

President's Corner



Hopefully, this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy during these trying and unprecedented times. While we all are hoping things get back to normal soon, we still have a way to go. I thought I would take this opportunity to inform you of how this Pandemic may impact the Borough and you as a resident and what the Borough is doing to respond. As you are aware from previous newsletters, our Borough income is derived primarily from the Local Earned Income Tax as well as the Local Property Tax. The Local Earned Income Tax is a 1% tax taken off wage earners and is split between your School District and the Municipality where you live: In this case Yoe Borough. As you are aware there has been unprecedented unemployment during this recent Pandemic and therefore those unemployed,



Yoe Borough Summer/Fall 2020

Maintenance – The Maintenance position is now a part time position. All calls should be directed to the Secretary (717) 244-5904 or via email Secretary@YoeBorough.org. There is no longer a Maintenance Voicemail. You can also text the Secretary at (717) 894-0442. Please note that the Secretary is also only part time. All calls, texts, or emails will be returned during normal business hours or at the earliest convenience of the Secretary.

Thank you – For your patience and understanding during the pandemic when the office was closed. This is a difficult time for everyone, and we are doing our best to navigate these trying circumstances.

Grass – Every person, firm or corporation, owner or occupant, owning or occupying any premises, excluding any natural wooded areas and wetlands, within the Borough of Yoe, York County, Pennsylvania, is hereby required to cut to a height not to exceed 6 inches tall grass, weeds or other vegetation not useful for edible or ornamental purposes, including vegetation growing in sidewalks and curbs, and to remove from said premises all grass, weeds or other vegetation which produces any noxious or offensive odors or pollen regardless of the height of a plant.

MS4 – It is a violation of our MS4 Stormwater ordinance to dispose of grass cuttings in the street. York County Solid Waste Authority will accept yard waste if you choose not to compost, or dispose of in regular trash

Sidewalks – All sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner and must be kept free of weeds. Homeowners are also responsible for any maintenance or repair that is needed.

Vehicles – The Police continue to advise to keep your vehicles locked. Any break ins should be reported immediately.

have not been paying the Local Earned Income Tax. It is too soon to tell how much of an impact this unemployment and reduced income may have on our budget for next year, as well as what stimulus monies may be available to the Borough to help reduce any impact. I did want to let you know that your Borough Council is aware of this and have been looking at ways to keep our spending to a minimum this year to lesson any potential impact on the Borough Budget and will be monitoring all outlets for assistance in order to keep your taxes as low as possible. In other developments we have taken steps to set the Borough up with Zoom Council Meetings to provide virtual attendance in the event of further shutdowns in an attempt to keep our residents informed and the Borough operating smoothly. This recent shutdown had also affected our ability to timely go after enforcements, but we are now slowly trying to catch up on those complaints we had received. So, remember YOU ARE YOE!

Bulk Trash – Please let the secretary know if you have an item for bulk pick up a separate truck is sent for these items. Each residence is allowed one bulk item per week.

Alerts – We encourage everyone to sign up for our email alerts. These alerts remind you when there will be a scheduled trash delay, or to inform you of other pertinent information.

As the Emergency Management Director for the Borough of Yoe, I’m responsible for developing and maintaining the emergency management plans and programs, plus know the threats to the community, plan for emergencies, operate effectively, and conduct recovery operations. I’m also responsible for coordinating all the necessary activities to ensure effective operation of the emergency management system.

In order to help protect the residents of Yoe Borough in an emergency, I’m asking for your assistance. If you know of someone, or you yourself have a special need, such as a loss of hearing, are legally blind, physically disabled, and/or need to use special equipment, such as a lift van, wheelchair, walker, guide dog, or a respirator, please complete the attached form and send it to the Borough Office. This information will be helpful if your area would have to be evacuated. As director, I would know what resources we would need in case of an emergency.

Rodney Smith

Emergency Management Coordinator

Zoning Complaints – All zoning complaints must be submitted in writing to the Borough office. Complainant information will be kept confidential. Forms can be obtained through our website www.YoeBorough.org on the contact page, via email Secretary@YoeBorough.org or by calling the office at (717) 244-5904. It is important to note that in most cases there is a time frame in which the situation must be rectified. We are obligated by ordinance to allow that time to pass before we can pursue further enforcement. If you are interested in submitting something for our newsletter, or our website please contact Diana at Secretary@YoeBorough.org.

Sportsman’s Raffle – There will be no Sportsman’s raffle this year due to the pandemic. However, you are always welcome to make a donation to the Fire Department.

And so are we. We are all working together to stay safe and reduce the impacts in our lives and we want you to know that your Council members understand your sacrifices in your personal lives and we are doing the same to help minimize the unseen impacts from the Borough due to this unprecedented Pandemic. As always, we are here to answer your questions. Feel free to reach out to any one of us. So, stay safe, practice “Social Distancing” and remember to wash your hands and wear your mask.

Sam Snyder

President of Council

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Free Little Library – We are so pleased that the library is such a success! Thank you to everyone who has visited our library, and most especially thank you to everyone who has donated. Diana was able to get some Authors to donate books! Thank you, Brad Meltzer, Keith Ablow, and Andrew Wallace! Diana even had a friend who lives in South Korea send some books to our library! If you have books that you would like to donate you are welcome to drop them off at the Borough office.

Recycle Bins – We no longer recycle, but we do have some bins left over. The bins are free and are on a first come, first serve basis.



Electronics – Are not accepted with regular trash. You will need to contact York County Solid Waste www.ycswa.com (717) 845-1066 for additional information.

Playground equipment – is intended for children to enjoy. While we welcome you to walk your dog, it is not acceptable to allow your dogs to chew, jump on, or claw the playground equipment. Equipment that is routinely destroyed by pets will not be replaced.

Mayor's Message:

As Mayor, I am often the person that receives the original request to repair or replace a missing or damaged stop sign or to hear of a concern regarding trash placed at the curb to early on Sunday morning, but what starts with me listening often ends with another person's or agencies corrective actions. One of the joys of living in a small community is the ease in which you can contact your elected officials, so that most problems are addressed quickly. Oh, I can hear you now. "I called weeks ago to get the light on my street fixed or the weeds are still high at the house up the street". Sure, that happens, but not because we aren't trying to correct the problem. Rest assured we are as concerned about these problems as you are, but we often need to follow specific laws and procedures to accomplish this.

I encourage borough residents to continue to call or stop me to share your concerns. I appreciate you noticing the damaged sidewalk or the missing manhole cover, or the broken play equipment. Yes, that damaged porch is an accident waiting to happen and the bent street sign is a hazard.

Please remember, it takes a lot to run and maintain a borough, even one as small as Yoe, and without your calls these problems may go unnoticed.

In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to take pride in your community.

Let's all work to improve our appearance, be a good neighbor by maintaining your property and help promote a positive image to those passing through our borough!

Enjoy a safe and fun filled summer!!

John G. Sanford, Mayor

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT STORM DRAINS ANYWAY?

Storm drains, otherwise known as inlets, are designed to remove stormwater runoff from streets and other impervious surfaces to prevent flooding. Currently, there are 74 inlets in Yoe Borough. These inlets are connected directly to local streams and creeks via the Borough's MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) which means anything dumped into them goes directly into the watershed **untreated**.

Any debris such as leaves, plastic cups, trash, etc. placed in or on top of storm drains can block them, causing stormwater to back up and flood streets. Please do not ever dump motor oil, paint, pet waste, antifreeze, grease, gasoline, cigarette butts, etc., into storm drains as these can lower water quality and be harmful to wildlife living in and around streams, creeks and rivers. The pollution of waterways can also harm humans using them for recreation or those who get their water supply from wells.

Our local waterways are part of the Susquehanna River basin, which drains into the Susquehanna River, and subsequently, the Chesapeake Bay. The Chesapeake Bay is North America's largest and most biologically diverse estuary, home to more than 3,600 species of plants, fish, and animals. For over 300 years, the Bay and its tributaries have sustained the region's economy and defined its traditions and culture. It is a resource of extraordinary productivity, worthy of the highest levels of protection and restoration. Accordingly, in 1983 and 1987, the states of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia, the Chesapeake Bay Commission and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, representing the federal government, signed historic agreements that established the Chesapeake Bay Program partnership to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay's ecosystem.

In an effort to help clean our local streams and the Bay, we will be installing storm drain markers at several locations throughout the Borough in early Fall. These **NO DUMPING - DRAINS TO BAY** markers will serve as an educational tool for



residents to help prevent pollution of waterways by reminding people that storm drains are connected directly into the municipal storm sewer system. The markers will help remind people to think about what they throw down on the ground and help reduce erosion and runoff sediment, nutrients, oils, litter bug polluters, runoff of chemicals and fertilizers from lawn care, leaking oils and gasoline from cars, and other potential pollutants that are currently running into these drains.

Here is your chance to make a difference for the environment:

My name is **Christian Snouffer**. I am a Life Scout with Troop 69 at Salem Lutheran Church in Jacobus and I am looking for volunteers to help with this large conservation project. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at SnoufferScouting@gmail.com. This project is one of four significant conservation projects required for me to earn the BSA William T. Hornaday Award Silver Medal, which is Scouting's highest award for conservation.

To donate to help cover costs of these projects, please go to www.gofundme.com/christian039s-fundraiser-for-nature-projects. Every donation will help!

Special Needs Form

NAME: _____

PHONE: Home () -

Mobile () -

ADDRESS: _____

SPECIAL NEED:



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