



# Parkesburg News

## BOROUGH OF PARKESBURG

### Parkesburg Progress Committee

The Borough Planning Commission has created the *Parkesburg Progress Committee*. The goal of this Committee is to develop ideas for marketing Parkesburg as the special gem of Chester County that we all believe it can be. Attracting upscale investors that may be interested in helping promote our revitalization and development of the historic district, as well as adding more shoppes and businesses is critical to the welfare of our town.

Those with ideas can meet with business owners and the Committee on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Borough Hall.



**Bulk trash pick-up is scheduled for October 1st. Please have items to the curb by 6:00 a.m. The following items will not be picked up: concrete, tires, oil, municipal waste/household garbage, recyclables and yard waste.**

**Community Yard Sale  
Saturday, September 24th  
8 am to 3 pm**

*For information or to place your house on the map call Wendy at the Borough Office at 610-857-2616*



### REMINDER



The Borough of Parkesburg has an Ordinance regarding cleaning up after pets. This ordinance will be strictly enforced.

The ordinance states: No person owning, harboring, keeping or in charge of any animal shall allow such animal to soil, defile, defecate on or commit any nuisance on any common thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any place where people congregate or walk, or on any public property or on any private property without permission of the owner. Any person who uses such area for such purpose for the animal shall immediately remove anything deposited by the animal in a sanitary manner. You can view Ordinance #384 on our website at [www.parkesburg.org](http://www.parkesburg.org). Click on Ordinances and then Animal Control.

Any person convicted of violating this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300), together with costs of prosecution.

### CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Parkesburg Police Department is hosting another Citizen's Police Academy. Applications are available at the Parkesburg Police Station and Borough Hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. — 4 p.m., through September 15th.



Successful graduates will participate in an actual patrol experience upon graduation from this educational course. To participate, applicants must be at least 18 years of age, interested in learning and pass a background investigation. Come out and meet the talented group of professionals who protect and serve your community.

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## Borough Officials

**Mayor**

John P. Hagan, II

**Borough Council**

James B. Norton, III	President
Joseph Reali	Vice President
Ken Knickerbocker	Member
Michael Martorana	Member
Virginia Miller	Member
Carla Perella	Member
James Thomas	Member

**Appointed Officials**

Philip W. Cotter	Borough Manager/ Treasurer
Wendy A. Keegan	Borough Secretary
James Marlowe, II	Solicitor
Thomas H. Lowry	Zoning Officer
Jeffrey M. Hunt	Engineer
Brian C. Sheller	Police Chief
Richard Klingler, II	Fire Chief
Alan Manning	Emergency. Mgt. Dir.
Ann Smoker	Police Secretary

**Tax Collector**

Berkheimer Outsourcing

**Streets Department**

Lewis Taylor	Marcus Guest
Harry Guest	Kevin McCreery
David Clements	Paul Overbeck

**Planning Commission**

Timothy Goodall	Chairman
Michael Martorana	Member
Sheri Melton	Member
Jason Smucker	Member
Richard Gorgo	Member

**Zoning Hearing Board**

Janet Crosson	Chairman
John Mitchell	Member
George Evans	Member
E. Craig Kalemjian	Solicitor

**Meeting Schedule & Location**

Work Session: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00  
Council: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30  
Planning Commission: Last Thursday, 7:00  
Borough Hall, 329 West First Avenue

## Community Calendar

**September**

6 Work Session—7 pm  
7 Zoning/SALDO—10:30 am  
12 Council Meeting—7:30 pm  
19 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm  
21 Fire Company—7 pm  
24 Community Yard Sale — 8—3  
26 Fire Company — 7 pm  
29 Planning Commission—7 pm

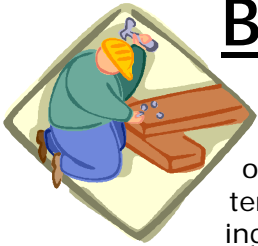
**October**

1 Bulk Trash Pickup  
3 Work Session — 7 pm  
5 Zoning/SALDO — 10:30 am  
6 Police Academy — 7 pm  
10 Council Meeting — 7:30 pm  
13 Police Academy— 7 pm  
17 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm  
19 Fire Company—7 pm  
20 Police Academy—7 pm  
27 Planning Commission—7 pm  
31 Fire Company—7 pm

**November**

2 Zoning/SALDO — 10:30 am  
3 Police Academy — 7 pm  
7 Work Session — 7 pm  
10 Police Academy — 7 pm  
14 Council Meeting — 7:30 pm  
15 Zoning/SALDO—7 pm  
16 Fire Company—7 pm  
17 Police Academy— 7 pm  
21 Fire Co. Auxiliary—7 pm  
24 Thanksgiving—office closed\*  
28 Fire Company—7 pm

\* Thursday's trash pickup will be Wednesday



## Building Permit Requirements

*Prior to the start of any construction project*, call or visit the Borough Office to determine whether building, plumbing or electrical permits are required. The State Building Code requires permits for the following items:

- New building, additions and renovations
- Demolition
- Electrical and/or plumbing work
- Boiler, hot water heater and furnace replacements
- Window replacements when changing the size or type
- Oil or propane tank removal
- Re-roofing
- Fences
- Sheds
- Signs
- Various other construction including pools, decks, patios, driveways, etc.

Some construction work that you may be allowed to do without a permit include: laying floor tile, painting, replacing same size doors/windows, repaving driveways with the same materials and of the same size, etc. *If you are in doubt, call the Code Enforcement Officer at 610-692-9232.*

A zoning permit may be required for projects such as new building, additions, fences, sheds, pools or decks if they do not meet the setback requirement of the Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Permits must be obtained prior to the start of work except in the case of emergency replacement of furnaces, boilers and water heaters. This emergency work will only be allowed as long as the Code Enforcement Officer is notified of the replacement at the time of installation, and the permits are obtained within five (5) days thereafter. Applications and fee schedules are available at the Borough Office as well as our website ([www.parkesburg.org](http://www.parkesburg.org)) under Permits/Zoning.

**Reason for Permits:** These permits are issued for **YOUR** protection in ensuring that the proper codes are followed and for insurance purposes. They provide the means for code officials to protect residents by reducing potential hazards of unsafe construction, thereby ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the public. Once a permit is

issued, code officials can inspect construction and ensure minimum standards are met and appropriate materials are used.

**Permit Process:** If a permit is required for any work, the permit process and fees will be explained by the Code Enforcement Officer at the time of your call or visit. Local laws and ordinances will be explained and any questions answered. You will be provided with the appropriate application forms and fee schedule at this time.

**L**itter is a plague of trash we all face. Please help keep our Borough neat and clean. Streets and playgrounds as well as front and back yards should be kept free from trash, high weeds, used appliances, old boats, useless trailers, landscape equipment and debris. Please don't be part of the problem here in the Borough. Take pride in your property and in Parkesburg. The littering fine is currently \$300. Our littering ordinance will be enforced throughout the Borough and it's better to be a responsible citizen than to be fined. As a reminder, there is to be absolutely ***no dumping*** of any type of trash or materials at the Borough Hall complex other than recycling cardboard and paper in the dumpsters. Those found to be dumping of any kind will be fined.



## Zoning Ordinance

**T**he Zoning Ordinance Task Force has been meeting with the Borough's planning consultant, The Grafton Association, for the past 17 months. They have done a splendid job in giving of their time and effort to update the original Ordinance passed in 1977. There is a copy of the Zoning Ordinance in Borough Hall for those who wish to read it. The next step in the implementation process is the Act 247 review by the Chester County Planning Commission. There will be a public meeting/hearing later this Fall. We will post notice in the newspaper, at Borough Hall and on our website.

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## Christmas In and Around Parkesburg and Atglen

**M**ark your calendars for December 3, 2005. The 21st annual Christmas Open House Tour In and Around Parkesburg & Atglen will be held to welcome our neighbors and friends to our homes, churches and businesses. The tour benefits both the Parkesburg and Atglen Libraries. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at either library. For more information call 610-857-5165 or 610-593-6848.



## *An Update on the Strasburg Avenue Reconstruction Project*



**T**he final phase of the three-phase Strasburg Avenue Reconstruction Project is ongoing. When completed, this project will provide an improved look for

Strasburg Avenue from Main Street to Young Street, and will continue to the overall town revitalization. The construction for all three phases has been funded by the Chester County Department of Community Development. To date, the work on the final phase has consisted primarily of utility relocations. Pennsylvania American Water Company has installed a new water main within the street. Philadelphia Electric Company has relocated gas mains and laterals in order to provide proper ground cover. Philadelphia Electric Company is also in the process of relocating three utility poles. The contractor is responsible for coordinating the work of the utility companies, and is anxiously awaiting line relocations by Verizon and

Comcast. The contractor has scheduled the start of the curb and sidewalk construction for the latter part of September. Street pavement construction will follow, with a target project completion date of December, weather permitting. If the final one inch thick asphalt pavement surface is unable to be placed later this year, due to the weather-related requirements of the project specifications, then this work will be completed in the spring. If there are any temporary features that should be addressed, or questions regarding the scope of the project, please don't hesitate to contact the Borough Engineer. Borough Council should be congratulated for their efforts in finding the means to undertake this much needed street improvement project. Postscript: Apologies for the misspelling of "Strasburg" on the temporary job signage; these are some of the issues of dealing with a low-bid contractor.