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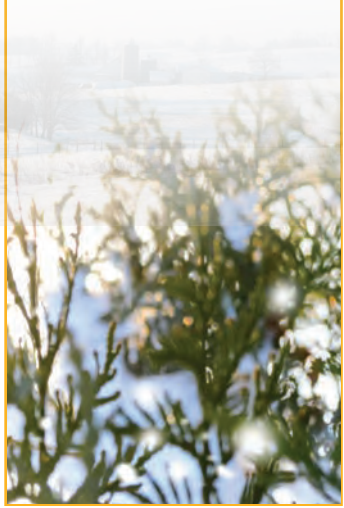
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Parking and Code Enforcement



Borough Council established a Parking and Codes Department and appointed four Parking Enforcement and Code Officers ('PECO') to handle the many nuisances throughout the Borough. We've been taking a proactive approach towards enforcement of local ordinances (laws) and parking. And also, welcome tips or complaints from residents. Some of the code nuisances that have brought out an enforcement action are

things such as high grass/weeds (higher than 10 inches), grass being blown into the street, accumulation of trash/debris on properties, and motor vehicle nuisances.

GRASS POLLUTION

Grass in street or cartway – This is something that collectively we need to stop. You may have seen or heard of Council or other municipalities speaking about MS4 – or the stormwater system. This is NOT the same as the water system that supplies to your home. This is the system of storm drains, underground pipes, and outlets that allow for water (rain, melting snow, runoff from homes, etc.) to flow directly into the Monocacy Creek. This all begins along the roadways in the 'gutters'. Much of the lawns in Bath are well kept with the help of fertilizers. Grass absorbs these chemicals and holds onto them. When grasses are deposited into the roadway and flow into the MS4 system, the chemicals make their way directly into the creek. The grasses also clump together and clog the drains and pipes of the system. This takes precious time away from Public Works to unclog the system and could lead to the Borough being fined by DEP as they have fined other neighboring municipalities for not maintaining the MS4 system and/or not taking measures to curtail pollutants entering the water system.



MORE THAN AN EYESORE

Motor vehicle nuisances – or "junk cars" - are something newly defined in our local laws by Borough Council's adoption of changes to the Nuisance Ordinance via Ordinance 2020-697. In short, the ordinance defines motor vehicle nuisances as those visibly parked on private property that are unable to operate on their own, have broken windshields, flat or missing tires, are leaking fluids, or are otherwise disassembled, have more than 3 visible tickets, are missing plates, and/or lacking valid inspection. Nuisance vehicles are deemed to violate health and general welfare of citizens as well as the cleanliness and safety of the Borough. For full information on motor vehicle nuisances, please see 'Nuisances' Chapter 419 on ecode360.com/ba3787.

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Parking and Code Enforcement

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WHAT ABOUT THE BURNED PROPERTIES

Residents have questioned the state of progress for the properties damaged by recent fires and Codes Enforcement. The process to rehab a property post-fire is lengthy, to say the least. The property owner has to handle the insurance company, coordinate getting a contractor, submitting for permits and getting them approved, and finally actually bringing the property to code, or demolishing it. On top of those items, the code alone allows about a year for the owner to have the property boarded up and to address the situation. Please know that the Codes Department keeps tabs on the properties and has been speaking with the owners.

THAT'S MY PARKING SPOT

Street parking spaces are not assigned to any particular person, vehicle, or home – this includes handicapped parking spaces. A few years ago, the idea of buying parking permits on Old Forge and establishing 'parking zones' was briefly discussed and tabled indefinitely. As with many other items on the 'civil' end, we always hope that neighbors can be cordial and respectful with each other. Although, vehicles parked, unmoved for 48 hours could receive parking tickets. For the full list of violations, please see 'Vehicles and Traffic' Chapter 625 on ecode360.com/ba3787.

Random Acts of Kindness

The Borough has noticed some acts of kindness and we would like to share:

1. A resident near Fireman's Field offered Hot Chocolate to the kids while they were sleigh riding.
2. Neighbors emptied the trash bins on Chestnut St during Covid-19 and the Public Works were shut down.
3. Hayes Flowers gave flowers to The Daily Grind to include with orders to spread cheer during Covid
4. Cookies and bottled water were donated from a resident for the February Council meeting
5. My Place Pizza Restaurant giving away free ice cream cones
6. Face masks were given to the Mayor for the safety of all employees and council members at the start of COVID
7. *A homeowner, on a street that is not dedicated – Birch – , took it upon himself to stone the road.*
8. *State Trooper pushing a car out of an intersection after the vehicle broke down.*
9. Villa Grande donating pizza to Front Line Workers



If you notice someone doing something nice, please let the Borough know. You can email your story to: Secretary@boroughofbath.org

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The Borough of Bath Council and staff would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize each of them as supporters and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no cost to our residents.

WELCOME TO THE BOROUGH OF BATH

Mission Statement



The Borough of Bath Council, Mayor, Manager and Staff are committed to make the Borough a quality community to live, work and raise a family while preserving and enhancing our unique heritage. As a community we need to continuously look for ways to improve safety and quality of living, treat everyone with courtesy and respect, continuously work on improving communications, trust and performance while valuing the diversity of our residents and grow local business and life in a sustainable manner through careful planning and judicious risk taking.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor: *Fiorella 'Fi' Reginelli-Mirabito*
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Note from the Mayor...

So many great things happening here - where do I begin?

- One of our local small businesses, Daily Grind, received the 2020 Pennsylvania State Historical Preservation Award!
- Our Bath Farmers Market, held every Friday at Keystone Park, is celebrating the 13th year!
- A few new businesses are set to open soon: Mattie's Strudel Haus - delicious hand-stretched dough with incredible fillings! Plus, a pierogi manufacturer will be moving into the old Home News building on South Walnut Street!
- The Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce has organized the FIRST EVER Restaurant Week for the Borough of Bath - October 4th through the 10th, 2020!
- PennDOT will begin some restructuring portions of West Main Street, to help alleviate long-time traffic issues. Stay tuned, work will begin soon!
- We have a housing boom in our Borough! Beautiful new apartments are opening soon in the old Mary Fashion Mfg. building on West Main Street. The old Municipal Building on Washington Street is also being transformed into a lovely new apartment building. Lastly, Huratiak Homes just completed their apartments on North Walnut Street - and, they are amazing!
- Mr. Lukas Connolly just completed his Eagle Scout Project by constructing new signboards at all of our parks...and, he did an incredible job!

These are just a few of the amazing things happening within our Borough...and, we continue to be proud of all we have to offer! For all things "BATH" - be sure to check our website - www.bathborough.org!

Sincerely,

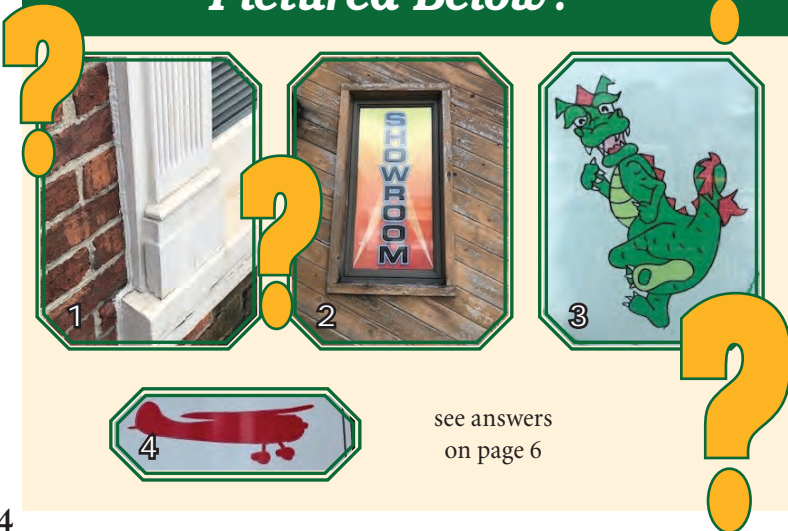
Fiorella R. Mirabito, *Mayor*

Eagle Scout, Lucas Connolly, Gives Back

"I have been in Scouting since the age of 6 and have worked my way to the second highest rank, Life Scout. This year I decided it was time for me to try and complete my Eagle Rank (the highest rank a Scout can achieve). From start to finish, my Eagle Project designing and building the bulletins took 9 months and over 463 total hours to complete. Along the treacherous road that the project took me along, I learned so many new things involving construction, leadership, and interpersonal skills that I will take along with me for the rest of my life. I cannot take all the credit though; without the help of amazing local businesses and generous people willing to help me with their expertise and kindness, this project would not have been possible. I want to give a special thank you to my family, friends, and my Troop 33 for always being there when I needed help along the way. I am so grateful that I am able to give back to my community and hometown of Bath."



Can You Identify Which Borough Businesses are Pictured Below?



see answers
on page 6

Street Light Out????

Now you can text or call the Borough office at 610-837-6525 with the pole number. Example below.



Monocacy Creek Watershed Association



This is what some amazing volunteers did on August 15. Helped to clean up a true treasure of Bath Borough, The Monocacy Creek. This is something that must be preserved. And kept clean and clear for our enjoyment, but also for those future generations yet to come. The Monocacy Creek Watershed connects so many communities and we are happy Bath is one of them.



We want to extend a big THANK YOU to all that came out to our Stream Cleanup on a beautiful day in August. Lots of stuff was pulled from in and around the Monocacy Creek. And a lot of fun was had!

A special shout out to Tanya and her husband Bill, Bath Borough Council Frank Hesch III and his always amazing nephew-Raymond, Phyllis Andrews & Barry Fenstermaker. Borough Manager, Brad Flynn and Sara Gower, Doug Hamadyk, Mr. & Mrs. Phil West, Laura and the volunteers from Synchronicity Recovery Foundation, and Cub Scout Pack 33 from Bath. A Big thank you to Josè from the Monocacy Creek Watershed Association for setting this all up. Nice work everyone!!!

It was a great event all around! Great park, great weather, and super-great volunteers!!

Cigarette Litter Prevention

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in America.

Research shows that individuals who would never consider littering an aluminum can, a piece of paper or other items may be littering cigarette butts. They may be surprised to be called litterers. But dropping partially-smoked cigarettes, cigarette butts, matches, lighters and packaging to the ground is littering. These items become litter when not disposed of properly. Cigarette litter is an emerging litter problem in communities around the country. Lack of awareness, lack of ash receptacles, and the increase of outdoor smoking add to the visible impact of cigarette litter.

Research shows that smokers will litter cigarette butts, lighters, matches and packaging material if an ash receptacle is not readily available. Cigarette litter occurs most often at Transition Points. Transition Points are those places where a person must discontinue smoking before proceeding. A bus stop, a store entrance, building loading docks, walkways leading to government buildings and similar places are the Transition Points in a neighborhood.

Remember this:

A Little More Thought—Less Littered Butts!

Article taken from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful



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Thank you Ed and Kathy Encelewski for this information.

SPECIAL WASTE



Paint can be donated to Habitat for Humanity ReStore, dried out in layers or solidified with an absorbent like cat litter and disposed of.

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Keystone Park Pavilion

Are you having a birthday party, baby shower or other celebration? Check out Keystone Park Pavilion, here in the Borough. The location is 250 Green Street. Contact the Borough of Bath for rental details. 15 Tables, stove, refrigerator, sink, oven, grill (must bring your own charcoal) and an indoor bathroom.



Answers to the Businesses in Bath

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. DANIEL G. SPENGLER LAW OFFICE | 3. ANANI TANG SOO DO KARATE ACADEMY |
| 2. BATH SUPPLY | 4. DICK WETZEL'S HOBBIES |

Yard Waste Dumpster

Yard waste dumpster for residents only is available every 3rd Saturday of the month in the public works yard off center street.

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New Traffic Patterns

Have you noticed the new traffic patterns in town???

So why did the traffic pattern change? Last year, when the Borough reconstructed Washington Street, PennDOT required Highway Occupancy Permits (HOP's) for both the north and south connections of Washington Street onto E. Main Street and E. Northampton Street. As a requirement of those permits, PennDOT provided the Borough with minimal 'Sight Triangle' distances from the intersections. These requirements restricted parking along E. Northampton Street and E. Main Street, significantly reducing the amount of available on-street parking in those areas.

Once the Borough followed through with the PennDOT requirements and restricted parking, we received multiple complaints about the loss of parking from residents and businesses. The issue was sent to a sub-committee of Borough Council for review. The sub-committee discussed the idea of changing the traffic pattern from two-way to one-way travel, north on Washington Street to Penn Street (a short leg of the overall road), thereby eliminating the sight distance requirements and allow for those parking spaces to be restored.



Road work in the Borough completed by PennDOT:



Milling and paving on Main St and Chestnut. Line painting on Main and ADA Ramps on Barrall St.

Council requested the sub-committee to review E. Main Street at Poplar Street and Broad Street for 'Sight Triangles' since those intersections are often the origin of periodic traffic safety discussions.

The Borough Engineer's Office determined the Broad Street 'Sight Triangles' at E. Main Street to be acceptable, with no changes recommended. Poplar Street at E. Main Street however, required further parking restrictions. Here again, the idea to change the traffic pattern from two-way to one-way, north, to Pearl Street, would stabilize on-street parking and decrease the likelihood of side-impact crashes at the intersection—in effect, making the intersection safer and allowing for more on-street parking.

The sub-committee presented these ideas to Council in the form of an ordinance amendment to the Borough's Vehicle and Traffic Code. Council agreed with the ideas, sending the ordinance amendments to public advertising in May. The traffic pattern amendments were then adopted at the June 1, 2020 Council meeting. Roadway signage was later installed at the affected street locations, Friday, June 5, 2020.

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