

Carrolltown Borough

Newsletter

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NOTICE REGARDING APRIL UTILITY BILLS

Currently, allocations for water and sewage are calculated at 3000 gallons. **DEPENDING ON WHAT YOUR MONTHLY consumption generally consists of, YOUR APRIL UTILITY BILL MAY BE HIGHER THAN expected.** January, February and March meters were *estimated* which means these months were only charged for the minimum allocation of 3,000 gallons at \$ 35.00 water and \$32.00 Sewage. When bills go out in April, you may expect a higher bill if your usage normally exceeds 3000 gals per month. **Just a small reminder-ALL utility bills (ACH, Online, and Mail) are due at **12:00 pm noon on the last business day of the month.***

Covid-19 in 2020 and Moving Forward

This past year has been one for the history books, not only for Carrolltown Borough but the world. As we progressed into the year 2020, our country along with many others found ourselves in the grip of a pandemic which held us hostage in our houses for several months. As people emerged from the confinement of their homes, they found the world forever changed. COVID-19 took its toll on our communities as jobs were lost, businesses went bankrupt, restrictions were set and worst of all, loved ones lost their lives leaving others to continue fighting the virus, globally. What we once perceived as normal has been replaced by governing our hygiene more closely, safe distancing and wearing masks. Schools have resorted to virtual learning and online teaching, making snow days a thing of the past.

No matter what the stand is on COVID-19 or the vaccine, we must continue to respect others and protect ourselves and loved ones, by covering our mouth when we sneeze or cough, sanitize public places and items that are shared with the public as well as with family and friends, washing our hands frequently and wearing gloves when necessary. In so doing, this will help keep COVID and other illnesses down.

The Borough has been outstanding in protecting the public and their employees. In addition to the installation of the new transaction window that provides protection between the customer and employee, the Borough made ways for residents to pay their bills and still be safe.

- 1) An outside lockbox provides safe 24/7 access to make payments especially when the whole building is closed. An indoor lockbox and mail slot is still available when just the office is closed. The safest way to assure customer safety is by far, online check, debit and credit card payments.
- 2) Jim McCann, as the EMS Coordinator, has made sure that the Borough is supplied with hand sanitizers and disinfecting cleaning supplies as well as keeping the Borough informed of the latest mandates and protocols to be taken.
- 3) When Borough meetings are held, Council members practice safe distancing, and members may call in so important Borough matters are still discussed without interruption.

As we move forward in 2021, the Community can and will get through this together, since it is up to all, both individually and as a whole, to maintain a healthy and safe environment for everyone.

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STAFF CHANGES

Chad Onkst and Mike Testa are now the Street/CBMA Crew



Carrolltown Elementary School



Community Development

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

LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER

LIBRARY SERVICES



- Books, DVD's, Audiobooks
- E-books & E-Audiobooks
- Photocopies and faxes
- Computer access & Printing
- WIFI
- Digital Resources:
- Power Library, Power Kids, ABC Mouse, America's News, Newspapers, Pronunciator Foreign Languages, PA Career Link and Many more!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Open to all ages and Abilities
- **Story Hour-Call for Details**
- **Children's Summer Program**
Theme: Tails and Tales
Please Register in May at the Library
- **Family Fun Nights – Monthly**
- **Block Parties – LEGOS & Other building materials**
- **Sensory Story times**
- **STEAM and Robotic Toys**

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Painting Classes
- Crochet Classes
- Book Clubs
- A Variety of Informational Programs

MUSIC IN THE PARK

- **Every Wednesday from July 14th to August 25th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**
- **Enjoy a relaxing evening at the park.**
A variety of musicians will play at the Gazebo Stage for our community at the Carrolltown Legion Park.
- A new Basket Auction each week to support the library
- Concession stand will be open

Member of the Cambria County Library System-
140 E. Carroll Street, PO Box 316 Carrolltown PA 15722
carrolltown@cclsys.org
814-344-6300 www.cclsys.org/carrolltown



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Managers Review:

2021 is here and this is what you can expect for the year!

The Route 219 Corridor project will continue, and the anticipated completion is this fall. The project was held up at least seven (7) weeks in 2020 from Governor Wolf's construction shut down. Again, there will be major traffic delays. The Municipal Authority will be in construction phase of a new eight (8") watermain upgrade from the water filtration plant along Dutch Rd to SR 219 as well as construction of a fully upgraded Sewage Lift Station with modifications (partially funded through the two grants already obtained). Construction is expected to be three months.

The speed humps installed on North and South Church Street have proven to be effective in calming traffic while instituting safety. With the support of Council, the Borough Crew completed substantial work on the Little Chest Creek which allowed for better flow and mitigating potential flooding issues of the past. They also completed the installation of approximately 1200' of a new six inch water main and service connections on Myers Road, replacing the original 1.5" watermain. Additionally, our workers cleaned and cleared the landfill; although special thanks go out to our local volunteer Fire Department for providing needed assistance and safety.

The limb drop off has been replaced with at home pick-up by the crew, which will be scheduled through the office; please look to the website for details or contact the office anytime. The Municipal Authority just completed an exhaustive and expensive hydrology study of all of its ground water sources as required by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC). If anyone has inquiries about our water, where it comes from, how the filtration plant works or anything, please email me!

We are applying for multiple grants for a new police cruiser, crack sealer and emergency generator for our fire department. Residents are reminded to please report any unsafe conditions or street roadway issues as we may miss them in daily checks. For your convenience, forms are on-line to fill out without having to leave the house.

Our hearts remain with those in our community that have suffered the devastating effects of Covid-19. Keep yourselves and each other safe!

METER REPLACEMENTS

Although COVID-19 has delayed the process of the Utility Meter replacement Program, the municipal authority and staff are still planning to replace residential meters. To reiterate, if your current meter is 15 years or older and/or is not functioning correctly, you will be contacted regarding scheduling an on-site visit and inspection. Special attention will be given to all connections that do not meet the current requirements for cross connections. A dual action check valve and pressure reducing valve must be on every service line. This is a DEP mandate that must be complied with regardless of the situation. The Authority does take into consideration that this may be a financial issue for our customers, therefore, they have enabled us to use their buying capacity to purchase these units at bulk cost. You may purchase these with no added mark-up, at the borough office or make arrangements to have the cost put on your monthly utility bill. Our staff is not permitted to install these units on your service line due to liability reasons. Residents will have to make arrangements to have the units installed, then contact our office for an inspection; the staff will then come out and verify they are in place, sign off on the paperwork; and take photos of the units in service. From there, it will be tagged to your account. This inspection should only take less than 5 minutes to complete. When a service is deemed insufficient by DEP standards, we have only thirty (30) days to bring it up to compliance, so your direct cooperation is needed. Additionally, we are asking that our residents please contact Tress at 344-6650 or email her at tlefferts@carrolltown.pa.us to update your account information with current contact numbers where you may be reached in the event of an emergency. Again, this is another DEP requirement called public notification.

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, Monday-Friday between 8-4pm) 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

➤ **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.

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.

DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

Saturday, April 24th, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

The Carrolltown Police Department will be collecting unused or unwanted prescription medication at the Carrolltown Police Department located at 132 East Carroll Street, Carrolltown, between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, April 24th. Anyone can drop off medication at the police department during those hours. Residents of Carrolltown Borough and West Carroll Township who are unable to take their medications to the collection site are asked to **turn on their porch lights during those hours**, and someone from Law Enforcement will pick it up for them.

BUILDING CODES-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, (this includes roof replacement). All construction also requires that a dumpster be obtained from Burgmeier's Hauling in accordance to Ordinance #224 to ensure 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.***

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Carrolltown Borough Ordinances #215 and #216 states residents are responsible for sidewalks, etc, and prohibits residents from discharging grass or other debris on 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. Borough Snow Ordinance # 277 will now be enforced by the Police Department.



METER READING

Meter reading is done by the Borough employees around the **1st 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 every Monday during 2021 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 by 5:00 AM curbside and 1 hour earlier on days after holidays.

Collection of recycling materials will continue to be **EVERY MONDAY** of each month. Recycling bins (including those provided by the Borough) 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.

ALL FUNCTIONS and SERVICES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED CONTINGENT TO COVID-19

Tree Limb Pick Ups – Call office to schedule (must be 3” or less in diameter, bundled w/twine and measurement of 5’ long x 2’ wide x 2’ deep). This service will be available during the months of April, May, June; also September, October & November.

April 3rd Saturday Easter Egg Hunt, Legion Park at 12:00 PM

April 12th-16th or April 19th -23rd - Street Sweeping

June - Water Line Flushing

July 23rd 24th and 25th - St Benedict Church Festival

August 1st – (10:00-3:00) Annual FOP DAY, Legion Park

August 6th, 7th and 8th – Annual Carrolltown Fire Company Jubilee

September 4th & 5th - Cash Bonanza, Legion Park

September 26th - Sunday – First Responders Day, Legion Park

October 31th - Trick or Treat (2:00-4:00) and Parade (4:00 PM)

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGES
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
CARROLLTOWN**

2021 Important Dates

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○ **April 3rd, Saturday (Noon) Easter Egg Hunt**

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

○ **April 12th-16th (Tentatively) Street Sweeping**

Street sweeping will be done by one truck. 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 prior to 8:00 PM. For further information on these dates, please contact the Borough office.

○ **Tree Limb Pick-Up**

Call the office to schedule tree limb/brush pick up. Limbs must be no larger than 3" in diameter and brush must be bundled with twine, no longer than 5ft. long x 2ft. wide x 2ft. deep. Please have limbs and brush (limited to a small pickup truck load) at curbside for pickup by 7:00 AM. Truck will not make a second trip. ***This service will only be available during the months of April, May, June, September, October and November.***

○ **June -Tentative Water Line Flushing**

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.

○ **July 23rd, 24th and 25th Church Festival**

Annual St Benedict Church Festival

○ **August 1st 11:0 AM- 3:00 PM FOP Day**

Annual FOP Day – Concession stand will be open

○ **August 6th, 7th, and 8th Firemen's Jubilee**

Annual Carrolltown Fire Company Jubilee

○ **September 4th & 5th, Sunday 3:00 PM-7:00PM Cash Bonanza**

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.

○ **September 26th, Sunday First Responders Day**

Park and Rec. will be holding a First Responders Day at the Carrolltown American Legion Park.

○ **October 31st, Sunday Trick or Treat**

Trunk or Treat and/or Trick or Treat: Tentative Parade

SPECIAL NOTE: We reach out to customers who may be impacted by a water leak or other urgent conditions that may involve their household and contact only those who will be affected. Our ability to contact customers directly by phone is only as good as the phone number we have on their account. So, unless you tell us that you changed your phone number or got rid of your land line in favor of a cell phone, we might not be able to contact you. ***If you've changed your telephone number, you can update your account information by calling us at the office (814) 344-6650. Even better, email us at borough@carrolltown.pa.us or fill out and sign the following page with any changes. This is particularly important for businesses and residents not at home during the day and cannot be reached at the location the emergency is taking place.*** Keeping our employees and the public safe during an emergency situation is the reason it is necessary to have a phone number where you can be reached at any time during the day. While there is never a convenient time to be without water or sewage, we try hard to avoid disruptions at the most critical times.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THE BOTTOM OF THIS SHEET AFTER YOU NOTE YOUR CHANGES and mail to: The Borough of Carrolltown, P.O. Box 307, Carrolltown, PA 15722 or drop it off in the lock box or Borough office AT 140 East Carroll Street, Carrolltown....THANK YOU!

UPDATED INFORMATION FOR OUR ADDRESS IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRIOR NAME: _____ NAME CHANGE: _____

PRIOR ADDRESS: _____ ADDRESS CHANGE: _____

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE UPDATED PHONE NUMBERS FOR PUBLIC NOTIFICATION EMERGENCIES!

PRIOR PHONE NUMBER: _____ NEW PHONE NUMBER (S) _____

PRIOR EMAIL _____ EMAIL: _____

PRIOR METER #(IF KNOWN) _____ NEW METER # _____

WHEN INSTALLED: _____

NAME OF METER: (i.e., Rockwell, Iperl, etc) _____ NAME OF New Meter _____

PER CAPITA INFORMATION:

TOTAL IN HOUSEHOLD (INCLUDING APPLICANT) _____

How many are 65 or over: _____

How many are 21 and under: _____

Additional information we should be aware of:

FORMS ALSO LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE TO FILL IN AND SEND. Thank You!

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UPDATED INFORMATION!