



Parkesburg News

BOROUGH OF PARKESBURG



Pedestrian Safety

Parkesburg Borough has erected "Pedestrian Safety" crossing signs and crosswalk markers at the following intersections along West First Avenue: Gay, West Culvert and Chestnut Streets. They are also on Main Street at the intersections of Wright Street, Culvert Street and Strasburg Avenue. Additional locations may be added at a later time. Several recent traffic studies conducted by the Parkesburg Police Department indicate a non-compliance issue with respect to motorists traveling through Parkesburg Borough. With this public safety sensitive information, the Police have initiated a plat-

form to enforce these pedestrian safety laws as foot traffic increases.

Pennsylvania Law: Section 3542 says: *The driver of a vehicle **SHALL** yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk, or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. Also, any vehicle stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the roadway **MAY NOT** be overtaken, or passed by an approaching vehicle from the rear.*

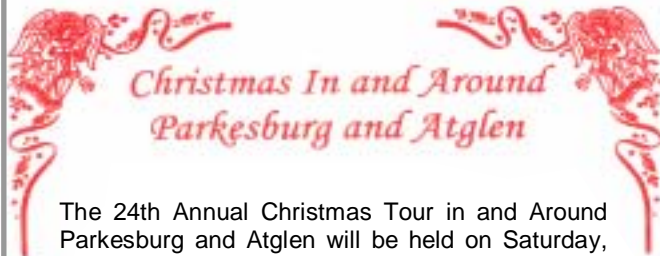
The driver of any vehicle who violates this law commits a summary violation and shall be sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00), plus customary costs associated with traffic violations.

The Parkesburg Police will suspend issuing warnings on December 1, 2008 and begin issuing citations.

SEATBELT SAFETY: Parkesburg Police are announcing the final educational wave in 2008 for "Click-It or Ticket". Additional Officers will be assigned speed enforcement details and traffic study initiatives to fulfill the Federal Grant funding received for seatbelt enforcement activities. Chief Sheller reminds all motorists to buckle-up and drive safely this Holiday Season.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection has begun and will continue through the fall months. We ask that you rake your leaves into the gutter for vacuuming. Please remove any sticks or rocks as they may damage the machine. Yard waste will no longer be picked up until next Spring.



Christmas In and Around Parkesburg and Atglen

The 24th Annual Christmas Tour in and Around Parkesburg and Atglen will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Over 25 of the area's beautifully decorated homes, businesses and churches will be on tour. Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be purchased at the Parkesburg and Atglen libraries and Longenecker Pharmacy in Parkesburg. For more information call 610-857-5165 or 610-593-6848.

Parkesburg Fire Company

Buffet Breakfast with Santa & Kids Fest
Saturday, December 6th—8:30 to 11:00 am



Buy your breakfast tickets in advance by either contacting Eileen Montgomery at 610-857-5050 or stopping by the firehouse. Tickets will be available for pick-up the day of the event. Advance ticket prices are as follows: Children under 3—Free; Ages 4 to 10—\$4.00; Ages 11 to adult—\$6.00

In order to have a better idea of the amount of food needed, we recommend advance ticket purchase. However, tickets will be available for sale at the door. The prices at the door are as follows: Children under 3—Free; Ages 4 to 10—\$5.00; Ages 11 to Adult—\$7.00. Advance ticket holders will have preferred seating.

2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 6th — 9 am to 2 pm

Check out the decorations, compliments of our local Girl Scouts, as you browse and shop the wares of 20+ of the most talented local crafters. Then treat yourself to our secret recipe Pork BBQ and Chicken Corn Soup. Top it off with a delicious dessert from the Girl Scouts bake table. You might just have enough energy to swing by and stuff your very own critter at the Noah's Ark Animal Workshop. From jewelry to ornaments, flowers, pocket-books, candles and gift baskets, we have something for everyone!

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Borough Officials

Mayor

John P. Hagan, II.

Borough Council

David Jones	President
Thomas Curtin	Vice-President
Ken Knickerbocker	Member
Virginia Miller	Member
Sheri Melton	Member
Melinda Keen	Member
Charles Persch	Member

Appointed Officials

James Thomas	Manager
Wendy A. Keegan	Secretary/Treasurer
John S. Carnes, Jr.	Solicitor
ARRO Consulting	Zoning Officer/Engineer
Brian C. Sheller	Police Chief
Raymond Stackhouse	Fire Chief
Robert Detweiler	Emergency. Mgt. Cord.

Meeting Schedule & Location

Council: 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00
Planning Commission: Last Thursday, 7:00
Borough Hall—315 West First Avenue

Community Calendar

December

- 1 Council Meeting—7 pm
- 8 Streets & Property — 7 pm
- 9 Progress — 7 pm
- 15 Council Meeting — 7 pm
- 18 Parks & Recreation — 7 pm
- Police & Fire — 6 pm
- Finance — 7 pm

January

- 5 Council — 7 pm
- 12 Streets & Property — 7 pm
- 13 Progress — 7 pm
- 15 Parks & Recreation — 7 pm
- 19 Council — 7 pm
- 22 Police & Fire — 6 pm
- Finance — 7 pm
- 29 Planning Commission — 7 pm

February

- 2 Council — 7 pm
- 9 Streets & Property — 7 pm
- 10 Progress — 7 pm
- 16 Council — 7 pm
- 19 Parks & Recreation — 7 pm
- 26 Police & Fire—6 pm
- Finance — 7 pm

Holiday Trash Collection Schedule

Christmas Week —

Recycling: Monday 12/22
Trash: **South Side:** Tuesday 12/23
North Side: Friday 12/26

New Years Week —

Recycling: Tuesday 12/30
Trash: **South Side:** Wednesday 12/31
North Side: Friday 1/2



**** Please remember to recycle your Christmas trees by taking them to the 4th Avenue side of Minch Park no later than January 25th!**

Recycling News



Recycling correctly reduces trash costs and will keep your fee from increasing. The items you recycle go the landfill without charge to the Borough. Reduced landfill fees will help us hold the line on your trash bill. Gas costs have stressed the budget and we are asking every resident to recycle.

On Tuesdays, the Borough collects co-mingled plastic and glass bottles, metal cans, cardboard and paper curbside. Please place these items in a container that can be picked up and dumped. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags.

During the growing season, organic yard waste is picked up on Mondays. Acceptable yard waste is weeds, grass clippings, small sticks and trimmings placed in biodegradable paper bags or containers that can be dumped. No trash or plastic can be mixed in with yard waste. Plastic bags are not acceptable containers. Yard waste in plastic bags will have to be sent to the landfill costing you higher fees.

Leaves are to be raked into piles on the curb from late October until winter. There must be no sticks, branches rocks or other garbage mixed in with your leaves.

Christmas trees are recycled in Minch Park until the end of January. Access is from lower Fourth Avenue. There must be no plastic or other non-organic material in this area. These get composted at no cost to the Borough.

PABA News



For the past year PABA has been busy. We have started a scholarship for an Octorara Senior that is pursuing an education in business. On September 24th we hosted a joint function with the Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce. The idea was to promote Parkesburg and its businesses. One of the things we tried to do was fill some of the empty store fronts and buildings in the borough. With this event we brought many business owners and representatives together with Parkesburg landlords. We hope that we can fill these empty spaces soon. Borough Council Vice-President Tom Curtin spoke about the LERTA Program that is a tax incentive to bring new businesses to town. With almost 90 people in attendance, we feel that the function went well. Time will tell. PABA thanks you for your continuing support.

TOWNWATCH

We are asking residents to watch empty properties in your neighborhood for unusual activity. This would include people loitering around or entering buildings. Please call 911 if you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood. Better safe than sorry!

Annual PABA Community Christmas Tree Lighting Parkesburg Fire House December 5th at 6:00 pm

Join us for Music,
Hot Chocolate and Cookies



2009 dog license available 12/1/2008 What are Pennsylvania's dog Laws?



- ◆ All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed. Licenses are issued by the Chester County Treasurer
- ◆ All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog.
- ◆ It is illegal to mistreat or abuse any animal. Violations should be reported to a local humane organization or the police.
- ◆ It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.
- ◆ No dog under seven weeks of age may be sold, traded, bartered or transferred.
- ◆ You may not place any poison or harmful substance in any place where dogs may easily eat it, whether it is your own property or elsewhere
- ◆ You must have a current kennel license if you operate a facility that keeps, harbors, boards, shelters, sells, gives away or transfers a total of 26 or more dogs in any one calendar year
- ◆ Owners of dogs and cats 3 months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. It is illegal to interfere with an officer or employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture engaged in enforcement of dog laws.

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PARKESBURG LIBRARY NEWS



American Girl Club – Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 4:00-5:00, starting in November. No need to bring anything, but if you have dolls you may bring them. Please register.

Christmas in Parkesburg & Atglen – Open house tour of beautifully decorated homes, businesses, churches. Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:00-4:30. \$10 tickets available at Parkesburg and Atglen Libraries, and Longenecker Pharmacy in Parkesburg, starting Nov. 1st.

Book Sale — Saturday, Dec. 13, 9:00-3:00 in Parkesburg Borough Hall — includes book signing by Helen Harris, Author of *Waddles the Frog*.

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Computer Help - contact Massey2922@yahoo.com, or ask our staff to contact him.

105 West St., Parkesburg PA, 610-857-5165 www.ccls.org
Hours: Monday-Thursday: 12:00 – 8:00, Friday: 12:00 – 6:00
Saturday: 9:00 – 4:00 (9:00 – 1:00 in July and August)