

Carrolltown Borough

Newsletter

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CHANGES TO THE UTILITY BILLS

Allocations for water and sewage were changed in 2022 to 1,000 gallons. The new allocation meant that if you use 1,000 gallons, there is no change; if you used 2,000 gallons you would have seen a \$10 increase, and if you used 3,000 gallons or more you would have seen an increase of not more than \$20.

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.*

METER REPLACEMENTS UPDATE

NEED PHONE NUMBERS (Optional-Expansion Tanks)

We continue to move forward with our Utility Meter Grant replacement Program, and the municipal authority and staff are working diligently to replace residential meters but we have often been delayed due to the lack of a phone number or updated contact information to schedule a date for replacement. Remember, without a new meter, you will not have access to the water or sewage once we convert to the new meter system. PLEASE UPDATE THE OFFICE WITH YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION AND PHONE NUMBER. 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. **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. *(Please note: with the installation of the dual check valve doing its job, hot water heaters are experiencing the extra push back of water through the system and causing wet floors. Our recommendation is to add a 2.5 or a 5 gallon expansion tank to help resolve this matter but this is **not mandatory**).*

The Municipal Authority takes into consideration that adding the check and pressure reducing valves may be a financial issue for some of our customers, therefore, they have enabled us to use their buying capacity to purchase the valve 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. Again, we are asking that our residents please contact Tress at 344-6650 or email her at tlefferts@carrolltown.pa.us and copy in at borough@carrolltown.pa.us to update your account information with current contact numbers where you may be reached in the event of an emergency. As previously mentioned, this is a DEP requirement called public notification.

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WATER/WASTEWATER OPERATOR IN TRAINING

RICHARD CENCE - SEASONAL PARK MAINTENANCE

We thank Ed Sholtis who has come out of retirement to take on a supervisory role at the park to oversee park maintenance and handle the logistics. Thank you Ed.

Community Development



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

Managers Review:

Moving forward in 2023 this is what we can expect:

As discussed previously last year, three grant projects are underway, they are the Meter Replacement Program, the Sewage Lift Station Rehab Project and the Dutch Road Watermain Extension. The watermain expansion will also consist of replacing the watermain on Old Dutch Lane in from Richard Street to Charles Street. We are excited to announce that very recently we were approached by John Hafner from CPV along with their professional partners to discuss a large-scale project anticipated at our main intersection in town. These talks are preliminary, and progression could be expected in the 2024 fiscal year. Our crew intends to begin work on the previously delayed Mill St and St. Joseph Streets storm collection system and rehab. Through a competitive grant we are now partners in owning a highway crack sealer which the crew will be putting to use throughout the town as well as working on some in house road repairs. In 2023, we applied for ten grants which were supposed to be publicized November 2022, but that announcement was moved to January, 2023 to give newly elected state officials time in their perspective seats. In January, grants were still not revealed because the state board failed to have a quorum and pushed the notice until March 2023. Rumor has it that March's date will be pushed as well to possibly June. So at this time, we have no official or unofficial announcement on any of the prospective grants.

We always seek to apply for grants aimed to help the community. We ask our readers to view our website for additional grants submitted for or obtained.

Although we do not have a road paving project this year, general road maintenance projects involving street surfaces and shoulders are anticipated. The field staff will still be replacing meters and conducting inspections of service lines throughout the year as new meters become available for installation. Currently, there is a four month backlog concerning shipment time, however, through our grant, we were put on the priority list for meter purchases.

While meters are being replaced in town, the DEP has issued a new law governance called "service line inventory." We are in the process of building a data base currently as meters are being installed. The requirement is that we are responsible to inventory materials of construction from the water mains, the taps, service lines, curb stops, service into the house or building and basic make-up of internal plumbing compromised of what materials. Therefore, we will be scheduling inspections at your properties accordingly. It should take a minimal amount of time to gather our information and we thank you for all your cooperation.

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, Tutor.com, Tumble Math, and Many more!

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

- Open to all ages and Abilities
- **Story Hour-Call for Details**
- **Children's Summer Program**
Theme: **Oceans of Possibilities**
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, Author Talks
- A Variety of Informational Programs

MUSIC IN THE PARK-CARROLLTOWN LEGION PARK

- **Every Wednesday from July 12th to August 23rd, (Rain dates: Thursday of Same Week) 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
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814-344-6300 www.ccls.org/carrolltown



PLEASE UPDATE YOUR HOUSE AND PHONE NUMBERS

House numbers are important because emergency services may not be able to find your home when it is imperative. Please check your resident house number and assure it is clear and readable. Also, keeping our employees and the public safe during an emergency is important to you and to us but our ability to contact customers directly by phone is only as good as the phone number we have or do not have. Call the office at (814) 344-6650 or email us at borough@carrolltown.pa.us for all CHANGES.

Carrolltown Park and Recreation MOVE-IT PROGRAM

Benefit your Body and the Park

Yoga-inspired movement, rhythmic resistance & low impact cardio set to crazy fun music.

Two classes a week at the helicopter with Kelly Dumm

Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM

(Classes at the former 219 Barbell during inclement weather)

\$40 for 4 weeks of classes from date of enrollment (Digital payment available)

Portion of each enrollment benefits the Park

Classes run June thru September. Contact Kelly with questions (814) 931-5312.

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.



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 22nd, 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 22nd**. 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.

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 CODES

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

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**. 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 2023 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 STILL HAS 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 8th Saturday Easter Egg Hunt, Legion Park at 12:00 PM

April 17th Week – or Week of April 24th - Tentative Street Sweeping

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

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

August 12th - Annual Carrolltown Fire Co. Turkey Dinner/Basket Auction (Date not confirmed)

September 3rd - Cash Bonanza, Legion Park

September 11th – September 15th - Water Line Flushing at Night

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

December 13th – 12 Days of Christmas

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**IMPORTANT MESSAGES
FOR THE RESIDENTS OF
CARROLLTOWN**

2023 Important Dates

ALL FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED

- **April 8th, 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 17th or Week of April 24th - (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.
- **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.***
- **July 28th, 29th and 30th - Church Festival**
Annual St Benedict Church Festival
- **August 6th - 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM FOP Day**
Annual FOP Day – Concession stand will be open
- **August 12th - Firemen's Turkey Dinner/Basket Auction (Date not Confirmed)**
Annual Carrolltown Fire Company Turkey Dinner/Basket Auction
- **September 3RD - 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 for \$100.00. Must be 21 or over.
- **September 11th - September 15th 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 29th, Sunday Trick or Treat**
Trick or Treat: Tentative Parade
- **December 13th, 12 Days of Christmas**