

# Borough of Yeadon

## NEWSLETTER

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From the Council President

# The Importance of Listening

Winter time is fast approaching and your government is ready to be of service.

It is a distinct honor to serve as your Council President and neighbor. Soon, we'll drive around the Borough and see the signs of the turn of the season: fallen leaves, holiday decorations, and yes, even snow. The Council stands



LaToya Monroe

ready to make sure that our Borough is clean, safe, and festive this season. The street sweepers are in hibernation, while the leaf machine replaced the street sweeper's route, and the snow equipment is being prepped for use.

As we continue to Move Yeadon Forward, I am proud to report that since we've last communicated, we've partnered with the School District and the Nile Swim Club to make sure the Nile continues to be a vital part of our community, we have made significant improvements to our Borough Hall and we are attracting exciting new commercial developments into the Borough. Municipal Solution, our management team, has recovered tens of thousands of dollars of monies owed the Borough that were previously overlooked. What an accomplishment!!

Our work is just getting started. We will continue evaluating our Borough's assets to make sure that we are serving our residents in the most effective manner possible and making significant investments into the Borough's infrastructure.

I've learned through life that the one of the most important traits that our government can exhibit is to listen to those who we want to serve. Please feel free to contact me whenever you want to address your concerns, ideas, and vision for our community.

Yours in Service, LaToya Monroe

# Updates on the Nile Swim Club

Over the summer, in an unprecedented collaboration of efforts, Yeadon Borough joined with the William Penn School District and Delaware County in designing and approving a payment plan the Nile Swim Club requested to avoid sheriff sale due to their back taxes. Now our community has the opportunity to dig in and help out too. There are many ways you can help, just pick one or more to help the first African-American Swim Club continue to create its history and legacy.

If you are not aware of the Nile in Yeadon, here is some background. The Nile is the first and only

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## 2018 Veterans Day Celebration in Yeadon



Leroy Williams, Michael Trent, Harry Stokes, Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Lawrence Watson, Al Strong, Arnez Ryons, John Sacca, Joseph Wormley, Kenneth Ollison, Luther Ingram, Alan Clark, and Council Vice President Ronald Francis are some of the veterans who attended the Veterans Day Luncheon on November 10. **Read Mayor Rohan K. Hepkins' article on page 3.** 

## From the Borough Management Team

## 2018 in Yeadon: A Year in Review

The Borough has been busy and moving forward. By now, you may have noticed the clock at the very top of the Hall has been fixed and is equipped with LED lighting. You also may have noticed the new backboards on the basketball courts at Yeadon Community Park.

If you read the Fall newsletter, you know that Judson Sumbler retired as the Code Department Director. As of October 1, 2018, Rufus Stokes is Yeadon's new Code Director. You also may have read that the Yeadon Public Library received a grant in the amount of \$61,770, which the Borough will match dollar for dollar. Did you also know that the Borough has a new website as of March? It is www.yeadonborough.org.

There are so many new and exciting changes and opportunities happening in

Yeadon. The Borough received several awards, grants, and donations this year. For example, the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission received \$1,000 from Senator Williams and the Urban Art Gallery. \$4,642 was awarded to Yeadon for a pothole grant from Delaware County and another \$15,000 for pothole repairs was received from the State.

Additionally, PECO gave the Borough \$26,000 for participating in PECO commercial and industrial solutions, the Borough also received \$12,000 in county aid, and \$661.67 from Comcast Cares. The Delaware County Council approved \$90,350 for the demolition of 508 Orchard Avenue, which was completed in September of this year. Yeadon was also the recipient of \$250,000 from the Community De-

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## Main Desk 610-284-1606

Mayor's Office: ext. 155 Borough Manager: ext. 111 Assistant Borough Manager: ext. 116 Finance Department: ext. 112, 113 Health Inspector: ext. 114

Fire Marshal: ext. 114

Police Department 610-623-1500 Street Violations, Parking Tickets, Abandoned Vehicles, Warrants

**Fire Department** 610-623-9642 Volunteering

### **Emergency Management** 610-623-2392 Crisis, Disasters, Volunteers

**Resident Services Public Works** 610-623-3636 Bulk Trash Pick Up, Recycling,

## Streets & Public Improvements **Code Department** 610-284-3110

Building Permits, Licenses & Inspections Ordinances/Zoning

Recreation Department 610-284-1606 ext. 149 Community Programs, Youth Programs Senior Programs

Events 610-284-1606 ext. 117 Hall Rentals, Block Parties, Park Parties

Real Estate Tax, Sewer & Refuse Bills

Tax Collector 610-622-6379

## Yeadon Public Library 610-623-4090

**District Court 32-2-47** 610-259-8848 Small claims (up to \$12,000) Felony, misdemeanor, preliminary hearings Traffic violations

## **Borough Meeting Schedule**

All meetings take place at Yeadon Borough Hall

#### Council Caucus Meeting

(second Thursday of each month in Council Chambers) Thursday, December 13; 7:00 pm Thursday, January 10; 7:00 pm Thursday, February 14; 7:00 pm Thursday, March 14; 7:00 pm

#### **Council Legislative Meeting**

(third Thursday of each month in Council Chambers) Thursday, December 20; 7:00 pm Thursday, January 17; 7:00 pm Thursday, February 21; 7:00 pm Thursday, March 21; 7:00 pm

## Finance Committee Meeting

(Wednesdays the week before Caucus Meetings in the Executive Conference Room)

Wednesday, January 2; 10:00 am Wednesday, February 6; 10:00 am Wednesday, March 6; 10:00 am

#### **Public Safety Committee Meeting**

(first Saturday of each month in the Executive Conference Room) Saturday, January 5, at 9:30 am Saturday, February 2, at 9:30 am Saturday, March 2, at 9:30 am

#### **Public Works and Code Committee Meeting**

(second Tuesday of each month in the Executive Conference Room) Tuesday, December 11; 6:00 pm Tuesday, January 8; 6:00 pm Tuesday, February 12; 6:00 pm Tuesday, March 12; 6:00 pm

#### **Recreation Committee Meeting**

(second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Executive Conference Room) Tuesday, December 11; 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 8; 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 22; 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 12; 7:00 pm Tuesday, February 26; 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 12; 7:00 pm Tuesday, March 26; 7:00 pm

Please note: All committee meetings and workshops are subject to change. Please check our website at yeadonborough.org to confirm.

## **Public Works Notes**

#### STREET SWEEPING

This is a reminder to all residents that the borough street sweeper will continue on its daily schedule throughout the winter months (weather permitting), so please follow the time frames posted on the signs on your block and move your vehicles accordingly. If there are sweeper signs on your block that you cannot read because they are too faded, please contact Public Works so that we may replace them. Also, please note that the sweeper will not be run when the temperature falls below 32 degrees Fahrenheit because its lines could freeze. We thank you for your cooperation.

### **SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES - A REMINDER** TO ALL RESIDENTS

With winter weather approaching, we would like to remind all residents of Borough Ordinance 470.02-Parking Prohibited & Driving Restricted on Snow Emergency Routes During Emergency:

After a snow emergency is declared, no person shall, at any time during the continuance of the snow emergency:

(a) Park a motor vehicle or allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route.

All **snow emergency routes** are clearly posted with no parking signs that prohibit parking during the declared snow emergency and are as follows:

- Baily Road (NS) Commerce Drive and Lansdowne Avenue
- Baily Road (Both) West Cobbs Creek Parkway and Lansdowne Avenue
- Chester Avenue (NS) Church Lane and Darby Borough boundary line
- Chester Avenue (SS) West Cobbs Creek Parkway and Church Lane West Cobbs Creek Parkway and Darby Borough boundary line
- Church Lane (Both) Penn Street and Philadelphia City boundary line
- Cypress Street (ES) Baily Road and West Cobbs Creek Parkway
- Lansdowne Avenue (Both) Lansdowne Borough boundary line and Darby Borough boundary line
- Longacre Blvd (Both) West Cobbs Creek Parkway and Church Lane

- North Longacre Boulevard (Both) Philadelphia Line and West Cobbs Creek Parkway Line
- MacDade Boulevard (Both) Church Lane and Darby Line boundary line
- West Cobbs Creek Parkway (ES) Longacre Boulevard and Philadelphia City boundary line
- Wycombe Avenue (Both) Lansdowne Borough boundary line and Darby Borough boundary line
- Yeadon Avenue (ES) Baily Road and Chester Avenue

## NS=North Side SS=South Side ES= East Side

Please be reminded that there is free parking on both Guenther Avenue and Myra Avenue from the beginning of a snow emergency until the end of it.

### TRASH AND RECYCLING WINTER HOLIDAY **SCHEDULE**

Trash and recycling will not be picked up on any of the holidays below or any other day that the County transfer station and recycling center are closed. Trash collection will resume the next working day.

No Trash Pick Up: Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day.

## LEAF WASTE DROP OFF STARTS IN JANUARY

Starting in January 2019, every second Friday of the month, residents will be able to bring leaf waste to the Public Works Garage for disposal. Leaf waste is defined as the following, leaves, garden residue, shrubbery, tree trimmings (no longer than 3 feet), and similar vegetative material. Grass clippings are not permitted. The leaves must be separated from all of the other materials. The drop off hours will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. All contractors, landscapers, and tree companies are prohibited from participating. Everyone who comes in must stop at the office first. You will then be shown where to drop off your waste. You will be turned away, if what you have is not in compliance with Act 101.

> **Dan Wright** Superintendent of Public Works

## What's in a Clock?

Mid-term elections are now over. Yeadon Residents came to the polls 5,000 strong in the general election. This represents over 62% of our registered voters - which mirrors presidential election year numbers. We are now sending a new Congresswoman in the newly formed 5th District to Congress in Mary Gay Scanlon. She will be the very first woman elected to serve in the U.S. Congress in Pennsylvania's history. These are all great milestones, Yeadonites. However, what I'd like to dedicate my year-end closing to, as the holiday season starts in earnest - is our Borough Clock. Have you seen it? If you haven't taken the time to notice the new clock, and especially as it lights up the beautiful Yeadon night sky, I don't blame you. Our central town clock has been broken for as long as I can remember. Indeed, I've asked

many residents who have invariably told me that they can't ever remember a time when the clock actually worked, so it stands to reason that many have actually stopped looking at it. We've basically tuned it out, as it hadn't worked for so



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So what's in a clock? What's the big deal? The big deal is that if we have a town hall clock, it ought to work. Why do we accept things that don't work - and something as central as our town clock? Why should we accept a broken-downcentralized-timepiece? If I was an establishment vying to do business in Yeadon, and the first thing I saw was that the clock doesn't work (especially if this was accepted as the status quo for so many years - unlike in other municipalities, whose clock DOES work), I'd ask myself, what else doesn't work in Yeadon? "If they don't care, why should I care?" It represents mediocrity and low self-esteem, where we expect less than excellence, and signals to many that we're very content in failing.

The clock in my view, represents timeliness. It represents on par performance, excellence, and

timely expectations. It represents competence, balance, managerial oversight and a distinctive relevance. A bright-on-time-town-clock working again, signifies that Yeadon is back indeed!

So what's in a Clock, Yeadon...? As the political

From the Mayor's Desk

season winds down and we look back on our recent 125th Anniversary as a Borough; as the pendulum keeps cadence and we spring from Fall into Winter; as the calendar turns from Thanksgiving and Christmas into a hopefully Happy and Prosperous 2019, I say Happy Holidays to all of our fellow Yeadonites!! We can now take pride in helping to turn around the Nile; to partnership with the William Penn School District on mutual goals; in re-electing our State Reps; State Senator, U.S. Senator, and Governor...and we'll keep working with Governor Wolf and others to provide relief to residents from our unfair tax burden. We need to finally create a fair funding formula that will alleviate the collective pain that has been crippling residents of our Borough. It's been a long slog, but we're continuing to work on it.

So again, what's in a Clock, Yeadon? It represents a symbol of all the aforementioned possibilities, but it also represents hope. It represents keeping cadence with time, and for reaching out to far flung strategic plans that will help move Yeadon forward in competently catapulting us into the future. If we can fix a clock, it bodes well that we can move on to fix anything that may come our way...the hope of the clock therefore serves as our springboard.

Happy Holidays Yeadon and Blessings for a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

- Mayor Rohan K. Hepkins

## Reflecting on 2018 Veterans Day Celebration in Yeadon

On Saturday, November 10, the Mayor's Office and our Recreation Department teamed up to honor Yeadon veterans at a Veterans Day Luncheon held at Borough Hall.

Assisted by Borough Administrative Consultant Andrew Nelson, who himself is a Marine Corp veteran, we honored over 20 veterans and many of their spouses to commemorate their service to a grateful nation and borough.

One of the highlights was a display showing erstwhile resident Nan Barnwell's husband, who served in World War II, the Korean War and also in Vietnam. He survived three wars and rose to the rank of Sergeant Major - the highest enlisted rank in the military, while also fighting segregation from within. We thank Sergeant Major Harold Barnwell for his service and difference he has made to so many of us. We also thank him for thinking so much of Yeadon, in that he chose to make Yeadon Borough home for his family.

One of the other highlights for me at this luncheon, was when a veteran stood up with tears in his eyes and expressed his gratitude for Yeadon putting on this affair. He stated that, "I just didn't know how much you really cared." He would go on to express that when veterans do their service, risk their lives, and sacrifice family for the nation, that they don't always receive a reciprocal appreciation in return. This vet I believe, echoed many of those present in stating that through this event, they were made to feel particularly cherished and appreciated, which was one of the few times he was actually and sincerely made to feel this way.

So Yeadon, we are continuing to honor our veterans. It is our hope that each year will grow in our appreciation for their service. So on that

note, we are also developing a database so that we can identify all of our veterans who have served in the armed forces. The purpose is that we want to ensure that all vets receive the benefits they deserve: from full VA medical benefits, to mortgage/housing discounts, to goods and services discounts and to communicate any trends or essential matters that would benefit our veterans.

So if you are a veteran, or know a veteran, please encourage them to call the borough at 610-284-1606 and speak to the Mayor's Office or the front desk administrator so that we can add you to our database. This can also be ac-

complished online by accessing our website at: yeadonborough.org. As you have served us, we are committed through the Borough and the Office of the Mayor, to now serve you. I believe our veterans deserve the very best of our reciprocal service. Consequently, we currently stand ready at your service to now salute you!!

Thanks again for your service, Vets. A proud Nation and a proud Borough are most grateful.

Yours Truly, Rohan K. Hepkins, Mayor

## **Building to Provide Affordable Housing for Seniors**

With age comes wisdom – but also reduced mobility and the need for affordable housing that allows seniors to live safely and with dignity. For many seniors, finding affordable housing is critical – and often frustrating. Seniors can end up spending the lion's share of their limited retirement income on rent. Contrary to popular belief, unless someone is disabled or requires long-term care in a nursing home or memory care facility, neither Medicare nor Medicaid will pay for senior housing on an ongoing basis.

On October 30, 2018, the Yeadon Borough Zoning Board granted four variances to Presby's Inspired Life proposed Senior Living Apartment Building at 554 S. Lansdowne Avenue in Yeadon. On November 8, 2018, the Yeadon Borough Council approved the Conditional Use application of Presby's Inspired Life. The project

will transform a vacant wooded lot into affordable housing for seniors. The project, called Makemie Courts, will abut Grace Court, a 100-unit building for elderly and disabled residents. The building is currently projected as a 4- or 5-story senior living apartment building, with 55 independent residential units, 20% of which will be dedicated for disabled occupants.

The anticipated \$14 million project not only encourages more development in Yeadon but also creates more affordable housing for our seniors, generates more tax revenue and the potential for job growth. This is the beginning of the economic growth and development destined to come to Yeadon.

Atinuke Moss, Borough Manager

## #MissionLockItUp Campaign

Police Chief Anthony Paparo is offering these free decals (at right) to remind residents to lock their vehicles at night. Contact the chief if you would like one. For more YPD news and info, see page 4.



## From the Chief

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV)

I thought I'd start my message with this verse from the Bible, because I believe in the power of hope. Hope was a catalyst for my development of the 1st Yeadon Youth Police Academy. In a time when most news stories are negative about the interactions of police and citizens, my hope in starting this program for our youth; was to break down the misconceptions, and open lines of communication between youth and police to bring about positive change. Nine (9) Penn Wood High School students took me up on this program, and are seeing firsthand what it's like to be a police officer. The comments of "can I come back next year," I believe speak for the success of this program thus far. My ultimate goal (hope) is to motivate Yeadon youth to take that step towards a career in law enforcement, and be my future Yeadon Police Officers.

Sound interesting? Well get ready. My next endeavor is offering a Citizens Police Academy in February 2019. Stay tuned for more, and while you're waiting, are you involved with my #MissionLockItUp Campaign? Reflective stickers for your car, home, etc. are now available. The premise of the program starts with nightly reminders, as it gets dark, that you should check and ensure that your car and property are secure before you go to bed each night.



This includes removing valuables from sight, especially in your car, to avoid theft by opportunistic thieves overnight. In this fast paced world we live in, we sometimes forget, so check my Twitter @ChiefChachi\_YPD and Yeadon Nextdoor for my nightly messages, which include songs, TV shows, movies, and comedy themes to make them interesting.

Lastly, from the Yeadon Police family and my family to all of you, here's wishing you a safe, blessed, and joyous Holiday Season and New Year!

Be safe out there, and look out for one another.

Chief Anthony R. Paparo



## HAVE A TIP? CONTACT US!

If you have a tip about a crime or any criminal activity in Yeadon, let us hear from you. If you have a tip about crime outside of Yeadon, you can tell us about that, too. There are many ways you can give us a tip. We are always glad to hear from you.

Tip Line: **610-259-1228** E-mail: **tips@yeadonpd.org** 

Main Number: 610-623-1500

Fax: **610-623-3146** 



## **Yeadon Police Vehicle Graphics**

## A NEW LOOK

Yeadon Police vehicle 48-24 (above) is ready to roll with brand-new custom Yeadon Police graphics. The new design, which features black as the primary color, replaces the older designs, pictured at right.



# Yeadon Police 2018 Accomplishments

Joined the County Drug Task Force which led to tens of thousands of dollars being obtained by forfeiture

New Handguns (sale of older firearms, actually resulted in an \$1,800 refund that was used to buy new protective equipment so the officers can adequately perform)

Breaching Tools (Schools and Barricade Situations)

Stop Sticks (Pursuit-ending tools that end a pursuit without a crash)

New Car Designs (this project was mostly funded by selling unserviceable equipment on Municibid)

Renovations of the Police Department (ongoing)

New Background and Hiring practices have increased pool of candidates and quality of new hires.

Six (6) new part-time Police Officers

In-Car Incident Reporting

Traffic enforcement is up over 81%, resulting in a 75% reduction in accidents with injuries.

Proactive Patrols and diligent investigations have resulted in an overall 26% decrease in crime in Yeadon.

Violent crime is down, while instances of theft and related crimes are slightly up, as a result of citizens reporting crime, and proactive efforts by officers.

Proactive Patrols have yielded a year thus far without an on-street shooting or homicide.

Only homicide was a domestic related matter; solved within hours, after being reported as a missing person.

Training of Officers with quality training to include, but not be limited to, the following:

First AID response

Homicide Investigations

Criminal Investigations

Hiring Practices and Legal Issues

Yeadon Criminal Investigation Teams (under development)

Officers will be grouped in teams of 4 to respond for major events

Training to include Interview and Interrogation

Crime Scene Processing

Fingerprint ID

Facial Recognition Software

After school issues reduced by 90% due to more visibility of on-street officers, and officers in schools (daily walking checks)

**Home Security Surveys** 

Kids ID Collection Kits for parents

School Child Gun Safety Education and Active Killer (Shooter) instruction

Officers reading at Yeadon Schools

Officers participating in School events

Yeadon PAL League (development stages, Officer Assigned)

Nat'l Night Out in August

Deer Control Program (ongoing and seasonal)

Free to residents - helps avoid costs and safety issues associated with Sharpshooter culls.

Certificates presented at November Council Meeting.

Animal Control measures were implemented,

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# Youth Police Academy Graduates

Mayor Rohan Hepkins (top left), Council President LaToya Monroe (second from left, top) and Police Chief Anthony Paparo (bottom left) presented certificates to graduates of the Youth Police Academy during a recent meeting of Borough Council.

# Rolling Out the New Ramp at the YFD

## Yeadon Fire Station Gets a New Entrance Ramp

On any given afternoon, as you sit at the intersection of Baily Road and Church Lane you'll see the Yeadon Fire Station. The station houses the brave teams that risk their lives to ensure that we have fire safety services. The firefighters are on call 24 hours per day responding to the needs of the community.

Over time, the movement of their ladder trucks' across the ramp has caused the concrete slab to crack and degrade; there were even parts that had begun to erode. This, of course, could be a hazard to the fire station, personnel, and even pedestrians. Not to mention, it doesn't meet the quality of life code established by the Borough of Yeadon.

As a result, essential repairs began the week of October 15, 2018. This project is another representation of the positive changes occurring in our community. Yeadon Borough gives a special thanks to those individuals who were instrumental in seeing this project come into fruition!









Left and Top photos: Work in-progress at the fire station. Bottom photo: The new concrete slab and sidewalk are allowed to cure before being returned to regular use.

## Highlights from Events and Programs

# **Yeadon Recreation Roundup 2018**

The Darby Creek Valley Association (DCVA) held its annual cleanup at the 65th and Cobbs Creek in April. Community groups from Bell Avenue Elementary and Evans Elementary, Yeadon Boys Scouts, YEAA and the 4-H clubs participated in the event. DCVA provided the trash bins, gloves, rakes and Tshirts for the volunteers. Next year DCVA and Yeadon Borough will partner with other cleanup groups to include more participants to create a greater impact in the Borough.

For the ninth consecutive year Yeadon Borough partnered with the Garrett Williamson Foundation to send 25 youths to Camp Garrett in Newton. Camp Garrett is a Delaware County camp providing swimming, tennis, archery, crafts, vegetable gardening and reading to youth 6-15 years of age. The eight-week camping experience also provides Yeadon teens who qualify with a paid counselor job for the summer. Many thanks to Camp Directors, Giselle Constantino and Alex Morrison, for their assistance in providing this tremendous opportunity to Yeadon youth. Scholarships for the 2019 Camp Garrett season will be available starting in February, with information sessions held in Yeadon Borough Hall.

Yeadon Tennis Camp was held at the Nile Swim Club for the second year. 15 youths, ages 7 to 16, learned the basic of tennis from instructor/coach Jordan Edelman. The program is supported by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and the Middle States Tennis Association under the direction of Kitty Perrin. Lessons were held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am-1pm. Thanks to the Nile Swim Club and Mr. Scatterfield for their support.

Next summer, the Yeadon youth will compete against youth from Chester's tennis program in series of competitions to test our skills against youth from another program. In addition, Yeadon tennis will visit the Arthur Ashe Kids Day at the US Open in New York City as an opportunity to test their skills and see the best tennis players in the world perform on the big stage.

The basketball courts at Yeadon Community Park have a new look. In 2017, Yeadon Borough Council provided funds to repave the courts. This year Council had the old backboards replaced with new acrylic backboards. Thanks to Council for their support.

The rain garden at the Yeadon Library won an environmental award from the state as one of the best educational tools for teaching the handling of stormwater runoff. Students from Evans Elementary school and Penn Wood High



School Cypress Street Campus use the rain garden as a classroom laboratory to teach environmental and science education to students. Funds for the rain garden were provided by the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Coalition. The Coalition made up of local municipalities, look at environmental issues and techniques needed to solve them collectively.

The third annual Yeadon Community Day event was held at Community Park. The event featured basketball and soccer games as well as developmental clinics for soccer skills; presented by the Yeadon Educational Athletic Association (YEAA). Community organizations represented, such as the police and fire departments, the Nile Swim Club, COSA (County Office of Services for the Aging), senior centers, and voter registration provided information for the public. There was a moon bounce and face painting for the youth. Adults and seniors were rocking to line dancing while learning the latest moves. Community Day is one way the Borough says thanks and welcome to all its residents.

The Annual Yeadon Halloween Haunted Hall was a three-night affair with ghosts, monsters, witches, and ghouls running through a maze of horrors scaring kids and adults. Over 400 people passed through the Hall. Many thanks to Public Works, the many youth volunteers, the Yeadon Borough Police Department, the Yeadon Borough Fire Department, and the Yeadon Recreation Committee for their work in putting the event together.

The Recreation Department would also like to thank Penn Wood High School's Cross Country Team members, Elicia Moore and Breanna Lee, for volunteering their time to prepare over 1000 bags of candy in preparation for the Annual Yeadon Halloween Haunted Hall. Elicia, captain for the girls cross country team, became the third female athlete from Penn Wood High School to qualify for state championships in Hershey. Congratulations Elicia!

Over 400 people attended the Annual Yeadon Halloween Haunted Hall three nights of ghosts, monsters, witches, and ghouls running through a maze of horrors.

Yeadon residents, Nate Randall, Desmond Randall, and Devon Battle represented Penn Wood High School in the District One Cross Country Championships at Lehigh University. Nate broke the school record for 3.1 miles with a time of 17 minutes and 30 seconds. Nate, who is a Yeadon Borough Junior Councilor, received recognition from the William Penn School Board of Directors for his three year service to the William Penn School Board. In addition, Nate represented the Penn Wood Cross Country Team as captain at a recent school board meeting for repeating as Delaware Valley Cross Country Champions. Congratulations Junior Councilor Randall!

The Recreation Committee is currently planning for all of next year's Recreational Events. We are working on better communication, getting information to all residents, and utilizing social media. If you have any suggestions, please contact the Recreation Department.

Thank you for your support as we continue to Move Yeadon Forward. Have a Blessed and Safe Holiday.

**Roy Hunter, Recreation Director** 

## **Yeadon Education Athletic Association News**

- This year is our 10 Year Anniversary!
- 2018-2019 YEAA Winter Basketball Season Online Registration will begin November 10th through December 15th. Boys and girls from ages 5 to 18 are welcome to register. However, 18 year old participants must still be in high school to participate (sorry no graduates).
- Summer registration will begin at the end of the school year, in June.
- Two former YEAA players, Baye Goodman and Barry Brockington, started their own youth basketball league in West Philly this past summer. It is called NEXUS Basketball Association, "Never Expect Extra Until Sacrifice." Congratulations gentleman!

Coach Leon Howard

YEAA President and Basketball Commissioner

## From the Library Director's Desk

# A Great Year for the Yeadon Library

Dear Readers,

Thank you for making 2018 an outstanding year for the Yeadon Public Library! We are the recipients of the Keystone Grant and Public Library Association Mini-Grant. For me, this year marks five of service as your Library Director. Our team has been steadfast in keeping our promises to increase our presence outside the library, to deliver technology based programming, and to modernize our facility to create a library devoted to today's rapidly changing world.

The Yeadon Public Library realizes the changing needs of the community. We have worked hard to rebrand ourselves as not just a place for books, but a resource center serving the entire community. We realize everyone who enters the library is not a reader. We have taken steps to address those members. We have added 7 Chromebooks to complement our 6 public computers, upgraded our two Early Literacy computers, and purchased a new Early Literacy computer.

For your needs we have accelerated internet speed, began offering craft programming for all ages from toddlers to seniors, hosted a read-a-

thon, couponing, sewing, computer and writing classes, and workshops. Our team is looking ahead to 2019 to expand our efforts. We will create additional programs that reflect STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) programming to reinforce learning from our school system; build partnerships with local organizations to address the ongoing needs of the community as a team; and increase the number of library card holders to increase literacy and student reading levels. We will also continue to support Pennwood School District's lexile readers' initiatives.

Thank you to our Friends of the Library for their continuous support throughout the years.

On a personal note, in June, I took office as President of the Black Caucus American Library Association (a national 501(c)(3) organization), became a member of the Pennsylvania Library Association, Public Library Division, and a member of the Delaware County Libraries, Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

Please stop by the library and experience the excitement!

Sincerely, Richard Ashby, Jr., Library Director

## **Code Department**

## **Avoid the Unnecessary Expenses of Winter**

As the weather and seasons change, most homeowners experience the same issues annually. One of the main issues involves heater problems. Heater problems generally result when the heater system is shut off after the last winter season and forgotten until the next winter season. This is due to the fact that the heater is turned off without being evaluated or serviced before turning it on again.

Your heater system should be checked every season for proper operation. You should also have your chimney or flue checked for possible blockage from any obstruction that may have occurred over the summertime.

Other issues to avoid include making sure that your water hose valve does not freeze and cause major pipe damage in your home. This can be prevented by ensuring that the water hose valve on the exterior of your property is weatherized. Another issue to avoid is losing heat and paying

high electric or oil bills. So be sure to check that your windows and doors have the proper seals.

Additionally, if you have trees on or near your property, you should check your gutters and down spouts to make sure that they are clear of leaves and debris. If you do not do this, then when it rains or snows, a backup of water on your roof could cause major roof and structural damage to your property. You should also try to remove any and all leaves that accumulate on your property, because someone could slip and fall, or if you park your vehicle over a pile of leaves a fire could start under your vehicle and potentially lead to a house fire depending on how close you park to your home.

Lastly, you want to avoid animals creating a mess when they get into trash bags, so remember to always put trash out in trash receptacles.

Rufus Stokes, Code Director

## From the Fire Chief

# Fire Safety Recap and Reminders

The Fire Company is having one of the busiest years to date. As of October 31, 2018 we have responded to 843 emergencies including fires, accidents and assisting the public.

Currently we are having the ramp replaced with new concrete. This should be completed by the time you read this article, and we'll be able to get the trucks back into the station.

We enjoy going out into the community and recently participated in the Yeadon Community Day. We had information on fire safety and the trucks on hand for the residents and children to checkout. We have also made visits to daycares and schools during fire prevention week.

On October 13, 2018, we held our annual Fire Prevention Open House. We had the fire fighters show how the tools are used during a motor vehicle accident. We had Collingdale Fire Company's fire prevention trailer that the residents used to practice getting out of the house in an emergency situation. We also had representatives from the Salvation Army, the CID Bomb Squad (Criminal Investigation Department) and the District Attorney's office giving out literature. It was a great day with over 200 visitors to the station.

As the year is coming to an end, mark your calendar for the annual Santa Claus run on Saturday December 22nd. Weather permitting, we will be taking Santa around on the fire trucks and giving out candy canes to the children along the route. We plan to start between 1 and 2 pm and finish up by dusk.

Please stay safe and remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Chief Michael Melazzo, Sr. and Joanne Melazzo, President



\*Remember Fire Safety

## 2018 Year in Review

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velopment Block grant for the Redwood Avenue Sanitary Sewer project, as well as \$424,641 from the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer grant. There are several more grants that were recently applied for and pending approval.

The awards received by the Borough were not just monetary. The Borough was also acknowledged for its accomplishments by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. Yeadon received the award for best community newsletter for last year's newsletter and placed third for the Borough calendar. In addition the Delaware County Magazine wrote an article on Vice President of Council, Ronald Francis, and recognized him as a hometown hero.

We thank everyone who donated and awarded money to the Borough, acknowledged its hard work and that of its residents, and all who have been involved in the process of moving Yeadon forward. These awards and grants have permitted the Council to approve various projects that the Borough is pursuing. For example, the replace-

ment/rehabilitation of sanitary sewer and appurtenances of West Cobbs Creek Parkway, and the driveway projects of Mt. Moriah and the Borough Fire Department.

Money was not only received by the Borough, but it was also saved and recouped. The Borough saved \$14,000 on copier rentals while upgrading to newer, more efficient, but less expensive equipment. The Borough also recouped \$16,000 in arrears from a mobile phone contract, and saved thousands of dollars collectively on projects, such as the new basketball backboards, the Borough Hall clock, and handguns for the police department.

The Borough gave back to the community too. Several organizations received donations from the Borough, which included youth organizations. These organizations are dedicated to keeping our community strong and thriving, which is also a goal of the Borough. As such, we set out to bridge the gap between the youth and politics this year by welcoming Junior Council members Maaya El and Nathaniel Randall to Council.

In keeping with our ethos of community support, development, and engagement, Yeadon Borough collaborated with the William Penn

School Board to stay the upset sale of the Nile Swim Club. William Penn Foundation gave the Nile Swim Club an \$80,000 grant, which will go through the Penn Wood Education Fund. The grant will be issued in \$40,000 increments over the next two years. This grant aides the Borough in recouping the taxes owed to it and aides the Nile Swim Club in implementing their "No Child Shall Drown" program.

The aforementioned gives you an idea of all the great things occurring in Yeadon. There are a couple more things you should know. One is that you should be receiving quarterly newsletters from the Borough in the mail. If you are not, please let us know, or feel free to stop by and pick one up at Borough Hall. Also, look for the MyCivicApp, which is coming soon. This is another way for you to contact the Borough...from your cell phone! It will also help the Borough to keep you informed and receive your valuable feedback.

May next year be even better than this year!

Sincerely, Municipal Solution, LLC

## Technology to Serve You Better

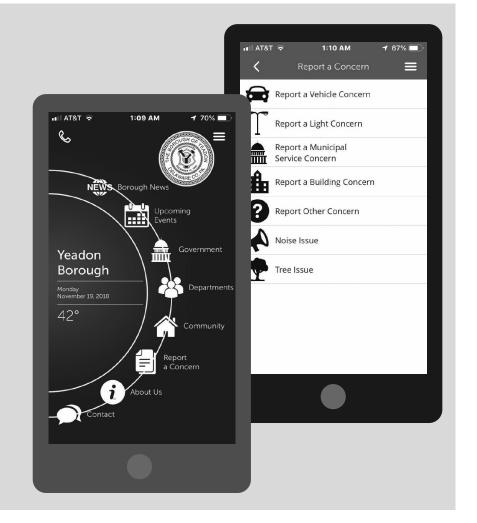
## **New Mobile App**

Yeadon Borough will be releasing a Yeadon App! through MyCivicApp - a new free mobile app on January 1, 2019. The app will keep you up to date with news, events, and borough government information, as well as a Report a Concern Feature that will make it easy to share issues and concerns directly with borough officials.

Yeadon App! also provides maps and directions to borough facilities, parks and other points of interest, as well as phone numbers and email addresses of all staff members. Users can also chose to receive notifications. The notification system will be used to alert residents using the app about road closures, detours, snow emergencies and other events.

The app's Report a Concern Feature makes it easy to share issues and concerns directly with borough officials.

Yeadon App! can be downloaded free of charge for all iPhone and Android products. Once downloaded, the app can also be accessed off-line for use of its features without an internet connection. For more information or to download the App, just visit YeadonBorough.org from your mobile iOS or Android device, where you will be redirected to download the app.



## YTC CORNER

Happy Holidays Yeadon Residents

## **Good News - Good News**

The Council Finance Committee and Borough Finance Director have coordinated with your Yeadon Tax Collector to offer new electronic payment options in 2019, which are listed below:

## MAIL PAYMENT TO:

Yeadon Borough Hall 600 Church Lane Yeadon, PA 19050

## PAY IN PERSON TO:

Republic Bank 448 E. Baltimore Avenue Media, PA 19063

PAY ONLINE AT: https://pay.xpress-pay.com/?pk=8500

Please note the changes on your Borough tax bill which you will receive by early March 2019. We are excited about giving our tax payers choices.

Take good care,

Julianne James, Yeadon Tax Collector



## Yeadon's 125th **Anniversary**

1893-2018

Yeadon Borough's Quasquicentennial Celebration took place on Saturday, November 3, 2018. This monumental day marks the signing and sealing of a charter making Yeadon an independent municipality separate from Darby Township.

The community event explored Yeadon's rich history. The exhibits designed by the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission (YBHC) included a walking tour highlighting all of our historic areas. Once the attendees completed their "stroll down memory lane," they were informed of all of the organizations and activities that are cultivating Yeadon's present day community ethos.

Our quasquicentennial concluded with a charge to think about Yeadon's future. State Senator Anthony H. Williams, along with State Representatives Joana McClinton and Margo Davison, presented citations to recognize the important date in our Borough's history. This celebration is further evidence that Yeadon is moving in the right direction.

Municipal Solution, LLC

**BOROUGH BUDGET CODE ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL FIRE MEETINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS** TAX COLLECTOR **YEADON** 

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# Will You Take the Yeadon Challenge?

The Yeadon Challenge is

simple: Think of something

move Yeadon forward, then

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One of the most notable challenges people have embarked upon is the ice bucket challenge. In July of 2014, this challenge made a nationwide impact. It involves dumping a bucket of ice over your head to raise awareness of the

disease amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and donations for research. This challenge was also completed internationally and viewed by millions on social media. Whether one participated or not, the message was received by many.

Here in Yeadon, we also have a message to share with the masses. Yeadon is not only an innovator, in that it is proud to be the Home of Flag Day

thanks to the efforts of our own William T. Kerr, but it also strives to move forward and make our community a better place to work, visit, and most importantly, live. As we move forward into 2019, it is imperative that we come together as a borough. Moving forward means everyone working together; despite our differences in race, gender, religion, sexuality, viewpoints, political affiliations, or whatever differences exist, in order to better the Borough and move it forward in a positive direction.

In his "I Have a Dream Speech," the late

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said. "We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead. We cannot turn back." This is the very essence of what moving Yeadon forward means.

> We must not forget how far we have come as a nation and how far we still have to go. In addition, we must stand and journey forward together on one accord. We will not always agree or view things the same way. However, we can respect each other's views and draw from each other's talents and skills. How? One step at

a time, borough by borough, until people all over the world know that Yeadon took the Yeadon Challenge of moving forward together as one and succeeded in doing so.

There is no Yeadon without you, the residents. As such, this challenge is open to anyone and any age. The Yeadon Challenge is simple, think of something big or small that can help move Yeadon forward, then take the necessary steps and commit to completing whatever the challenge is. For example, one may strive to complete small daily challenges, such as helping a neighbor, picking up trash, reporting issues to the Borough, or remaining in compliance with the Borough's ordinances. One may also strive to complete monthly challenges, such as posting a positive message on social media about Yeadon and/or Yeadon events; volunteering somewhere like Evans or Bell Elementary; or attending at least one Yeadon event per month, for instance, a meeting with a Yeadon organization or committee. One may further strive to complete a yearly challenge such as voting, running for office, or joining a Yeadon committee or organization. As you see, the challenges are limitless.

Will you take the Yeadon Challenge? If so, please use #YeadonChallenge and post your challenge on social media so everyone will know what challenge you have embarked upon and completed. You may also email us at challenge@yeadonborough.com and we will post the details of your challenges on our website for all to see and be inspired.

#YeadonChallenge

Make Me Proud. I know you can do it!

Sincerely, The Yeadon Challenge

## **Greetings From the Banquet Hall**

We the staff would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our patrons who have supported the Banquet Hall. It has been a unique, exciting, and rewarding experience for us, along the way we have made friends. We also would like everyone to know that we offer activities beyond rentals, such as, exercise classes and Red Cross drives. PECO has even held seminars regarding how to save money on electric bills in the past. Community events are also held at the Hall, such as the Halloween Haunted Hall; in addition to, Yeadon Borough's 125th Anniversary Celebration and Historical Event, the Veterans Day Brunch, and Kwanzaa, which will be held on December 27, 2018.

We would like to extend you an open invitation to come and visit us. Hopefully, you will consider us for your next event. We are located at 600 Church Lane at the crossroads of Church Lane and Bailey Road in Yeadon.

We wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and a healthy, Happy New Year!

> Ricardo Bostic, Hall Event Coordinator



## The Nile

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African-American owned swim club in the United States. The Nile, a member owned and operated 501(c)(3)non-profit corporation, was established in 1958 when two African American families applied for membership at the racially exclusive Yeadon Swim Club and were denied. In response, Yeadon's African American community decided to build its own swim club that welcomed all races. For over 60 years the Nile has provided a safe place for families to enjoy the summer. In addition, the club provides swim facilities for day camps in the surrounding area, swim lessons for the community, teen splash parties for the youth, and other activities serving people of all ages.

## **BUY A BRICK**

One way you can help is to buy a brick! Commemorative personalized bricks are now for sale. In the years to come, you will be able to visit "Legacy Square" to see your engraved brick as a permanent marker at the Nile. You may choose your own design and personal message on your brick too. The bricks will be placed in a special



area of the Nile to honor the club's founders, members, community and supporters. For more information about purchasing a brick, please visit nileswimclub.org.

## JUST DONATE

Another way to help the Nile is to donate. There is a fundraising site at give.nileswimclub.org. Ask your employer is they will match your gift too. Many corporations have match programs for their employees and since the Nile is a 501(c)(3), you maybe be able to help even more with your company's help.

## DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUNDRAISER?

For 60 years, the

community with a

families to enjoy

If you have an idea for a fundraiser, please contact the Nile Board and tell them about it. The Nile's email is swimthenile60@gmail.com.

## JOIN!

Joining the Nile is a win-win! You and your family get an awesome cool spot to be during the summer and for events year round and the Nile gets another Family to continue to make a history with. You can join by going to nileswimclub.org/join-the-nile.

## **Winter Ready?**

# Don't be shut down by power outages, ice storms, snow and cold

Winter storms are a common threat to Yeadon Borough residents and throughout our area. Last year, we were hit with three snowstorms back to back, the first being unexpected, causing all kinds of havoc in the Borough. The Yeadon Borough Office of Emergency Management coordinates with all other Borough Departments to ensure we have the resources available in the event of such an emergency. This year, we ask all residents to prepare for the possibility of power outages, ice storms, snow, and very low temperatures.

#### WHAT TO DO TO PREPARE

- Be sure all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working.
- 2. Check heating systems, if necessary, get them serviced.
- 3. Be sure vehicles are ready for winter weather.
- 4. Have a plan for staying at home:
  - a. Have plenty of things for children and teenagers to do. (Remember, when the power goes out, cell phones and other electronics only last as long as the batteries).
  - b. Have flashlights with extra batteries on hand. We do not recommend candles as it increases risk of fire.
  - c. Have plenty of water and a good food supply on hand.
- 5. Have a battery powered radio to stay informed of weather and any other information that becomes available.



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Should an emergency or disaster be declared for our area, be sure to follow all instructions for both your safety and that of your family. The Office of Emergency Management works diligently to ensure the safety of our residents but we cannot do it alone. We rely on our residents to help us get the word out about being prepared for emergencies, and to check up on those who are elderly, disabled, or challenged.

#### **HELP FOR SENIORS**

During winter months we offer an affordable snow shoveling service for seniors, who are aged 62 and above and meet eligibility guidelines. If you need assistance in clearing your sidewalk and steps, please call (610) 623-2392 and leave your name and telephone number. This is not a free service, but we do work to ensure fees are priced fairly.

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

All student volunteers must fill out an application with the Office of Emergency Management and have parental permission to participate. Adult volunteers are required to fill out an application, complete a criminal background check, and receive child abuse clearance (as required by law). If chosen, volunteers receive Community Emergency Response Training (CERT), Basic First Aid/CPR and AED (when available).

Student volunteers receive training in Basic Office Skills (with and without technology), resume writing, and a chance to build on leadership skills. At no time are students allowed to work at a fire scene or any other type of emergency site. However, they may be called upon to assist in setting up and maintaining an emergency shelter.

A record of all volunteer hours is kept, when requested, a letter of recommendation is given for purposes of employment and/or college/trade school.

Mary Nixon, Deputy Coordinator Office of Emergency Management

# Ten Things You Can Do to Avoid Fraud

## 1. SPOT IMPOSTERS.

Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request - whether it comes as a text, a phone call or an email.

## 2. DO ONLINE SEARCHES.

Type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like "review," "complaint" or "scam." Or search for a phrase that describes your situation, like "IRS call." You can even search for phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.

## 3. DON'T BELIEVE YOUR CALLER ID.

Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.

## 4. DON'T PAY UPFRONT FOR A PROMISE.

Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear. Learn where to get real help with these issues at consumer.ftc.gov.

## 5. CONSIDER HOW YOU PAY.

Credit cards have significant fraud protection

built in, but some payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards (like MoneyPak or Reloadit) and gift cards (like iTunes or Google Play). Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.

## 6. TALK TO SOMEONE.

Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert – or just tell a friend.

## 7. HANG UP ON ROBOCALLS.

If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal, and often the products are bogus. Don't press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That could lead to more calls.

## 8. BE SKEPTICAL ABOUT FREE TRIAL OFFERS.

Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.

## 9. DON'T DEPOSIT A CHECK AND WIRE MONEY BACK.

By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but

uncovering a fake check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you're responsible for repaying the bank.

## 10. SIGN UP FOR FREE SCAM ALERTS FROM THE FTC.

Visit **ftc.gov/scams** to get the latest tips and advice about scams sent right to your inbox.

## **Police Accomplishments**

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thousands of dollars were saved using personal traps.

Youth Police Academy (graduation in November)
Yeadon Police Chaplain Program (Open
House/Registration held in November)

Certificates presented at November Council Meeting.

Kids, Coffee and Croissants with Chief Chachi a twist on Coffee with a Cop

#MissionLockItUp Campaign

NextDoor Public Information Campaign Twitter

Concerted efforts with Code and Public Works to attack blight and abandoned cars.

Instagram coming (Jan 2019)

Citizens Police Academy (February 2019)

Camera Registration Program (coming soon)

William Penn School District News

# **Penn Wood High School Honor Roll Students**

## More than 100 Yeadon students earn honors for first quarter of 2018-19 school year

Ajae Adams Cewayne Britanya Allen Sidheed Alston Christopher Amore Jedidah Owusu Asimeng Antwi London Ajanee Artis Lisa Fosu Asamoah Emmanuel Asante, Jr. Jessica Atinkah Davon Battle Raven Ashaunte Blair Ray Darnell Bond, Jr. Christabeile Asamoah Bonsu Kamya Lynne Michelle Booker **Destiny Brown** Shaneik Christina Buchanan Brandi Bahiyah Camp Charlene Melissa Canning Antony Fabricio Aquino Cardona Troy Anthony Chambers, Jr. Laneya Tamia Collins Ismail Darrisaw Taylor Jnay Davis Trinae Davis Cyanne Jenny Decimus Mariam Jahkitte Diop

Oyejadesala O Diya Grace Elizabeth Dumas Teresa Jeanette Dunlap Na'lym DuPree Aniyah Marie Duren Kareem Aziz Mugmin Elhadi Martha Eliades Avery Fisher Fatima Fofanah Toree Monconjay Gboyah Eli Samuel Giasco Godwin Dell Gilman Marquis Leslie Glass Sadiyah Symah Goll Shaniyah Annette Goll Leroan Gilchrist Graves II Jordan Gabriel Griffin Corey Guillory Jaicir Yusef Hall Patricia Shavahn Hampton Jasmine Neveah Harris-Lee Tizhanay Coniah Henderson Issah Azhar Ivey Monae Tiara Jackson Christian Joe Malaysha Nysha Johnson

Maxine Shanelle Kalynn Johnson Naeem Johnson Sanaa Janae Johnson Leonard Lesley Joseph, Jr. Mark Ohene Kakari Momoh Ahmed Kallon Corrine Michelle Keene Felix Chidimna Kelechi-Nwaogu Abraham Nejour Kiadll Madelyn Nemenyatoun Kieh Melvin Rodney Kieh Ikeia King Joseph U S Kpakah Daniel Chris Kpodi, Jr. Maryan Estherla Kromah Joseph Luera Zahir Haneef Mackrey Vernado Ado-Nijah Matthews Vilma Alicia Matute Aguilar Cianni E Mayes-Allen Pearl Owusu Mensah Adji Nantoume Jamirah Oakes Magaret Lastova Pessima Briana Egypt Pierce Ronaldo Pompey



Shannae S Poole **Bria Pratt** Desmond Ell Randall Michael Emilio Ranger Deja Bianca Ray Maria Michele Santos Emery P.R. Seka Kadijatu Fofanah Sesay Judith-Paige Joan Shippen Jhalil Simmons-Walker Arianna Makayla Singleton-Keyes Donovan Orlando Stephens, Jr. Aaliyah Stephens Nasir Cornell Stewart Ke'essen C Thorn **Taylor Tinnin** Tyler Tinnin Thien V Truona Fafall M Tsiseglo George Washington II Beyan Koluba Washington Denire Jay Williams Kahill Zaboor, Jr.

## **Final Mailing**

Yeadon Borough would like to congratulate and thank Mr. Jim Gray for his 38 years of service to the United States Postal Service office here in Yeadon, PA. On Friday, November 30, 2018, he retired. We will miss him terribly. He has been such a staple in the community.

Jim loved servicing our community and it was obvious. His exceptional customer service, kindness, and cando-attitude are just a few of the reasons he is so loved and will be missed.

Jim, we wish you all the best. . .you deserve it!

Love, Yeadon



photo: Delaware County Daily Times

## **Rundale Avenue Construction Planned for 2019**



PECO is tentatively scheduled to update their equipment on Rundale Avenue in the summer and through the fall of 2019. Residents in that area will receive letters from PECO approximately two weeks before the work is scheduled to begin.

More details should be available in March 2019. Please continue to check the Borough website for updates. If you have any questions, please contact PECO at (610) 832-6420 or the Borough at (610) 284-1606.

## **Important Dates:** 2018-2019 School Year

Dec. 24 - 31 - Winter Recess - Schools Closed

Jan. 1 - New Year's Holiday - Schools Closed

Jan. 21 - Dr. Martin Luther King Day - Schools Closed

Jan. 22 - End of Second Quarter

Jan. 30 - In-Service Day - No School

Feb. 6 - Elementary/Secondary Report Cards

Feb. 15 - County In-Service Day - No School

Feb. 18 - Presidents' Day - Schools Closed

Feb. 25 - PASA Testing Window through Apr 12

March 13 - In-Service Day - No School

March 14 - 15 - Elementary & Middle School Conferences - No School

March 29 - End of Third Quarter

April 10 - Elementary/Secondary Report Cards

April 15 - 19 - Spring Recess - No School

April 22 - In-Service - No School

April 24-26 - PSSA Exams English/Language Arts Grades 3 - 8

April 29 - PSSA Exams Mathematics Grades 3 - 8

May 1-3 - PSSA Exams Science Grades 4 and 8

May 7 - In-Service Day - No School

May 13 - 24 - Spring Keystone Exams

May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday - Schools Closed

June 7 - Last Student Day, (if no make-up days

June 7 - End of Fourth Quarter

June 7 - Elementary/Secondary Report Cards

June 10 - High School Graduation

June 10 - 17 - Snow Make-up Days, if necessary

## William Penn School District News



# **Penn Wood Fall Sports Win Four Del Val League Championships**

## Football playoff run caps another exciting Fall sports season

The Penn Wood High School varsity football

squad capped an outstanding 2018 season with a 10-8 loss to West Chester Rustin in the PIAA District 1 Class 5A semifinal on Saturday, November 17. Finishing with an 11-2 overall record, the Patriots captured their second consecutive Del Val League title.

The season saw the Patriots win all eight home games at Kerr Field, including a pair of playoff wins over Academy Park and

Johnson, Jr. became the the fifth The Del Val League

QB in Delco history to pass 5,000 career yards passing, and junior wideout Kennedy Poles broke title was the second Delaware County's single-season in a row for the Penn receiving yards record. Wood Football team.

In addition to football, Penn Wood athletes enjoyed many other successes, including Del Val League championships for the Girls

Cross Country, Boys Soccer, and Boys Cross Country teams.

Kennett. In addition, junior quarterback Desman

# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AT AN UPCOMING taking place in all communities of the William Penn School District. School District.

Officials will answer questions about *anything* you want to talk about!

**Curriculum – Bussing – Elementary Schools – Middle Schools** Students - High Schools - Technology - Property Taxes - Dual Enrollment **AP Classes – Special Education – Gifted Education – Counseling Services** 

## **MARCH 4, 2019**

## **Bell Avenue Elementary School**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

1000 Bell Ave, Yeadon, PA 19050

Or attend a Listening Session at another district community:

**East Lansdowne:** February 4, 2019: East Lansdowne Elementary School

**Colwyn:** April 1, 2019 Colwyn Borough Hall **Lansdowne:** May 6, 2019 Twentieth Century Club

## Snacks and refreshments provided. Families welcome.

For questions or more information please contact Pam Bookman at **pbookman@wpsd.k12.pa.us** 

#### WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administration and Registration Building 100 Green Avenue-Annex Lansdowne, PA 19050

General Phone: 610-284-8000

**Registration Phone:** 610-284-8005 ext. 1234

Fax: 610-622-6722

www.williampennsd.org facebook.com/WilliamPennSchoolDistrict/

**Elementary Schools** 

#### **Aldan Elementary**

1 North Woodlawn Avenue, Aldan, PA 19018 Phone Number: 610-626-3410

Fax Number: 610-284-8059

#### **Ardmore Avenue Elementary**

161 Ardmore Avenue, Lansdowne, PA 19050 Phone Number: 610-623-7900

Fax Number: 610-284-2226

#### **Bell Avenue Elementary**

1000 Bell Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050 Phone Number: 610-284-6100 Fax Number: 610-284-2257

### Colwyn Elementary

211 Pine Street, Colwyn, PA 19023 Phone Number: 610-957-5470 Fax Number: 610-957-5485

#### **East Lansdowne Elementary**

401 Emerson Avenue East Lansdowne, PA 19050 Phone Number: 610-626-2415 Fax Number: 610-284-8060

## **Evans Elementary**

900 Baily Road, Yeadon, PA 19050 Phone Number: 610-623-5975 Fax Number: 610-284-2310

## **Park Lane Elementary**

1300 Park Lane, Darby, PA 19023 Phone Number: 610-534-4880 Fax Number: 610-534-4495

## Walnut Street Elementary

224 South Sixth Street, Darby, PA 19023 Phone Number: 610-534-5660 Fax Number: 610-534-4412

Middle School

## Penn Wood Middle School

121 Summit Street, Darby, PA 19023 Phone: 610-586-1804 Fax: 610-586-7372

**High School** 

## Penn Wood High School **Cypress Street Campus**

9th Grade

600 Cypress Stree, Yeadon, PA 19050

Phone: 610-626-3223 Fax: 610-284-8061

### **Penn Wood High School Green Avenue Campus**

10-11-12th Grade 100 Green Avenue, Lansdowne, PA 19050 Phone: 610-284-8080 Fax: 610-284-2141

## William Penn Cyber Academy

100 Green Avenue, Lansdowne, PA 19050 610-284-8005 ext. 1263