

New Holland Borough Update



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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 police 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 Cedar, 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.

Property Owners to Receive Survey

A brief survey has been sent to all Boro property owners related to a possible future situation 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 important 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 occurs 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 Though it is recognized such a survey at this time may cause some confusion and will become outdated quickly, it is also felt it would serve as an informative outline to Boro taxpayers of the costs of owning and maintaining a pool.

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. Yardwaste 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 Memorial Park during the day, evenings, weekends and holidays unless the Shop is closed for inclement weather.

Pet Owners

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



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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
is 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.

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.

