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ROLL & STROLL



MONDAY MAY 13 5-8PM

Walk, Bike or Ride the Trolley Around Town!
Enjoy Some Historical Facts & Trivia On The Trolley
with Hatfield Historical Society President Larry Stevens
and Borough Staff Members!

COME EXPERIENCE HATFIELD BOROUGH AND ENJOY A NIGHT OUT!
You will be able to enter to WIN at individual businesses!

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES INCLUDE:

(Trolley Stops are noted in RED)

- Be Still Nutrition- Samples, Coupons, Giveaways, Custom Motorcycles
- Casey's Saloon & Eatery- Samples
- Dental Excellence of Hatfield- Giveaways and kids games
- Emmanuel Church- Bring a Food Pantry Donation and Enter to Win a Prize
- Franconia Auto Repair- Pretzels & Sodas, Giveaways and Raffles
- Fran Taylor Plumbing- 50/50 Raffle
- Godshall's Auto Repair
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Hatfield Neighborhood Watch
- Hatfield Pizzeria
- Hatfield PD/ JAVA
- Harleysville Bank
- North Penn Tax
- Partnership TMA- Transportation Education, Bike Helmets for Sale
- Salter's Fireplace & Artisan Shop- Moonbounces
- Trolley Stop- Samples & Giveaways
- Victor's Auto Repair- Sandwiches & Water, Balloon Artist



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UPDATES FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL Council President, John H. Weierman

THE BOROUGH OF HATFIELD POWER REPORT

The Borough of Hatfield has experienced a number of Power Outages over the past several months. As you might imagine Borough Council is as dismayed and dissatisfied as the residents and businesses in the Borough. Borough Council has directed staff to identify the issues and come up with a plan to correct them.

Identifying the source of the outages is the first step. The Borough has experienced equipment difficulty and bad weather during these outages. PPL has also experienced faults on its distribution system. The Borough's equipment troubles can be addressed several ways. Updating the three electric circuits is an ongoing endeavor, having said that, the Borough Public Works Department is constantly looking for best practices in maintaining the electric system. Identifying potential fragile apparatus of the electric system is a continuous undertaking. The PPL caused outages are being coordinated with their representatives.

The Borough utilizes several methods of identifying danger. Borough crews are constantly on the lookout for faulty equipment. Visual inspections are performed daily. Infra Red testing is done periodically. Pole inspections are routinely performed. Transformer testing can be performed (with the use of a tilt tester) prior to installing units and during repairs to existing services. Using more efficient mechanical clamping equipment to make wire connections will reduce the potential for voltage spikes and line failure. Borough staff with input from the Public Works Department is in the process of securing a company to trim trees from the electric lines. Utilizing the best practices of other utility companies such as PPL & PECO, the tree trimming contract should reduce the risk of outages due to branches contacting power lines.

The Borough also has experienced faults and lock outs by PPL. Due to travel time there is a delay in response to outages from PPL. Once a PPL service operations line incident is recognized the utility must verify the integrity of the system prior to re-energizing. Visual inspections must be made by a PPL employee to verify the service line is safe to energize. Borough Council has directed staff to develop a maintenance plan that will directly improve the electric operation. Please access the Borough's Facebook & Twitter accounts for updates. Registering at ReadyMontco (see page 4) will allow residents and business owners to receive text messages or email updates during power outages, as well as current information on storm related issues such as street flooding or blocked roadways due to fallen tree limbs.



Mark Your Calendars!



Hatfield Township presents... MUSICFEAST!

WHEN: Every other Monday beginning June 24, 2019
WHERE: School Road Park, 1619 School Road
TIME: 6:00PM – 8:00PM

Picnic-style dining and musical performances make for memorable Monday evenings all summer long. The Parks and Recreation Board serve picnic dinners (hot dog, beverage and snack item) at low costs! So come enjoy a night of great music, great food, and great people!

SAVE THE DATE - 2019 MUSICFEAST SCHEDULE

June 24 – Nite Flyte

Dance rock and roll

July 8 – Pennise Family Band

Local family band covering new music and classic rock

July 22 – Philadelphia Funk Authority

High energy dance and entertainment

August 5 – The Sofa Kings

A high energy band that covers a variety of different genres

August 19 – Southern Edge

An evolution of country music

See you at the show!

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMISSION–

7:00 pm

June 3rd
July 8th
August 5th & 26th
September 30th
November 4th
December 2nd

REGULAR MEETING & WORKSHOP–

7:30pm

May 15th
June 12th
July 17th
August 21st
September 4th & 18th
October 2nd & 16th
November 6th & 20th
December 4th & 18th

All meetings are held at the Hatfield Volunteer Firehouse until further notice, 75 N. Market St.

All are welcome to attend!

HATFIELD ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE (HERC)

8:00am

If you are a Borough Business Owner or a Borough Business Employee and are interested in joining the HERC Committee, please contact Lindsay at lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com or 215-855-0781 option 9.

May 22nd	June 26th
July 24th	August 28th
September 25th	October 23rd
November 28th	December 18th

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2019 Nature Camp

Campers will interact with guest speakers and discuss natural and environmental science related topics throughout the week. They will also complete projects, play games, and enjoy tasty snacks!

* Thursday (8/22): Trip to the Wissahickon Environmental Center

To register: www.hatfieldrec.com

For more info: 215.855.0900



WHERE:	School Road Park 1619 School Road
DATES:	8/19/19 - 8/23/19
TIME:	9:00am - 11:00am Field Trip - 9:00am - 3:00pm
AGES:	8 - 12 years old
FEE:	Residents: \$25.00/child Non-residents: \$35.00/child



Important Updates

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Listed below is some materials that are acceptable for recycling. This information was provided by Waste Management.

For more specific Borough Information, visit www.northmontcorecycle.com



Recyclable Materials



Paper Material

- Books (paperback and hard cover okay)
- Catalogs / Brochures / Phone Books
- Junk Mail & Envelopes (windows okay)
- File Folders
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Magazines & Newspapers
- Paper - All colors (staples in paper okay)
- Paper Grocery Bags
- Shredded Paper (put in plastic bag and tie securely)

Cardboard

- Cereal & Food Boxes (Flatten for more recycling)
- Clean Pizza Boxes (no wax coating and or food waste)

Glass

- Bottles & Jars- Green, Brown, Clear (lids & labels okay, no need to rinse)

Aluminum & Tin Cans

- Aluminum Food Trays
- Beverage Cans
- Vegetable & Soup Cans

Plastic

- Bottles, Jars, Jugs, Tubs (look for recycling logo on bottom labeled #1 - #7, no need to rinse)
- Grocery Bags
- Nursery Pots
- Plastic Toys
- Yogurt Containers



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Emergencies and disasters strike quickly and often without warning. They can disrupt our lives, force us to leave our homes, or even confine us for days without essential services like electricity, phones, or water. How ready are you and your family?

One of the first things you can do is sign up at www.readymontco.org. It will redirect you to the Everbridge Notification System. This program delivers alerts about severe weather and other important events in Montgomery County to the devices of your choice. Whether you prefer emails, text messages, or even a good ol' fashioned phone call - you decide the option that works for you!

There is no direct cost to sign up for ReadyMontco. However, there may be charges for certain features (like receiving text messages) so it's best to double check with your service providers.

ReadyMontco replaced the ReadyNotifyPA system in June 2015 as the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, along with its emergency management partners in the Southeastern Pennsylvania region, switched providers of our notification system.

THIS ALONG WITH FACEBOOK WILL BE THE BOROUGH'S PRIMARY SOURCE FOR NOTIFYING RESIDENTS DURING POWER OUTAGES AND WEATHER EMERGENCIES MOVING FORWARD. PLEASE SUBSCRIBE AND BE SURE TO SELECT HATFIELD BOROUGH.



Seasonal Fun

Memorial Day Parade

May 27th, 2019-
9:00am start



Heading up Broad Street
from Salter's and ending at
the Hatfield American Legion
located at 2100 Koffel Road.

Want to earn a free meal at Borough events?

Sign up to be a Volunteer!

Print forms at
Hatfieldborough.com

Or e-mail
lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com

*You must pass a background
check.

Hatfield Borough FOUNDER'S DAY 2019 MONDAY JUNE 17TH 5-8PM Centennial Park (Cherry St.)

Borough Restaurants selling food!

DJ Lobie Entertainment Playing the Sounds of Summer

Non-profit Organizations

Face Painting
Balloon Art
Moon Bounces

Bookmobile & Fire Truck

Check out our Nationally Registered Historic Jailhouse and Electric Sub-station

Come out, relax and kick off summer with friends and neighbors!

FOR MORE EVENT INFORMATION: FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK- HATEFIELD BOROUGH
WWW.HATEFIELDBOROUGH.COM
lhellmann@hatfieldborough.com

4:30pm- Liberty Bell Plaza
TICKET RUN and Live Broadcast

TRAIN, ROCKWALL & SURFBOARD

FUN FOR EVERYONE!

FREE TO ATTENDEES!

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F A L L F E S T

AND CAR SHOW SEPTEMBER 28, 2019 3:00-7:00pm



Details of activities to follow. Fun for the entire family!

Registration Forms will be available starting late May/Early June for Car Show Participants. Keep an eye out for more details in an upcoming issue of the Informer!



Important Information

Outdoor Open Burning

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 that 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.

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 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.

*Please refer to Chapter 10 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.

STORM WATER

What is Storm Water?

Storm Water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when the snow and ice melt. The water seeps in to the ground or drains into what are commonly called storm sewers. These are the drains that you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Why is it important for us to keep Storm Water clean?

Our water is as old as the earth. It moves through different forms of solids, vapors and liquids, but remains here for us to use and enjoy. It does not increase or decrease. It moves through the water cycle. We must keep it clean so we can enjoy it by having clean water to drink, for recreation, to use, to support habitat for wildlife, and to allow aquatic life to survive. As we go through our daily life we sometimes overlook all the ways we contaminate our waters. Being conscious of the decisions we make is the first step to clean water.

Storm Water runoff can be a problem. Storm Water picks up contaminants as it runs over the surfaces it contacts. Storm Water can pick up things such as:

- Pesticides and fertilizer when it runs over treated grass,
- Pollutants and chemicals when it runs over solid surfaces called impervious areas such as roof tops, driveways, parking lots, roads, and more,
- Household hazardous waste such as cleaners and paint solvents, motor oil and other auto fluids and chemicals when dumped on the ground or in storm drains.
- Sediment when it runs over dirt also referred to as disturbed or un-stabilized areas,
- Trash and debris when heavy rains occur.

**Information used from the Antrim, PA website (www.twp.antrim.pa.us/stormwater)





HERC

BUSINESSES OF THE MONTH

BE STILL NUTRITION
317 S MAIN ST
267-649-7839

GEHMAN CHIROPRACTIC
39 N MARKET ST
215-362-5949

NORTH PENN TAX
458 S MAIN ST
215-393-4691

VICTOR'S AUTO CARE
444 S MAIN ST
215-855-1002

Local Borough Businesses

Mom's Best Italian WATER ICE & Soft ICE CREAM
 THE MAIN HOTEL
 George Debra Greenbaum, Inc.
 Fran Taylor PLUMBING & HEATING COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
 Crystal Rose Catering & Special Events Solutions
 Dave Seibert 215-855-2848
 State Farm
 Casey's Salads & Sides 210 S. Main St. Hatfield PA: 215-368-8823 Fax: 216-368-2751 www.caseysalads.com
 Dental Excellence of Hatfield Dr. Dudhat
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 Gehman Chiropractic
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 24 HOUR
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 401 S. Main St.,
 Hatfield PA 19440

Tax Collector’s Corner- “From the Desk of Nancy DeFinis”



Welcome Spring! Thank you to everyone who paid the County/ Borough taxes during the discount period. Here are some fun facts about PA Municipalities that you may not have known.

56 CITIES

- 4 classes, based on population
- Most are 3rd class except Philadelphia, Pittsburgh & Scranton
- Tend to have strong Mayor, centralized Government
- Some have “home rule”
- Others use Third Class City Code

959 BOROUGHS

- No classes based on population
- Governed by Council & Mayor
- Council holds most power
- Follow Borough Code

1,546 TOWNSHIPS

- 2 classes, based on population
- Governed by Commissioners or Supervisors
- Most decentralized government
- Follow Township Code

67 COUNTIES

- 9 classes, based on population
- Most governed by 3 Commissioners
- 8 have “home rule”



Thank you for your kind courtesy and cooperation. I love our town and serving as your tax collector.
 Sincerely, Nancy DeFinis