough Revitalization

### Save Our World



#### Wastewater Management "Swimming Pools"

Swimming pool owners should remember that disposing of chlorinated pool water must be handled responsibly, according to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Pool water contains harmful chemicals and must be neutralized and disposed of correctly.

When chlorinated water is drained from a swimming pool into a storm sewer, it makes its way to a stream or other body of water where aquatic life is damaged or killed.

**Pool water must be drained into the local sanitary sewer system or hauled off-site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.**

Water may also be discharged onto the land surface provided:

- Water is de-chlorinated
- Ph is between 6.5 & 8.5
- **AND** the land area is sufficient to prevent erosion and runoff into a ditch, creek, or other stormwater route.

Questions?

Water Management Program  
DEP's southeast regional office  
484-250-5970 or online @  
www.depweb.state.pa.us

Source: PADEP

## Borough to Purchase New Truck



Public Works crew members Jeff & Lou with the obsolete truck.

Come this winter, the Public Works crew will be plowing and salting the Borough streets in style! Borough Council has decided to move forward with the purchase of a new, state of the art, municipal dump truck which will arrive in late fall. As a member of COSTAR, the Borough was able to take advantage of their purchase program through the PA Department of General Services (DGS), in arranging for the purchase of the new truck. It will be replacing the vintage 1979 dump truck (seen at left), which has served the Borough for the past 20 years.

In addition to the winter salting and plowing, the new truck will be instrumental in the day to day operations of the Public Works.

### Community Recycling Day

West Broad Street Elementary School  
342 W. Broad St., Souderton  
Saturday, October 17 9 am-1 pm  
They will be accepting:

- |                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Paper              | Cardboard     |
| Scrap metal        | Car batteries |
| Tires (\$3 charge) | Clothing      |

The event is free and open to the public.

### Volunteers Always Needed

The Borough is looking for residents to join our growing list of volunteers for the many activities we have planned for the coming years like Founder's Day.

**Now is your chance to meet new people!  
Share your many skills and talents!  
Make a contribution to your community!  
It's fun and rewarding!**

**HELP US HELP YOU!**

To sign up, call 215-855-0781, ext 9 or stop by the Borough Hall for more info.

### Founder's Day Fun





### Personnel Update

All questions regarding code enforcement, building permits, home improvement requirements, zoning issues, ordinances, and fire safety should be addressed to the following Borough Officials:

**Susanna Cointot**  
Borough Zoning Officer  
215-855-0781 ext. 3

**Randy Yardumian**  
Code Enforcement Officer and  
Fire Safety Inspector  
215-855-0781 ext. 8

**Bob Kaler IV**  
Fire Marshall/Emergency Management  
215-855-0781

### For Your Safety

In conjunction with the 911 emergency telephone system, all property owners are required to have their house numbers clearly and prominently posted on the front of their house and/or mailbox. Emergency responders must be able to locate your house without delay when called.



The numbers should be no less than 4" in height, in contrasting color to the background, and placed so as not to be obstructed by trees, shrubs, or porches. Preferably, they should also be reflective for greater nighttime visibility.

**Remember, in an emergency situation every second counts!**

### Hatfield Borough Office

401 S. Main St., Hatfield PA 19440  
Telephone.....215-855-0781  
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.

#### HERC

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

## When to Retire - Make an Informed Decision

It's never too early to start thinking about your retirement. There's no one "best age" for everyone. You should make an informed decision about when to apply for benefits based on your individual and family circumstances. Do you plan to work after you retire? Other things to consider are your current cash needs, your health, future financial needs and obligations, and the amount of your benefit and other income such as pensions, investments, and other retirement funds.

With that in mind, the **Social Security Administration** has published a fact sheet and valuable information to help you make the decision that's best for you.

**"When To Start Receiving Retirement Benefits" is available online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).**

## Remember the Date

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

*When you change your clocks...  
...Change your batteries!*



General Election Day  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**



*Election site:*  
**Hatfield Fire House  
75 Market Street**

*More info:* 610-278-3280

## Public Works, Works For You

### CURBSIDE CHIPPING

Monday, October 5th

The Borough is offering curbside chipping & disposal of branches and limbs. Only tree limbs and branches up to 6" in diameter will be chipped.

Please place all material to be chipped on your curb by morning.

*(absolutely no leaves, bushes, or other debris will be accepted)*

### LEAF PICK-UP

Every Monday beginning  
October 26 thru December 7

Please place bags near the front curb by morning. Only biodegradable paper bags will be collected  
**No plastic bags!**

Bags are available for purchase at the Borough for \$.25 each.

**Money Saving  
Coupon!!**



## Leaf Bag Coupon

**Buy One Leaf Bag  
Get One FREE!**

*Buy 1 leaf bag for \$.25  
and get second bag FREE!!*

Valid @ Hatfield Borough Office  
Limit of 20 bags per coupon



# Community Events

## The Big Green EGGfest

Saturday, September 12  
9 am—4 pm

*Ladies & Gentlemen, light your eggs!*

The Woodburners proudly hosts the Sixth Annual Pennsylvania EGGfest.

Come for the food, the fun, or just to find out what the heck a “Big Green Egg” is! For more information contact the Woodburners @ 215-362-2443.



## “C A N”

### Hatfield Community Awareness Night for Public Safety

Saturday, September 19 4:30 pm – 8 pm  
School Road Park

Join your friends and neighbors for an informative and fun filled evening showcasing all the aspects of public safety in Hatfield.

The Hatfield Township Police Department, the Colmar and Hatfield Fire Companies, and the Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lansdale will be on hand with displays and interactive demonstrations. There will be music, exhibits, refreshments, games, and all sorts of family activities presented by your local law enforcement personnel, civic groups, and public safety organizations. Come on out and enjoy a night of fun for the whole family!

## 5 K Fun Run

Saturday, September 12 9:00 am  
Hatfield Community Park

The Fun Run is for runners of all ages with awards for the top finishers in their categories. An event T-shirt will be given to the first 100 pre-registered participants or while supplies last on race day. Walkers are welcomed to participate. Post-race refreshments will be provided.

To register call 215-855-0900 or [www.hatfieldtownship.org](http://www.hatfieldtownship.org)

## Rocktoberfest/Car Show

Saturday, October 3  
Hatfield Community Park



Come out for the 10th annual, Hatfield Autumn community festival with music, a car show, food, craft booths, and children’s activities, along with a Hatfield Speedway exhibition!

*Music by “The Mudflaps” & “The Grace Notes” of West Chester U.*

## Community Caroling & Tree Lighting Ceremony



Saturday, December 5  
7 pm @ Railroad Plaza

## Christmas Tree Pick-Up

Monday, January 4, 2010  
January 11, 2010

*Please place your tree curbside by morning for pick-up.*



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