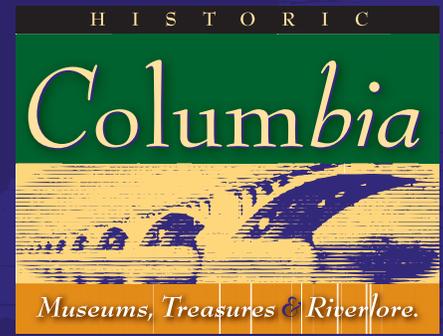


The Columbia Connection



COLUMBIA MARKET HOUSE

Planning and engineering are fully underway, and construction is not far behind as the community prepares to welcome a newly reenergized Columbia Market House.

Anticipated to open the doors to the public in the late summer/early fall 2020, the Borough and CHI St. Joseph Children's Health have partnered to bring back to life this remarkable architectural treasure. With additional involvement from Commonwealth of PA and the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the Columbia Market House will (again!) be a place where residents and visitors can go and experience everything our town has to offer. Market Houses have always played significant roles in the success and prosperity of communities. Places where people can go to work, eat, shop and socialize. They are the cornerstones of the communities.

With input from the community, the Borough and CHI have thoughtfully planned the renaissance of the Columbia Market House. Citizen expectations and community needs directed the plans to include traditional market stands, an open-concept restaurant, and space for community events and activities. With the diligent work of the Borough and CHI staffs, grants and funding are in place to cover the anticipated project costs. The partnerships in place to bring this project to reality speaks volumes to the commitment and confidence in the success of the Columbia Market House and our Borough. Columbia has so much to offer. From the architecture, the river, the history . . . and the people, this is our time to shine. Follow the Columbia Market House Facebook page to get all the latest updates and soon we will . . . See you at Market!

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CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS PLACEMENT

HOW MUCH CARBON MONOXIDE IS TOO MUCH?

Even in homes without gas appliances, there could be CO. So how do you know how much is too much? It depends on your age, size and health. Here are some common thresholds of carbon monoxide.

- **0.5–5 ppm** – According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), this is the usual range for homes without gas stoves or other gas appliances.
- **Under 70 ppm** – Most people have no ill effects when exposed to ranges below 70 ppm for short periods of time. Prolonged exposure (6–8) hours can cause dizziness and headaches. Also, those with heart problems may experience chest pain, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- **100 ppm** – Slight headache when exposed for 2 hours or longer.
- **150–200 ppm** – Prolonged exposure at these levels often leads to disorientation and unconsciousness and can also lead to death.

There's a myth that all carbon monoxide alarms should be installed lower on the wall because carbon monoxide is heavier than air. In fact, carbon monoxide is slightly lighter than air and diffuses evenly throughout the room.

According to the carbon monoxide guidelines of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 720, 2005 edition), all carbon monoxide alarms "shall be centrally located outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms," and each alarm "shall be located on the wall, ceiling or other location as specified in the installation instructions that accompany the unit."

Standalone carbon monoxide alarms are often placed low on the wall, but it's not because they're more effective at that height. It's usually because they need to be plugged into an outlet near the floor or have a digital readout that can be easily read.

DETECTOR PLACEMENT DO'S & DON'TS

DO

In order to maximize the protection of your home from excess levels of carbon monoxide (CO), place your detectors in all of the following places:

- On every level of your home. In order to ensure that your home has maximum protection, it's important to have a CO detector on every floor.
- **Twelve inches from the ground. Carbon monoxide detectors can get the best reading of your home's air when they are placed twelve inches from the ground.**
- Near every sleeping area. If your CO levels get too high during the nighttime, it's important that detectors can be heard by everyone sleeping in your home. Place your detectors close enough to every sleeping area so that they can awaken everyone in the case of an emergency.
- Near attached garages. Cars produce carbon monoxide any time they are running. If you have an attached garage, those gases can quickly spread to the rest of your house. A CO detector near your attached garage will warn you if that becomes a problem.
- Where the manufacturer recommends. Every model of carbon monoxide detector is tested according to manufacturer specifications. It's important to take those specifications into account when you're deciding where to place your detectors.

DON'T

The following locations can either create a false alarm or avoid your detector from properly identifying the CO levels in your home:

- In close proximity to any fuel-burning appliance.
- In direct sunlight.
- In excessively humid areas such as your bathroom.
- Near any sources of blowing air such as a fan, vent or open window.



POWER STRIP USAGE

Power strips and extension cords are not equipped to handle the extra current flow needed to power a space heater and can overheat and even catch fire.

Firefighters said heating elements in a space heater can get up to more than 500°F to 600°F. They are reminding residents that a space heater should only be plugged directly into the wall, and always keep an eye on it when it's in use.

From 2009 to 2013, heating equipment was involved in an estimated 56,000 reported U.S. home fires—accounting for 16% of the total, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). In those fires, 470 people died, 1,490 were injured and \$1 billion in property damage was reported.

“Nearly half of all home heating fires occurred in December, January and February,” the NFPA said. “Space heaters, whether portable or stationary, accounted for two of every five of home heating fires.”

VOTING/POLLING LOCATIONS

Election day is November 5, 2019. Make sure you know your polling location. To be eligible to vote, you must be eighteen years old and a United States citizen. You must be a resident of Pennsylvania as well as Lancaster County thirty days before an election. Remember, October 7, 2019 is the last day to register to vote and October 29, 2019 is the last day to request an absentee ballot.

District #	Voting District	Address
1301	Columbia Borough 1-W	Columbia Borough Municipal Building 308 Locust St. • Columbia
1304	Columbia Borough 4-W	Columbia School Dist. Admin. Center 200 N. 5th St. • Columbia
1305	Columbia Borough 5-W	Saint Peter Apartments 400 Union St. • Columbia
1306	Columbia Borough 6-W	Columbia EMS Station 336 N. 7th St. (Corner of Maple and 7th) • Columbia
1307	Columbia Borough 7-W	Columbia Animal Shelter 265 S. 10th St. • Columbia
1309	Columbia Borough 9-W	Columbia Borough Fire Department 726 Manor St. • Columbia

CREDIT CARDS TAX PAYMENTS

Credit Cards are a convenient way to pay for Parking and Quick tickets and many residents utilize this form of payment. For that reason, we want the public to know that there is a 2.79% or a \$1.50 upcharge, whichever is greater, to all credit card payments. This cost is the responsibility of the credit card user. For example. If you are paying a \$10.00 parking ticket, the final cost will be \$11.50. If you are paying a tax bill, this can be a substantial cost. By paying with cash or check, you can avoid this fee.

Unpaid 2019 County-Municipal taxes must be paid or postmarked by December 31st. If you pay after December 15th, you must pay by certified check, cash, credit card or money order. Personal checks will not be accepted. After December 31st, all tax invoices are sent to the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau and are considered delinquent. Contact the Borough Office with any questions.

BUDGET UPDATE

Staff and Council are currently taking an in-depth look at the budget. This includes a detailed analysis of every department. Budget meetings will continue to the end of 2019, with public meetings scheduled on October 3rd, October 10th, October 17th, November 14th, and December 12th. The Borough budget affects all aspects of Borough operations. Council strives to deliver a conservative budget that continues to allow for exceptional public service and fiscal responsibility. The Borough Manager and the Finance Manager will present the proposed 2020 budget to Council and the public at the earliest date possible. We encourage all residents to attend meetings. If you are unable to attend any of the scheduled meetings, they will be livestreamed and saved to the Columbia Borough Facebook page.

RECYCLING: THE BIG 4

Did you know that Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority offers 24-hour recycling drop-off at three Lancaster facilities, The Transfer Station Complex, The Lancaster Waste to Energy Facility and the Frey Farm Landfill? Visit www.lcswma.org for more information

Paper of all types (newspaper, magazines, chipboard, pre-shredded paper & books) can be taken to Lancaster City's Recycling Drop-Off, 850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603. Plastic bags can go back to the grocery store.

Have you heard?
Recycling has changed in Lancaster County.



JUST FOCUS ON THE **BIG 4** & PLACE ONLY THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BIN.

<p>1</p>  <p>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD</p> <p><i>Flattened</i></p>	<p>2</p>  <p>PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS</p> <p><i>Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed</i></p>	<p>3</p>  <p>METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS</p> <p><i>Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed</i></p>	<p>4</p>  <p>GLASS JARS & BOTTLES</p> <p><i>Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed</i></p>
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WHEN I SHOULD CALL 9-1-1?

Knowing what to do in a medical emergency can help save a life. A medical emergency is a sudden injury or serious illness that, if not treated right away, could cause death or serious harm to you or someone you care for.

If you or a loved one are experiencing any of the following call 9-1-1 immediately.

- Severe difficulty breathing, especially that does not improve with rest.
- Chest pain
- A fast heartbeat (more than 120–150) at rest especially if associated with shortness of breath or feeling faint
- You witness someone faint/pass out or someone is unresponsive (comatose)
- Difficulty speaking, numbness, or weakness of any part of the body
- Sudden dizziness, weakness or mental changes (confusion, very odd behavior, difficulty walking)
- Sudden blindness or vision changes
- Heavy bleeding from your mouth, nose,
- Bleeding from any wound that won't stop with direct pressure
- Broken bones visible through an open wound, or a broken leg
- Drowning
- Choking
- Severe burns
- Allergic reaction, especially if there is any difficulty breathing
- Extremely hot or cold to the touch
- Poisoning or drug overdose
- Severe headache that won't go away
- Sudden intense severe pain
- Someone is threatening to hurt or kill themselves or someone else

Call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing a medical emergency and are alone. Do not drive yourself to the hospital. Paramedics and EMTs can deliver lifesaving care to you while en route to the hospital. They are highly trained to administer the medical treatment you need and communicate with physicians in the Emergency Department about your condition so the necessary hospital services will be ready when you arrive.

If you are not sure whether the situation is truly an emergency call 9-1-1, and let the dispatcher decide whether you need emergency help. This is a better choice than not getting help to someone who really needs it very quickly.

COLUMBIA BOROUGH STREETSCAPE PROGRAM

Is Columbia a wonderful and very walkable community? Absolutely, yes. Are our streets and sidewalks the friendliest when it comes to pedestrians and cyclists? Unfortunately, they likely are not. With this in mind, the Borough set out to secure funds to develop and initiate a comprehensive streetscape program. Streetscape refers to urban roadway design and conditions as they impact street users and nearby residents. Streetscaping recognizes that streets are both places where people engage in various activities and an important component of the public spaces where people interact. These public spaces help define a community's identity, economic activity, health, social cohesion and opportunity, not just its mobility.

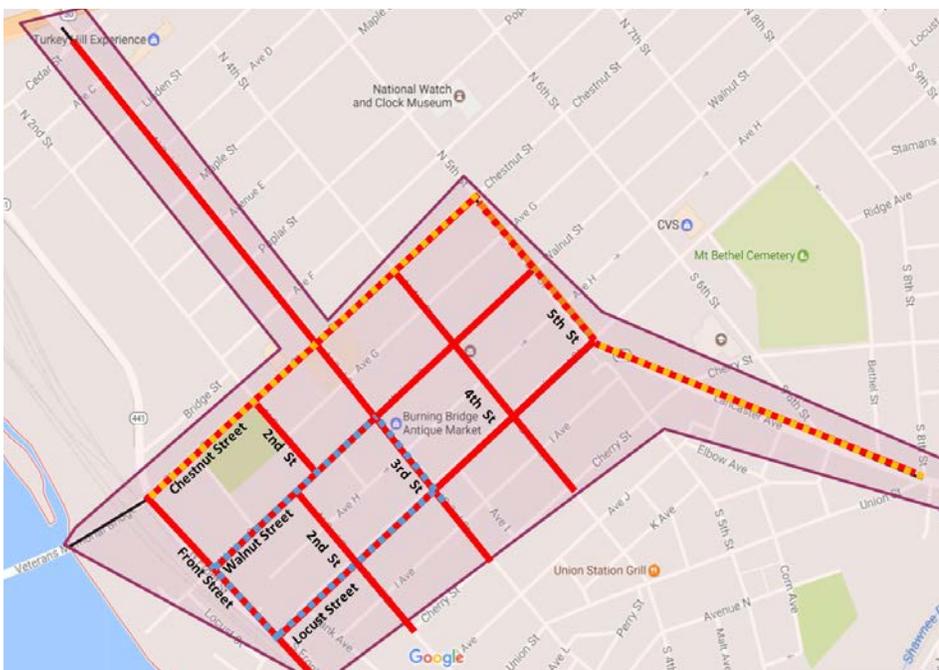
Streetscapes can have a significant effect on how people perceive and interact with a community. If streetscapes are safe and inviting to pedestrians, people are more likely to walk which can help reduce automobile traffic, improve public health, stimulate local economic activity, and attract residents and visitors to a community. Columbia's goal through the streetscape program is to provide safe, accessible connections for residents (as well as visitors) as they travel by foot, bicycle,

car, and transit between the Riverfront (with the growing popularity of the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail and the Columbia Crossing Trail Facility), our emerging downtown commercial core and rich Historic District, and the surrounding neighborhoods. By developing critical mobility links between the Riverfront and the many historic, cultural, and commercial assets of Columbia (i.e., Turkey Hill Experience, Wrights Ferry Mansion, National Watch & Clock Museum, Columbia Historic Market House, and many others), the community will have the opportunity to both leverage and benefit from the thousands of new visitors to the borough.

A well-developed streetscape program will set the stage for real community development projects to take hold throughout Columbia. Attractive and inviting streetscapes that provide a safe built environment for pedestrians can help spur local economic activity. According to a report, *Walking the Walk*, walkability can help revitalize a downtown, increase private investment, and support the development of a good business climate. Streetscapes can help increase the environmental sustainability by

decreasing automobile dependency, minimizing traffic and congestion, and reducing carbon emissions. Landscaping beautification encourages the enrichment of biodiversity in a community. Streetscapes also integrate and preserve bodies of water such as rivers, lakes and ponds as well as other natural features in order to create biodiversity and a thriving ecosystem.

The Borough established a Streetscape Advisory Committee in 2018. Consisting of eight volunteers, the committee will play a primary role in driving the streetscape improvement project forward. During the Preliminary Engineering portion of the project, the Columbia Streetscape Advisory Committee will work with the selected consultant(s) to establish project guidelines, develop initial concepts for improvements to be constructed and materials to be utilized, and to gain public input. The public will have several opportunities to share suggestions, ideas and issues prior to the final design stage.



STREET LIGHTS

With the days shorter and darker earlier, you might notice streetlights out. It is a safety issue. The Borough asks you to call PPL directly at 1-800-342-5775. When you call, you must have the pole number and location of the pole. All poles have an identifying number following an S.



PAVED BOROUGH STREETS

IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, YOUR TAX DOLLARS HAVE BEEN HARD AT WORK REPAIRING COLUMBIA'S ROADS.

2010

North 2nd Street - CDBG
 • Poplar Street to Cedar Street
 500 Block Poplar Street*
 North 11th Street*
 • Walnut Street to Spruce Street
 North 10th Street*
 • Ironville Pike to Spruce Street
 1000 Block Grinnell Avenue*
 1100 Block Grinnell Avenue*
 1200 Block Avenue X*
 Market Street*

2011

300 Block Linden Street*
 North 5th Street*
 • Chestnut Street to Poplar Street
 North 5th Street*
 • Poplar Street to Maple Street
 North 4th Street*
 • Linden Street to Dead End

2012

Plane Street - CDBG
 • Manor Street to Front Street

2013

North 4th Street*
 • Chestnut Street to Poplar Street
 400 Block Poplar Street*
 North 5th Street*
 • Maple Street to Cedar Terrace
 1400 Block Central Avenue*
 Manor Street*
 • 9th Street to 12th Street
 North 8th Street*
 • Chestnut Street to Spruce Street
 Spruce Street*
 • 8th Street to 9th Street
 Norwood Road*
 • Ironville Pike to Township Line
 Walnut Street - CDBG
 • RR Track to Dead End

2014

Plane Street - CDBG
 • Manor Street to Barber Street
 1100 Block Barber Street*
 11th Street*
 • Ridge Avenue to Park Avenue
 Wright Street*
 • 8th Street to 9th Street
 300 Block Union Street*
 1200 Block Manor Street*

1300 Block Manor Street*
 Hill Street*
 200 Block Avenue E*
 500 Block Avenue H*
 Ridge Avenue*
 • Staman Lane to Pheasant Drive
 Fairview Avenue*

2015

Ironville Pike
 • 9th Street to Township Line
 800 Block Houston Street*
 South 4th Street*
 • Avenue N to Mill Street
 200 Block Linden Street*
 1400 Block Manor Street*
 South 12th Street*
 • Barber Street to Manor Street
 1000 Block Avenue G*
 1000 Block Spruce Street*
 400 Block Linden Street

2016

700 Block Ridge Avenue*
 800 Block Ridge Avenue*
 1300 Block Central Avenue*
 300 Block Locust Street
 400 Block Locust Street
 Perry Street*
 • RR Tracks to Second Street
 North 10th Street*
 • Spruce Street to Chestnut Street
 North 10th Street*
 • Chestnut Street to Walnut Street
 South 8th Street - CDBG
 • Ridge Avenue to Cherry Street

2017

200 Block Poplar Street - CDBG
 900 Block Chestnut Street*
 Staman Lane
 1200 Block Cloverton Drive
 1400 Block Cloverton Drive
 Hereford Drive
 Pheasant Drive
 800 Block Blunston Street
 400 Block Cherry Street
 Cherry Street
 • 6th Street to 8th Street
 Union Street*
 • RR Tracks to Second Street
 Union Street*
 • RR Tracks to Dead End
 Heritage Drive*
 • Union Street to Locust Street
 Rotary Drive

400 Block Avenue G
 200 Block Avenue E
 Stump Avenue
 Avenue K
 • Stump Avenue to South 4th Street
 South 4th Street
 • Locust Street to Cherry Street

2018

Heritage Drive*
 • Locust Street to Walnut Street
 Commerce Street*
 South 8th Street
 • Lancaster Avenue to Cherry Street
 500 Block Walnut Street
 600 Block Walnut Street
 South 9th Street
 • Locust Street to Ridge Avenue
 South 9th Street
 • Ridge Avenue to Houston Street
 South 9th Street
 • Houston Street to Blunston Street
 South 9th Street
 • Blunston Street to Avenue S
 700 Block Locust Street

2019

South 8th Street
 • Locust Street to Ridge Avenue
 includes curb & sidewalk
 Bethel Street
 • Locust Street to Ridge Avenue
 includes curb & sidewalk
 Bethel Street
 • Ridge Avenue to Cherry Street
 includes curb & sidewalk
 900 Block Houston Street
 600 Block Maple Street
 300 Block North 7th Street
 1000 Block Central Avenue
 1100 Block Central Avenue
 1200 Block Central Avenue
 300 Block Avenue H
 400 Block Avenue H
 600 Block South 9th Street
 North 9th Street
 • Locust Street to Walnut Street
 North 9th Street
 • Walnut Street to Chestnut Street
 500 Block Franklin Street*
 600 Block Franklin Street*
 300 Block Avenue E*
 900 Block Park Avenue

***PAVED BY BOROUGH CREWS**

WINTER IS COMING

As cooler months approach, we all start thinking about how we are going to keep our homes and loved ones warm. Most oil providers offer a billing program versus a “pay as you go” system for oil over the winter. This helps to keep cost manageable during the peak season, when oil costs are highest. These programs stretch payments over twelve months. You need to inquire with your provider, to see if they participate in such a program. Here is a list of contacts to help guide and assist you:

Columbia Life Network

336 Locust Street, Columbia, PA
Phone: 717.684.8094
www.columbialifenetwork.org

Community Action Partnership (CAP) Utility Assistance Outreach Office

400 Chestnut Street, Columbia, PA
Phone: 717.684.8047
<https://caplanc.org/our-programs/household-stability/utility-assistance/>

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Columbia Borough Code: Chapter 186. Streets and Sidewalks; Article V. Snow and Ice Removal
§ 186-49. Removal requirements.

Each tenant, owner or person in charge of any property fronting on or adjoining any street in the Borough of Columbia shall clear a pathway of at least three feet in width on the sidewalk in front of or adjoining such property within 24 hours after the snow which is the cause thereof has ceased to fall, or to be formed or after the same has been deposited thereon in any manner. The snow cleaned from the pathway shall not be deposited in the street after the street has been plowed. As used herein, “snow” shall mean any precipitation depositing any accumulation on the street and sidewalks, such as snow, sleet, hail, ice and freezing rain

Snow Removal tip:

Even if your basement has never flooded, you still need to be proactive. When snow melts, especially at a fast pace, you can experience flooding.

- Remove snow from your foundation especially windows.
- Clear snow and debris from catch basins and out of the streets.
- Keep snow in your yard

PPL On Track Program

<https://www.pplelectric.com/my-account/payments/need-help-paying-your-bill/ontrack-payment-plan.aspx>

UGI Assistance Programs

<https://www.ugi.com/assistance-programs/>

Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP)

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistance/liheap/>

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

The following Streets have been designated Snow Emergency Routes:

Chestnut Street Both Sides
From North 2nd Street to North 9th Street

Lancaster Avenue Both Sides
From Locust Street to Malleable Road

Locust Street Both Sides
From Front Street to 9th Street

9th Street Both Sides
From Ironville Pike to Lancaster Avenue

North 5th Street Both Sides
From Chestnut Street to Locust Street

North 3rd Street Both Sides
From Locust Street to Cedar Street

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Residents can drop off Christmas Trees, January 11, 2020 at the Susquehanna Fire Company from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM to be recycled. The Borough Farm on Blue Lane will also be open January 11th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM for resident drop off.

SEASONAL SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

As the temperature drops and the leaves begin to fall, it is important to keep Fall safety tips in mind. Everyone can enjoy the crisp weather and stay safe.

OUTDOOR TIPS

- Check all vents for debris
- Winterize outdoor faucets
- Clean gutters
- Check trees for broken and dead limbs
- Rake fallen leaves and dispose according to Borough guidelines

INDOOR TIPS

- Check furnace filter
- Change batteries in smoke detectors and CO detectors
- Check chimneys
- Use fireplace screens
- Never leave a fire, heaters or candles unattended

BOATING SAFETY

- Prepare for changing weather
- Stay close to shore, in case you must turn back
- Bring appropriate clothing
- Know the signs of Hypothermia
- Tell someone when you go out and expect to return
- Wear a life jacket

TRICK OR TREAT SAFETY

- Go out in groups or with a responsible adult
- Eat only wrapped and store-bought treats
- Be alert when crossing streets.
- Use sidewalks and crosswalks
- Take a flash light and use reflective tape on costumes
- Walk don't run
- Look for teal pumpkins, they mean the house has allergy safe treats

FALL YARD CARE TIPS

The Columbia Tree Society & Shade Tree Commission challenges you to keep weeding and mulching your street trees. Weeds take up water and nutrients your tree needs. Weeds can be removed by hand or by spraying a tree-friendly herbicide when weeds are young—but avoid weed whackers as they can damage trees. Fall is a great time to add a fresh layer of mulch. If you or someone you know, are not able to weed or mulch, we have volunteers who can help. This simple activity makes a big difference.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Visit The Borough Website Or Follow Us On Facebook For Announcements And Updates On Meetings, And Community Events And Celebrations.

BOROUGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (Borough Offices Closed)

- 11/5 Election Day
- 11/28 Thanksgiving
- 11/29 Day after Thanksgiving
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 Day after Christmas
- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Day
- 2/17 President's Day

BOROUGH MONTHLY MEETINGS

1ST MONDAY

- Board of Health, 7:00 PM

1ST TUESDAY

- Borough Council Work Session, 6:00 PM

1ST WEDNESDAY

- Land Bank, 5:00 PM

2ND MONDAY

- Parks & Rec Advisory Committee, 6:00 PM

2ND TUESDAY

- Civil Service Commission 1:00 PM
- Borough Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

2ND WEDNESDAY

- Board of Review and Appeals 7:00 PM

3RD TUESDAY

- Planning Commission Work Session, 6:00 PM
- Planning Commission, 7:00 PM

3RD WEDNESDAY

- HARB, 7:00 PM

4TH MONDAY

- Shade Tree Commission, 6:00 PM

4TH TUESDAY

- Borough Council Regular Meeting, 7:00 PM

LAST WEDNESDAY

- Zoning Hearing Board, 7:00 PM

MEETINGS HELD IN BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS (schedule may change 2020)

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

LEO LUTZ

Mayor

KELLY MURPHY

Council President

JOHN NOVAK

Council Vice President

PAMELA WILLIAMS

Councilperson

FRAN FITZGERALD

Councilperson

CLEON BERNTHEIZEL

Councilperson

MARILYN KRESS HARTMAN

Councilperson

TODD BURGARD

Councilperson

REBECCA SECRIST DENLINGER

Borough Manager

KYLE WATTS

Finance Manager

JAKE GRAHAM

Highway Department Manager

JEFFREY HELM

Planning/Zoning Manager

PAUL PAULSEN

Codes Compliance Manager

JACK BROMMER

Chief of Police

DOUGLAS KEMMERLY

Fire Chief

REAL ID DRIVERS' LICENSES AND ID CARDS AVAILABLE

State-issued drivers' licenses and photo ID cards will be required to meet more stringent security standards beginning in October 2020 as part of the REAL ID law. After that time, current photo identification cards will not be accepted as valid identification for accessing federal facilities, including courthouses and prisons, and boarding commercial aircrafts.

REAL ID is optional for state residents. New REAL ID-compliant drivers' licenses and photo ID cards are available for purchase

More information on how to get a REAL ID-compliant license or identification card is available at www.dmv.pa.gov.