



# Parkesburg News

## BOROUGH OF PARKESBURG



### UPDATED RENTAL ORDINANCE SET TO BE ENFORCED

In a continued effort to promote health, safety, and welfare of our community, Borough Council revised its Rental Unit Ordinance.

This updated ordinance amended the previous ordinance that required annual inspections for approximately 14 specific items.

Among other notable revisions, the new ordinance now enforces the entire 2006 International Property Maintenance Code and the frequency of inspections will be either 1, 2, or 5 years depending on the number and type of violations uncovered during the rental inspection.

In an effort to educate rental unit owners and tenants, the Borough is taking the following steps to inform the public regarding the revised requirements:

- ◆ The Rental Unit Ordinance (#477) and the Property Maintenance Ordinance (#468) is posted on the Borough's website ([www.Parkesburg.org](http://www.Parkesburg.org))

- ◆ Relevant forms & checklists are posted on the website.
- ◆ In the near future, a Frequently-Asked-Questions will be added to the website.
- ◆ Letters to all rental unit owners will be sent shortly notifying them of the status of each rental unit the Borough has on record.
- ◆ The 2006 International Property Maintenance Code is available at the Parkesburg Library.
- ◆ If there is sufficient interest from rental unit owners, the Borough will hold an informational meeting to discuss the process and answer questions.

**Please Note:** ALL rental units must be registered with the Borough by completing a new application form no later than October 1, 2008 (whether you receive a letter from the Borough or not). After that date, there is a \$1,000.00 mandatory fine plus prosecution costs for all rental units not properly registered.

If you are a rental unit owner and you have questions or you do not receive a letter from the Borough in the next week, please contact the Borough Office.



## Single-Stream Recycling is Coming to Parkesburg

Parkesburg has significantly changed and expanded its recycling program. The list of items we collect has expanded to include paper and cardboard. You can now put cans, bottles, plastic containers, paper and cardboard out at the curb in the same recycling bin! Please place items in a container marked "RECYCLING". The list of items are detailed below:

**Metal:** Tin & aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, empty paint cans

**Glass:** Bottles & jars (any color)

**Mixed Paper:** Newspaper, magazines, mail (junk & personal), phone books, food boxes (remove plastic liner), computer paper, flyers, wrapping paper (no foil or plastic wrap), soda & beer cartons

**Plastic Containers:** #1 and #2 plastics ONLY (mostly beverage and detergent containers). Look for the number on the bottom of the container to see if it's acceptable

**Cardboard:** May be filled with other recycling or empty and flattened

*\*Containers in the Firehouse Parking Lot will remain until Borough residents are familiar with the new system*

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 \* Parkesburg \*  
 \* Community Yard \*  
 \* Sale \*  
  
 \* Yard Sale \*  
 \* Saturday \*  
 \* September 27th \*  
 \* 8:00 to 3:00 \*  
 \* For information or to place \*  
 \* your house on the map call \*  
 \* the Borough Office at \*  
 \* 610-857-2616 \*  
 \* Maps will be available \*  
 \* after September 25th at \*  
 \* the Borough Hall \*  
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Borough of Parkesburg 610-857-2616  
315 W. First Avenue, Bldg 1 Fax: 610-857-1102  
Parkesburg, PA 19365 www.parkesburg.org

## 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

### September

- 2 Council Meeting—7 pm (Tuesday)
- 4 Finance — 7 pm
- 8 Streets & Property — 7 pm
- 9 Progress — 7 pm
- 15 Council Meeting — 7 pm
- 18 Parks & Recreation — 7 pm
- 25 Planning Commission — 7pm
- Police & Fire — 7pm
- 27 Community Yard Sale

### October

- 6 Council — 7 pm
- 9 Finance — 7 pm
- 13 Streets & Property — 7 pm
- 14 Progress — 7 pm
- 16 Parks & Recreation — 7 pm
- 20 Council — 7 pm
- 23 Police & Fire — 7 pm
- 30 Planning Commission — 7 pm

### November

- 3 Council — 7 pm
- 6 Finance — 7 pm
- 10 Streets & Property — 7 pm
- 11 Progress — 7 pm
- 17 Council — 7 pm
- 20 Parks & Recreation — 7 pm

## Borough Holidays

Labor Day..... Monday, 9/1  
 Thanksgiving..... Thursday, 11/27\*  
 Christmas Eve..... Wednesday, 12/24  
 Christmas Day..... Thursday, 12/25\*\*  
 New Year's Day..... Thursday, 1/1\*\*

*\*These holidays will impact trash pick-up. If a holiday falls on a Thursday—South Side pick-up will be on Wednesday. If a holiday falls on a Friday, South Side pick-up will be on Wednesday and North Side pick-up will be on Thursday.*

*\*\*The week of December 22nd—recycling will be picked up Monday-22nd, South side trash will be picked up Tuesday-23rd and North side trash will be picked up Friday Thank you for your cooperation.*



# Composting Program

Summer means lawns to mow. Fall means it's time to rake falling leaves. Piles of grass and piles of leaves. Most of it is thrown away in landfills. Is there a better way to deal with it? Yes! It can be composted.

Using just a small corner of your yard, you can make your own compost. The leaves and grass clippings can be turned into fertilizer for your own plants. There are many ways to do this, and you can choose which one works best for you.

The first and most common style of composting is the open pile. This would be the type of compost pile that someone with a large amount of land might use. It is often situated behind a large building, as in a barn's manure pile or in woods with heaps of leaves or grass clippings.

This is the easiest pile to build, but it has some disadvantages. One is that the pile tends to spread out and can look messy. The other is that bits and pieces of leaves and grass can blow around.

The next kind of compost pile is the enclosed bin. The bin contents are enclosed by a fence or other kind of wall. The benefits are that they keep everything together, size can be varied, and you have easy access to the contents. The disadvantages are having to work around the enclosing fence and rodents raiding the pile for snacks. A large pile will also take more effort to turn so it all breaks down evenly.

On September 24th at 7:00 pm in the Parkesburg Borough Hall, Nancy Fromnick, Recycling Coordinator for the Chester County Solid Waste Authority will present a program on composting. At the end of her presentation, all attendees will be given, free of charge, a composting bin for their use.

## CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY



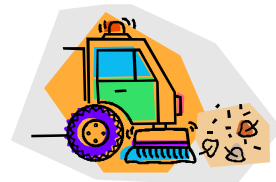
The Parkesburg Police Department is hosting another Citizen's Police Academy for adult residents of Parkesburg Borough. The course is intended to educate and inform residents on the basic dynamics of municipal police services. The Academy is being held at the Parkesburg Police Department and is scheduled weekly over the 10-week course. The classes begin Thursday, September 25th and run through December 11th.

Participants of the program will be introduced to an interesting line up of activities and guest speakers. Participants will take part in mock crime scene investigations, group discussions on relevant cases, firearms training, patrol techniques and basic community policing activities. Members of the Parkesburg Police Department and the Chester County District Attorney's Office will provide professional instruction. Classes are structured for a relaxed, yet informative, experience.

Each participant must be at least 18 years of age and successfully complete the application process. Class size is limited to 25 students per 10-week session. Applications are available at the police department.

**REMINDER:** It is unlawful to park large vehicles and leave unattended sports equipment on Borough streets. You cannot park a boat, camper, motor home, bus or tractor trailer on a Borough street or leave a portable basketball pole, hockey net, soccer net, etc. on Borough streets. If you do, you may be fined up to \$300.00

## Street Sweeping

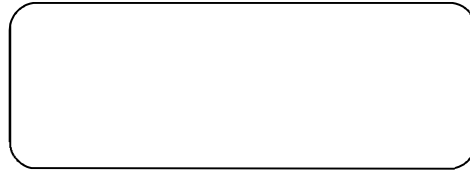


South Side—Monday, September 22nd  
 North Side—Tuesday, September 23rd  
*(Rain Date September 24th)*

*\*Please have vehicles moved from the street by 7:00 am on those dates*

**315 West First Avenue  
Building 1  
Parkesburg, PA 19365  
610-857-2616**

Presorted  
Standard Mail  
U.S. Postage Paid  
Parkesburg, PA  
Permit No. 10



## **Parkesburg Area Business Association (PABA) News**



### **Grand Sport Auto Body & Glass Center**

**G**rand Sport Auto has been servicing the Parkesburg area for over five years and is committed to providing quality repairs with outstanding customer service. The Shop Manager is Jennifer Manness who is assisted by Kim Kinney, our Customer Service Representative and Office Manager. Kim is a long time resident of the area and holds an elected position with PABA. Kim and Jennifer, along with the company as a whole, care deeply about the residents of Parkesburg and are proud to be involved with community events and maintaining a clean and safe work site.

Last year PABA held their annual tree lighting ceremony at our facility. Members were joined by the Octorara High School Band and, of course, Santa Claus. Everyone enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies while listening to the band playing Christmas Carols.

We hope to see more of the community out again next year. Please visit us for your collision repair and auto glass service needs. We strive to be YOUR neighborhood body shop.

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***PABA would like to congratulate Mike and Cassidy Martorana, owners of the Tree Doctors, for the 2007 Business Leader of the Year.***

Welcome to our newest members:

- The Frawley Company
- Helene's Florist
- Ida Mae Large
- Keaton Auto Detailing
- Muldoon's Kitchens
- Susquehanna Bank
- The UPS Store
- Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce