New Holland Borough Update

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New Year’s Refuse/Recycling
Pick Up:  1/3

Christmas Tree Pick up:
Thursday 1/9/20; do NOT put
the tree in a bag.

If your water/sewer/trash bill
due on a weekend, the
payment must be in our drop
box located by the front door
by 7 a.m. Monday, or post-
marked by the due date.
Otherwise it will be consid-
ered late and receive a
penalty.

Council Meetings—1st Tues-
day of each month at 7 p.m.
in Borough Hall. The public is
invited.

2020 Boro Tax Rate to
Increase

For the first time in eight years, Boro Council
had to increase the property tax rate. It is to
be 3.25 mills, up from the previous 2.75
mills. Major general fund obligations to be
met include replacing two police vehicles
with computer accessories, an updated po-
lice records system, three new tasers and a
first time breathalyzer for the Department;
totaling over $100,000. Major street overlay
work under the budget is planned to include:
Mentzer, Main north to Conestoga; East Ce-
dar, N. Kinzer west to end; S. Kinzer, Main
south to railroad tracks. More info for those
residents impacted will be provided closer to
the actual paving schedule.

Fee Reinstated
for Yardwaste
Bags

With the continuing
changes impacting the
full spectrum of recycling
and composting, a fee
will be re-instated for use
of the Boro's yardwaste
and leaf composting bags
beginning 2020. Yard-
waste and leaf bags will
be $.50 each. They will
be available for purchase
during regular business
hours at the Boro Office
(8 a.m.—4:30 p.m.) and
also available at the Golf
Shop at Community Me-
morial Park during the
day, evenings, weekends
and holidays unless the
Shop is closed for inclem-
ent weather.

Property Owners to
Receive Survey

A brief survey has been sent to all Boro prop-
erty owners related to a possible future situa-
tion whereby there is a discussion of the
desire of Boro taxpayers to continue to own
and operate a public pool; and the potential
financial impacts involved with it. It is im-
portant to first note: there is NO discussion
underway relative to changing current pool
operations. Pool operations are to continue
as in the past unless something drastic oc-
curs impacting the structure and continuing
operations. The survey is self explanatory
and a written response may be returned or a
survey response can be found on the Boro
website. Though it is recognized such a
survey at this time may cause some confu-
sion and will become outdated quickly, it is
also felt it would serve as an informative out-
line to Boro taxpayers of the costs of owning
and maintaining a pool.

Pet Owners

Dogs and cats are not al-
lowed to be loose off of
an owner’s property, &
must be cleaned up after
when walked. ATTEN-
TION: If you are feeding
a stray cat, you will be
held responsi-
ble for that ani-
mal & be con-
sidered its own-
er.
**Snow Removal**

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 12 hours after a snow fall. Vehicles must be removed from the end of a cul de sac during a snow fall so that plowing may occur. Do not throw or blow snow out onto a roadway.

**Refuse and Recycling Reminders**

The community refuse cost remains the same as 2019; $195. There is a $10 discount if you pay for refuse for the entire year by 1/31/20. If you wish to do this, simply add $185 to the total water/sewer amounts. Cell Phones, CFLs and unwanted prescription medications can be dropped off at the Boro Office Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you are on the Boro’s Trash/Recycling program with Eagle Disposal, you may currently recycle the following items:

* Aluminum & Steel Cans
* #1 & #2 Plastic Bottles/Jugs with a neck
* Newspapers
* Glass Bottles & Jars with a neck
* Cardboard and paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes)
* Cardboard milk/juice cartons.

Remove the lids, throw them in the trash and rinse out the items. **“When In Doubt—Throw It Out”**

**Prepare for Winter Power Outages**

Though these days many people think first of their loss of internet or TV service, power companies and emergency service providers remind everyone that there are more serious items with which to be concerned. For those with an emergency generator, be sure the connection is installed properly and the unit is outside or properly vented to the outside. For those with other separate methods of heating (e.g. coal or wood stoves) be sure the area surrounding your burner is fire proof, it is properly vented and your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors are in good working condition. For others, the loss of heat is a main concern. Power will also be off to your refrigerators and freezers; open them sparingly. The shorter daylight of winter days will cause the house to be darker longer, requiring flashlights, battery powered lights, candles and/or lanterns. Remember to be prepared for any medical equipment being used without emergency power. Loss of phone service both cell and land lines is a strong possibility for certain types of weather events. For those on the Boro’s water and sewer systems, there should be no loss of regular service; though continued freezing conditions could cause a service line to freeze.

**Tax Reminder**

When paying your Spring Taxes at the Boro Office, be sure to bring both halves of the bill so your half can be receipted! There is a $1 charge for a copy of the previous year’s paid tax receipt.

**Street Light Out**

If a street light is not working properly, write down the address where the pole is, along with the two sets of numbers on the pole and call the Boro Office. We will then contact PPL to repair it.

**Flag Disposal**

If you have an old/damaged American flag, you can bring it to the Boro Office for proper disposal.