



Parkesburg News

BOROUGH OF PARKESBURG

Borough Revitalization



At its meeting on March 1st, Borough Council will hold a hearing on its Revitalization Plan. Developed in 2003, this plan, like Mother Nature, will usher in new growth and nurture improvements throughout the Borough.

Changes will continue to occur in Minch Park. An attractively landscaped children's play area will flower where the former basketball courts were, thanks to the hard work of Council Vice-President Joe Reali and the community recreation and master site plan committees. The North Side Park will also blossom with refinements.

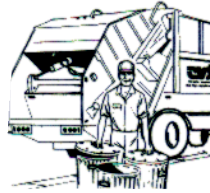
New sidewalks and resurfacing of Strasburg Avenue from Chapel Avenue north will also add to the revitalization of the Borough. A federal block grant in the amount of \$300,000 will fund these needed upgrades.

Land and subdivision ordinances are being enriched and updated. You can help and have input into these changes by attending the monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

People looking for homes in the western part of the County will be looking to Parkesburg for the solutions. Not only will they be checking out existing homes, but will soon have new homes, townhouses and apartments to add to their choices.

It is an exciting time to live in Parkesburg. Council invites you to be a part of this pruning, shaping, and fertilizing by attending council meetings and volunteering to assist where needed.

Trash Collection Fees



Due to a \$4 per ton surcharge by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for their Growing Greener Program and Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority's (SECCRA) additional \$4 per ton increase, the Borough is forced to raise the quarterly trash fees. The current amount of \$40 per quarter will be increased to \$50. This increase will be effective with the second quarter billing cycle which will be mailed out March 1st.

RENTAL HOUSING ORDINANCE



Your Borough Council is working to make our community safer through various avenues. I will mention one now that is dedicated to ensuring the safety of citizens that rent their living quarters.

In 1999, as your Mayor, I signed into law the "Parkesburg Borough Rental Housing Registration Ordinance". Our new Code Enforcement Officer with reason and common sense will actively enforce this ordinance.

The ordinance governs the inspection of residential rental units (including rooms), authorizing the Code Enforcement Office to inspect the condition and use of rental units and provides for permits, fees and penalties for violations of the ordinance.

The Borough will be sending out notices to all property owners who currently rent their property and ask them to respond so we can move this process along.

By enforcing this ordinance, we will help tenants and landlords maintain safe and reasonable living units. Everyone's cooperation is expected for the common good of all concerned.

For more information about this ordinance you may contact the Borough Office and ask for Ordinance No. 433 "Parkesburg Borough Rental Housing Registration Ordinance".

Councilman Alan M. Wolfe

REGISTER TO VOTE!

2004 marks the year of a Presidential election. There is no better time to take action and register to vote! Do not delay as November will be here before you know it.

Voter Registration forms are available at the Borough Office, Post Office and Library.



EXERCISE YOUR CHOICE!

Borough Officials

Mayor

John P. Hagan, II

Borough Council

James B. Norton, III	President
Joseph Reali	Vice-President
Jeffrey Whitmer	Member
Alan M. Wolfe	Member
Virginia Miller	Member
Carla Perella	Member
L. James Thomas	Member

Appointed Officials

Philip W. Cotter	Borough Manager
Wendy A. Keegan	Borough Secretary
James Marlowe, II	Solicitor
Michael Schultz	Zoning Officer
Harold G. White	Treasurer
Jeffrey M. Hunt	Engineer
Brian C. Sheller	Police Chief
Richard Klingler, II	Fire Chief
Alan Manning	Emergency. Mgt. Dir.
Jane Ely	Police Secretary
Ann Smoker	Police Secretary

Streets Department

Lewis Taylor	David Clements
Harry Guest	Kevin McCreary
Robert Johnson	

Planning Commission

Timothy Goodall	Chairman
George Evans	Member
Jeffrey Whitmer	Member
Tammie Rushton	Member
Sheri Melton	Member

Zoning Hearing Board

Janet Crosson	Chairman
John Mitchell	Member
Amy Chaballa-Wilde	Member
E. Craig Kalemjian	Solicitor

Meeting Schedule & Location

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

Community Calendar

January

3 Swearing In Ceremony—2 pm
 5 Council Reorganization—7:30
 7 Communities That Care—9 am
 Zoning Hearing Mattioni—7 pm
 12 Across the Ages—9 am
 14 Citizens Police Academy—6 pm
 20 Revitalization Plan—7 pm
 21 Citizens Police Academy 6 pm
 26 Zoning Hearing Grand Sport
 28 Citizens Police Academy—6 pm
 29 Planning Commission—7 pm

February

2 Work Session—7 pm
 4 Citizens Police Academy—6 pm
 9 Council Meeting—7:30 pm
 11 Citizens Police Academy—6 pm
 12 Communities That Care 9 am
 Fire Company—7 pm
 17 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm
 18 Citizens Police Academy—6 pm
 18 Revitalization Plan—7 pm
 24 Fire Company—7 pm

March

1 Work Session—7 pm
 Revitalization Public Hearing
 3 Citizens Police Academy—6 pm
 8 Council Meeting—7:30 pm
 10 Citizens Police Academy—6 pm
 15 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm
 16 Revitalization Plan—7 pm
 17 Citizens Police Academy
 Graduation—6 pm
 29 Zoning Hearing Grand Sport—7 pm

2004 Borough Calendar

Borough Holidays

- New Year's Day Thursday, 1/1*
- Memorial Day..... Monday, 5/31
- Fourth of July..... Monday, 7/5
- Labor Day..... Monday, 9/6
- Thanksgiving Thursday, 11/25*
- Christmas Eve..... Friday, 12/24**
- December 27th Monday, 12/27
- New Year's Eve..... Friday, 12/31*

*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 20th—South side trash will be picked up Wednesday 12/22 and North side trash will be picked up Thursday 12/23. Thank you for your cooperation.

Borough Events

- Spring Yard Sale Saturday-4/24
- Spring Bulk Trash Pick-Up..... Saturday-5/1
- Lion's Club Circus..... Monday-6/14
- Fire Company Fair 6/28—7/3
- Fall Yard Sale Saturday-9/25
- Fall Bulk Trash Pick-Up Saturday-10/2
- Halloween Parade Saturday-10/30
- Trick-or-Treat..... Sunday-10/31
- Christmas In Parkesburg Saturday-12/4

These dates are subject to change. Please contact the Borough Office closer to the event date to make sure no changes have been made.

Octorara Community
RECREATION
COMMISSION



Winter Ski Ticket Sales

Discount winter ski lift tickets and snow tubing tickets to Bear Creek, Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Blue Mountain and Camelback are available. Most resorts offer both adult and student tickets.



New programs being offered:

- Adult Indoor Soccer—a friendly but competitive league running 1/9 through 3/5
- Senior Fitness Program
- U.K. Petite Soccer—this program will be for boys and girls ages 3 to 5



March
12-13-14
&
19-20-21

1ST ANNUAL BEEF & BEER
SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2004
6:00 PM. – 11:00 P.M.
PARKESBURG VFW
\$20 PER PERSON

For more information on these or other programs available, contact Shelly Hurley, OCRC Program Director, at 610-593-5963 or visit us on the web at www.octorararec.com.

Storm Water Management Volunteer Coordinator

In accordance with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations regarding storm water management, the Borough requires a Volunteer Coordinator to be responsible for all complaints regarding storm water. This volunteer must be a Borough resident and will receive training for this position from Brandywine Valley Association using DEP methods and textbooks. Anyone interested in this Volunteer Coordinator position, please contact the Borough Manager, Philip Cotter at 610-857-2616

Parkesburg Fire Company Auxiliary Open Membership Drive

Monday, March 15, 2004
7:30—8:30 pm in Borough Hall
\$2.00 membership fee

Light Refreshments Served

329 West First Avenue
Parkesburg, PA 19365

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Parkesburg Library News

Due to state funding cuts the Parkesburg Library needs your help. Volunteers are greatly needed for Monday through Friday afternoons to assist with shelving and maintaining the audio/visual materials and the books as well as helping with the preparation of new materials or with mending of existing materials. Help with the organizing and arranging materials for the display cases is also needed.

Here are some more ways you can contribute:

- *Designate the Parkesburg Library as the recipient of your United Way donation*
- *Monthly/Annual tax deductible gifts to the Parkesburg Library*
- *Donations given to purchase special books in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special achievement or birthday*
- *Membership in the "Friends of the Parkesburg Library" to support and actively participate in their fund raising activities*
- *Participation in and sponsoring ads for our annual "Christmas in Parkesburg" home tour and Golf Tournament which benefit the library*
- *Support and participate in our children and family programs*

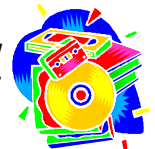
The Best Deal In Town

Entertainment for you and your whole family is available for even a shoestring budget. Join the Parkesburg Library's Video Club. The library has new releases of videos and DVD's like Seabiscuit and The Pirates of the Caribbean for a 1-week rental.

A nominal fee of \$10 or \$20 annually for unlimited video rental of 2 or 4 movies at a time, respectively. Annual membership renewal occurs each June.

When compared to alternative venues that may cost \$5 per item for only 3 days, the library is the best deal in town!

Whether you have a VCR or that new DVD player from Christmas, the library video club is for you!



REMINDER TO RESIDENTS

If you have a sidewalk, residents are reminded that:

- Snow removal is the responsibility of the property owner.
- A minimum of an 18" footpath must be cleared within 8 daylight hours after the cessation of a fall of snow, hail or sleet.
- Penalties are \$50.00 to \$100.00 for each offense.

