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Verizon Wireless Lease Agreement







On March 12, 2019, the Borough entered into a Land Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for space located in the southeast corner of the Public Works Yard, 121 Center Street. The agreement allows Verizon Wireless 1,400 square feet of space at the Public Works Yard for infrastructure and utilities improvements to construct a 140' telecommunications monopole. The monopole will give Verizon Wireless an expansive service coverage area by locating within the Borough. The monopole will create three new coverage areas, offloading capacity, and providing increased quality of service for Verizon Wireless customers. The monopole is equipped to allow for up to three additional co-locators by other telecommunication companies. With the monopole in place, the site may also be utilized by emergency services for locating essential public safety radio communication equipment, if deemed appropriate by those authorities.

The Verizon Monopole is a piece of telecommunications infrastructure heavily regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Verizon must operate the monopole on certain radio frequencies as not to interfere with the public. In addition, the radio waves emitted by the monopole are non-ionizing, which will not pose a health concern to residents located near the site. The monopole is engineered with anti-collapse protections. Should the monopole fail due to high winds or some other extreme natural disaster, the monopole is constructed to fall in against its mast and not to the public below.

Down to the numbers! One of the most frequently asked questions by residents is the financial impact of leasing space to Verizon Wireless. The Borough considered the lease with Verizon because the annual lease payments will offset the need for impending property tax increases. The borough signed an initial 5-year lease agreement with the first years rent set at $22,000.00 annually. The annual rent is increased by 2% each anniversary date. There are four additional 5 year terms included with the current lease agreement. The borough is also due 20% of any co-locator fees for use of monopole space by a third-party telecommunications company with the exception of emergency services equipment.

The revenue stream was necessary and will be beneficial for Bath residents. The rental income from this endeavor will bolster the borough's Capital Improvement Fund. The Capital Improvement Fund is used heavily for expensive infrastructure projects such as road repairs and resurfacing. The rental income from Verizon will provide the borough with much needed cash to continue work on the borough's aging road network. The infusion of cash will also hold a property tax increase at bay for a while longer.

The Verizon Land Lease Agreement was done with you, the Bath resident at hand; to keep your tax bills low and to increase improvements on infrastructure you use every day. This public-private partnership suits our community well and will continue to benefit residents for years to come.

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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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APPOINTED OFFICIALS

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MS4 For Residents:

MS4 is something every municipality has been dealing with lately due to state mandates to reduce pollutant discharge into local streams and estuaries. This statement makes sense for some who are familiar with this "lingo" but may be confusing for others. Allow me to clarify some of these terms so we can all understand and help do our share in pollution reduction.



What does MS4 even mean?

MS4 is an acronym which stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. This is simply the underground system of pipes and drains that connects the storm grates throughout the Borough to the areas where the water will join with local watersheds. In Bath's case, we must be careful to reduce the number of pollutants that will end up in the Monocacy Creek.

What do you mean by "pollutants"?

When discussing MS4, pollutants isn't limited to trash debris that may end up washing down into storm grates, it also includes yard waste such as leaves and grass. Aside from ending up in the Monocacy, trash, leaves and grass are all items that lead to clogs in the system. Other common pollutants come from draining pool water, pet waste, fertilizers and insecticides, and car washing.

What can I do as a Resident?

Residents can help reduce pollutants by:

Maintaining a clean sidewalk and roadway around their home, clear of leaves, grass pet waste and other debris.

Not over fertilizing. First Regional Compost Authority promotes "grasscycling" which is simply mulching your grass as

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Message from the Mayor...



Greetings!

As we begin the winter season - please remember…

A bit ago, the Borough of Bath sent out a SNOW EMERGENCY VIOLATION NOTICE - with the "SAMPLE" VIOLATION on the reverse of the card. The Borough administration wanted to get everyone's attention on this - and, they certainly did! Last year, several individuals received violations for parking on a SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE. This year - everyone has been given a heads-up. The declaration of a SNOW EMERGENCY will be published on WFMZ; it will be posted on the Borough Facebook page; and, it will be on the Borough website (bathborough.org). For your information - the SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES are as follows: BROAD, CENTER, CHRISTMAS, EAST MAIN, NORTH CHESTNUT, NORTH WALNUT, SOUTH CHESTNUT, SOUTH WALNUT, WASHINGTON, WEST MAIN AND WEST NORTHAMPTON.

Also, if you have not yet registered for the NIXLE ALERT SYSTEM (an emergency and community information notification system) - please be sure to do so. If you would like to receive text alerts - please text the word "BATH" to 888-777, and you will receive confirmation in a few minutes. If you would like to register your landline or email, please call the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, and our office staff will guide you through the registering process. (610-837-6525)

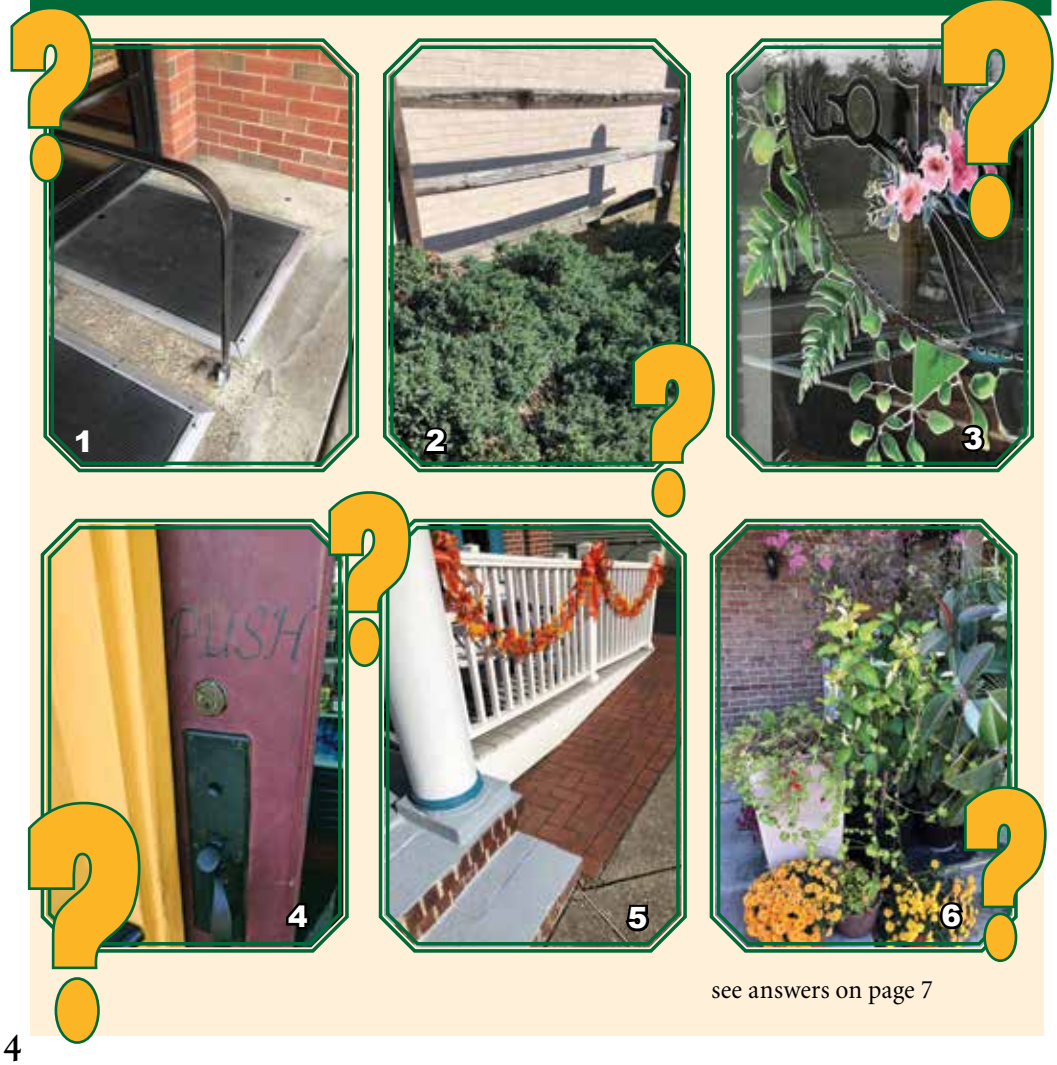
For current updates on Borough Happenings, visit BathBorough.org or the Bath Facebook page.

I extend my sincerest best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year - to you and your families!

Sincerely,

Mayor Mirabito, *Mayor*

Can You Identify Which Borough Businesses are Pictured Below?



see answers on page 7

2020 Census – Call to Action

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ALL RESIDENTS – INCLUDING CHILDREN UNDER 5 who reside in your household as of April 1, 2020

All responses are confidential & protected by federal law.

Postcard will be mailed to your home. Fill out the Census Questionnaire on-line in 10 minutes. Mail-in & phone options also provided in 12 languages.

Please respond in March/ April 2020

Responses provide crucial funding for schools, infrastructure, youth & senior centers, and many other essential services.



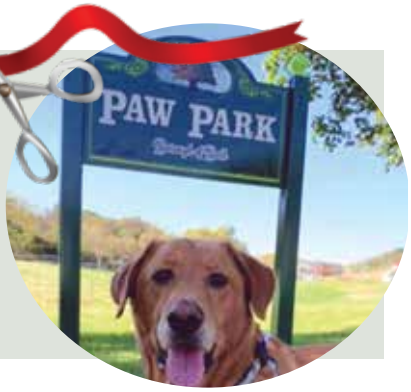
BBA Building New Wastewater Treatment Plant

After years of planning, the Bath Borough Authority finalized designs for a new wastewater treatment plant to serve the residents of Bath and other customers of the Bath Borough Authority. The new facility, which will replace the present treatment plant built in 1965, will increase the Authority's sewage treatment operating efficiency.

Funding for nearly half of the project has been secured through an USDA Rural Development Loan, and the Authority has applied for supplemental funding from USDA Rural Development for the balance of the project cost. Requests for bids were issued in August; in October, the Authority issued Notices of Intent to Award bids to PACT Two, LLC and BSI Electrical, Inc. to construct the plant.

Pending USDA approval, the Authority expects that work on the plant can begin sometime in the first half of the year 2020.

Paw Park



Paw Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was celebrated October 18, 2019. The day was beautiful and attended by many of our 4- legged friends and their families. After four years of planning, fundraising, and construction, the park is officially opened. It was a great day celebrated by all. You can visit Paw Park by going North on Chestnut Street, turn left onto Blair Street and then a right.

PA State Police Update

It has been over a year with Pennsylvania State Police and Mayor Fi has been very successful in acclimating residents and PSP to the transition in coverage. Borough Council and Administration stress the importance of calling in suspicious activity of any kind to the Troop M Non-emergency number, 610.861.2026. When making a report, be sure to convey the 5 W's to the dispatcher – Who, What, Where, When and Why. If the situation is an emergency, it is always necessary to contact 9-1-1.



We've been pleased to have Troopers present for events such as Coffee with a Cop and Treats with a Trooper for Halloween. We've even had our Troopers lead the Halloween Parade two years in a row! Community Service Officer, Tpr. Nate Branosky has been assisting with the launch of a Neighborhood Watch Group. All residents are welcome to join!!

Did you know that there are two camps held by PSP annually? Camp Cadet is a week-long summer camp for boys and girls aged 12-15. "Cadets" participate in many events and are educated on issues facing today's youth. Sunny Day Camp is a one-day camp for children and adults with special needs to interact with PSP and other law enforcement agencies. There are demonstrations and games for all. Both Camps are funded through donations. There are no fees to attend either Camp Cadet or Sunny Day Camp, but registration is required.

Troop M Headquarters is located at 2930 Airport Road.

MS4 For Residents:

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you trim and letting it lie. This allows for the clippings to act as a fertilizer as it breaks down and returns nutrients to the soil. FRCA will also accept grass clippings at the Weaversville Road Site. As a Borough resident, there is no charge for the first 32 gallons (can or brown bag) each week.

When backwashing pool filters, do not discharge into the roadways. Instead, you could allow water to dechlorinate naturally by leaving it catch sun for a few days. Then, this water could be used to water your lawn or garden instead.

Washing your car on a pervious surface. This means, washing your car on the lawn or other vegetated/grassy area allows the wash water to be filtered naturally through the ground.

These are only a few suggested ways to reduce pollutants to the Monocacy Creek. If we all work together, we can improve the watersheds we are fortunate to have.

Get to Know The Borough's Employees



Brad Flynn
Borough Manager

Brad currently resides in Hanover Township, Northampton County with his girlfriend Sarah and her two children, Nico age 2 and Lena age 7.

While attending Springfield High School, Brad had served his community as volunteer fire fighter. Upon graduation, he then joined the United States Air Force as a Security Forces member. While serving, he received the Air Force Achieve Medal for successfully completing 25 convoy missions, without incident, throughout the Kuwaiti theatre. Post Air Force, in 2006, Brad relocated to Johnson City, TN where he spent 9 years with the Johnson City PD. During his time as an officer, Brad enrolled in East Tennessee State University where he obtained a Bachelor of Science and later a Master's in Public Administration. Four and a half years ago, in 2015, Brad returned to his home state of Pennsylvania and accepted position of Borough Manager for Bath.

As Borough Manager, it is Brad's job to ensure policies, procedures, and laws directed by Borough Council are carried out; he is also responsible for a Borough budget of $2.5 Million. His other responsibilities include Zoning/Code and Parking Enforcement, Secretary to the Planning Commission, he also serves many other borough committees while being a great leader for the Borough Team.

Brad enjoys time spent with his girlfriend and children. When the family is not enjoying a trip to the Adirondack region, Brad relishes time in the sky as a General Aviation pilot.



Shawn Leidy
Zoning Officer

Shawn Leidy started working with the Borough in 2016 when CodeMaster began providing Zoning and Building Code Services for Bath. Shawn, who has a BS in Community and Regional Planning from Temple University, serves as the Borough's Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. When in the office, he reviews zoning permits, various resident requests or complaints, and coordinates building permits and inspections between the Borough Office and the CodeMaster office. He often drives around the Borough to ensure Property Maintenance Code is maintained for the health and welfare of the community. In his off time, Shawn enjoys spending time with his wife and children. When asked what he wanted included in this newsletter, he remarked, "Don't be a hermit; stop in for a permit."



Steve Tripp
Public Works

Steve, sometimes called Trippy, lives in Chapman Borough with his wife of 9 years and their two children. Steve grew up in Moore Township and went to Northampton School District. He is a veteran. Steve joined the Borough Team in August. While on duty, he serves the Borough by maintaining the roadways and park systems and continuing to build working relationships with our surrounding municipalities. In his free time, Steve enjoys boating, time at the lake, and playing with his kids.



Marena Rasmus
Office Administrator

Marena Rasmus grew up in Hunlock Creek in Luzerne County and moved to the Lehigh Valley almost five years ago with her boyfriend, Jesse. They live in Lehigh Township with their two cats, Ginger and Buddha, and rescue pup, Zira. Marena has worked for the Borough since April 2016. As Office Administrator, she completes accounting tasks, supports her coworkers with projects, and assists residence with various inquiries. Marena is a tremendous asset to the office. She is ready to jump in at any time and not afraid of technology. When she is not working, she enjoys gardening, spending time with family and friends, and going on weekend adventures. Accounting@BoroughOfBath.org



Tanya Lamparter
Secretary

Tanya was born, raised and still resides in Moore Township. She is a proud Konkrete Kid Alumni. She married her high school sweetheart, Bill and is married for 39 years. They have two children Mandy and Aaron, who are both married. She has recently rescued a Maltese puppy named Casper.

Tanya is with the Borough for two years she collects the sanitation payments and schedules the park rentals, among other secretarial duties. She is a dedicated worker and will always greet you with a smile. It is her belief that your problem is her problem and will do anything in her power to resolve it.

In Tanya's free time she loves to go camping, work in her gardens and spend time with family. Secretary@BoroughOfBath.org



Billy Yob
Public Works Crew Leader

Billy has been part of the Borough Team since 2016. He has been a part of some great projects since then such as the resurfacing of Old Forge Drive and helping the Borough place in the "Build A Better Mousetrap" contest through LTAP in which he helped to create a hoist to make storm drain maintenance easier for the Public Works Crew. When Billy is off duty, you may catch him riding his motorcycle in through the Borough.



John Ashworth
Public Works

John joined the Borough in 2018 completing summer seasonal tasks such as field maintenance. John is always ready to lend a hand with a project. He is now serving on the Borough Team part-time helping to beautify the Borough.



Shawn Ashworth
Seasonal Public Works

Shawn became a part of the Borough Team this past June to assist with seasonal items. He is a great team player. Along with other tasks, he serves the Borough by maintaining the 34 acres of land and park system within Bath.

Thank you

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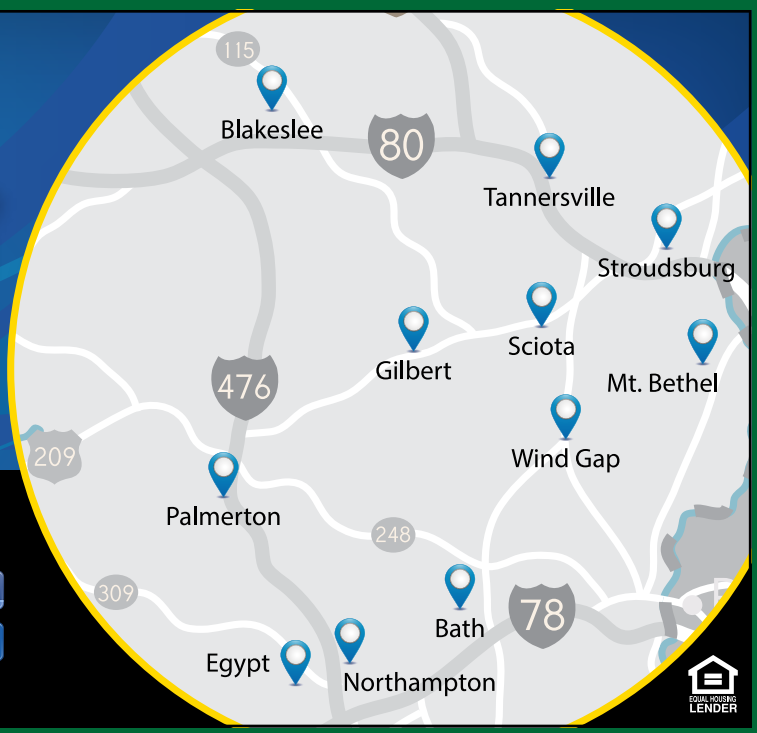
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