

Quick Notes

July 2015

Donors of New Flooring & Paint Recognized

New locker room flooring and repainting was recently completed at the New Holland pool building. Bryan DeCarlo of Durex Coverings of Brownstown donated the new and safer flooring and Michael Oster of Paul Davis Restoration and Remodeling of Lancaster donated the paint used in the refurbishment of the areas. The project was completed through the leadership and oversight of the New Holland Dolphins Swim Team officers and parents. This mutual community effort will help the locker rooms continue to serve the pool for many years.

Borough Sidewalk Replacement Program Underway

The Borough will again be working with property owners to replace seriously deteriorated, unsafe sidewalk surfaces over the next few months. Many sections of sidewalk and curb, where necessary, have already been marked for follow-up with the owners. The Borough as in the past will continue its residential no-interest loan program and obtain a community wide contractor on behalf of the residential owners. All affected properties are planned to be reviewed with the owner. The next phases of the process will continue over the next few months. NOTE: Grass growing across sidewalk surface areas is considered an unsafe walking condition and must be removed by the owner.

Water Rate Increase to be Phased In

An overall 15 percent increase for Borough water customers is to be phased in over the next three years, beginning with this year's October usage period (January 1, 2016 billing). A five percent increase is to take place in the same cycle in 2017 and 2018. The Borough has not had a rate increase since 2001 and has been the lowest cost in the region. Even after the full three years the rate will remain among the lowest. The 2016 initial increase, depending on family size and usage, could impact the monthly water cost by about \$2. The current rate of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons (.0035¢ per gallon) of water used will rise to about \$4.08 per 1,000 gallons used in 2018.

Water Consumer Confidence Report

The 2014 Water Consumer Confidence Report is available on the New Holland Borough website at: <http://newhollandborough.org>. Under "Departments" choose "Water" and then choose "2014 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report". If you would like a printed copy, you may pick one up at the Borough office.

Stormwater Regulations, Swales and Basins

As the federal and state governments continue their efforts to improve overall water quality, the impacts include increased regulations and oversight of stormwater flows and controls. This includes the smaller between property swales which direct excessive rainfall between properties, to the larger swales and detention basins. The Borough is required to monitor these to see that the owner properly maintains them for clear water flows. This includes fill conditions, blockage of any type, plantings and so on. Inspection of these swales is underway and where there may be concerns, the owner will be notified.

2015 Important Trash/Recycling Dates

Labor Day Trash Pick-Up: Fri. 9/11 Thanksgiving Trash Pick-Up: Fri. 11/27
Last day for Yardwaste: Th. 10/8 Fall Yardwaste/Leaf: 10/22, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10
White Goods/Tire Pick-Up (tag required): Sat. 10/17

Recycling Reminders

Under state law and Borough Ordinance #493, it is mandatory for Borough residents to recycle. If you are on the Borough's trash program, the following items are recyclable: Plastic containers and bottles #1 through #7; steel and aluminum cans; glass jars and bottles; all cardboard boxes; empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls; office and shredded paper; phone books and paperback books. All of these items can go in the same recycling bin.

Community Memorial Park Reminders

1/2 Season Swim Passes will be on sale starting July 15. (All rates on website)

1/2 Season Golf Passes will be on sale July 25. Family: \$60; Single: \$50

Antique Car Show: July 12: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Summer Fest: August 28, noon to 9 p.m.; August 29, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fiddler's Picnic: Labor Day, Monday, September 7, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tree Branch Trimming

Tree limbs hanging above your sidewalk must be cut at least 7 ft. above the sidewalk. All shrubs encroaching the sidewalk must also be trimmed back so they are not touching the sidewalk. If this is not completed by 7/5, the Borough plans to do the trimming and can charge the home owner for time and labor.

Flag Disposal

If you have an old/damaged American flag, you can contact the American Legion or bring it to the Borough office for proper disposal.