

President's Corner



Hopefully, this newsletter finds you and your family safe and healthy during these trying and unprecedented times. On March 11, 2021, the Federal Government enacted the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. This was a never-before-seen act, which also included direct payments not only to individuals, but also every Municipality in the United States. As such, Yoe Borough will be receiving a payment of \$100,252 dollars to be directly delivered to the Borough in 2 payments. The first of which is scheduled to arrive by the end of June 2021. The second payment is to be delivered a year later. The funds must be used by December 31st, 2022. The funds are to be a way to make up for lost revenue and extra spending that was incurred due to the Covid impact. While the guidance of the spending of these funds are still tentative, a list



Yoe Borough Spring 2021

Cameras – As many of you know there has been some recent vandalism to the cameras at Yoe Park. Thanks to the hard work of Officer Sterner, and Lieutenant Schollenberger the individuals involved were apprehended. Lieutenant Schollenberger shared the footage to the YARPD Facebook page, and within hours he had names. Lieutenant Schollenberger credits the community for their help in the investigation. But there is MORE you can do. Anyone who has a home camera is encouraged to register your camera <https://york.crimewatchpa.com/yorkarearegionalpd/42156/webforms/camera-registry-form>

The Police do not have access to your camera. You may be contacted if there is a crime in your area.

Sidewalks – Are the responsibility for the homeowner to maintain. Keeping your sidewalk in good repair is for your protection as well as for the good of the community. There are several areas around town where the sidewalks are severely degraded. The Borough has been receiving quite a few complaints about this issue. If the Borough continues to receive complaints we will be forced to do sidewalk inspections; at which point a notice will be sent to the property owner, and they will have 90 days to make repairs. Sidewalk specs can be obtained by emailing the office at Secretary@YoeBorough.org or by calling (717) 244-5904.

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 all 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.

of tentative expenditures can be used on sewer and water repairs as well as broadband. The Council has decided to use this funding on important sewer repairs that were identified by a recent camera inspection of the sewer system by the former Yoe Sewer Authority. It is fortuitous that the Sewer Authority has now been disbanded and the Borough has assumed responsibility for the system, as these funds can now be used on these repairs. Had the Sewer Authority still been in existence, the Authority as such would not have been receiving any relief funding and the cost of the repairs would have to have been borne by the Authority and Residents. The most immediate area of repairs is located in a 2-block area on South Main Street. Council recently accepted a low bid from Standard Pipe Services of \$82,120. While no start date has been set while we wait on obtaining the necessary permits, work is hopefully to be started in June and completed by August of this year. So, residents should be on the lookout for road construction and possible delays on Main Street this coming summer.

Park Rentals – The park is now open for rentals. We allow only one rental per day. If you are interested in reserving the park please email Diana at Secretary@YoeBorough.org.

Trash – Pick up is on Fridays. Please do not put trash out any earlier than 6PM on Thursday. If you have a large item, please let Diana know no later than Wednesday afternoon. Bulk items must be scheduled ahead of time. The limit is one item per household per week.

Alerts – **If you have not already signed up for our email alerts we encourage you to do so. The email alerts include reminders for trash delay, weather closures, and early access to our newsletter. You can join by emailing Diana at Secretary@YoeBorough.org**

Community Reach – is working to provide food to individuals in need. You can find more information on their website www.commreach.org. They are also looking for monetary and food donations for their pantry.

Give Local York – is May 7th. Additional information can be found on their website givelocalyork.org.

Chickens - A total combined maximum of three pigeons, chickens, ducks, geese and/or similar fowl shall be kept on a lot of less than 20,000 square feet. If a lot exceeds 20,000 square feet, a maximum of 5 pounds of such fowl for each 1,000 square feet of lot area may be kept as an accessory use.
ROOSTERS SHALL NOT BE KEPT.

Park – There are no longer trash cans at the park. You may dispose of trash in the dumpster or take it home.

Permit Applications – Are available on our website under forms. If you are not certain your project requires a permit please check with the office.

Meeting Minutes – are updated monthly and are available on the Borough's website. Minutes cannot be added to the website until they are approved by Council. So April's minute will not be on the website until after the May meeting.

Dog Licensing – State dog wardens will be in York County during the month of May to ensure that all dogs are up to date on rabies vaccinations, and licensing requirements. For more information on cost, and how to obtain a license please visit www.doglicenses.us/PA/York or <https://yorkcountypa.gov/>

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. Please note there is a fee to dispose of yard waste at YCSWA.

Water Payments – are **NOT** accepted at the Borough office. Please refer to your invoice for the proper remittance address. The Borough Office is not responsible for any late fees incurred due to delay in payment.

Sewer & Refuse – Several of you have your bill paid through your bank. This is your final notice to change the remittance address to **150 N Maple ST Yoe, PA 17313**. After this billing cycle late fees will be applied to payments received after the due date.

With our new billing software, you can create an online account. Your online account gives you the ability to pay online (fees will apply) and have access to your current account balance. You also have the ability to receive e-bills in addition to your paper statement or go paperless. You will need the CID number which is located on your invoice.

Payment plans can be set up for individuals who have a balance two or more quarters behind as long as the current invoice is paid in full. Anyone failing to maintain the agreed upon payment arrangement will be turned over to the Dallastown-Yoe Water Authority for water shut off. A \$25 dollar water shut off fee will be applied to your account. The water restore fee is determined by and payable only to the Authority. This fee is currently \$50.

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.*

Yoe Resident – Christian Snouffer won the William T. Hornaday award for conservation that he had been working towards. You will notice that Mr. Snouffer marked the storm drains around the Borough. You can help maintain Christian's efforts by cleaning up the drains if you see debris collecting.

If you are interested in submitting something for our newsletter, or our website please contact Diana at Secretary@YoeBorough.org.

Election Year – Mayor John Sanford, Dustin Claycomb, Seth Noll and William Banksok are up for re-election. All of these gentlemen work very hard through the month for the residents of Yoe Borough. **Councilman Seth Noll will not be on the ballot due to a paperwork error – he will need to be written in.* You will also see a new name on the ballot. Tyler Sprenkle is running for the seat that Councilman Myers is vacating.

Councilman Barry Myers has served the Borough for over 30 years! Councilman Myers has been an integral part in keeping the community running smoothly. Councilman Myers will remain on Council until the end of the year. If you see Councilman Myers take a moment to thank him for all of this hard work and effort.

Mayor's Message – The Spring of Renewal

The days are getting longer, the trees are starting to bud, and the hope of a new beginning is in the air. It's hard to believe that more than a year has passed with our world dealing with the effects of a global pandemic, Spring 2021 does seem to be a time of rebirth and renewal.

This past year has been a challenging and unprecedented time in all our lives. The pandemic has impacted us all in ways unimaginable. As individuals, we all had to figure out what was the newest "normal", and held ourselves personally responsible to others, and ourselves, by wearing masks, staying at home in the early days, and keeping the appropriate social distance.

As a community, we have persevered, and are seeing restaurants and businesses increasing their capacity, children are back in school, events are being planned throughout the area and, as more and more people are being vaccinated, life is starting to feel like it may soon resume to what we remember as a real normal, Sunday dinners, all the pews filled at church, children playing in full playgrounds, along with all of the other pleasures we used to take for granted.

Our devoted first responders, Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical teams, healthcare workers, and essential employees on the frontlines of this pandemic showed us the true meaning of the word Hero. Thank you to all, along with our borough staff and countless others, who worked diligently to keep us safe, healthy and continued to provide essential services. To the teachers, and staff of Dallastown Area School District, who accomplished the almost impossible in keeping education going throughout the past year. Thanks for overcoming such overwhelming challenges.

Many of our residents remain unvaccinated, so as much as we want to get back to normal, we are not quite there yet. The potential for spreading the virus to those not yet protected is still a real possibility. Please continue to do your part, wear a mask, and maintain a safe distance from others when in public.

As we reflect on all we have experienced and accomplished this past year, take a moment to remember all those who have passed due to the virus, and those whose lives have been forever changed by it.

I'm also asking that all our residents to be on the lookout for suspicious activity in their neighborhood. Crime of all kinds is on the rise and you can do your part to keep your friends and family safe. Unfortunately, we now need to always keep our vehicles and homes locked as a deterrent. If you see something that looks suspicious, please report it, don't hesitate to call 9-1-1, you don't know who you might help !

With the sudden weather changes we've been experiencing this spring, I believe everyone is ready for the warm weather ahead. Enjoy your summer and be safe !

Mayor John Sanford

Being a Good Neighbor

What does it mean to be a “good neighbor” and how does that lead to taking pride in our community? Each one of us might interpret that to mean something different. Still, it might be worth considering what being a “good neighbor” and a prideful resident means in your neighborhood, from lifelong to new residents, people of all ages, and from all walks of life.

With so much diversity, how can we work and live happily among each other? An easiest way to being a “good neighbor” is to introduce yourself to anyone on your block and particularly those who share a property line with you. This simple act breaks down barriers and creates open dialogue of a respectful nature. Knowing the people who live around you provides a strengthened sense of pride in your home and neighborhood.

Next, take care of your property. This does not have to mean that we all must have properties that are featured in the pages of magazines, but when living in a community there are reasonably courteous behaviors expected for the benefit of all.

The following provides some suggestions:

When walking your dog, be sure to carry plastic bags to clean up after them. Clean up after your dogs in your own yard.

Be mindful of your noise levels, particularly late in the evening and early in the morning.

Put your garbage cans out at the designated times the night before collection, nobody wants to see your garbage all day, and put the cans away as soon as possible.

Take the lead and think of the curb appeal for all. This includes mowing and weeding and cleaning your front sidewalks of weeds and debris regularly throughout the summer.

If you see a neighbor in need offer a hand.

Be courteous and respectful of your neighbors, get the same in return !

Stormwater Management Tips – Cleaning up after your pets has a large impact on both stormwater, and the appearance of your neighborhood.

Dispose of household hazardous waste at the York County Solid Waste Authority. Their website will have additional information. www.ycswa.com. They also list alternative to common hazardous household items.

Learning is fun – our website has links for children’s activities. You can download an activity book and learn right along with your kids! Checkout the stormwater section of our website www.yoeborough.org



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