



INFORMER

NEWS FOR RESIDENTS OF HATFIELD BOROUGH

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COUNCIL APPROVES NEW ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY CONTRACTS

Council took action in July and August to help assure reliable short-term and long-term power and energy supplies for the Borough's electric utility customers. The first contract is with the Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AECL). AECL is the bargaining agent for the Commonwealth of PA for all activities associated with PA's allocations of hydroelectric power and energy obtained from the New York Power Authority and the Niagara River Project. This 18-year agreement gives Hatfield Borough a very small share of this hydroelectric power energy. Hydroelectric power is a preferred power source since its "fuel" is naturally renewable, is environment friendly, and is not subject to market price fluctuations. Twenty-eight other PA municipal electric utilities now have access to this power source.

Two additional power contracts with American Municipal Power-Ohio (AMP-Ohio) were also approved by Borough Council. AMP-Ohio has been the primary source of power and energy for Borough customers for several years now. This new 5-year contract was negotiated on behalf of Hatfield and 14 other eastern PA municipal electric utilities. The first "non-pool" contract secures the annual power requirements of Hatfield's customers. The "pool contract" secures power requirements that are seasonal and not continuous throughout the year.

The vision of Borough Council is to find cost effective, secure and reliable wholesale municipal electric supplies in the face of a changing power supply industry where



Borough Electrician Ed Young and Ground hand Bill Cossman work on a streetlight.

there are rising prices and growing uncertainty in the energy markets. Rate stability was the basis for all three new contracts. Energy prices in the US have increased significantly and they continue to increase. The contracts with AMP-Ohio will allow the Borough to have stable power pricing for the duration of the contracts. However, this rate stability was not achieved without cost increases.

These contracts are now part of the Borough's "portfolio" of power and energy sources that are necessary to supply electricity to our homes, businesses and industries. The Borough has done its best to structure the portfolio in the most cost effective manner possible. The portfolio now includes hydroelectric power from AECL through 2025, power from AMP-Ohio through 2012, and power from J. Aaron through 2012.

The Borough will be paying more for the wholesale power secured in the new contracts with AMP-Ohio. There are also other wholesale power delivery costs that Borough Council does not have control over, such as transmission costs and transmission congestion costs. Borough Council and the entire Borough staff will continue doing everything possible to provide our customers with reliable, dependable electric power at the most reasonable price.



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Community Improvement Projects in the Borough

The following is a list of the latest community improvement projects in the Borough. (Indicates primary source of funding.)

- **Streetscape Extension Project:** The sixty-seven new wells with street trees along Main and Market streets were completed in August. More trees may be delivered in the fall for planting along West Broad Street and in the Borough parks. (Montgomery County & Tree Vitalize)
- **Lincoln Ave. (Trolley Stop) Parking Lot Project:** Parking easements from four property owners have been acquired by the Borough to create a "public" parking lot. Construction of the new lot is expected to begin in the spring of 2008. (Montgomery County)
- **Liberty Bell Trail Extension:** This work will occur as part of the Lincoln Avenue parking lot improvement project and extend the trail to Broad Street. (Montgomery County)
- **Lincoln Avenue Bridge Restoration Project Phase 1:** This phase includes concrete work around the base of the bridge and repairs to the stone support arches. Construction is expected to begin in the fall. (PA Dept. of Community & Economic Development)
- **Poplar Street Stream Bank Stabilization Project:** A new concrete retaining wall is to be constructed this fall just downstream of the Lincoln Avenue Bridge to prevent the creek from undermining Poplar Street. (Community Development Block Grant)
- **Road Paving:** E. Lambert, E. Dain, and Girard Streets will be paved before the end of the year. (Liquid Fuels Fund)

- **Traffic Calming Feasibility Study:** A consultant will be retained to study possible traffic calming measures that can be implemented on several major thoroughfares in the Borough. A public meeting will be held in 2008 to present the recommendations to the public. (DVRPC-Transportation & Community Development Initiative)

- **Joint Municipal Trails & Greenway Master Plan:** The Borough and Hatfield Township will collaborate in this planning process. There will be opportunities for public involvement during 2008. (PA Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources)

For more information about any of these projects, please contact the Borough Manager at 215-855-0781 or email him at rihlein@hatfieldborough.com.



Lincoln Avenue Bridge project to begin this fall.



Sat. Sept. 15, 2007
5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
School Road Park

Hatfield Community Awareness Night (C*AN), (formerly known as National Night Out) will be an informative and fun filled evening showcasing all the aspects of public safety in Hatfield.

There will be demonstrations, music, exhibits, refreshments and family activities all presented by your local law enforcement personnel, civic groups, and public safety organizations.

Come join in the fun and don't forget to try your luck at the Dunk Tank!

All proceeds from this recreational event will benefit the William Chapman Memorial Scholarship Fund.

For more information contact the Hatfield Police Dept. at 215-855-0903.

Recycling Reminder:

According to Borough Ordinance 462, owners or landlords of any multifamily residential units where individual refuse collection does not occur are responsible for providing suitable containers for recyclable materials. The containers or dumpsters shall be provided at easily accessible locations, and written instructions must be provided to the occupants concerning the use and availability of such containers. All tenants or lessees of multifamily units are responsible for separating recyclable materials and placing them in the containers or dumpsters provided for such purposes.



FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

The Borough of Hatfield and the Hatfield Economic Revitalization Committee (HERC) are once again offering matching grants of up to \$3,500 to businesses in the Borough that would like to participate in the Façade Improvement Program. Improvement plans must be approved by the Borough.

For additional information and application forms, contact the Hatfield Borough Manager at 215-855-0781 or email: rihlein@hatfieldborough.com



Ordinance No. 463

Skateboarding is Prohibited



Ordinance No. 463 was enacted by Borough Council on June 20, 2007. Along with the prohibition against disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace, and loitering, it also restricts the locations where skateboarding may lawfully occur in the Borough.

Any person violating the ordinance shall be guilty of the offense of disorderly conduct and could be subjected to a fine of up to \$600.

Section 103 of the ordinance states that in order to encourage pedestrian traffic in and around the Core Commercial District of the Borough, to discourage conflicts between pedestrians and skateboarders, and to provide safety for all, skateboarding is prohibited in the following areas:

- A) **Broad St** (between Main & Market)
- B) **Main St** (between Lincoln & Dublin Alley)
- C) **Market St** (from Broad to Township Line)
- D) **E Lincoln Ave** (between Main & Market)
- E) At such other locations as the Borough shall designate from time to time with temporary restrictions and signs.

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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.

Fun Filled Fall Festivities

5K Fun Run

Hatfield Township's Fall 5K Fun Run will be held on **Sunday, September 23rd and begin at 9 a.m.** The route connects Hatfield Community Park and School Road Park on a moderately level course that also includes some run time in the Line Lexington Industrial Park.

Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finishers in 13 age brackets.

Preregistrations can be made online, by mail or in person at the Township Building. Fee is \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the race.

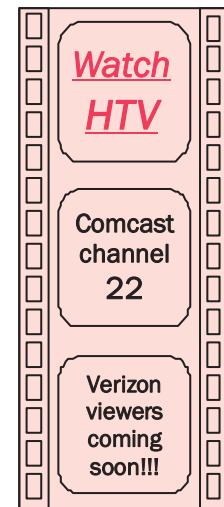
Rocktoberfest

Saturday, October 6th 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Hatfield Community Park

The 8th Annual Rocktoberfest Car Show & Fall Fun Fest promises to be as fun and exciting as in years past. An exhibition of vintage & contemporary race cars, the *a cappella* sound of "The Grace Notes", and the *doo-wop* harmonies of "Mid Life Crisis" will be featured, along with booths, attractions, kids activities and breakfast & lunch fare.

For more info contact the Township @ 215-855-0900



Hatfield History

Pictured is the Hatfield Borough Police Department Uniform Patch. The Borough retained its own police force from February of 1935 until May of 1977 when Council decided to enter into a contract with the Hatfield Township Police Department to provide police services for the Borough. Prior to that, constables were used to patrol the Borough streets.



Notice to all Residents & Business Owners

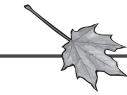
Please keep our sidewalks safe!

All overhanging tree limbs, bushes, and ornamentals must be trimmed back from the sidewalks for the safety of our pedestrian traffic. And remember, curbside chipping will be done the first week of October.

Also, please help our street cleaning & snow plowing crews by making sure trash cans, recycling buckets and basketball nets are kept safely off the streets.

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Important Dates to Remember

Hatfield Community Awareness Night

(formerly known as National Night Out)
Saturday, Sept. 15th 5-7:30pm
School Road Park

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Saturday, October 27
9:30 a.m.
Broad Street in Hatfield
Interested participants should contact Hatfield Chamber of Commerce at 215-855-3335

REMEMBER TO VOTE!!

Election Day is Tuesday
November 6th

Borough residents can vote at the Hatfield Fire Company on Market St.

Voter registration forms & other information can be found online at www.voterservices.montcopa.org or by calling 610-278-3280.



CURBSIDE CHIPPING

Oct. 1 - Oct. 5
Tree limbs and brush up to 6" in diameter will be chipped. Please place all material to be chipped by your curb.

LEAF PICK-UP

Every Monday starting
October 29 through December 3
Bags must be purchased at the Borough Hall.
Cost \$.25 per bag



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