

Carrolltown Borough

Newsletter

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RECYCLING

The Borough of Carrolltown and Lee's Disposal have teamed up in an effort to resolve the recycling issues that have taken place in the past year. Although we appreciate the efforts of the residents to recycle their discarded items, Lee's Disposal has informed us that plastic bags are still being used for recycling items, allowing confusion of what is garbage and what is to be recycled. Therefore, in an effort to encourage recycling but eliminate the frustration felt by both the collectors and the recyclers, the Borough and Lee's Disposal made it possible to attain affordable recycling cans for property owners.

If you still wish to recycle, or would like to start, please sign up at the Borough office if you are interested in purchasing or renting a recycling can for your residence. The can will be stamped with "*The Property of Carrolltown*" and must stay at the property.



BOROUGH CHANGES

Council Members and Office

Marty Passarella and Mike Platt replaced Heather Clark and Christopher Bender on the Borough Council starting January 2016. At the reorganizational meeting held on January 4, 2016 Marty Passarella was voted in as the Council President replacing Tim Spangler. Although Tim is still an active Council member, Mayor Ertter and Council thanked Tim for his many years of dedicated service while serving as President of Council.

Changes in the Police Department

We will also see changes in our Police Department this year. William Hines, who has been Chief of Police since 2013 after David Murphy resigned from his post, has accepted another job position, but plans on remaining active as a part time police officer in Carrolltown. Jeff McEvoy will replace Bill Hines as Chief of Police starting April 9, 2016. Jeff has long been a part of the Carrolltown police department and brings many years of experience to the position. We look forward to working with him and continuing the great working relationship already established with the Borough Police.



Happy Spring!

Community Development

The Borough continues to assist with projects that will have substantial positive impact on the Borough.

Route 219 Corridor – Plans have been reviewed to improve and expand the area along Main Street as part of the Route 219 Corridor plan. Meetings have been held between Borough Council and PennDOT to discuss possible options. Last year, the Cambria County Planning Commission had students from Chatham University present ideas to the Borough. These designs were compiled in a booklet and distributed by Ethan Imhoff, Executive Director of the Cambria County Planning Commission. It is hoped that PennDOT and the Borough can use these ideas in their future plans when expanding and improving Main Street.

The Sheetz Corporation is in the preparation stage of getting ready to construct the new super store this summer.

PARK AND REC NEWS

In early June, the Park will be replacing the backstop and all the fencing around the field with the contribution from the American Legion.



NOTICES:

DUE TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED AT THE BOROUGH BUILDING, PETS (OTHER THAN SERVICE ANIMALS) ARE NO LONGER PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

ANY ONE WITH PETS MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS WHEN IN PUBLIC AREAS.

RESIDENTS MAY SWEEP THEIR SIDEWALKS AND DRIVEWAYS INTO THE STREET, **BEFORE STREET SWEEPING** AND **NOT** AFTER.

Borough Council Meets With Amerikohl

Council met with Mike Hixson from Amerikohl at their regular meeting on March 7th, 2016. At the meeting, Mr. Hixson explained that while their company was drilling on property owned by the Bakerton Rod and Gun Club, they found a vein of coal they refer to as the “Middle Kittanning Vein” and wanted to know if the Borough was interested in surface mining this 25 inch vein of coal located off Myers Road. He stated that the process would require only to remove the overburden; adding that the land would be returned to its original state. He said that only six to seven acres would be mined although a sample drilling would have to be done to be certain. Council thanked Mr. Hixson for his presentation and said they would get back to him once it was further reviewed.

Road Projects Scheduled This Year

Roads in the Worse Condition Expected Repair

Lonnie Batdorf, Borough Manager, and Council Member Ron Gwizdak have been working the past several months reviewing roads in dire need of repair and have created a list of roads that are expected to be

fixed this summer. Lonnie stated that with the Shared Service Agreement made with Croyle Township, the Borough may expect to save money as well as create a working relationship that can only benefit both parties.

Non-Emergency Issues and Leak Detection

Homeowners living within the Borough who hear and notice issues with water leakage, please contact the Borough office (during the day between 8-4) at 344-6650. Leak detection is done by the Borough crew during the day or night.

If there are leaks or any issues or events needing immediate attention on weekends or after hours, residents should call the Cambria County NON-EMERGENCY Number (814) 472-2100.



Property Maintenance

Please maintain your property and keep it up at all times. Any and all issues will be reported to the CCBCEA who will enforce all ordinances accordingly. Fines will be issued for any violation.

CARROLLTOWN POLICE REMINDERS



- The Police would like to remind residents NOT TO BLOCK OR PARK ON THE SIDEWALKS. THIS IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME, including brick sidewalks.
- The police would also like to inform residents that the police will continue to enforce cross parking violations as well as other parking violations.
- If you come across any street lights that are out, call the office at 344-6400 with the closest street address and pole number.

If there is a non-emergency, residents should call the Carrolltown Police number 344-6400 or the Cambria County NON-EMERGENCY Number (814) 472-2100.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

According to Borough Ordinance, Residents are prohibited from discharging grass or other debris onto borough sidewalks and/or streets. Fines will be issued by the Police Department for violations.

BUILDING PERMITS

The Borough adopted the State mandated Building Codes and contracted with Cambria County Building Code Enforcement Agency (CCBCEA) to issue building permits and perform inspections. All residents/businesses of the Borough are required to obtain a Building Permit from CCBCEA before proceeding with **any** construction, including roof replacement. Roof replacement also requires that a dumpster be obtained from Lee's Disposal to ensure of proper disposal. CCBCEA is located in the borough building, 2nd floor, 140 E Carroll Street, Carrolltown, PA. You can obtain forms online at www.lmiagency.org or by phone (814) 471-0424.

SHOVELING SIDEWALKS

All sidewalks are to be cleared of snow and ice during the winter season. Also, snow is prohibited from being discharged into the streets.



Call before you dig- PA ONE CALL



Residents are reminded that state law requires you to contact PA ONE CALL by dialing 811, before digging by hand or machine to a depth of 12" or more or any digging with heavy equipment such as a backhoe. ***Don't Risk having to pay for all damages to utilities by not making PA One Call notification.***



METER READING

Meter reading is done by the Borough employees around the 21st of each month. We ask residents to please tie your dogs up or any pets that may pose a problem in attaining your meter reading. If our Borough crew is unable to do so, it will be estimated.

Clip & Retain for future reference

Trash collection will continue to be on Monday's during 2016 with the exception of Memorial Day and Labor Day. Collection will be completed on the Tuesday after Memorial Day, and Labor Day. Please have your trash out at curbside 1 hour earlier on these two days.

Collection of recycling materials will continue to be **THE THIRD MONDAY** of each month. Recycling bins or cans should be used or containers that offset the regular trash. **NO PLASTIC BAGS FOR RECYCLING should be used!** Contact the Borough Office for a list of allowable recyclable materials and information on how to prepare the materials for pickup.

March 26th - Saturday - Park and Rec. - Easter Egg Hunt

April 25th -26th Street Cleaning

May 21st - Saturday Cash Bonanza, Legion Park

May 26th & 27th, (starting at 7:00 AM) - Tree Limb Pick Up

July 9th - Saturday Basketball/Softball Tournaments

July 29th, 30th, and 31st - St Benedict Church Festival

August 12th, 13th and 14th – Annual Carrolltown Fire Company Jubilee

August 7th – (10:00-3:00) 2nd Annual FOP DAY, Legion Park

Aug 28th – Aug 31st - Water Line Flushing

September 4th, - Sunday - Cash Bonanza, Legion Park

October 15th - Saturday (9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon) - Tree Limb Drop Off

October 30th - Sunday – Trick or Treat and Parade

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2016 Important Dates

- **March 26th, Saturday (Noon)**

Park and Rec. will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the Carrolltown American Legion Park.

- **April 25th & April 26th Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping will be done by three trucks. Main Street sweeping to start approximately 4:00-5:00am, residents should close windows even though all attempts will be made to keep the dust at a minimum. **All vehicles must be removed from Borough streets the day before (April 25th, 2016 at 8:00 PM).**

- **May 21st, Saturday (4:00pm-8:00pm)**

Park and Rec. will be holding a Cash Bonanza at the Carrolltown American Legion Park. Tickets available for purchase at Carrolltown Borough Office for \$10.00. Must be 21 or over.

- **May 26th and 27th, 2016**

Tree limbs and brush will be picked up by the Borough. Items are not to exceed 5 feet in length and should be bundled if possible. Please have limbs and brush (limited to a small pickup truck load) at curbside for pickup by 7:00 AM

- **July 9th, 2016**

Park and Rec will be holding a basketball or softball tournament during the Northern Cambria Heritage Days. Refreshments will be available at the concession stand.

- **Ball Sign-ups**

See the Park and Rec website at www.carrolltownpark.org for sign up forms and more information.

- **July 29th, 30th, and 31st**

Annual St Benedict Church Festival

- **August 12th, 13th, and 14th**

Annual Carrolltown Fire Company Jubilee

- **August 7th**

2nd Annual FOP Day – Concession stand will be open

- **August 28th – August 31st, 2016**

Borough Authority water main line flushing. This activity will start around 9pm and residents should not try to use large amounts of water at their house during these times. We suggest you don't wash clothes during flushing and run your water for a while after the flushing has been completed.

- **September 4th, Sunday**

Park and Rec. will be holding a Cash Bonanza at the Carrolltown American Legion Park. Tickets available for purchase at Carrolltown Borough Office for \$100.00. Must be 21 or over.

- **October 15th, Saturday**

Between the hours of 9:00 AM and 12:00 noon limbs and brush may be taken to the old dump site on Back Road which is just off West Campbell Street. Go down the Back Road for about a mile and there is a gate on your left, someone will be inside the gate to tell you where to dump the limbs. **Be aware that you will not be able to dump if your vehicle contains anything other than limbs and brush.** We want to thank the Carrolltown Volunteer Fire Company, who has offered to help us with this service to the residents by burning the limbs at a later date.

- **October 30th Sunday**

Trick or Treat and Parade will be held on 10-30-2016 from 2-4 PM with a parade following trick or treat.