

New Holland Borough Update

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Sidewalk & Curb Replacement Program Underway

The initial phase of the sidewalk and curb replacement program is underway. Numerous areas were not included in the initial phase of inspection. Detail inspections of these areas are continuing, with notifications to follow. The additional areas will be set for work in Spring 2016. Affected owners will be notified. You may call and request to be placed on the program. The Boro is continuing to use its no-interest loan program for residential property owners to assist with this important safety and property value matter. A low bid contractor is obtained by the Boro for the owners using the program.



Last Weekly Yard Waste Pick Up:
10/8

Fall Leaf & Yardwaste Pick up:
10/22; 11/5; 11/19; 12/3; 12/10

White Goods & Tire pick up:
10/17/15—tags must be purchased
by 10/15

Halloween Trick or Treat: 10/30;
6 to 8 p.m.

Thanksgiving Trash Pick Up: 11/27

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

Water Rate Phase-In Reminder

As noted in the July Quick Notes, there will be a total 15 percent increase in water usage rates for Boro water customers, to be phased in over the next three years. The initial 5 percent starts with this year's October/December usage period; showing on the January 1, 2016 bill. The additional 5 percent increases will take place in the same

cycles for 2017 and 2018.

The current usage rate of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons used, will rise to \$4.08 per 1,000 gallons in 2018. This is the first increase in water rates since 2001.



Christmas on Main December 5

A day of old fashioned fun sponsored by the NH Business Assoc. will include Breakfast with Santa, a Christmas farmers market, carriage & hay rides, an ice carving demonstration, music performances, Santa's arrival by fire truck at 5 p.m. and the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree at 7 p.m.

Many businesses will be open. All Saturday activities are free.

For a complete list of times & events please visit www.christmasonmain.com.



Cemetery Tour October 10

The Cemetery Tour presented by the NH Area Historical Society is October 10 from 6 to 9 pm. The tour begins at St. Stephen's Church to explore the history of the steeple & church building followed by the cemetery tour. Bring a flashlight.

Suggested donation is \$6 per person.

Any questions, contact Mitch Dissinger 354-0858.



Local Landscaping Firms Continue Contributions to the Community

The community is grateful to have two high quality landscaping service firms donate their time and resources to enhance the town. Showcase LawnWorks continues its involvement and contributions to maintain the Boro’s center of town open space, Towne Centre Green. It also monitors and maintains the memorial garden area established at Community Memorial Park in memory of former long time Boro Police Chief Ed Sprecher.

In a like manner, Clean Energy Services has donated the recently planted array of beautiful flowers and plantings in front of the Timbers Playground and will also be donating the maintenance activities needed to properly maintain it.

Additional Supply Well Enters Permitting Approval Stages

The slow but steady process for proceeding with the establishment of a new back-up well supply is entering its testing and review process with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission, which oversees such water projects in the Susquehanna River basin. The required draw-down testing is anticipated to begin in early winter. This review and approval process is anticipated to take approximately six months; after which design parameters will be able to be better identified.

Bamboo Removal & Elimination Process Underway

Owners have been responding well to the Boro goal of removing long existing bamboo which in most cases has overgrown its initially intended decorative fencing concept and continues to grow. Not only does it become an uncontrolled nuisance and grow onto other properties, but is also considered easily combustible when dry. The longer bamboo continues its uncontrolled growth, the more expensive it becomes to remove and treat its underlying extensive root system. For those who may still have bamboo on their property, you can contact the Boro Office and a process of removal assistance can be requested. Bamboo is no longer allowed to be planted unless it is in an above ground container.



Basin and Swale Drainage Areas Update

The planned inspections and subsequent reports and recommendations are underway but there were a number of delays in the engineering inspection process. After this info is received, it will be reported to the affected owners where these drainage ways and basins exist. The Boro hopes to assist owners address any regulatory issues that may exist on their property. Reminder—no yard waste or debris should be situated in a basin, drainage swale or drainage inlet/outlet.

Pet Owners

Dogs and cats are not allowed to be loose off of an owner’s property, and must be cleaned up after when walked. **ATTENTION:** If you are feeding a stray cat, you will be held responsible for that animal and be considered its owner.

What Can I Recycle?



Plastics 1-7; tin, aluminum & aerosol cans, glass, all cardboard i.e.: food, tissue boxes etc., phone books, **magazines**, junk mail, shredded paper, paperback books & newspapers. Take TVs & computers to the LCSWMA.

Snow Removal

Snow and/or ice must be removed from sidewalks 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.



Street Lights

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



Boro Office Drop Box

Boro Office Hours are: Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a drop box for payments next to the front door. If a bill is due on a Friday or over a weekend, be sure it is in the drop box before 7 a.m. Monday morning or it will be delinquent.