



# COLUMBIA BOROUGH

FALL/WINTER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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## Thank A Vet Program

Beginning in November 2012, Bonnie Bowman, Recorder of Deeds of the County of Lancaster will be launching a "Thank a Vet" Discount Program.

This program will provide a photo ID FREE OF CHARGE to Lancaster County veterans who have their DD-214 honorable discharge papers filed on record in their office. Participating merchants will agree to honor the card by providing special discounts on purchases or services. A Poster or decal will be provided to participating merchants to proudly show their support of our Lancaster County veterans. A listing of all participating businesses will be available on the Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds website. Further information is available at [www.lancasterdeeds.com](http://www.lancasterdeeds.com) or by contacting the Recorder of Deeds Office, 150 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, Pa. phone 299-8240 or email [bbowman@co.lancaster.pa.us](mailto:bbowman@co.lancaster.pa.us)

## Dates to Remember

### Annual Bridge Bust

Saturday 10/6/12  
9am-3pm

### Yard Waste Curbside

Pickup Ends  
Monday 10/8/12

### Leaf Pickup Begins

Monday 10/15/12  
(follows street sweeper route)

### Mardi Gras Parade

Thursday 10/25/12  
7:00pm

### Trick or Treat

Wednesday 10/31/12  
6-8pm

### MAG Fall Flash 5K

Saturday 11/3/12  
7:30am-10:30am

### Salem UCC 5K Run

Saturday 11/10/12  
7am-10am

## FOURTH FRIDAY IN COLUMBIA

Experience Colum-



bia's art galleries, antique shops, participating specialty shops, and local eateries. This self guided tour provides the opportunity to view exhibits from local and visiting artists, enjoy refreshments, and discover the uniqueness of Columbia.

Dates

10/26/12  
11/23/12  
12/28/12

## Rotary Park Restoration and Improvements



Columbia's Rotary Park is receiving a facelift. New play apparatus has already been installed including safety certified mulch. Crews are currently working on the installation of a new basketball court, new benches, new walkways and new handicap parking. Funding for this long needed project came from Columbia Borough, Columbia Rotary, Highmark Foundation, Lancaster County and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!!!!!**

**WWW.COLUMBIAPA.NET**

## Columbia Borough Commercial and Residential Recycling

**DID YOU KNOW?** That Act 101 of 1988 and Columbia Borough Code Chapter 18, Article II, Section 9 require that Columbia Borough residents and businesses recycle. The more tonnage recycled, the more money the Borough earns which, in turn, helps to reduce the amount of tax dollars the Borough needs to collect from it's property owners. **Please recycle whenever possible.**



**Recycling Guidelines:**

**Items that are required to be recycled:**

- Clear Glass
- Colored Glass
- Aluminum
- Steel Cans
- Newsprint
- Yard Waste
- Plastics
- Tires
- High Grade Office Paper
- Corrugated Cardboard
- White Goods (large appliances)
- Batteries (battery bags are available at the Borough Office and should be put in recycle bin)

- Recycle only plastic or glass items containing a #1 or #2 on the bottom
- Metal/glass containers should not be broken or flattened. Plastic items may be flattened.
- Remove all plastic/metal lids and rinse containers thoroughly. Labels do not need to be removed.
- Keep newspapers separate by tying in bundles or placing in a brown paper grocery bag. Do not lay them with bottles/cans or use plastic bags. Avoid putting newspapers out when it is raining.
- Place magazines with newspapers. Do not include square-spine magazines.
- Place hypodermic needles in an empty plastic detergent bottle with a screw-top lid. Put in with your other trash.
- Soiled bandages, disposable sheets and medical gloves should be double-bagged in plastic bags and fastened securely before putting them in with your other trash.

**Please contact the Columbia Borough Recycling Coordinator, Ron Miller, at 717-684-2654 x29 if you have any questions.**

### Biodegradable Bags & Recycle Bins

**Biodegradable Bags are available for purchase at the Borough Office which is located at 308 Locust Street for \$.75 each or 3 for \$2.00. Recycle bins are also available for \$8.00 each.**

### Telephone Book Recycling

In order to save money, the Borough will no longer provide a dumpster for phone book recycling. Phone books should be placed in your recycle bin and placed at the curb on your regularly scheduled trash day.



### Trash/Rubbish

Trash and Rubbish are required to be placed in cans with lids and/or in tied bags and placed curbside. No loose trash/rubbish is permitted. Residents may be fined for any litter caused by trash or rubbish not in proper containers.



### Borough Farm

**The Borough Farm is located on Blue Lane (off River Road just past Plane Street) and is open for drop off of yard waste year round on the second Saturday of each month from 8am-Noon.**

## YOU DO NEED A ZONING PERMIT FOR....

- Building a new home.
- Adding an addition.
- New roof, new roof structure or new roof over roofless deck or patio.
- In-ground and/or above-ground swimming pools regardless of the depth of water.
- Remodeling or alteration of kitchens, baths, basements, and attics.
- Sidewalks.
- Driveways (expansion to the length or width, paving over a stone driveway).
- Change of use or Occupancy in any structure.
- Opening a business or home occupation (a business within a home).
- Building a deck.
- Placing a fence on the property.
- Placing a shed on the property (pre-built or built on site).
- Enclosing a porch or deck (whether screened or windows).
- New installation or upgrade of electrical work or plumbing.
- New or upgrade of HVAC.
- Finishing a basement.
- Installation of wood burning stove.
- Changing of heating source (oil or gas).
- Changing the framing or size of a window or door.
- Installation of new downspouts.



**NOTE:** Special approvals are required for work in the Columbia Historic District.

If you have any questions regarding the need for a permit please contact the Borough Code Office at 717-684-2467.

**RAIN** is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats but can become a problem when pollutants like pesticides, organic impurities, asbestos, chlorine and animal feces get into water supplies. The following are ways you can help prevent storm water pollution:

- Dispose of hazardous substances such as oil, cleaning supplies and paint; never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system, and report anyone who does.
- Dispose of trash in the proper receptacles.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess in the backyard or at the park storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather which is a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens that capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.

## POLICE NOTES



### School Student Drop Off

Parents are reminded to refrain from double parking when dropping off their children at Park and Taylor Schools. In addition, children must be dropped off curbside and not expected to cross opposing traffic. High School Parents are reminded to drop off students at the designated "drop-off" point in the area of the cafeteria. No student shall be dropped off in front of the school or on any of the hills.

### \*\*Confidential Drug Tips\*\*

Any resident wishing to provide the Columbia Borough Police Department information on drug dealing or drug use can do so confidentially at 684-7735 or electronically at [columbiaboroughpolice@yahoo.com](mailto:columbiaboroughpolice@yahoo.com).



### Dog Law



Pet owners are required to walk their dogs on a leash and to pick up any feces deposited by their pet.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



### Downtown Lighting

As part of the Columbia Borough Downtown Safety and Security Initiative, the Columbia Borough Public Works Department has been diligently working to replace old wiring, install new energy efficient LED street lights, install brick mediums in the sidewalks, and plant new trees.

### New Public Works Building

Columbia Borough is utilizing the old manufactured Gas Superfund Site at 431 S. Front Street as an annex for the Street Department. In an effort to reduce costs, the Public Works Department Employees have been assisting sub-contractors in building the New Highway Building. They have been installing electricity and emergency lighting and have been doing some concrete work.



## Zoning/Codes Department

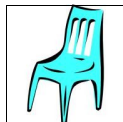


### Snow Removal

Tenants, owners or persons in charge of any property fronting on or adjoining any street in the Borough of Columbia are required to clear a pathway of at least three feet in width on the sidewalk in front of or adjoining property within eight hours after the snow has ceased to fall. If the snow has ceased to fall between dusk and dawn, the pathway shall be cleared before 10:00 a.m. the following day. Snow cleaned from the pathway shall not be deposited in the street after the street has been plowed. The penalty for non-compliance could result in a fine of not more than \$600, plus costs of prosecution.

### Saving Parking Spaces

It is against the law to use any item whatsoever to reserve parking spaces on Borough streets. Violations of this law could result in a fine of up to \$600.00!



## Covered Devices Recycling Act

Effective 1/24/13 residents and businesses may no longer place the following items at the curb or throw them away as trash:



Desktop computers	Laptops
Monitors	Keyboards
Mouse	Printers
Speakers	Televisions
E-readers	

These items can be recycled at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike in Lancaster. A maximum of 10 units are allowed per day per person/business.

(Please visit [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) for additional lists of locations that recycle covered devices.)

The following items ARE NOT covered by this new law:

Cell Phones	Handheld calculators
PDA's	MP3 Players
Motor vehicle components	
Appliance Components	

## PHONE NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

Emergency  
911

Columbia Borough Police  
717-684-7735

Comcast Cable  
1-800-266-2278

Columbia Public Library  
717-684-2255

Susquehanna Valley Chamber  
of Commerce  
717-684-5249

District Magistrate  
717-684-2761

Susquehanna Valley EMS  
717-684-2400

Columbia Borough QRS  
717-449-5027