



Borough of Yeadon

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Fall 2019

From the Council President

Fellow Yeadonites...

As summer draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to express my thoughts about what an honor it is to serve as a member of the Borough Council. When I took the oath of office as a member of your Council, I recognized the importance of being a good steward of your tax dollars, creating good public policy, providing due diligence to ensure that we were and will always be moving Yeadon forward. It requires all members of Council to work diligently and work in a collaborative manner.



LaToya Monroe

As in Washington, sometimes politics trumps good policy. I've included in this newsletter an attendance and voting records of all councilors. Please pay particular attention and come to meetings and watch your government at work.

Nevertheless, we are moving Yeadon forward despite unnecessary roadblocks. We are making investments in our infrastructure, removing dangerous shade trees, balancing our books, making our community safe, and doing the work that we were sent here to do.

I'm proud to serve as your Council President and even prouder to be your neighbor. Every day I talk to residents who have ideas and passion about our Borough. As fall approaches, watch out for your neighbors and let's move Yeadon forward.

In Service,
LaToya Monroe

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Service With a Smile

Yeadon Police Officer Matthew O'Donnell recently helped to put the smiles on this couple's faces by lending a hand with a flat tire during a hot day this summer. Read more about our everyday heroes in blue in **Chief Paparo's column on page 4.**

Flag Day 2019 Recap

A Celebration to Remember



The **70th Annual Flag Day Event** was celebrated on Saturday, June 8th, 2019. The event started with the parade at Church Lane to Kerr Field. Activities for all ages were provided as well as, information tables, vendors, and merchants. The Mistress of Ceremonies, Patty Jackson (WDAS on-air personality) hosted local live entertainment. Delicious food was available. The night ended with spectacular Fireworks.

Thank you to the Mayor, Borough Council Members, Borough Management team and staff, all Borough Departments, the Recreation Committee and volunteers, entertainers, performers, merchants, kids' entertainment, vendors, sponsors and most of all the residents!!! All efforts and participation for making Flag Day a success is truly appreciated.

Borough Services in the Palm of Your Hand

The Yeadon Borough App

Keep up with upcoming events, Borough News, report a concern, and contact Borough Officials and departments with the MyCivic Service App. Available for download on the Google Play Store (for Android users) and the App Store (for Apple devices).

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- MyCivic Services App from the Google Play Store or the App Store
- Enter "Yeadon Borough" in the Search box.
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Emergency Management 610-623-2392
Crisis, Disasters, Volunteers
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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

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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, September 12th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 10th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 14th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Council Legislative Meeting
(third Thursday of each month in Council Chambers)
Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting
(Tuesdays the week of Caucus Meetings in the Executive Conference Room)
Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Public Safety Committee Meeting
(last Saturday of each month in the Executive Conference Room)
Saturday, September 28th at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, October 26th at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, November 30th at 9:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 28th at 9:30 a.m.

Public Works and Code Committee Meeting
(first Tuesday of each month in the Executive Conference Room)
Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 3th at 6:00 p.m.

Recreation Committee Meeting
(second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Executive Conference Room)
Tuesday, September 10th and 24th at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 8th and 22nd at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12th and 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 10th and 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Library Board Meeting
(fourth Thursday of each month at the Yeadon Public Library)
Thursday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 28th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Please note: All committee meetings are subject to change. The Public Safety Committee meetings are now held the last Saturday of the month instead of the second Saturday. Please check our website at yeadonborough.org for updates.

Upcoming Events, Closings, and Notices



Yard Waste Drop-off at Public Works Department
Every second Friday of the month, beginning March 8, 2019 through October 11, 2019
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Residents may bring yard waste to the Public Works Garage for disposal. 1115 Baily Rd.

Yeadon Police Department Hosts Second Annual Youth Police Academy
The program will run for 8 weeks and is being offered to High School students of the William Penn School District High. Applications must be submitted by September 25, 2019 for consideration, and will be available at your school, online, or at Yeadon Police HQ. Once registered, you will be notified of your approval for the course, set to begin on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. Class is limited to 12 students.

E-Waste Collection Event September 28
From 9 am to 1 pm, electrical and electronic devices, such as TVs, computer monitors, clocks, radios, etc. may be dropped off at the Public Works Department for collection. 1115 Baily Rd.

Fire Company Open House October 11
Yeadon Fire Company will host the Annual Open House and Fire Prevention Night at 7:00 pm on Friday, October 11th. Bring the kids by to see the fire trucks and meet all the fire fighters! There will also be live demonstrations and refreshments. Yeadon Fire Station, 600 Church Lane.

More information regarding these events will be forthcoming. Please continue to check the website for updates at yeadonborough.org.

Official Closings
The Borough will be closed on September 2nd, November 11th, and November 28th in observance of the holidays. The Borough will have limited staff on October 14th (Columbus Day).

Notices
Yeadon entered the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs News Communications Contests and received the following awards: first place honor for the website, second place honor for the newsletter, and a special recognition honor for the calendar. CONGRATULATIONS and a special THANK YOU to everyone involved!

Elevator
The Borough is proud to announce that the elevator modernization is complete and it is up and running. To meet certain safety standards, have better performance, and be able to handle new technology the elevator had to be modernized. Thanks to the efforts of Tri-State Elevator, Delco Alarms, NDI Engineering, Chief Melazzo, Rufus Stokes, Public Works, and the Management Team the elevator passed its inspection on August 7th. Thank you to all the residents, vendors, and staff for your patience and cooperation during this process.

Business District Beautification

The 700 block of Church Lane Business District Association has donated \$300 dollars towards beautifying that area. When you're driving or walking by, observe the hanging baskets that are attached to the light posts. Also, while you're in the area stop in and support the local businesses.



From the Mayor’s Desk

Entering the Fall Season Earnestly

What does it mean for us to enter into the season of fall? What are some of the hall-marks that we traditionally look forward to at this time of year? I’ll enumerate in this column a few things that particularly come to mind:

From a personal stand-point, the weather gets cooler until it finally ushers in winter – the transformation into the season is welcoming; it keeps things interesting as seasonal changes usually do. We go through a cooler make-over after a long hot summer that many welcome. Fall also sees an end to baseball season with the end of the World Series. Attention now turns to football and basketball. Do I hear an Eagles or 76ers cheer out there? I know there will be many as - our upstart teams stand to embark on what we hope will be promising seasons for both professional teams.

More locally in the borough, after Labor Day, we see an end to our twice a week trash pick-up (which starts Memorial Day) back to our once a week pickup. We get to experience the last of our picnics and cookouts. Also, now school will be back in session and our Crossing Guards will be back in place helping to keep our children safe as they navigate our streets to get to school. We’re praying for an excellent school year as always, and we’re looking forward to Pennwood sports – as our teams have done us proud and promises to do so again this year. This season is also a time when we vote in our



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general elections for county and local office holders. This promises to be fun...and consequential as always. Voting is a sacred and venerable civic duty that I would encourage all our citizens to partake in.

Fall is also a time of harvest. We traditionally reap what was sown in the spring and summer where we can harvest gardens and crops, and store away things from food to clothing in preparation for fall and winter months. We

prepare to hibernate in a sense - as the season gets colder. However, I ask that we still continue to take the time to be good neighbors. Let’s make contact with fellow neighbors and create a look-out plan for our block. Let’s continue to cooperate with our local law enforcement officials to keep our neighborhoods safe. Let’s share numbers and contact information with trusted neighbors in case of emergencies. Let’s offer a helping hand to seniors and those with young children. Let’s become or continue to be a big brother or big sister to our younger counterparts. And let’s come out to our borough meetings to take part of our civic activities. You can access our website at: yeadonborough.org to find out more.

So fall is an excellent time to take inventory, and to stock up on items – whether they be from stores to shelf or from neighbor to neighbor....it’s an excellent time for shoring up what was initiated in the previous seasons. It’s a time for harvesting what was planted, to reap what was sown, and to start-off the business year in earnest.

So as we give way to school and as the business cycle is renewed, I sincerely hope that we reflect on some of these suggested ways to remain viable, engaging and relevant: so let us take on the mosaic of a wonderful Fall Campaign whatever that may look like to you.

In Your Service,
Mayor Rohan Hepkins

Recent Events

- NJN & Associates, LLC is a premier management firm that provides excellence and experience in administrative, financial, recruitment, and secretarial services for businesses and organizations. We are honored to work with the Borough of Yeadon and would like to share with you some of the things we have been working on recently.
- The PENNVEST loan recently closed at \$1,782,451.01 and will be used to improve the sanitary sewer system at W. Cobbs Crk. Pkwy.
 - \$146,195 was awarded from a County Development Block Grant for the sanitary sewer system on W. Providence Rd. from Lansdowne Ave. to Darby Crk.
 - Proceeding with the surveillance camera project. A \$50,000 camera grant was received from the Department of Community and Economic Development with the aid and support of Senator Williams to fund this project.
 - \$12,353 of County Aid was approved for the 2019 Inlet Project.
 - Three new bus shelters were installed.
 - The Pennsylvania Association of Boroughs awarded Yeadon 1st Place for the Website; 2nd Place for the Newsletter; and Special Recognition for the Borough Calendar.
 - Hanging planters were hung on Church Ln.
 - 14 Shade Trees creating safety hazards were removed throughout Yeadon, as well as two trees at the Borough Hall parking lot exit.
 - MyCivic App officially launched.
 - The Borough Hall sidewalk repairs were performed.
 - The intersections were painted recently to ensure children’s safety for the coming school year.
 - The Library bids and renovation process is underway.
 - Approximately \$20,000 was discovered in an inactive bank account.
 - The Yeadon Community Park lighting at the basketball courts was repaired and replaced after decades of being inoperable.
 - The new street sweeper has arrived and is making its way around the Borough.
 - The elevator modernization was completed allowing residents a speedier way to handle their Borough business.
- NJN & Associates, LLC will continue to work hard for the Borough of Yeadon to enhance the community and cater to the well-being of its residents.

Borough Council 2019 Meeting Attendance Chart								
DATE	Mayor Rohan Hepkins	President LaToya Monroe	Vice President Ronald Francis	Councilor Clara Johnson	Councilor Rafi Cave	Councilor Doroles McCabe	Councilor Sharon Council-Harris	Councilor Taliah Jones-Waters
Jan. 10	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ARRIVED AFTER ROLL CALL	PRESENT
Jan. 17	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Feb. 14	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
Feb. 21	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT
Mar. 14	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Mar. 21	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ARRIVED LATE	PRESENT
Apr. 11	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ARRIVED 7:11 PM	ARRIVED 7:34 PM
Apr. 18	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
May 2	PRESENT (for Exec. Session)	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
May 9	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT
May 16	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
May 30	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT
June 10	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT	ABSENT

From the Chief of Police

We Do More Than Just Write Tickets



“Officers are playing basketball and football with kids, buying them ice cream, and getting called by name by both kids and adults, rather than being ostracized”

I've always been the kind of cop that finds patrol one of the most meaningful duties of police work. Throughout my career I've patrolled, whether I was a detective, supervisor, or now as Chief; regardless of assignment I am out there on the street. I find that interacting with the public can make a difference. It can make a difference in perception; can make a difference in preventing and solving crime.

If you don't follow the law and harm people, you won't like me or my tenacious attitude, and honestly I don't care. However, if you care about others, then you will see and feel my desire to make a difference, protect others, and will understand me. I say this, because when I arrived here in January 2018 I brought my style and attitude here. It's not just about writing tickets and locking people up, but it's about people getting to know who we are as cops, more than what is often portrayed in the news media.

Officer Matthew O'Donnell is one of your part-time officers. He along

with the rest of the members of your Police Department have embraced this philosophy and on July 3rd, while on patrol Ofc. O'Donnell observed an elderly couple stranded in the heat with a flat tire. Without hesitation, he stopped and in the 90° heat sun, wearing bullet proof vest as well, changed the tire so the couple could continue on their day with their little dog. As you can see from the pictures, the smiles tell the story of what's happening in Yeadon. This is just one instance, but officers are playing basketball and football with kids, buying them ice cream, and getting called by name by both kids and adults, rather than being ostracized, because people can truly see that we really do more than just write tickets. We really care.

Obviously, this message would not be complete if I didn't promote our regionally unique nightly crime prevention program #Mission-LockItUp (featured on Fox29) with my rants on Nextdoor and Twitter. Don't forget we have free reflective



#MissionLockItUp stickers to help remind you, that you can place on a car window or wherever you want to help you remember. Just stop in, give me a call, or when you see me post that #Operation House-Call is in effect, message me and I'll drop some off while I'm on patrol. Don't forget to keep checking my Twitter @ChiefChachi_YPD, and Yeadon Nextdoor important crime alerts, public information, and nightly crime prevention reminders/tips.

Next up, the 2nd Annual Yeadon Youth Police Academy is set to start on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 (6:30-8:30pm) and ends with the graduation at the November 21, 2019 Council Meeting at 7pm. The program runs 8 weeks (every Wednesday, except week 8 which is the graduation.) Applications will be out to the school and available on the Yeadon Borough website. High school students grades 9-12 are eligible, and last year was a huge success. Feedback from the kids helped me make some changes that I am sure will continue to drive

the program in a positive direction for our youth.

Lastly, and I mean this; let me know how we are doing via email apaparo@yeadonpd.org or 610.623.7611. We value your feedback. If we mess up, we will work hard to change things. We always strive to not only do the right thing, but to do things better to serve you with dignity, respect, and honor as a human being. Talk to us, we will listen; we need you; because "to protect and serve" means something to us.

As always, be safe out there, and always look out for one another.

Chief Anthony R. Paparo

**HAVE A TIP?
CONTACT US!**

Tip Line: **610-259-1228**
E-mail: tips@yeadonpd.org
Phone: **610-623-1500**
Fax: **610-623-3146**

Public Works News

LEAF SEASON

Leaf season runs from October 15 through December 27 this year. The leaf machine will follow the same route as the street sweeper. Residents are asked to rake their leaves to the curb, not in the street. Public Works will then rake the leaves from curb into the machine.

Please be reminded that no trash, twigs, or branches are to be put in with leaves. Any piles of leaves containing these items will be left at curb. The county dump inspectors will not permit leaves to be dumped that contain debris mixed in with the leaves, so please make sure to separate any debris from leaves. Thank you for your cooperation.

E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

The last Electronic Waste event of the year will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9 am to 1 pm outside the Public Works Department at 1115 Baily Road (across from Kerr Field). Please be advised that this may be the last E-Waste Collection Event in the Borough due to the growing costs and non-participation of haulers.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION

There will be no pickup on the following dates; collection scheduled on these dates will be picked up the following day. **Labor Day:** Monday, Sept. 2 - *revised pickup Tuesday, Sept. 3.* **Thanksgiving:** Thursday, Nov. 28 - *revised pickup Friday, Nov. 29.* **Christmas:** Wednesday, Dec. 25 - *revised pickup Thursday, Dec. 26*

PLEASE NOTE: Recycling will not be picked up on Wednesday, December 25 and on Wednesday, January 1. The next pick-up date will be Wednesday, January 8.

DID YOU KNOW?

The driveways and sidewalks in Yeadon are the property owner's responsibility. According to the Borough Code under § 220-16 of Exterior property areas:

The property owner shall keep all sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas in their legal control, in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions. For more information regarding Yeadon's codes check out the eCode at <https://ecode360.com/YE2061>.



Liana Roadcloud

Spotlight on Community Service

**Please note: Future newsletter editions will continue to highlight a resident involved in the community.*

The Code Department and Zoning Board would like to give a special thanks to Liana Roadcloud, a resident who has been involved in this community for many years. Ms. Roadcloud has served on the Zoning Board for the past six years.

However, her service does not stop there. She also volunteered to Co-Chair the Code Committee and has been doing so for the past two years. Hats off to Liana Roadcloud and a heartfelt thank you from the Code Department for all that you do!

Fire Department News

Keeping Your Home Safe and Warm This Fall

As outdoor temperatures cool, it's only natural to warm things up inside.

Did you know that fire hazards in and around your home or business stem largely from heating your space? It's true. The American Red Cross reports a drastic increase in the amount of US house fires during the fall and winter months.

When it comes to fire prevention, we at the Yeadon Fire Company, consider ourselves to be experts on the subject. To keep you, your family, and your co-workers safe this season, let's take a few moments to review some key fall fire safety tips and fire prevention techniques.

Replace Batteries in Smoke Alarms & Locate Fire Extinguishers

Turning the clocks back in the fall is an ideal time to do a system check in your home or business. Replace the batteries in all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors (regardless if they haven't lost charge). If you have a fire extinguisher (and you should!), make sure it's fully charged, and still within the expiration date. If you don't have a fire extinguisher, get one!

Develop a Home Fire Safety Plan

If your home catches fire, what's your plan? Make sure everyone in your home of appropriate age knows where the extinguisher is stored and how to properly use it - better yet, take a few minutes to develop a fire safety plan and escape route for your family.

Knowledge and preparation are the keys to keeping yourself, and your family members, safe in the event of a fire. Below are a few key elements that you need to consider in your safety plan.

Determine an Evacuation Meeting Spot

Maybe it's the next-door neighbor's house or the front yard across the street. Regardless of where you designate your safe zone, make sure everyone involved knows the plan and doesn't need to rely on someone else for this critical information.

Get the Kids Involved

Teach them how, and when, to dial 911 (make sure little ones know their address, too). Ask them often if they can recall the safety evacuation plan you've discussed. Make them learn the stop, drop, and roll method for extinguishing a fire on themselves or escaping beneath a fire.

Check your Heating System

Before it gets extremely cold—early October is the ideal time—turn on your heating unit to ensure it is working properly. Your unit has been sitting dormant for about 6 months, so you'll want to make sure everything is in proper working order before you really need it. While furnaces are a leading cause of house fires in the US, there are a few things you can do to reduce the risk of furnace fires:

- Regularly replace furnace filters.
- Keep all areas around the furnace clean and unobstructed.
- Keep the burner area clean and clear of debris.
- Keep all combustible items at least six-inches away from the vent pipe.
- Never close off more than 20% of heat registers.

Should you notice any issues with your heating system during the test run, contact a professional immediately. For preventative care, have your central heating system cleaned and serviced by a certified HVAC contractor once annually. A proper working heating system greatly reduces fire risks, but also reduces utility costs as they work to heat your space more efficiently.

Fireplace Safety: 101

Throughout the year, everything from crud to critters cozy up in your chimney. Keep your fireplace clear of debris, and have it inspected



OPEN HOUSE & FIRE PREVENTION NIGHT OCT. 11

Yeadon Fire Company will be having our Annual Open House and Fire Prevention Night on Friday October 11th. The event will be held at the station at 600 Church Lane starting at 7 pm.

Bring the kids by to see the fire trucks and meet all the firefighters! There will also be live demonstrations and refreshments.

each year before use by a professional chimney sweep. Note: When hiring a contractor, always do your research!

If you have a gas fireplace, have all lines and connections inspected before flipping the switch. A professional chimney inspection uncovers any issues and necessary repairs that need to be made - Don't skip this step!

In addition to yearly cleanings and inspections, there are a few things you can do to enhance fireplace safety:

- Use a fireplace screen, guard, or glass doors to keep hot ash and sparks contained.
- Store extra wood, and other types of combustible materials, at least five-feet away from your fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Burn seasoned hardwoods, such as oak, that have been split and stored in a safe and dry environment for at least six-months.

- Keep fires small - Never overload your fireplace.
- When building a fire, strategically place logs on a metal grate at the back end of your fireplace; always use kindling to ignite fire.

Additional Fire Safety Tips & Considerations

- Perform a DIY home inspection, then break out the leaf blower and rake! Something as simple as a pile of leaves can be the catalyst for a fire. Take a couple of hours and clean your gutters, check your downspouts, and remove all leaves and debris from the perimeter of your space.
- Never park your vehicle over a pile of leaves. The heat emitted from your car can ignite the leaves, destroying your vehicle and all things around it.
- After every load of laundry, always clean the dryer vent.
- Every season, test your smoke detectors.

YTC CORNER

Greetings Yeadon Residents:

Let's Recap... in January we received our county tax, followed by our Borough taxes in February.

Just recently during the month of July the William Penn School taxes were received.

The next mailing was for all working residents delivered by Keystone Collection Group.

Not to worry--- regarding Keystone; they are requesting 1% of your paid Federal Taxes. Please forward a copy of the W-2 year stated on the letter. Send no money just a copy of the W-2 and wait to hear from Keystone Collection Group.



Moving forward when you prepare your income taxes ask your tax person to fill out form PA-40 and that will satisfy the Keystone request and eliminate the need for you to receive a Keystone letter. How about that?

I trust that this statement has brought about a smile.

Take good care,

Julianne James, Yeadon Tax Collector

Historical Commission Update

Since 2015, the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission (YBHC) has been striving to encourage appreciation for Yeadon Borough's rich history while creating a means to honor and preserve it.

Research conducted by YBHC has resulted in the acquisition of a significant amount of historical data and materials, with a small amount of it being on display at the Yeadon Public Library. Stop by YPL to see the latest display that includes a tribute to Yeadon's first black police officer whom many still remember, Sgt. Thomas "Tommy" Jackson!

The YBHC website is under construction and will be launched soon at yeadonhistoricalcommission.org

Until then, reports citing other accomplishments, activities and goals of the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission can be found on Yeadon Borough's website. To share memories or memorabilia, comment or ask questions, please email yeadonhistoricalcommission@gmail.com



Preventive Maintenance for the Fall Season

Identifying and correcting those minor (and not-so-minor) issues ... before the snow falls!

As a home owner and renter here are some of the items that should be checked and maintained during this time of the year. Fall is the busiest preventive maintenance season. While summer is the time to attack the big projects, fall is when the little issues can be identified, addressed, and alleviated before the snow falls.

Safety Devices

Another insurance policy for all properties are home safety devices. Make sure that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors are tested, and the batteries are changed. If there is a burglar alarm system in place, test that too. Contact the monitoring company and confirm they are receiving signals and that the contract is in good standing. Never take fire suppression systems for granted. This could be as simple as fire extinguishers that needs recharging or a sprinkler system that needs yearly certification. Locks are also a safety device. Check each lock for wear, tear, and binding. A small amount of lubricant such as, WD40 is a quick solution against a stuck lock and a call out in the dead of December. Also, do not overlook the automatic garage door opener. Run it several times and watch for alignment of the drive and photocells.

Roof Maintenance

Roof gutters and leaf trough maintenance is the single most important fall maintenance job out there. Leaves, needles, branches, and grit all collect in the gutters. If those items are not removed or flushed out, it will form a dam and trap running water causing it to spill out over the walls. A backup from clogged gutters can also create ice dams (a ridge of ice that prevents melting snow/water from draining off the roof once it freezes). Gutters can only be properly cleaned manually, weather permitting.

Chimney maintenance may be more than a once per year task depending on the source of fuel and amount of use. Wood burning fireplaces cause greater residue in the form of soot and creosote than oil furnaces or natural gas appliances. Chimney sweeping is an honorable profession

that goes back to Victorian times, and for good reason. This is a dirty, specialized task that may be best subcontracted out. Regardless of who sweeps the chimney, it is a critical part of rental property maintenance and must be done before using the fireplace.

Furnaces and Air Conditioners

Fall tune ups of furnaces are a regular task to be checked off the maintenance list. Filters will need cleaning or replacing. Ducts may need vacuuming. Oil tanks may require cleaning, connections inspected, and boilers should be serviced if they are a part of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC). No HVAC servicing is complete without inspecting the air conditioner. Filters and refrigerant may need attention, and those summer only, window mounted units should be removed and stored until the spring.

Water Lines

Nothing will wreak more winter problems than frozen – or worse, burst – water lines. First on the fall maintenance tasks should be turning off the exterior water supply, disconnecting the hoses and draining the hose bibs. This includes blowing out landscaping irrigation systems and making sure any metering devices or surface lying water lines are covered and properly insulated. Pay attention to where the water line enters the building, as that short space from the cold to the warm is an instant freeze zone. A bit of pipe wrap or other insulation adds to the winter insurance plan.

Fall is the right time to address any other insulation issues. Maybe an increase in the attic's R-Value (measure of insulation's ability to resist heat flow), or some extra batts in the crawlspace to protect the box ends and floor. Drafts are a winter curse and cause icing around door thresholds and window jams. Fall is the right time to adjust door sweeps and add caulking or spray foam to holes where winter chills sneak through. Storm windows are a thing of the past for most homes today, but older properties with single pane windows may benefit from a winterizing shrink wrap applied to the glass.



To properly clean gutters, it is best to do it manually, weather permitting.

Yard Pickup

One of the last chores before the snow covers the yard is moving everything that might get hidden. Scattered obstacles are hazards to those walking around the property and may be necessary to maintain the property. This could be garden tools, machinery, ladders, hoses, yard furniture, grills and even snow scrapers and shovels. Store these safely away where they can be found and survive the winter without damage from the elements, and where they cannot cause unfortunate accidents.

Insurance

Don't just think of fall maintenance as insurance against winter issues. Fall is the time to make sure the property insurance policy is current and addresses all the details, like weather damage and tenant protection. Remember that insurance policies do not cover maintenance issues. They cover what happens when maintenance is not done, or nature causes something that is unforeseen. Preventive seasonal maintenance is the proper insurance against having to collect on a policy. Also, remember somewhere in that fine print the insurance may be void if neglect can be demonstrated.

Yeadon Public Library News

Survey Participants Provide Feedback

The Board of Trustees and the staff of Yeadon Public Library thank all who participated in our 2019 Community Survey! As Yeadon residents and/or Yeadon Public Library users, your feedback is very important and will provide valuable information to help us better serve you.

Those who completed the survey were eligible to be in our raffle to win a prize. The winner who submitted by the original deadline of April 30 was Robyn. The winner who submitted by the extended deadline of June 30 was Nicole. Again, we thank all who participated.

Once we have analyzed the results, we will present our findings to the community and use this information to guide future library planning and priorities.

Some of the current key services, ongoing activities, and upcoming events are listed below.

Questions? Comments? Please contact us at the Yeadon Public Library, 809 Longacre Blvd., Yeadon, PA 19050, call us at 610-623-4090, or email us at: yeaddon@delcolibraries.org

KEY SERVICES

- Delaware County Libraries Library Card which allows access to borrow audiobooks, books,



CDs, DVDs, e-books, free museum passes and PLAYAWAYS from any of the 26 Delaware County Libraries. Also, allows access to online homework help. Thanks to Friends of Yeadon Public Library, patrons can borrow a pass directly from YPL that will allow free admission to one of the following museums: Academy of Natural Sciences, African American Museum of Philadelphia, Elmwood Park Zoo, Morris Arboretum, National Constitution Center or Penn Museum.

- Computers (iPad, ThinkPad's, and Chromebooks are also available for your usage at the library)
- Faxing, photocopying, printing, scanning, & Wi-Fi

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Café 3 After School Program
- Calligraphy Class
- Computer MD - Tech & Talk with Ginny

- Dream Chasers Mentoring - boys ages 8 to 18
- Evening Readers' Book Club
- Girls Who Code - ages 8 to 18
- PA Sate Representatives Davidson & McClinton's Monthly Mobile Constituent Service Day
- Sewing Class
- Spotlight on the Spectrum
- Tuesday Morning Stretch Class
- WEIRD (Wonderful Empowered Intelligent Resilient Determined) Girls Mentoring - ages 8-18
- Yoga

UPCOMING EVENTS

- BINGO - Saturday, October 5, 2019 - Yeadon Borough Hall
- Black Saturday Shopping Extravaganza & Harvest Tasting - Saturday, November 30, 2019

Senior Community Services

Helping Seniors Age in the Comfort of Home

Aging at Home – a Senior Community Services program, now completing its sixth year of service in Yeadon, provides Aging at Home members with volunteer handyman services, door-through-door transportation, offers referrals to vetted home repair professionals and fee resources that allow members to age successfully in place. There is an annual membership of \$35 a year.



Since its inception, Aging at Home has become a robust service highly valued by Yeadon residents. This year alone in Yeadon, 68 volunteer provided rides for seniors to the hairdressers, medical appointments and doctor visits, 37 homes have been raked and weeded, and 18 referrals to reliable and safe partners have been completed. Dolores Jones Butler, former Mayor of Yeadon, is an example of how the program is a perfect fit for solving some daily home jobs that are needed to keep a lovely home. Recently, Mrs. Butler has utilized two of the program services: Handyman & Yardwork. And both services have reached her satisfaction and much more. She even walked to the center and made donations to the program for the work completed. “I would have had to pay workers so much more and the quality of work was professional. The volunteers could be trusted”, commented Butler.

In addition to the Borough of Yeadon, the program serves older adults 60 plus in borough districts of Interboro, Ridley, and William Penn School Districts. Please share the program highlights with neighbors if you feel they could benefit from program services. Thirty deeply committed volunteers collectively perform program services and help seniors accomplish tasks that help them age in place. To continue to meet the needs of Aging at Home members, the next volunteer training will be held

on Thursday, September 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Lansdowne Library. For questions about its services, how to join the program and/or if interested in attending the next volunteer training session, please contact Christine Helmandollar, Program Director at 484-534-2201. Thank you in advance for helping seniors age in place.

Christine Helmandollar, Program Director
Aging at Home, Senior Community Services

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE FALL EVENTS

- Friendship Circle is committed to helping older adults live joyful and fulfilling lives in Lansdowne.
- **Yoga** - Fridays, September 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:00 a.m. Free
 - **Tai Chi** - Thursdays, September 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14 at 9:00 a.m. \$3
 - **Workout** with Avante (Stretch, Strength, Cardio) - Mondays, at 10:30 a.m. \$3
 - **Stroke Education** and Support Meeting - Tuesday, September 10, at 1:00 p.m.
 - **Dealing with Depression** - Monday, September 16, at 12:00 p.m.
 - **Medicare Supplemental Plans** - Wednesday, September 18, at 11:30 p.m.
 - **AARP Smart Driver Course** - Tuesday and Wednesday, September 17 & 18 at 9:00

- a.m. – 1:00 p.m. each day. You must attend both days to receive a certificate.
- **A Matter of Balance** - an interactive learning program to prevent falls. Wednesdays, September 25 , October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 12 at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - **Living With and Managing Chronic Disease** (How to live a healthy and active life by creating and carrying out an action plan.) - Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 - **Trips:** Monday, September 30 - Tropicana Casino “Motown-Showdown,” \$4
Tuesday, October 15 - Baltimore Harbor & Philips Crab Feast, \$95
Wednesday, Oct. 30 - Mural Arts Tour, \$36
- To register for one of these classes or to receive a full course catalog and monthly calendar, please call the center at 610-237-6222.

Fall and Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

Things for You (or the Handyman) to Tackle Before Winter

Now that fall is almost here, it’s time to prepare your home for cold weather. These steps, most of which you can do yourself, will lower your utility bills and protect your investment.

1. Tune Up Your Heating System

For a fee, a technician will inspect your furnace or heat pump to be sure the system is clean and in good repair, and that it can achieve its manufacturer rated efficiency. The inspection also measures carbon monoxide leakage. If you act soon, you’ll minimize the chance of being 200th in line for repairs on the coldest day of the year. Look for a heating and air conditioning contractor that belongs to the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA) and employs technicians certified by the North American Technician Excellence (NATE) program. The contractor should follow the protocol for ACCA’s national standard for residential maintenance or quality maintenance (QM).

2. Reverse Your Ceiling Fans

If your ceiling fan has a reverse switch, use it to run the fan’s blades in a clockwise direction after you turn on your heat. Energy Star says the fan will produce an updraft and push down into the room heated air from the ceiling (remember, hot air rises). This is especially helpful in rooms with high ceilings -- and it might even allow you to turn down your thermostat by a degree or two for greater energy savings.

3. Prevent Ice Dams

If your home had lots of icicles last winter -- or worse ice dams, which can cause meltwater to back up and flow into your house -- take steps to



prevent potential damage this year. A home-energy auditor or weatherization contractor can identify and fix air leaks and inadequate insulation in your home’s attic that can lead to ice dams.

4. Hit the Roof

At least scan it closely with binoculars. Look for damaged, loose, or missing shingles that may leak during winter storms or from melting snow. If need be, hire a handyman to repair a few shingles or a roofer for a larger section. Check and repair breaks in the flashing seals around vent stacks and chimneys too. If your roof is flat and surfaced with asphalt and pebbles, as many are in the Southwest, rake or blow off fall leaves and pine needles, which hold moisture, says Bill Richardson, Former President of the American Society of Home Inspectors, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. (Don’t sweep aside the pebbles; that will expose the asphalt to damaging sunlight).

5. Caulk Around Windows and Doors

Richardson says that if the gaps between siding and window or door frames are bigger than the width of a nickel, you need to reapply exterior caulk. Check the joints in window and door frames too. Silicone caulk is best for exterior use because it won’t shrink and it’s impervious to the elements. Check out window glazing putty (which seals glass into the window frame). Add weather stripping as needed around doors, making sure you cannot see any daylight from inside your home.

6. Clean the Gutters

If your gutters are full of detritus (rock or small particles), water can back up against the house and damage roofing, siding, and wood trim -- plus cause leaks and form ice dams (frozen ridge that causes blockage to the gutters). You’ll typically pay for it to be cleaned, price depends on its size. Also look for missing or damaged gutters and fascia boards and repair them.

7. Divert water

Add extensions to downspouts so that water runs at least 3 to 4 feet away from the foundation. Turn off exterior faucets. Undrained water in pipes can freeze, which will cause pipes to burst as the ice expands. Start by disconnecting all garden hoses and draining the water that remains in faucets. If you don’t have frost proof faucets (homes more than ten to 15 years old typically do not), turn off the shut off valve inside your home.

Have a safe fall season.

Rufus Stokes, CFEI
Emergency Management Director

Borough Council Meeting Votes for 2019 Finance Committee Reports

JANUARY 17, 2019
Motion to approve Accounts Payable List and authorize excluding payment for Thyssen (elevator modernization) and the checks for animal control.
Moved By: Councilor R. Cave
Seconded By: Vice President R. Francis
Vote: 6-1
Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor C. Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President R. Francis
Vote:-5-2

FEBRUARY 21, 2019
Motion to approve Accounts Payable List severing out check in the amount of \$33,862 payable to Johnson Controls.
Moved By: Councilor C. Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President R. Francis
Vote: 5-1
Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Vice President R. Francis
Seconded By: Councilor C. Johnson
Vote: 5-1

MARCH 21, 2019
Motion to approve Accounts Payable List.
Moved By: Councilor Clara Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Ronald Francis
Vote: 4-1
Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Vice President Ronald Francis
Seconded By: Councilor Clara Johnson
Vote: 4-1

APRIL 18, 2019
Motion to approve Accounts Payable List.
Moved By: Councilor Clara Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Ron Francis
Vote: 5-2
Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Clara Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Ron Francis
Vote: 5-2

MAY 16, 2019
Motion to approve Accounts Payable List.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Francis
Vote: Unanimous
Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Vice President Francis
Vote: Unanimous

JUNE 20, 2019
Motion to approve Accounts Payable List (Councilor Rafi Cave abstained in regards to the \$650 for Symphony's Catering).
Moved By: Councilor Dolores McCabe
Second By: Vice President Ronald Francis
Vote: Unanimous
Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Clara Johnson
Second By: Vice President Ronald Francis
Vote: 6-1

JULY 18, 2019
Motion to approve Accounts Payable List.
Moved By: Councilor Clara Johnson
Seconded By: President LaToya Monroe
Vote: 3-1
Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.
Unable to vote; there is no Quorum.
Meeting was reconvened on August 8, 2019.



Lights On at Yeadon Community Park

Check out the new lights installed on the basketball courts at Yeadon Community Park (YCP). For about 30 years the basketball courts at YCP have been without lights. The YEAA Basketball League will now be able to play basketball games on a well-lit court. This will provide safety and comfort for both the players and spectators.

New Bus Shelters Installed



New bus shelters have been installed at Church Lane and Chester Avenue, and two at Chester Avenue and West Cobbs Creek Parkway.

Residential Guide to Recycling

Did you know that plastic bags and pizza boxes are no longer a recyclable item?

Our recycling program requires that plastic bags be omitted from the weekly recycling collection. When processed with other items the bags usually get caught in the machinery causing delay and cost issues. Grocery and drug stores (Giants, CVS, Walgreens, etc.) are now collecting plastic bags. Contact your local store to see if they provide plastic bag recycling. Plastic food and beverage containers with numbers #1, #2, #4, #5. #7 are allowed, and are usually displayed on the bottom of the item inside the recycling arrows.

Pizza boxes are considered corrugated cardboard, but because of the grease that soils the box, these items are not recyclable. Here is a list of different types of paper that are allowed: newspa-

pers, magazines, brochures, corrugated cardboard and paper bags (flatten all cardboard boxes), paper towel rolls, books, cartons, and mail.

The following items are also recyclable:

- Cans and Metal Items - Aluminum and metal cans, loose metal jar lids, steel bottle caps, and foil.
- Glass - Glass bottles and jars, food containers, and beverage containers.
- Please make sure all containers are emptied and rinsed, and all boxes are flattened. B&L will not take recycling cans that are contaminated with pizza boxes, plastic bags, etc. If the recycling can is still sitting out on trash day, it will be taken with the trash. If you have any questions contact the Borough.

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RECYCLING

RESIDENTIAL GUIDE TO SINGLE BIN RECYCLING

PLASTICS

- #1, #2, #4, #5 and #7 Plastic Food & Beverage Containers
- Including Bottles, Jars, Jugs, and Other Rigid Plastic Containers.

GLASS

- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Glass Food Containers
- Glass Beverage Containers

CANS

- Aluminum & Metal Cans
- Loose Metal Jar Lids
- Steel Bottle Caps
- Foil

PAPER

- Newspapers, Magazines, Brochures
- Corrugated Cardboard & Paper Bags
- Paper Towel Rolls
- Paper Back Books
- Cartons
- Greeting Cards, Regular & Junk Mail
- Cardboard Beverage Carriers
- Phone Books
- Dry Food Cartons
- Paperboard Boxes
- File Folders, Office Paper