

COLUMBIA BOROUGH

NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2014

NORTHWEST RIVER TRAIL SERVICE BUILDING



Construction on the 1.9 million dollar Northwest River Trail Services Building in Columbia's River Park began in October of 2013 and is scheduled to be complete by Summer 2014.

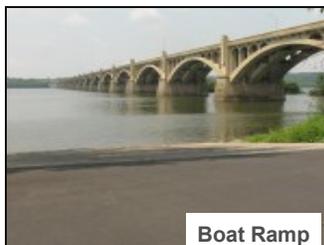
This building will serve as a trail head for the planned Northwest Lancaster County River Trail which will extend from Columbia north through Chickies Rock County Park, Marietta Borough, West Donegal Township and Conoy Township.

The building will have an information desk, a meeting room, bathrooms and a deck which overlooks the Susquehanna River.

This project is Phase II of an earlier project which replaced and expanded the boating access ramp, improved and expanded the parking area and includes a canoe/kayak area with parking to the north of the Veterans' Memorial Bridge (Rt. 462), a picnic pavilion, shoreline stabilization, floating docks, shoreline fishing access and a shoreline walkway.



Floating Dock



Boat Ramp



Pavilion



Boat Trailer Parking

COLUMBIA BOROUGH SPRING CLEANUP

Friday April 25, 2014
Curbside Collection
from 7a.m. - 12:00p.m.



Acceptable Items - \$20 ea

- Refrigerator/Freezer (Doors Removed)
- Sofa/Furniture
- Washer/Dryer
- Air conditioner
- Water Heater
- Dishwasher
- Trash Compactor
- Stove
- Bathtub
- Double Sink

Unacceptable Items

Paint cans, Shingles, Engines, Gas Tanks, Vinyl Flooring, Bricks, Yard waste, Garbage, Concrete Blocks, Computers and TVs.

Acceptable Items - \$5 ea

- Mattress/Box Spring
- VCR/DVD
- Microwave
- Rug/Carpet
- Grills (no gas tanks)
- Cell Phone
- Dehumidifier
- Trash Compactor
- Battery (Car/Truck/Marine)
- Printer/Keyboard/Mouse
- TV with Flat or Projection Screen
- Flat Screen Computer Monitor
- Stereo
- Tires (pair)
- Toilet
- Portable Radio
- Dishwasher
- Batteries

Free Item: Scrap Metal

POLICE DEPARTMENT

DO YOU HAVE UNUSED OR OUTDATED MEDICATIONS??

If so, you can now safely dispose of them at the Columbia Borough Police Department during the lobby hours of Monday-Friday 8am-4pm as well as Tuesday-Saturday evening between 6pm-2am. Just look for the box marked "Med-Return Drug Collection Unit".

Accepted Items:

- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-counter Medications
- Vitamins, Samples and Pet Medications



THINGS TO REMEMBER

BEFORE YOU PURCHASE A SWIMMING POOL

1. You **MUST** obtain a permit from the Borough Office prior to installation.

(There is a permit fee for the Borough as well as the Third Party Inspector - Plan on \$100-\$250)
2. A fence, building or other suitable enclosure, a minimum of 4' high above the surrounding average ground level, is required. This enclosure may be the walls of the pool itself if the access ladder is able to be raised and locked so that it is a minimum of 4' above the surrounding average ground level.
3. Pools must be setback a minimum of 5 feet from any lot line and are not allowed in a required front yard.
4. Filling a pool will temporarily increase your WATER and SEWER bills.

PLEASE CONTACT THE BOROUGH OFFICE
AT 717-684-2467 WITH ANY QUESTIONS



**Biodegradable Bags and
Recycle Bins**

Brown biodegradable (paper) bags are available for purchase

at the Borough Office which is located at 308 Locust Street. Recycle bins are also available.



Please visit www.lcswma.org or call 717-397-9968 for additional Recycling Information.

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**Columbia Borough Commercial
And Residential Recycling Guidelines**

Columbia Borough Code requires 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

Items that are required to be recycled:

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| 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 bins) | |

Notes:

- Recycle Glass items containing a #1 thru #7 on the bottom
- Recycle only plastic items that have a neck.
- Remove all plastic/metal lids and rinse containers thoroughly. Labels do not need to be removed.
- Keep newspapers and magazines 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 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 717-684-2467 x7501 if you have any questions.



Storm Water

Storm Water runoff from cities and suburbs pick up oil, pesticides, and other chemicals as it flows across lawns, roads, and parking lots into nearby streams and storm drains. This type of pollution is significant and difficult to control. Once in our waters these chemicals disrupt the whole food web in a process called bioaccumulation. Small, bottom-dwelling aquatic organisms take up contaminants while feeding. Larger fish accumulate toxins in their tissues when they eat the contaminated organisms. In turn, birds, humans, and other wildlife eat the contaminated fish.

What can you do to help?

- Dispose of hazardous substances correctly. Never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system.
- Dispose of trash in proper receptacles.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly.
- Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage.
- 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.

TAX COLLECTION

The 2014 Municipal/County Tax Bills may be paid at the Borough Office located at 308 Locust Street during regular business hours.

- All checks should be made payable to the "Borough of Columbia"
- All taxes paid after December 15, 2014 must be by certified check, money order or cash.



By Mail:

1. Please use the bill stub and envelope included with your bill. If no stub is available, mail to: Columbia Borough Tax Collections, 308 Locust Street, Columbia, PA 17512
2. When taxes are paid by mail, the US postmark will be considered the date paid—NO EXCEPTIONS> Letters mailed at some locations may not be post marked until the following day, so please exercise caution when meeting this deadline.
3. If you pay by mail and a receipt is required, please include both portions of the tax bill with your payment and a self-addressed, stamped envelope; otherwise only one copy of the bill is required with payment.

In Person:

1. Original bill stub or photocopy will be accepted at our office.
2. If a receipt is desired, please take the entire bill and request that the top portion be stamped as paid.
3. If a photocopy is required to either pay your bill or if you would like a photocopy of your bill there will be a charge of \$.25 per copy.

BUDGET INFORMATION

Real Estate Tax Millage of 8.0 remains in effect for 2014.
(1 mill = \$1.00 for every \$1,000 of assessed value)

Revenue for the General Fund is projected at \$5,538,247 with utilizing \$530,037 of General Fund Balance.

The majority of the revenue stream comes from three sources:

- 52% from Real Estate Taxes
- 16% from Earned Income Tax
- 32% realized through licenses, fines, interest, rentals and inter-governmental revenue

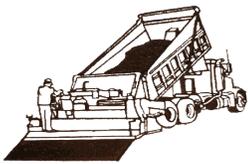
Operating Expenses for the General Fund are projected the same for a balanced budget and include the following:

- 51% is attributed to Police
- 10% covers insurance
- 13% is devoted to Public Works
- 26% is attributed to administration, solicitor, general government, municipal buildings, market house and community investment.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES!



FREE Smoke Detectors are available at the following Fire Departments:
Susquehanna Fire and Rescue, "Hambones" - Tenth and Manor Streets - 684-5844
Columbia No. 1 Fire Department - 137 South Front Street - 684-5100
Columbia Consolidated Fire Department - 265 S. 10th Street - 684-2695



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Proposed 2014 Paving Projects

11th Street—Ridge to Locust Street
Avenue E—300 Block

Avenue H—3rd to 4th Street

Avenue H—5th to 6th Street

Barber Street—11th to 12th Street

Fairview Avenue—Plane Street to South 9th Street

Linden Street—4th to 5th Street

Manor Street—12th to 13th Street

Ridge Avenue—Staman Lane to Pheasant Avenue

Union Street—3rd to 4th Street

Walnut Street—11th to 12th Street

Wright Street—8th to 9th Street

Various Patch Locations

****The Borough Farm which is located at 254 Blue Lane, Columbia, PA is open the second Saturday of each month from 7am-12pm for drop-off of trees, shrubs, grass clippings, limbs, etc...****

DATES TO REMEMBER

Annual Spring Clean-up
Friday 4/25/14 Curbside
7am-Noon

Earth Day
Sahd Salvage
Saturday 4/26/14
9am-1pm

Annual 5K
River Run/Walk
Saturday 5/24/14
7:30am-10:30am

Memorial Day
Parade
Sunday 5/25/13
2:30pm

Clifford Edmond
Basketball Tourney
6/7 & 6/8/14
8am-5pm

Thunder on the River
Car Show
Saturday 6/15/14
10am-3pm

34th Annual Antique, Art
& Craft Show
Saturday 6/28/14
9am-3pm

Carnival/Fireworks
Cola. Consol. Fire Dept.
7/1-3/14 6pm-10pm
7/4-5/14 6pm-10:30pm

Annual Chiques
Challenge
Saturday 8/9/14
7:30am-11am

Feet In the Street Art
Show
Friday 9/26/14
4pm-8pm

Bridge Bust
Saturday 10/4/14
8am-4pm

5K MAG Fall Flash
Saturday 11/1/14
7:30am-10:30am

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR PET CAN MAKE YOU SICK?



Dog Feces can carry bacteria and viruses: Tapeworms, Ringworm, Hookworm, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Campylobacteriosis, and Parvo to mention a few. One gram of dog feces contains approximately 23 million fecal coliform bacteria which can lead to serious kidney disorders, stomach cramps, diarrhea and intestinal illnesses.

Cat Feces increases the risk of contracting toxoplasmosis, the effects of which are flu-like for an average person but may cause miscarriage, congenital defects, damage to the eyes, brain, or other problems for expecting mothers. Toxoplasmosis is caused by a parasite that lives in a cat's intestine, and passes on to its feces. While the parasite is more common with outdoor cats, toxoplasmosis is a risk that pet owners and expecting mothers should be aware of as it can be passed from mother to baby.

Cat Urine contains various bacteria and is largely composed of ammonia, which is a noxious substance to human beings and can cause light-headedness, dizziness, vomiting or even fainting. It can also cause eye and skin irritation including rashes and can have a catastrophic effect on the respiratory system.

Phone Numbers to Remember:

Emergency..... 911

Columbia Borough Police
(Non-Emergency).....684-7735

Susquehanna Valley
Chamber of Commerce.....684-5249

Comcast Cable.....1-800-266-2278

Justice Herman (District Magistrate).....684-2761

Susquehanna Valley EMS.....684-2400

Columbia Borough QRS.....449-5027

Columbia Borough Office.....684-2467



Yard Waste Collection



Mondays beginning 4/07/14