

Carrolltown Borough

Newsletter

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NEW GARBAGE CANS FOR EVERYONE!!

What this means is.....Burgmeier's may be switching to a new side loader truck and these garbage cans have to be used to make this process go smoother. With the shortage of drivers and workers, the sanitation system needed a way to adjust their way of doing things. We ask for your patience as we transition through this new system.

ALL METER REPLACEMENTS MUST BE DONE BY JUNE

WE NEED PHONE NUMBERS!!

WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE ALL METERS REPLACED BY JUNE, 2024 through the Utility Meter Grant Replacement Program. *Without replacement of a new meter, you will not have access to water or sewage because the system will be converted to the new technology guiding it.* PLEASE UPDATE THE OFFICE WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND/OR PHONE NUMBER SO WE CAN PLACE YOUR METER IN SOON!! This information is confidential and remains with us. The Municipal Authority and Borough staff continue to work to replace all meters in the old system **before June, but as been said before, delays due to lack of a phone number or updated contact information to schedule a date for replacement, affects your future access to water and sewage. 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 new system will eliminate the need for the Borough crew to read the majority of the meters manually, however, special circumstances may be necessary to have access to your property, therefore we ask you keep pets secure if that should occur. To recap, if your current meter is older than 2016 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.

PUBLIC SHRED-OUT DAY!

The Borough is offering neighboring businesses and public residents a chance to shred their outdated documents. **It must consist of ONLY PAPER and BOXED UP!** Burgmeier's Hauling will have a shredder here onsite sometime in the fall of 2024 for three hours. Although it will do a massive amount of shredding, this is on a first come first serve basis until the shredder is full. Contact the office at (814) 344-6650 if this interests you. If it does, we will put you on a list of names that will possibly use Burgmeier's shredder and to get a good count of how many to expect.

NOTIFICATION SYSTEM: In case of a public emergency, like a boil water notice or any community wide emergency, the Borough Office NEEDS YOUR PHONE NUMBER on record to comply with the emergency automatic notification system. **AGAIN, this information is CONFIDENTIAL, exclusive to the Borough Office Emergency Contact Information ONLY.** PLEASE, email your phone number to borough@carrolltown.pa.us or call us if you are paying online or have indirect contact with the office. Among many other important reasons, **PROVIDING YOUR PHONE NUMBER and/or contact information IS FOR YOUR SAFETY and the safety of your family and neighbors!!**

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Community Development

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

2024 Managers Review

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, and more!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

- Painting Classes
- Crochet Classes
- Book Clubs, Author Talks
- A Variety of Informational Programs

MUSIC IN THE PARK-CARROLLTOWN LEGION PARK

- **Every Wednesday from July 10th to August 21, (Rain date: The Following Thursday) from 6:00 to 8:00 PM**
- **Enjoy a relaxing evening at the park.** A variety of musicians will play 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-
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This year we will be undertaking new road alignment and curbing on Main Street at the main intersection. This will be a large-scale project that will impact at least 150 feet to the North and South. We have been working on this project for over a year with CPV (Rogue's Wind LLC), Logisticus Group, EADS Group, French Engineering, Laurel Management Inc, New Enterprise Stone & Lime, and M&M Concrete Company. The anticipated construction is tentative for late May with completion early August. Construction time frames and work may be adjusted and vary from day to night, from week to week, to ensure the work gets completed within a reasonable period. All efforts will be made to modify job schedules to accommodate those days when the weather is not favorable to work.

The Borough will be implementing and erecting permanent stop signs in town. Carrolltown Borough Council conducted a traffic study through French Engineering in 2023. The study was comprehensive in analyzing traffic counts and identified numerous safety issues concerning our streets and visual sight lines. With normal day to day traffic counts being excessively high and elevated rates of speed by percentiles, we could only anticipate those getting far worse during construction times and posing significant safety issues. Intersections in town that posed concern and or problems with visibility were identified early in the investigation and emphasis was directed to those geographical areas. They are St. Joseph Street behind the Sheetz Store, St. Mary's Street, and North/South Church Streets. Also, Council has commenced no parking on West Carroll, West Campbell and North/South Church Streets. This should be viewed in town as a huge success in the attempt to make our residential streets much safer regardless of mere inconveniences. This will also allow for proper Police presence and enforcement.

Projects that have been partially funded by grants are being finalized and closed this year. They are the sewage Lift Station which was only partially funded in the amount of \$221,000, while the total project cost approximately \$437,520 of which left \$216,520 or more unfunded. This project should be complete in June 2024. The water meter replacement project which has been fully funded also closes in June 2024.

Currently, the water and sewage rates together with allocations remain unchanged and the Municipal Authority has absorbed the constant changing price increases that happen daily. Despite the news of supply chains loosening, we have not seen or experienced said rhetoric. Presently, when we have a component failure, parts and materials have remained months to over a year out. Inventories have been depleted from suppliers and manufacturers. Operations have been difficult to maintain at any level. Adding insult to injury has been the DEP and its latest environmental mandates and rules. The State has hired hundreds of personnel throughout the Commonwealth and adopted a policy of being difficult as fees are being increased for compliancy at a never seen before rate and frequency. I would encourage everyone that reads this to write their representatives on the federal, state and county levels as I have currently. It has become a power grab across Pennsylvania because the department would rather strip local owned and operated water/sewage systems and turn them over to private companies like PA American Water and Aqua America who have as of late, been buying many municipal systems all around us. These are the battles we are engaging in regularly; we choose to keep our municipal systems!

There are no scheduled paving projects planned for 2024, however, the road maintenance planned will include hot asphalt patch repairs, street shoulder builds and extensive crack sealing. We ask for patience while our crews are on the roads working and have only single lane traffic patterns.

Another huge task worth mentioning is a year's worth of construction that has been done at the police garage building. A new roof system had been placed in 2023 and recently, the entire garage ceiling was insulated properly with a new ceiling cover. Additionally, electrical upgrades and replacements had to be installed as well.

The Carrolltown Borough and Municipal Authority is grateful for your cooperation as we move forward with these future ventures and wishes everyone success and good health in 2024.

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.

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 and any sidewalk areas leading to crosswalks 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 be enforced by the Police Department.

Building and Codes Agency

The Borough adopted the State mandated Building Codes contracting with Cambria County Building Code Enforcement Agency (CCBCEA) to issue building permits and perform inspections. All residents and businesses of the Borough are required to obtain a Building Permit from CCBCEA before proceeding with any construction. 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 phone at (814) 471-0424.

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 and Vape Pens Take Back Day

Saturday, April 27^h from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

The Carrolltown Police Department will be collecting unused or **unwanted prescription medication and vape pens at the Carrolltown Police Department located at 132 East Carroll Street, Carrolltown, between 10:00am and 2:00pm on Saturday, April 27th** 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.

The Police Department will also be **collecting vape pens or other e-cigarette devices from individual consumers only after the batteries are removed** from the devices. It is important to stress that the DEA is not responsible for removing the batteries from the devices. If the battery cannot be removed, individual consumers can check with large electronic chain stores who may accept the vape pen or e-cigarette devices for proper disposal. Individual consumers may also contact their local Hazardous Materials Management Facility to determine if they accept these devices, and for additional guidance regarding proper disposal.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

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 **1st of each month**. Please see front article under Meter Replacement Update regarding the new smart Meter Technology system that will be incorporated into this process. It is now possible to digitally retrieve readings, but manual readings still may be needed at times and we ask that all pets be tied up or secured before doing so.

Clip & Retain for future reference

Trash collection will continue to be every Monday during 2024 with the exception of Memorial Day and Labor Day. Collection would then be completed on the Tuesday after the holiday. The other holidays observed are New Years Day, July 4th, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. 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.

NOTE: THE BOROUGH WILL BE PASSING OUT NEW GARBAGE CANS AND THEY STILL HAVE FREE RECYCLING BINS FOR RESIDENTS

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.

March 30th Saturday Easter Egg Hunt, Legion Park at 12:00 PM

April 22nd Week - Tentative Street Sweeping

June 28th-October 4th - Farmer's Market at the Park

July 26th, 27th, and 28th - St Benedict Church Festival

August 11th - Annual Carrolltown Fire Co. Turkey Dinner/Basket Auction

August 17th - Park-End of Summer Bash

September 1st - Park Cash Bonanza

September 09th - September 14th - Water Line Flushing at Night

October 27th - Park-Halloween on the Hill

October 27th - Trick or Treat (2:00-4:00) Tentative Parade (4:00 PM)

December 13th - 12 Days of Christmas

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGES
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
CARROLLTOWN**

2024 Important Dates

ALL FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED

○ **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.***

○ **March 30th, Saturday (Noon) Easter Egg Hunt**

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

○ **April - Street Sweeping - Week of April 22nd - (Tentatively)**

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.

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Annual St Benedict Church Festival

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○ **September 9-14th 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.

○ **October 27th Park Halloween on the Hill**

○ **October 27th Sunday Trick or Treat**

Trick or Treat: Tentative Parade

○ **December 13th, 12 Days of Christmas**