

Carrolltown Borough

Newsletter

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HANDI-WIPES CAUSE COSTLY REPAIRS IN OUR SEWAGE SYSTEM

Authority is Requesting Assistance in Cost Prevention by Throwing Wipes in Trash

Most forms of handi-wipes used are touted as disposable and flushable! This is the claim for many forms of these cleaning towelettes that are used in most households, as well as commercial businesses. They include polish cleaners, make-up removers, baby wipes and floor dusters, to name just a few. In truth, the public should be educated and aware that these wipes do not dissolve and are a continuous cause of laborious and equipment malfunctions and failure in our sewage system. The Municipal Authority is making a plea to all residents to assist in the efforts of discarding these wipes appropriately by not flushing them into the sewage system but instead, putting them in the trash and have them hauled away by our solid waste disposal contractor. The sewage systems were not designed to deal with or be able to accommodate these cleaning towels which have led to several breakdowns, overflows and backed up sewage mains which is costly to fix, repair and maintain. Handi-wipes are an expensive burden to the waste treatment facilities across the nation and most importantly, OURS!



FREE RECYCLING CANS

The Borough Office has Recycling cans for residents to pick up for free. You must, however, sign a sheet for Lee's Disposal's Records and keep one for yourself. The new recycling schedule is also available. If you still wish to recycle, or would like to start, please sign up at the Borough office and pick up your recycling can today for your residence. The can will be stamped with "The Property of Carrolltown" and must stay at the property. A second recycling can may be received if there is enough left over after everyone else has received one.



Staff Changes at the Borough!

This past year has seen a few changes in the Borough Staff. Adam Bourdess was hired as the new borough and municipal employee.

Kraig Cunningham is employed as help for both the office and the street department.

Jeanne Farabaugh retired from her position as Borough Clerk at the end of December, 2016. Jeanne was with the Borough for almost 25 years. We will miss her but also wish her a lifetime of health, happiness and adventurous travels as she enjoys her retirement!

WATER BILL CHANGES

In Feb 2017, the Municipal Authority reduced the allocation from **4,000 gallons to 3,000 gallons**. Additionally, the **average prices will be changed** as well. When the monthly allocation of 3,000 is exceeded, the **water and sewage will each be billed at \$5.00 per thousand gallons over** (previously it was \$4.94 water/3.00 for sewage).

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Carrolltown Sewage Plant



Community Development

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

Many of you recall hearing about the Route 219 Corridor Project with PennDOT – The project is still moving forward since 2015. As of now, the potential expected construction could start in 2019/2020.

The latest two Borough endeavors are: People’s Natural Gas is hoping to be in Carrolltown! This is a win for our town as an additional source of energy in a market that pricing seems to soar at times. This is expected to be a community and economic development success!

There is also the potential for the Borough to lease some of its property to a coal mining company wishing to conduct surface mining.

PARK AND REC NEWS

Ball Sign ups have begun. See back pages and insert for more dates and times of special events.



Road Projects and How They Are Tied Into the CENSUS

It is VERY IMPORTANT that Residents Fill out Their Census Forms-Funds for our Roads are Affected By IT!!

This is the season for road repairs and construction! As most in town are aware by now, every few years we make every attempt to pave or resurface our local roads. **Because of the latest census data received and according to the Census Bureau**, Carrolltown has lost 196 people since last counted and this has affected our liquid fuels allocations from the state by approximately 19%. There is an argument to how the Bureau calculates it data **so please fill out the next census survey information for our town as well as the Borough residence forms—for that time is very soon and is expected to start this year**...it is very important to all of us and your roads!!

In 2017 the Borough will be undergoing a tar and chip project for some of our roads that are showing signs of deterioration and decay. This is not a permanent fix by any means but our hope is to sustain further degradation of the surfaces, and extending the life of the road until a replacement can be afforded.

NOTICES:

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

ANY ONE WITH PETS MUST CLEAN UP AFTER THEIR PETS WHEN IN PUBLIC AREAS. FINES WILL APPLY!

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

A MAIL SLOT IN THE BOROUGH DOOR WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDED SECURITY WHEN LEAVING YOUR WATER BILLS AND TAX PAYMENTS.

Municipal Authority: Hydrology Study

The Municipal Authority has been in the process of completing a lengthy procedure of conducting a water and hydrology study on our water well sources for the SRBC (Susquehanna River Basin Commission). The process should be completed in the next year or two and has been quite extensive. In the third quarter of 2016, the municipal authority had completed a well exploration project which resulted in a productive future water source and is to be part of the ongoing SRBC hydrology study. The reason being is that, of the Authorities three well sources currently used, two of the wells have been found by the SRBC to have the same sourcing potential because of their proximity to one another. Therefore, by rule, not making them an independent stand alone water source, but only as back-up to one another. Because of an already lowered allocation of water withdrawl from our sources, the authority was able to locate a future source which was drilled, tested and proved to yield good water further into the valley.

WATER SYSTEM MODIFICATIONS

Carrolltown’s water treatment plant is receiving a much needed upgrade for operational control at the facility. This is due to the components that help to operate and produce water are no longer available and considered obsolete. The control modifications has been a very lengthy and arduous process; and at times, having to be run manually. The authority is expected to have this project completed by late spring.



Fixing A Water Leak

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.



CARROLLTOWN POLICE REMINDERS

- **EMERGENCIES – CALL 911!**
- 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.
- A borough grant has been applied for to obtain a new police cruiser



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.

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.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Borough Ordinance prohibits residents from discharging grass or other debris onto borough sidewalks and/or streets. Fines will be issued by the Police Department for violations.

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.



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 East Carroll Street, Carrolltown, PA. You can obtain forms online at www.lmiagency.org or by phone at (814) 471-0424.

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 any depth or any digging done 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 2017 with the exception of Memorial Day and Labor Day or any other holiday that falls on a Monday. Collection would then be completed on the Tuesday after the holiday. 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 (Now available at the Borough Office) 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.

April 2nd - Sunday - Park and Rec. - Spaghetti Dinner - St Benedict Church Hall

April 15th Saturday Easter Egg Hunt

April 19th, 20th, and 21st Street Cleaning

May 20th - Saturday Cash Bonanza, Legion Park

May 25th & 26th, (starting at 7:00 AM) - Tree Limb Pick Up

July 28th, 29th and 30th - St Benedict Church Festival

August 11th, 12th and 13th - Annual Carrolltown Fire Company Jubilee

August 6th - (10:00-3:00) 3rd Annual FOP DAY, Legion Park

Aug 27th - Aug 30th - Water Line Flushing

September 3rd - Sunday - Cash Bonanza, Legion Park

October 14th - Saturday (9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon) - Tree Limb Drop Off

October 29th - Sunday - Trick or Treat (2:00-4:00) and Parade (4:00 PM)

October 30th - Park Closes for Season

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2017 Important Dates

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- **April 2nd**
Park & Rec Fundraiser/Spaghetti Dinner – 11:00 -2:00 PM – Held at St. Benedict Hall; \$7.00 Adults and \$4.00 for Children 6-10
- **April 15th , Saturday (Noon)**
Park and Rec. will hold an Easter Egg Hunt at the Carrolltown American Legion Park.
- **April 19th - April 21st - Street Sweeping**
Street sweeping will be done by three trucks. Main Street sweeping to start approximately 4:00-5:00 am, 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 19th, 2017 by 8:00 PM).**
- **May 20th , 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 25th and 26th, 2017**
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 28th, 29th, and 30th**
Annual St Benedict Church Festival
- **August 11th, 12th, and 13th**
Annual Carrolltown Fire Company Jubilee
- **August 6th**
3rd Annual FOP Day – Concession stand will be open
- **August 27th – August 30th 2017**
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 3rd, 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 14th, 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 29th Sunday**