

# Carrolltown Borough

## Newsletter

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*Due to overwhelming amount of “disposable” wipes found in our sewage plant that is causing an abundance of issues, we felt it necessary to repeat our article on handi-wipes and the like, from our article written in the March 2017 newsletter with a few added changes.*

### The Municipal Authority is Requesting Assistance in Cost Prevention by Throwing ALL FORMS of Wipes in The Trash

All forms of Handi-wipes used are treated 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. Another claim is that some forms of disposable wipes are flushable when in fact **wipes that claim they are flushable are not. All forms of wipes are not flushable even if their packaging states they are.** 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!

### Garbage Changes

While all Commercial Trash Accounts remain through Burgmeier’s Hauling only, Roll-Off’s may now be utilized from any solid waste service.

## Windmill Project

CPV was able to transport their windmills through town after the traffic light project had been completed. This project shaved several inches from the intersection under the light to enable large windmill structures to pass through town, giving residents an amazing view of this massive equipment.

This project also afforded the Borough with funding that produced purchases for the Borough and saving countless tax dollars for the residents in future purchases and much needed items for the Borough. Some of those purchases are outlined in more detail on page two under the manager’s review. The CBA Funds will still be used for the benefit of the community in 2026.



### RATE CHANGES

Due to increasing costs to provide, treat and distribute clean and safe potable water to our customers, rate increases for water and sewage went into effect in September 2025. Below is an excerpt of information that was stated in a letter mailed out to all CBMA customers in August 2025.

New price rates included:

- Eliminating the 1000-gallon monthly allocation, thus customers directly pay for all potable water and sewage metered.
- Monthly base rate for potable water customers remained at **\$35.00** per month, *however, the monthly base rate for sewer customers changed to \$35.00 per month.*

Our per gallon treatment rates also increased to closely match our current treatment costs.

- The unit rate for potable water changed to **\$6.64** per thousand gallons metered.
- The unit rate for sewer discharge changed to **\$7.49** per thousand gallons metered.

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# Community Development

## Managers Review--- This past year...

This year the Borough was able to acquire much needed equipment as well as other purchases made possible through the CBA funding received in 2024.

**Machinery and Equipment.** Purchases made include a new skid steer, which will be used for the Borough and Authority roads, numerous construction projects as well as maintaining the Carrolltown Borough Park's ball fields as needed. The skid steer will help significantly in the costs for outside labor and equipment rentals and services. Additionally, a new roller was bought that will be used in conjunction with other paving equipment. This new item will also prevent the costs of future rentals as we move forward in the restoration of our roads. To help preserve our existing and new equipment and machinery, a new pole building is currently being built. In keeping the equipment and machinery from the elements of the weather, it will stay in good working condition and prolong the life of it.

Other items purchased included a dual heating/air conditioning unit for the police station and social hall as well as a utility truck that will be beneficial and more efficient to assist in water leak repairs, customer needs, and countless problems that could occur in the Borough. Another vehicle to be purchased is for the police department. They will be getting a new police vehicle (Ford F150) in early summer. It will be replacing the Dodge Charger which has been experiencing multiple mechanical problems and costing the department high costs in repairs.

**Trees.** The Borough was able to plant new trees with CBA Funds to replace ones lost during prior construction projects. The trees now line our Carrolltown streets while beautifying our Borough sidewalks and homes.

**Borough Building Repairs.** Recently the Borough building has received much needed upgrades to the office and meeting rooms, the entry ways and stairwells. The new flooring was placed in the Borough Office and meeting room through the CBA funding after many decades of living with the same outdated and worn-out carpet and linoleum. With evidence of safety issues from holes in the floor to curled edges, safety was also a reason for the Borough Office and Meeting room to receive the benefits of the new floor cover. The two entry ways coming into the building will be receiving new flooring and the first five stairwell steps will be resurfaced.

**Other matters** I would also like to address is the ongoing subject of snow plowing in the Borough. During the winter months, we would like to remind residents about parking on the streets and request that you remove your vehicles when there is a snow event or when there is street sweeping. This will make it easier for the street crew to plow or the street sweeper to do their jobs more effectively, efficiently and timely. Residents must realize that the number one priority for the Borough Street Crew is to get the streets clear first before the parking areas are plowed, including the parking areas along Main Street (Rt 219). Once roads are clear and all safety hazards are taken care of, the street crew will at that time be working on clearing out the parking areas along 219 if there are no vehicles parked in those areas. This past winter has been difficult, producing consistent and significant snow falls since the end of December. Our crew of just two men was not only busy with plowing, but in addition to their daily duties, had other numerous jobs including fixing water leaks, maintaining the Borough building, water and sewage plants in addition to upkeeping the well sites. They are a team of two and cannot be everywhere at once nor fix everything in one day, but they are on call 24/7 to make it happen. The Borough staff commends the fantastic job they do daily in making sure we are safe within the confines of our town. With that said, help from residents will assist in the burden on our crew as well as their neighbors. The Borough office has a list of young people that are willing to come and shovel snow and help the residents of the town. If this interests you, please give the Borough office a call and we can get you in touch with them.

**Grants.** The Borough has and will continue to apply for grants to attain funding for much needed projects. The Borough has applied for a LSA grant for repairs to Richard St. and Old Dutch Lane for repaving. The Authority applied for a LSA grant for the rehabilitation of Filter#3 at the water treatment plant and for TV inspection of the main sewer lines in town as well as to install observation ports off the main sewer line to residential property.

**Future Endeavors.** The Authority is also in the early planning stages of replacing the overdue and outdated sewage treatment plant. This will be a long process because a project of this magnitude will take years of planning, engineering, and development.

The Carrolltown Borough and Municipal Authority looks forward to the future and is grateful for your cooperation as we wish success and good health to you all in 2026.

### LIBRARY INFORMATION CENTER

#### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 AM -6:30 PM  
 Saturday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
 (Summer Sat 8:00 am to 12:00 PM)

#### LIBRARY SERVICES

- Books, DVD's, Audiobooks, Magazines
- E-books & E-Audiobooks
- Photocopies and faxes
- Computer access, WIFI & Printing
- Digital Resources:

- Power Library, My Heritage ABC Mouse, America's News, Transparent Language Online and more!



#### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

##### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Open to all ages and Abilities
- **Story Times: Wednesdays 10:30AM-** No Registration Necessary
- **Children's Summer Program** Tuesday Mornings Beginning June 9, 2026. Call the library to register.
- **Check out STEM kits, Robotic Toys, and Board Games**

##### ADULT PROGRAMS

- Book club
- Variety of Crafting and Classes

##### MUSIC IN THE PARK-CARROLLTOWN LEGION PARK

Every Wednesday from July 8<sup>th</sup> to August 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM

- A new Basket Auction each week to support the library
- Concession stand will be open
- 2026 Musicians:  
 July 8: Jaime & Lee  
 July 15: Bo & Tucker  
 July 22: 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Acoustics  
 July 29: Flyin' Umbrellas  
 Aug. 5: PT Cruiser  
 Aug. 12: Tony & Stacy

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## 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 always keep it up. 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 streetlights 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 25<sup>h</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## 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.

## Open Fire Burning

Outside open fire burning within the Borough are for recreational uses only, per ordinance #254.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS

The 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.

## 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 with Ordinance #224 to ensure proper disposal. CCBCEA is in the borough building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 140 East Carroll Street, Carrolltown, PA. You can obtain forms online at [www.lmiagency.org](http://www.lmiagency.org) or phone at (814) 471-0424.

## 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 &amp; retain for future reference

Trash collection will continue to be every Monday during 2026 except for Memorial Day and Labor Day. Collection would then be completed on the following Tuesday after the holiday. The other holidays observed are New Years Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt** - American Legion Park

**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> - Street Sweeping (Weather Permitting)**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>** - St Benedict Church Festival

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** - Annual Carrolltown Fire Co. Turkey Dinner/Basket Auction

**August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** Park Summer Fest

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** - Park Cash Bonanza

**September** - Water Line Flushing at Night

**October 25<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 PM Halloween on the Hill** - American Legion Park

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** - Trick or Treat (2:00-4:00PM) - Tentative Parade (4:00 PM)

**December 13<sup>th</sup>** - 12 Days of Christmas (6:00-9:00PM)

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGES  
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF  
CARROLLTOWN**

## 2026 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.***

- **Easter Egg Hunt – April 4th at 12:00 PM**

Park and Rec. -Easter Egg Hunt at the Carrolltown American Legion Park.

- **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> - Street Sweeping - (Weather permitting)**

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.

- **July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> - Church Festival**

Annual St Benedict Church Festival

- **August 9<sup>th</sup> - Firemen's Turkey Dinner/Basket Auction**

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- **August 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> - Park Summerfest**

- **August 30<sup>th</sup> - Park Cash Bonanza**

- **September - 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 25<sup>th</sup> - Sunday Trick or Treat**

Trick or Treat: Tentative Parade

- **December 13<sup>th</sup> - 12 Days of Christmas**