

**Honey Brook
Borough Newsletter**

Honey Brook Borough
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Honey Brook, PA 19344**

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 25	STREET SWEEPING 7:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 9	CONCERT IN THE PARK (5:00 pm)
MAY 12	BOCCE TOURNAMENT (Borough Park)	SEPTEMBER 15	HARMONY DAY
JUNE 16	MOVIE IN THE PARK (dusk) CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT	SEPTEMBER 22	BOCCE TOURNAMENT (Borough Park)
JUNE 17	CONCERT N THE PARK (5:30 pm)	OCTOBER 22	HALLOWEEN PARADE (7:00 pm)
JUNE 23	POLICE SAFETY DAY	OCTOBER 31	TRICK OR TREAT (6:00-8:00 pm)
JUNE 23, 30	JULY 7, 14	NOVEMBER 10	BOCCE TOURNAMENT (Borough Park)
	HBFC FIREMAN'S CARNIVAL		
JULY 21	MOVIE IN THE PARK (dusk)		
AUGUST 5	CONCERT IN THE PARK (5:00 pm)		
AUGUST 18	MOVIE IN THE PARK (dusk)		



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MESSAGE FROM THE STREET CREW

The winter months are here and inclement weather is inevitable. Please remember to move cars off of borough streets when a snow emergency is declared. A snow emergency is declared when there are 3 or more inches of snow. The street crew attempts to clear all streets to the curb line during snow removal and that process is difficult when cars are parked on the street. Residents should clear sidewalks of snow within 24 hours. **Do not shovel, throw or plow snow from your sidewalks or driveways into the street.** The plow cannot be lifted at every driveway so please clear your driveway after the plow has passed. **Residents should use a chemical ice melting product rather than salt on the new sidewalks.** Salt is corrosive and will cause damage to the new sidewalks. Please keep in mind that the roads are plowed in order of traffic priority: main roads first, then secondary roads.

BOROUGH TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTRACT OFFERS NEW BULK TRASH SERVICES

Honey Brook Borough has renewed their trash and recycling contract with Eagle Disposal. The "pay as you throw" bag system will remain in place and residents are provided with a recycling bin which are available at Borough Hall. The trash and recycling collection is every Wednesday morning and items need to be placed at curbside by 4:00 am.

PAPER, PAPERBOARD, CARDBOARD: newspaper, office paper, junk mail, cereal boxes, pizza boxes, magazines, phone books, paper towel and toilet paper rolls, paperback books. Shredded paper must be placed in a clear plastic bag. All boxes must be empty and flattened. large boxes and newspapers should be bundled and tied. Small items may be placed in a brown paper bag.

REMINDER: *The trash ordinance states that trash cannot be set out before 6:00 pm on Tuesday evening.*

The Borough also offers yard waste collection on the 3rd Wednesday of the month beginning in April and ending in November. Yard waste must be in biodegradable bags, limbs and branches must be bundled in 4 foot lengths and measure 2" in diameter or less.

ONE BULK ITEM MAY BE SET OUT ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH. Bulk items are items that are too large to fit into a Borough trash bag. Please contact the Borough office at 610-273-2020 for additional information.

The cost for each green Honey Brook Borough trash bag is \$2.00 and they can be purchased at three locations: Stoltzfus Market, Turkey Hill Market (in the borough) and the Gulf Station (on Rt. 10 in the borough).

Honey Brook residents are encouraged to recycle as much as possible. Items that can be recycled are:

GLASS: clear, green, brown food and beverage containers

STEEL: food and aerosol cans

ALUMINUM: beverage cans

PLASTIC: #1-7 (with necks smaller than bases)

The current trash hauler for the Borough is:

Eagle Disposal
1245 Eagles Way
PO Box 288
East Earl, PA 17519
717-355-9560

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Honey Brook Borough
71 Pequea Avenue
PO Box 249
Honey Brook PA 19344
610-273-2020
Fax 610-273-1261

Email:
info@hbboro.net

Website:
www.honeybrookborough.net

Borough Council Meetings:
1st Monday of each month at
7:00 pm

Council Business meeting:
3rd Monday of each month at
7:00 pm

Office hours:
M-F 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Zoning Officer:
610-273-2020

Tax Collector:
610-273-2816

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Borough Officials

Mayor: Mike Shuler
Borough Council
President: Libby Nixdorf
Vice President: Ted Ford Jr.

Council Members:
Charles Zirkel Jason Edonick
Jeanne Jenzano Marc Richard
Duane Landis

Honey Brook Borough residents who have emergency or non-emergency police issues should call 911, report their issue and a police officer will be dispatched. When a Honey Brook Borough police officer is on duty he will respond and if HBPD is not on duty the State Police will respond. It is important that ALL police requests go through the County Dispatch Center in order for proper police logging and crime reporting to occur. Residents who call the Honey Brook Borough office requesting police response will be directed to call 911.

DID YOU KNOW....

...Pennsylvania law requires that ALL snow and ice must be removed from a vehicle before its use? Any damage or bodily injury that results from the snow or ice falling from a vehicle is subject to a fine of up to \$1000 per occurrence!



From The Chief....

PENNSYLVANIA ENACTS TWO LAWS ADDRESSING DISTRACTED DRIVING

Tougher rules for PA teen drivers took effect in December 2011. The law, known as Act 81, puts new restrictions on drivers under the age of 18 and could result in more traffic violations for those who do not comply.

Act 81, known as "Lacey's Law", is named after a Philadelphia teenager who was killed in a crash on prom night while riding in a car with six other teens. The law places new restrictions on the number of passengers a teen driver can have in the car. Only one non-family member passenger is allowed during the first six months of driving unless the driver is with a parent or legal guardian. After six months, up to three non-family member passengers are allowed, but only if the driver hasn't been convicted of a traffic violation or been held partially or fully responsible for a crash.

Seatbelt rules are also tighter. A law enforcement officer can pull over a driver with no other cause (primary offense) if anyone under the age of 18 is not wearing a seat belt. For older drivers this is a secondary offense and not enough cause for a traffic stop.

New drivers must also complete more education under Act 81. The previous required amount was 50 hours of behind-the-wheel training. The new requirement is 65 hours including 10 hours at night and 5 hours in bad weather.

Tickets for these violations could result in fines and points on a teen's driving record, which could drive up insurance costs and lead to longer restrictions on their license. It may seem unfair to teens but if they follow the rules they will develop good driving habits early, decreasing accidents and traffic tickets in the future.

Statistics show that of the 13,790 crashes in Pennsylvania in 2010 where distracted driving played a



role, 1,093 involved drivers using a cell phone and 66 fatalities occurred. A law banning texting while driving will go into effect in the state of Pennsylvania on March 8, 2012. Governor Tom Corbett signed legislation into law giving police the authority to pull over someone caught texting while driving for that reason alone (primary offense). Violating the law is considered a summary offense and carries a \$50 fine. The law defines a text-based communication as a text message, instant message, email or other written communication composed or received on an Interactive Wireless Communication Device (IWCD).



WATER AUTHORITY MEMBER RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Honey Brook Water Authority bids farewell and good luck to Thomas Wolfe after serving on the Water Authority Board since 1987. Thomas was one of the original members of the Authority. Honey Brook Borough would like to thank Tom for his many years of dedicated service and commitment to the residents of Honey Brook.

BOROUGH GARAGE PROJECT COMPLETED

Borough Council is pleased to report that the Borough Garage is completed and being utilized to house Borough trucks and equipment. The Public Works Department is happy to have a spacious and organized work space.



HONEY BROOK COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS


Honey Brook Community Library has partnered with the Chester County Health Department to offer programs focusing on health and healthy living. Each month, throughout the spring, a different program will be featured. February will feature cardiovascular health/ovarian cancer prevention, March; National Nutrition Month, April; illness of the brain/vaccine-immunization info, May; Lyme disease prevention and June; Men's Health "Ask the Dr."

The Honey Brook Library would also like to invite patrons to stop in at the library and try an e-reader. As a result of a grant received through the Chester County Library System, the library has received a

Kindle, a Nook and a Sony e-reader for the public to try out. Staff will assist by demonstrating the equipment and allowing patrons to determine which e-reader works best for them. The Library will also have seven Nooks to check out for the usual three week loan period. Each e-reader will be pre-loaded with a number of titles grouped by genre. Borrow a reader to take when you are traveling or on vacation.

The Honey Brook Library also offers regularly scheduled programming which includes Story Time, Lego Club, book discussions, knitting group and several instructional sessions related to using computer equipment. Inquire about programming, volunteer opportunities or donations

by calling the Library at 610-273-3303 or emailing the Library Director, Paula McGinness at pmcginness@ccis.org .

REMINDER to homeowners, landlords and apartment renters. Honey Brook Borough ordinance states that you must have your residence clearly marked with numbers measuring at least three in height. 

HONEY BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OPENS ITS DOORS FOR A COMMUNITY MEAL

The Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Pastor Bill Wisneski, is excited to see months of hard work and planning becomes a reality. What began as a desire to reach out to the community through providing a meal has officially begun as a monthly event. Beginning on February 2, and continuing on the first Thursday of the month in the fellowship hall of the church, members of the congregation and other volunteers will prepare and serve a free meal from 4:30-6:30 pm. The free meal is open to people of all ages and backgrounds from the local community. The food is provided by local businesses and the Chester County Food Bank.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation please contact the church at 610-273-2848 or email Pastor Bill Wisneski at pastor@honeybrookpres.org.



FUN FAMILY EVENTS PLANNED FOR BOROUGH PARK

The Park and Recreation Committee have several family oriented events planned for the 2012 season. The fun begins with a bocce tournament scheduled in May with two more tournaments to follow. Three musical concerts and three movie nights are also on the schedule. The Honey Brook Police Department is planning a community event for a Saturday in June as well as a corn-hole tournament. The dates for these events can be found in the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter as well as on the Honey Brook Borough website: honeybrookborough.net.



STREETSCAPES PROJECT UPDATE

Honey Brook Borough officials have been moving ahead with plans to implement a Main Street revitalization project made possible through a \$970,000 grant awarded by the Chester County Department of Community Development. The project is in the early phases of planning and design development, which will be followed by the engineering phase and eventually the implementation of the plan which is expected to happen in 2013. Residents who are interested in viewing the preliminary design may do so at Borough Hall where a concept map is on display.

