

# Borough of Yeadon

## NEWSLETTER

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## HONORING YEADON'S VETERANS



Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon and Mayor Rohan K. Hopkins present a plaque to Second Lieutenant John E. James, Jr. (third from left, pictured with his family) during the annual Veterans Day Luncheon at Borough Hall held at Borough Hall on Saturday, November 9, 2019.

Read more about the event on page 11 of this issue.

### From the Council President Fellow Yeadonites...

The leaves are turning beautiful colors and our kids are back in school. The fall season is in full effect and soon we will give way to winter and a wonderful holiday season. While our neighbors are making plans and living their lives, your Borough Council is working hard to make sure that your community is safe, secure, and beautiful.



LaToya Monroe

There is always something happening in the Borough. . .recently we planted new shade trees that were donated to us, we are continuing to invest in our infrastructure, and our code department is working diligently to ensure that all neighbors are keeping their properties in appropriate condition.

As the Council President, I am proud to have led the Borough into the 21st century through unprecedented investments in technology. Today, any resident can download the MyCivic Service App and talk directly to their government. Please inform us about conditions that we need to address.

Soon, I'll be on stage and help light our Borough's Christmas Tree. Each year, I look out to the crowd and wish I could thank all of you personally for the magnificent opportunity it is to serve you all. While that may not be possible, I am deeply grateful for your support and the opportunity to present all who work in the Borough to serve you.

In Service,  
LaToya Monroe

**Our code department is working diligently to ensure that all neighbors are keeping their properties in appropriate condition.**

## Yeadon: A Year in Review

The Borough continued to make changes, improvements, and upgrades this year, and will continue with this effort in 2020. For example, further upgrades were made in Yeadon Community Park. The lighting and electric at the basketball courts were repaired and replaced after decades of being inoperable. Now the basketball leagues and other events can be held in the evening.

In addition, the elevator modernization was completed with one item remaining, the new cab, which will be installed shortly. Another improvement at the Hall was the sidewalk repairs performed at the front of the building. Furthermore, additional painting and repairs to the Hall rental should be completed by the end of December.

The Library is still in the improvement phase since being awarded grant money for improve-

ments last year. The heating ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system project will be bid again. All the changes to the windows, lighting, and HVAC system are expected to be finished in 2020.



The Borough also completed projects outside of its buildings. For example, the intersections by the schools were recently painted, and Council approved the removal of several Shade Trees that were causing safety

hazards. There was also beautification and environmental support achieved through the hanging of planters and mums on the 700 block of Church Lane and the planting of 20 donated trees received from the Eastern Delaware County Storm Water Collaborative.

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Health Inspector: ext. 114  
Fire Marshal: ext. 114

**Police Department** 610-623-1500  
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Volunteering

**Emergency Management** 610-623-2392  
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Ordinances/Zoning

**Recreation Department** 610-284-1606 ext. 149  
Community Programs, Youth Programs  
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**Events** 610-284-1606 ext. 117  
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Small claims (up to \$12,000)  
Felony, misdemeanor, preliminary hearings  
Traffic violations

Dan Wright, In My Own Words

My Haunted Hall Experience

Since I’ve been here, I’ve heard a lot about the transformation of the Borough Hall into the “Yeadon Borough Haunted Hall” for Halloween. This year the event was open to the public October 28th, 29th and 30th. I was curious about the many comments I heard about the scary maze so when the Public Works Department completed the set-up of the Hall, we took a stroll through the maze to see what everyone was talking about. I was impressed with the level of detail put into the displays and I soon began wondering when all of this started and who was behind the scenes making it all happen. I asked around and found the one person who has been here from the beginning is the same person still involved today.

I interviewed Dan Wright, the Public Works Supervisor, about his experience and found that he has a passion for the Haunted Hall Project, for the experience it gives to the children, and for giving back to the Borough of Yeadon. He lit up when talking about how it all got started with only a couple of people in the beginning, how exciting it was the first time they had the Haunted Hall in 1992 and had 1,000+ children/residents come through, then fast forward to 2019 where the event now takes place over a 3-day period. Dan made it clear that what drives him are the children some of whom have been coming to the event for many years. He expressed that he would love to see more support from the community because “after all, at the end of the day, the event brings the community together while putting smiles on the faces of the children.”

In conclusion, I learned a lot about Dan Wright and his Yeadon Borough Haunted Hall experi-



ence; things such as, why he does it every year, how it’s funded, how he and his team accumulated all of the things for the displays, etc. To learn more please see the complete interview with Dan Wright “In His Own Words, My Haunted Hall Experience” on our website at [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org).

**Ruby Payne**  
NJN & Associates, LLC  
Administrative Assistant

Closings and Notices

Official Closings

The Borough will be closed December 25th, January 1st, 20th, and February 17th in observance of the holidays.

Notices

Illegal dumping at the gateway area where Yeadon and Philadelphia connect should be reported to the Borough and/or the Philadelphia Streets Department. The Philadelphia Streets Department can be reached at (215) 686-5560.

Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on a Wednesday. Recycling will not be picked up on

these days. The rescheduled pickup dates are Saturdays, December 28th and January 4th. Regular recycling pickup will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

From November 28th through January 1st, the metered parking will be suspended for the holidays.

The newly elected Council members will be sworn in on January 6th at 6:30 p.m. and the reorganization meeting will be held afterwards at 7:00 p.m.

Please complete and submit the 2020 Census questionnaire by April 1st.

Borough Meetings

All meetings take place at Yeadon Borough Hall unless noted otherwise

BOROUGH COUNCIL: CAUCUS MEETING

Second Thursday of each month  
7:00 pm, Council Chambers

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Tuesdays the week of Caucus Meetings  
10:00 am, Executive Conference Room

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Last Saturday of each month  
9:30 am, Second Floor in the Hall

PUBLIC WORKS AND CODE COMMITTEE

First Tuesday of each month  
6:00 pm, Second Floor in the Hall

BOROUGH COUNCIL: LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Third Thursday of each month  
7:00 pm, Council Chambers

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of each month  
7:00 pm, Executive Conference Room

LIBRARY BOARD

Fourth Thursday of each month  
7:00 pm, Yeadon Public Library

**Please note:** The Caucus Meeting for December 12th will be held on December 19th along with the CDBG Hearing and Budget Hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The Legislative Meeting for December 19th will be held on December 30th at 7:00 p.m.

All committee meetings are subject to change.

Please check our website at [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org) for updates.

## *From the Mayor's Desk*

# Traffic Jams and Speeding in Yeadon Borough

As I contemplated what to address with our residents in this issue, it occurred to me that one of our recent recurring concerns in our Borough surrounds traffic jams and speeding. Both are related (though not always). As anywhere else, being under the influence is a factor in motor vehicle operation. Yeadon is no different.

Have you tried driving down Church Lane recently? At almost any hour, it has become an adventure.

When I initially moved into Yeadon in 1982, one could drive down our main thoroughfare of Church Lane without much difficulty. Have you tried driving down Church Lane recently? At almost any hour, it has become an adventure – especially as you reach Baily Road and attempt to go over the bridge toward Baltimore Pike in Upper Darby. There’s usually a traffic jam. So, “what happened over the years,” you may ask?

What has happened is that the traffic patterns have changed. New demographics have seen a shift to more mobile residents going to and from work as well as to various activities: it could be shopping, the gym, dance, taking a class, you name it. The ensuing result is an interwoven connection of boroughs with access to Philadelphia that has become more established along



the way. Yeadon seems to be a great location to get from here to there. And more telling, with Philadelphia raising taxes on cigarettes and sodas to pay for school funding, many neighboring Philadelphians are now coming into the Borough in greater numbers to purchase many of these products at a cheaper price. They are also visiting many of our eateries along this corridor. All of this has unwittingly conspired to increase traffic. What's more, many of these motorists are finding out that by taking secondary streets parallel to Church Lane, they can save time and bypass traffic, leading to a bottleneck around Church Lane and Baily Road. This has contributed to speeding on some of our secondary roads that were heretofore unaffected.

There's not much we can do about the traffic volume, as this is freedom of choice and driving patterns. However, myself, the Chief of Police, as well as other Borough officials are devising a plan to address speeding and driving patterns within this corridor. Speed bumps have been suggested by many residents, but that can create as many problems as they solve. There are other traffic control devices we are looking into that address this problem. Let me add that we have also been the recipients of grants that would address traffic controls. The challenge is devising something that would address this strategically and holistically, but in a way that would not create other problems as motorists navigate through the Borough.

We plan to undertake this study and have something on the drawing board for the spring. Meanwhile, I do appreciate the many suggestions that have been sent to me and our Borough officials recently. In the interim, please be safe and if you see someone driving out of control, I encourage you to obtain as much information as you can and call 911 to report it. It may save a life.

I want to thank our residents for the many suggestions I have received. Thanks again for your input. Please enjoy your holidays and have a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year!!

Warmly,  
Mayor Rohan Hepkins

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From the Chief of Police

# L.O.V.E. Is the Answer



Two words, two simple words, thank you - that for me will never really be enough when it comes to my appreciation for the kindness, love, and support that you, the community, have bestowed upon me since my arrival here almost 2 years ago. Thank you is not enough to show the appreciation I have for the officers who have embraced my policing philosophy, and have done anything and everything I have asked of them when it comes to protecting this town. Thank you, two words that do not truly embrace the honor granted by the Mayor and Borough Council, when they blessed me with this position as your Chief of Police. I need you all to know that I will never let you down, and I will never settle for anything less than success for your Po-

"I pledge to LEARN about the people in my community, to unconditionally OPEN my heart to their needs as if they were all immediate family members, to VOLUNTEER to be part of the solution in their life during both good and challenging times, and to EMPOWER everyone I meet to do the same as if our lives depended on each other."

lice Department and our community. With that mindset, I am always trying to come up with ideas on ways of not only policing better, but on ways of giving back to the community that I so care for. In July, I teamed up with a filmmaker in Los Angeles, A.J. Ali, who created a film, "Walking While Black, L.O.V.E. is the Answer." On September 17, 2019, Yeadon Police and local community members, as well as community members from as far out as Bucks County, came to Yeadon for a screening of the film. It was the Inaugural Day of Reconciliation, an event promoted to heal the relationship between police and communities. The film and discussion that followed (I believe) brought our community closer together and

revealed something special; that in the end, we all have our differences, we all have our worldviews, and we all make mistakes, because in the end we are all human and that connects us no matter what. The L.O.V.E. Is The Answer Pledge is something that I embrace, and I would ask you to join with me in taking this pledge to continue to make Yeadon a truly unique place to live: "I pledge to LEARN about the people in my community, to unconditionally OPEN my heart to their needs as if they were all immediate family members, to VOLUNTEER to be part of the solution in their life during both good and challenging times, and to EMPOWER everyone I meet to do the same as if our lives depended on each other."

Now get ready for the fun part. I have secured a plot of ground in which I am going to start a L.O.V.E. Garden in the Spring of 2020. I am inviting you to come out with me and other Yeadon Police Officers as we start a vegetable and flower garden. Yeadon's L.O.V.E. Garden will be an area where we can talk and work together and build new friendships that can help make Yeadon an even better place than it already is. With the holiday season upon us, this is my gift to you and your family. From my family and my Yeadon Police Family, here's wishing all of you a safe, happy, and blessed holiday season and New Year. As always, be safe out there, and always look out for one another.

Chief Anthony R. Paparo

**HAVE A TIP?  
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## Upcoming Yeadon Police Events and 2019 Accomplishments

### EMPLOYMENT

The Police Promotional Exam and the Police Officer Civil Service Test were held in November. Four full-time positions to be filled in January 2020. Additional full-time positions are slated for later in the year.

### TRAINING

Training of Officers with quality training which included: Advanced Tactical Response; Active Shooter/Killer Responses and Tactics; Homicide Investigations; Criminal Investigations; and Hiring Practices and Legal Issues.

Police Officers were certified in Advanced Accident Investigation and Reconstruction.

### TASKS, OUTREACH, AND EXPENSES

Yeadon Criminal Investigation Teams are now working major incidents. Calls to Criminal Investigation Department (CID) this year are zero; and Yeadon Police are handling Yeadon incidents, which results in; increased accountability, increased clearances of offenses, more thorough and involved investigations, and more knowledgeable and well-trained police officers. Officers in schools (daily walking checks continue). Active Killer (Shooter) instruction for all school staff and strong relationship with District and staff continues. Officers are reading to the children at Yeadon

Schools. Officers are participating in school events. County Drug Task Force Investigations Multiple investigations were held that will yield forfeited funds to the Borough. Various traffic speed control signs are up and running throughout the Borough. The Police Department and Public Works are working together to update the traffic signage and markings throughout the Borough. The traffic calming devices, such as speed bumps, signs, and painted lines are being evaluated. E-Ticket Traffic and Parking Citation equipment was installed in the police cars. This computer device helps reduce the amount of time spent on traffic stops and writing tickets. Reduction in animal control costs with new contract with new animal control company. Approximately \$6,500 was saved just in fees. Continued use of animal traps by police department to save costs with nuisance wildlife. Obtained new Uniform vendors to reduce costs.

### PROGRAMS

CAM Saw It! A Yeadon Police Camera Registration Program was put into effect. Operation House-Call continues. #MissionLockItUp continues. Public Speaking engagements on Public Safety and Active Killer (Shooter) Deer Control Program (ongoing and seasonal, no costs to Borough or residents) Donations of venison exceeded 500 lbs. last

year. Costs for licenses and any processing were borne by the officer. The average costs for processing is approximately \$90.00, and licenses average about \$100.00 per person. The annual Youth Police Academy and Citizens Police Academy are being rescheduled for March 2020. The Yeadon Police Chaplain Program has become an integral part of the police outreach mission for the public. Yeadon Police Safe Swap Zone was enacted and is held at the Yeadon Borough Hall Building. Established a partnership with Ring (crime mapping capable). This is a free service similar to NextDoor, but videos can be included. Yeadon accident reports are available to the public online through CARFAX. The National Day of Reconciliation for residents was held on 9/17/19. The Yeadon Police Community L.O.V.E Garden location has been secured. The garden will bring the community and police together planting produce and flowers, working together, and talking more!

### POLICIES

A part-time officer reimbursement contract was implemented to recoup the costs of uniforms and equipment in the event that the officer leaves the Borough prior to serving 18 months or more of service in Yeadon. A social media policy was enacted.

Beautifying the Borough is a Team Effort

How You Can Create Actual Tangible Beauty

Why is it important to beautify the community? Not only does it make the area look charming and nice, but it helps to bring in new businesses as well as help existing businesses generate more money. Also, it sets the quality of standards the community would like to uphold and draws more people to the area.

Simple things like properly displaying house numbers on your property to be visible is not only a Borough ordinance, but it's also a safety precaution. Most of all, it makes the house look good and easily identifiable. There are several materials that can be used like numbered stickers from the dollar store to antique metal brass numbers from a specialty shop. Other ways to beautify the area are: keeping the grass cut low, creating gardens, painting the home exterior, and repaving driveways. Some things are costly to re-vamp, but with time and patience anything can be accomplished.

Local business areas take part in beautifying their areas during the changing of seasons, holidays, and on a daily basis. The business owners here in Yeadon have been developing ideas to enhance the view in those areas. Additions, such



as hanging planters, Christmas lighting, and sweeping the store front area are a few simple actions they have taken towards this effort. A lot of boroughs/towns have Beautification Committees to create programs and plans of action in order to reach their intended goals. Times are chang-

ing and so does the need for new/upgraded businesses and services to keep up with this ever-evolving world.

Beautifying the Borough will take a team effort. A plan(s) should be put in place and carried out. One way to accomplish this (you probably know where I am going with this) is by creating a Beautification Committee. If you would like to be part of a Yeadon Beautification Committee or take part in beautifying the Borough, please contact the Borough and let us know. You can reach us by email, telephone, or in person.

Another way to accomplish the beautification of the Borough is to find ways to unify and work as a team. Taking interest in one's neighbors and being informed about what's going on in the community would help immensely towards this effort. Again, we are here to help so please contact us with your ideas and suggestions and we will work together with you to turn ideas of beauty into actual tangible beauty.

Danielle Stevens  
NJN & Associates, LLC  
Office Coordinator

Safety Tips for the Holiday Season and Beyond

Here are a few fire safety tips for the holiday season and the winter time. You should check all the below items in your home to have a fire safe season.



Home Heating Tips

No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

Central Heating System Safety Tips

Get your central heating system cleaned, inspected, and serviced by a certified HVAC (heating, venting and air conditioning) contractor every year before using it. If you have a gas

heater, make sure that you have a sufficient quantity of fully functioning carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

Space Heater Safety Tips

Make sure that any space heaters are surrounded by at least three feet of empty space. Never place clothing or any other objects on a space heater to dry. Do not place space heaters near furniture or drapery. Turn space heaters off when you leave the house or go to bed. Avoid storing any combustible items near heaters.

Fireplace Safety Tips

Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe. Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall. Repair any cracks in fireplaces. Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace. Do not ever use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace. Never leave a fire unattended. Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace. For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before

use each season. Remember that outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units, and observe all safety precautions when using them.

Fire Safety Tips for Holiday Decorations

Do not use scented candles unattended. Make sure that all decorations are clear of any heat source or open flame. Use only fire retardant holiday decorations. Verify that all holiday lights and extension cords have been tested by an organization, such as Factory Mutual or Underwriters Laboratory. Any extension cord that is broken or frail dispose of it immediately. Do not overload power strips. Remember that power strips are only to be used for a short period of time and the more that you have plugged into it, the more current that is drawn to it, which can cause it to overload and catch fire.

Let's have a fire free winter season!

Rufus Stokes ,CFEI  
Fire Marshal

YTC Corner

Seasons Greetings, Yeadon Residents

2019 Tax year is complete for many Yeadon residents. Congrats!!!



For our fellow residents who are striving to make their final 2019 tax payments prior to December 31, 2019 all things are possible.

I will be available for questions at 267-564-8648 on the third floor of the Borough Hall. I can receive payments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am until 2 pm.

Take good care,

Julianne James, Yeadon Tax Collector

Historical Commission News

The Yeadon Borough Historical Commission (YBHC) was established by Yeadon Borough in 2015 to encourage appreciation for Yeadon'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 (YPL). 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. Other materials can be viewed on the YBHC website: [yeadonhistoricalcommission.org](http://yeadonhistoricalcommission.org)

Also, with strong support, the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission has submitted nomination materials to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for a state historical marker for the Nile Swim Club. There are many nominations but YBHC is optimistic and the decision of the Commission will be announced in May 2020. Reports citing other accomplishments, activities and goals of the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission can be found on Yeadon Borough's website. To share your Yeadon memories or memorabilia, to comment or to ask questions, please email [yeadonhistoricalcommission@gmail.com](mailto:yeadonhistoricalcommission@gmail.com).





# Is Your Home Ready for Winter?

*Tips to Help You and Your Family Prepare for the Season from the Yeadon Borough Code Department*

### Examine Your Roof for Damage

Rather than a risky climb up a ladder, stand safely on the ground and examine your roof with the aid of binoculars. Be on the lookout for shingles that seem to be buckling, bubbling, or curling up. Also, pay close attention to the status of your shingles at those overlapping seams. Make note of any spots where the roof covering may have broken off or be missing. Make sure the protective pieces are covering the vent pipes, skylights, and the flashing around the chimney. If any of these issues are present, please consult with a roofer to see what, if anything, may need to be done.

### Check the Efficiency of Gutters and Downspouts

In some areas of the country, Old Man Winter can bring heavy drifts of snow and weighty amounts of ice. Make sure your gutters are up for handling the side effects of a winter wonderland by keeping your gutters clear of tree leaves, twigs, and other debris so moisture can flow away in an uninterrupted and efficient manner. Thankfully, there are products on the market that allow you to clean your gutters while keeping both feet on the ground. From telescoping tongs to an angled nozzle wand, handy tools help remove debris safely without having to tempt fate by scaling a ladder.

Once you determine the gutters are free of debris, use the water from your garden hose to make sure the water flows easily down the track. If so, the next step is to inspect the gutter traps and secure the downspouts. When giving each downspout a once-over, canvass the drainage. Be sure that the path from the downspout directs water at least 3 feet away from your foundation.

On another note, check around the perimeter of your house whenever rain is forecast to make sure your downspouts are situated properly. Ac-



tivities such as mowing the lawn, landscaping, kids playing in the yard, or a critter looking for a hideout can shift the location of the drainpipe.

Another item to consider is determining whether your yard is abating runoff properly by following your water removal route to the nearest storm drain. Do so by confirming the path is clear and that the drain is unhindered.

### Prevent Unwelcome Pests

Creatures of all sorts are hoping to enter your cozy abode when the weather gets cold. Unless they plan to help pay the rent or mortgage, there's no need to welcome the freeloading bugs, mice, squirrels, or birds. An easy way to prevent opportunists from entering is to scout out potential access points. Consider an investigation of your home with questions such as:

- Are entry doors closing securely?* If not, it might be time for new door sweeps or fresh weather stripping.
- Do windows shut tightly?* If you feel drafts of air, add adhesive foam tape to help insulate along the sills.
- Have you been keeping nesting creatures away*

*from your exhaust release?* An inexpensive bird guard can fit nicely over an exterior vent.

*Are you seeing a line of ants around faucets?* Caulking the seams and spaces around each sink can halt the marching orders of insects in search of water.

*In the nether regions under sinks, are there any gaps where the plumbing meets the wall?* Think of a mouse on a mission or a strong-willed squirrel using their special forces rodent training to chew right through wood or plastic coverings. This can be prevented by mixing durable caulking compound with steel wool to keep the determined varmints from gnawing their way into your warm and cozy atmosphere.

While exploring your place and filling in the nooks and crannies, the following rhyme will help you remember what to do: "Corners and edges and under the ledges." You will also be packing heat with your caulk gun, as you close the gaps, cracks, or holes and keep out both moisture and unwanted pests.

**Rufus Stokes**  
Emergency Management Coordinator

## Recap for 2019

# Yeadon Borough Code Department

The Code Department has an entire new staff of employees (with the exception of the Code Office Manager). We started the year off notifying residents of the many issues that led to multiple violations. One of the main issues was not having the identifying house number listed for the address on the rear and front of the property. We informed residents to comply by installing numbers on the home. Other issues that were brought to our attention and successfully completed are (1) the owners of the Washington Woods Apartments corrected the handling of the trash and tree issues and (2) the owner of the Yeadon Shopping Center on the 200 block of MacDade Blvd. repaired the holes in the parking lot and repaved the area.

The Code Officers have been working diligently with the apartment complexes to maintain the cleanliness of their trash areas. Be on the lookout for the Code Officers as they continue to patrol and canvass the Borough on foot. The intent is to have a better presence in the community and the ability for residents to report, address, and have their issues responded to in a timely manner. Having many of the outstanding violations addressed and corrected, the Code Department will continue to work with residents and business owners to address any and all violations whether minor or major to ensure the safety of the public.

- Rufus Stokes, Code Director

## YEADON BOROUGH CODES: DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know all residential properties are required to have identification numbers on the front and rear of their properties if they abut a driveway or street? This requirement is for the quick identification for all emergency services personnel in case of an emergency.



### § 220-18 C. Premises Identification.

Premises identification shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property and from any common alley or public right of way servicing the rear of the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of four inches (102 mm) high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm) and must be plainly visible from the highway, street, road or common alley.

Did you also know that all owners of buildings or land are responsible for the removal of any snow and ice?

### § 220-16 Exterior property areas. Snow and ice removal.

Owners responsibility is as follows: (1) the owner of any property that abuts any sidewalks on a public highway or common alley shall remove all snow from such sidewalks within 24 hours after the final snowfall. (2) Snow shall be removed from all sidewalks and walking surfaces to provide a pathway of at least 36 inches. (3) The owner of any property that abuts any sidewalks on a public highway or common alley shall not permit ice, upon which it is dangerous to travel, to remain on such sidewalk. (4) No owner shall permit snow or ice to conceal any fire hydrant or other fire department connections located on their property. (5) No owner shall permit snow or ice to remain on any fire department access road located on their property. (6) No person shall shovel, plow or move snow out into the public way after it has been plowed, moved or removed, unless authorized by the Borough.

For more information regarding Yeadon's codes check out our eCode website at [yeadonborough.org/ecode](http://yeadonborough.org/ecode).

Four Seasons of Progress

A Year of Activity at Public Works

Like all past years we prepared ourselves for winter, getting ready for the falling snow and ice we know will be coming. In January and February, we had our share of small snow storms and freezing temperatures, but it was in early March when we were hit by a big blast of winter snow just as we waited for spring to come. We found ourselves filling potholes, mainly along the West Cobbs Creek Parkway & MacDade Boulevard areas. However, the elements, along with cold temperatures in those first few months, pushed us indoors to complete other work.

We started with reconfiguring the Police Department. We repaired the showers in the men’s locker room, repainted the entire department, and installed new interview room lighting. We also repainted the atrium.

In mid-March we were hit with a major sewer back up at Cobbs Creek along Allen Drive. Raw sewage was pouring out of man-holes into the creek. It was a team effort involving the Public Works Department, the Borough engineer, NDI Engineering Co., and A. Gar-guile & Sons. We set up back up pumps and miles of hoses were laid out from Allen Drive across the creek to the Forest Creek Apart-ments. The Public Works Depart-ment worked around the clock, everyday over three different shifts, manning the pumps, keeping them gassed up and running to prevent another back up. It took approxi-mately three weeks to free the lines of the blockage.

Come springtime we started cut-ting the grass for the 15 Borough plots. We generally perform this task on a weekly basis through Oc-tober. At this time, we also started

receiving abatement properties from Code Department.

By the end of May, we readied the town for our Annual Flag Day celebration by putting flags up along Church Lane, painting the cir-cle, and setting up for the parade, which concluded outside of the Public Works garage and Kerr Field. Everyone gathered to play games, eat, and listen to music. At dusk the annual fireworks were lit and an-other successful Flag Day came to an end.

In early June, the Borough sweeper broke down. While we were waiting for the new sweeper to arrive, two men were dispatched everyday to go over the sweeper route and clean up where needed. The new sweeper finally arrived in August during the dog days of summer.

The dog days did not deter Pub-lic Works. We worked with the Code Department to cut grass on properties where it was overgrown. In addition, we painted street cross-walks for the upcoming school year, checked and tested the outfalls part of MS4, and cleaned out inlets and sewers as part of our preventive maintenance program. Moreover, street/traffic signs were posted, straightened, or replaced, and me-ters were checked and fixed as needed. Furthermore, we finished setting concrete at the Borough Hall, which included curbing, ramps, and sidewalks. We also as-sisted with the new lights that were installed at the Yeadon Community Park basketball courts.

As the fall season approached, we started getting ready for leaf season (which begins in October and runs through December). This involves two men on the leaf truck and another taking the leaves out to

the county dump in Chester. By mid-October all of the grass is cut one more time, then the equipment is cleaned and stored away for the winter. At which point, plows and salt spreaders were brought out and checked for the winter season. Things continued to get even busier as we prepared for the Haunted Hall event for Halloween. This event oc-curs at the end of October for three nights leading up to Halloween. It generally takes a week to put every-thing up and together, and this year was no exception. As we set-up for the Haunted Hall, the leaf truck and sweeper routes were being run, and Public Works continued assisting the public.

Our plans for November in-cluded sanding, spackling, and painting the auditorium. We plan on completing many, if not all, of the other projects in the Hall this year into the next. Once leaf season concludes we will find ourselves in the holiday season. This means set-ting up lights and other decorations at the Borough Hall and the circle. The tree lighting is set to occur on the first Friday in December. We might even have an early snow for this upcoming winter season. No matter what comes up for the rest of 2019, this department is always ready to serve the community and its residents.

As this year ends, I would like to thank all the men in the Public Works Department for their service, and all other departments and their men and women for their help throughout the year. To everyone else, I wish you all a happy holiday season and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Dan Wright, Superintendent  
Public Works Department

By Candace Braun Davison  
Photo by Ethan Calabrese

Recipe Roundup



Three-Ingredient Holiday Sugar Cookies

(Four if you count sprinkles)

**YIELDS: 12 cookies**  
**PREP TIME: 10 minutes**  
**TOTAL TIME: 30 minutes**

- Ingredients:**
- 1 stick plus 2 tbsp. salted butter
  - 1/3 c. sugar
  - 1 c. all-purpose flour
  - Sprinkles (optional)

- Instructions:**
1. Preheat oven to 325°.
  2. Use an electric mixer to cream the sugar and butter, whipping the two until the butter is almost white and the mixture is light and fluffy, almost like a slightly gritty frosting, then stir in flour.
  3. Form the cookies into 1" balls, placing them about 2 inches apart on a baking sheet. If using sprinkles, flatten cookies into a disc shape and top with sprinkles.
  4. Bake for 15 to 17 minutes, or until the edges of the cookies are lightly golden.

Winter Updates from the Public Works Department

**STREET SWEEPING**

Reminder to all residents that the Borough street sweeper will continue on its daily schedule throughout the winter month (weather permitting) so please be aware of your day and time posted on the signs on your block. If there are sweepers signs on your block that you cannot read because they are too faded, please call Public Works so we may come out and replace them. We thank you for your cooperation.

**SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES**

With winter weather approaching, we would like to remind all residents of Borough Ordinance Article IX Snow and Ice Emergencies §285-81 and 82 Parking Prohibited & Driving Restricted on snow routes during an emergency.

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

A. Park a motor vehicle or allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route designated in § 285-83; or

B. Drive any motor vehicle on any snow emergency route designated in § 285-82, unless that vehicle is equipped with snow tires or chains.

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 SCHEDULE**

Christmas Day is Wednesday, December 25, 2019. Recycling will not be picked up on this day, instead it will be picked up on Saturday, December 28th.

New Year’s Day is Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Recycling will not be picked up on this day, instead it will be picked up on Saturday, January 4, 2020. Regular recycling pickup will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Monday, January 20, 2020 is Martin Luther King Holiday; Monday’s trash will be picked up on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, along with the regular Tuesday route.

Monday, February 17, 2020 is Presidents Day; Monday trash will be picked up on its regular schedule day.

Resident Spotlight: Charles Pavia

A Love for Community, Family, and Yeadon

Charles Pavia fell in love with Yeadon the moment he started working in the area. In fact, Mr. Pavia and his wife, Josephine, have been residents in this Borough for more than 40 years. Along with owning a small business on Church Lane, he remains a very active and an influential member of the community.

Like the majority of all Americans, Mr. Pavia's parents were immigrants and came to the United States of America from Italy. His father worked in a leather factory and his mother stayed at home to take care of the children and the household. Traditionally, family members would come together and celebrate the holiday seasons. Mr. Pavia smiled while thinking back, "my mother cooked for twenty-eight people in the basement," he recalled, "and during Christmas we would get one gift."

The South Philly native started cutting hair in his basement at the age of fifteen and realized what he wanted to do with his life. He made several rounds at barber shops in the Center City area of Philadelphia - with no luck. However, with the

The South Philly native started cutting hair in his basement at the age of fifteen, eventually starting a new business with a partner in 1969.

help of his uncle, Mr. Pavia got a job at Ralph's Barber Shop on Church Lane. "Back then when someone walked in all the barbers would stand up and the client would point to the barber they wanted," Mr. Pavia explained. Being the new kid in town, he rarely got picked. He then thought of a way to get more clients; by styling their hair. "I'd put the client in my chair and say let's find a way to cover your ears or frame your face," he said. Mr. Pavia's pay went from \$60 to \$160 per year for being creative. Soon he expanded his creativity and developed a passion for styling women's hair as well. In 1969, Charles partnered with fellow barber, Carlo Dimemmo, and opened Charles



and Carlo - Hair Design for Men & Women.

Mr. Pavia is happily married to his wife and they have a son, daughter, and one grandson. He still remembers the first time he met his wife. "During a Mets game, I stepped outside my parent's home and my wife had just moved across the street from us. I still remember, she walked outside wearing a pair of dungarees and a black shirt," he reminisced. Mr. Pavia is still in love with his wife and they still have date nights to this day.

When asked if he could have three wishes Mr. Pavia answered: (1) to get a hole in one, (2) to grow old and die in Yeadon, and (3) for all nationalities and cultures to come together. Mr. Pavia believes communication is necessary for Yeadon to move forward and will get better, especially because of the different nationalities moving into the community. As the Co-Chair of the 700 Block Business Club, he also thinks that more committees should be created, for example Beautification and Redevelopment Committees. He further shared that pre-existing groups should be restored, such as welcoming committees. He added that the Nile Swim Club should be the focal point of Yeadon and everyone should participate and become a patron to help support it. He mentioned that there could be fundraisers held to assist with financial aid so more people can join. Ideally, he would like the Borough to have non-political meetings or events with the community inside the Borough Hall Auditorium.

Charles Pavia has accomplished a lot in his lifetime. Not only has this Eagles fan managed to run his own business, but he has overcome cancer, helped form flea markets and golf tournament fundraisers, held the title of President of the Hair Cutter's Guild, and Co-Chaired the 700 Block Business Club. He is very vocal about the safety and conservation of the community and is not afraid to express his ideas. Mr. Pavia is a joy to speak with, always with a smile and an interesting story. His love for Yeadon is recognized and much appreciated.

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Office Coordinator

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).

To use:

- Download MyCivic Services App from the Google Play Store or the App Store
- Enter "Yeadon Borough" in the Search box.
- THAT'S IT! Get access to the same information as the Borough website.

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# Services and Ongoing Activities at the Yeadon Public Library

Some of the current key services, ongoing activities, and upcoming events being offered by the Yeadon Public Library (YPL) 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: [librarydirector@yeadonborough.com](mailto:librarydirector@yeadonborough.com)



## LIBRARY SERVICES

- Delaware County Library cardholders are able to borrow materials from an extensive in-house and digital collection, as well as, through an interlibrary loan. Also, Delaware County Libraries provide access to online homework help AND access through Over-Drive to several collections of eBooks, audiobooks and e-magazines to use, download or view online.
- Public Access Computers that allow access to Internet and the Microsoft Office Suite. Chromebooks, iPads and ThinkPads, are also available for use in the Library.
- Faxing, Photocopying, Printing, and Scanning
- WIFI
- Thanks to Friends of Yeadon Public Library, patrons can borrow a pass directly from YPL that will allow free admission (generally for two adults and up to 3 children) to one of the following museums: Academy of Natural Sciences, African American Museum of Philadelphia, Elmwood Park Zoo, Morris Arboretum, National Constitution Center, Penn Museum and (newly added) Eastern State Penitentiary.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Café 3 After School Program
- Calligraphy Class
- Chess Club
- Computer MD – Tech & Talk with Ginny
- Dream Chasers Mentoring – boys ages 8 to 18
- Evening Readers’ Book Club – Books available through YPL  
2019 Theme: “The World Between Covers”  
Last Meeting: Dec. 18th (7:00 PM), “The Old Man Who Reads Love Novels”  
2020 Theme: “Best Sellers”  
First Meeting: January 22nd (7:00PM)
- Girls Who Code – ages 8 to 18
- “Miss Toni’s Table” Join us to discuss works of acclaimed author Toni Morrison. Upcoming Meetings: Dec. 30th (7:00 PM), “Tar Baby”; Feb. 24th (7:00 PM), “Paradise”
- 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 to 18
- Writing Workshop
- Yoga

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Black Saturday Shopping Extravaganza & Harvest Tasting – Saturday, November 30, 2019
- Martin Luther King’s Day of Service – Monday, January, 20, 2020
- "Lift Every Voice & Celebrate Social Tea" – Saturday, February 22, 2020

Check [yeadonlibrary.org](http://yeadonlibrary.org) for details.

## Countdown to the Counting

# The 2020 Census

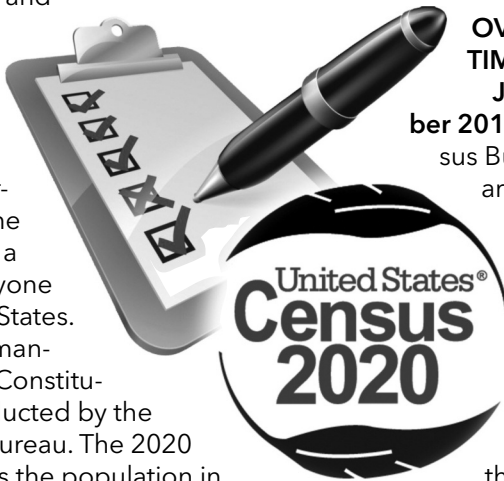
Entering the new year, it is customary to make a fresh start and task ourselves with new year resolutions, goals, and scheduling the upcoming events in our lives. This new year we will be participating in the 2020 Census, a count of everyone in the United States. This count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau. The 2020 Census counts the population in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Every household should receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire either by phone, mail, and for the first time online.

A lot of people think that it is just a head count of those living in our country; well it is, but it is so much more. This information is used by lawmakers, business owners, teachers, etc. to provide services, products, and support for the community. This data is crucial to formulating plans and funding for each area (town, borough, city, and state) for items such as schools, hospitals, fire departments, infrastructure, development, and other resources. Additionally, the census helps determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is used to draw congressional and state legislative districts. Therefore, it is imperative that you accurately and timely complete the census.

So remember April 1st is Census Day. The Census website indicated that there will be events held across the country that day. As a result, we are asking all residents who complete their application by April 1st to honk your car horn or shout my application was submitted as you pass the Borough that day. We will all know the honking and shouting means that together we are making a difference for Yeadon.

On another note, the Census Bureau is recruiting for employment and has many positions from entry level to managerial available. If you are interested in working for the Census Bureau apply online at

[www.2020census.gov/jobs/](http://www.2020census.gov/jobs/) or please visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) for more information.



## OVERALL CENSUS TIMELINE

### January-September 2019:

The U.S. Census Bureau opens 248 area census offices across the country. These offices support and manage the census takers who work all over the country to conduct the census.

### August

**2019:** Census takers will begin visiting areas that have experienced a lot of change and growth to ensure that the Census Bureau’s address list is up to date. This is known as address canvassing, and it helps to ensure that everyone receives an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.

**January 2020:** The Census Bureau begins counting the population in remote Alaska.

**April 1, 2020:** Census Day nationwide. By this date, every home should receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, phone, or mail. When you respond to the census, tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

**April 2020:** Census takers begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers, and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.

**May 2020:** The Census Bureau begins visiting homes that have not responded to the 2020 Census to make sure everyone is counted.

**December 2020:** The Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

**March 31, 2021:** By this date, the Census Bureau will send redistricting counts to states. This information is used to redraw legislative districts based on population changes.

**Danielle Stevens**  
**NJN & Associates, LLC**  
**Office Coordinator**

## FUN FACT

Article 1, Section 2 of the Constitution mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Recreation Department Year in Review

Community Program Highlights from 2019

Yeadon Borough and the Garrett Williamson Foundation (Camp Garrett) partnered for the 10th year to send 30 youths from Yeadon to its annual summer camp. During this 10-year partnership, the foundation has awarded families from Yeadon over 1 million dollars in scholarship money. The camp provides youth ages 6-15 with activities such as archery, swimming, tennis, crafts, vegetable gardening, and reading/math. The camp also provides paid counselor experience for Yeadon youth who qualify. Scholarships for the 2020 Camp Garrett will be available in January. Information sessions will be held at Yeadon Borough.

The Yeadon Recreation Department would like to thank the Robert and Marie Bogle Foundation for its generous contribution in sponsoring two Yeadon youth for bus transportation to Camp Garrett.

The Darby Creek Valley Association (DCVA) and Comcast collaborated to hold the annual Yeadon Cleanup Day in April. The area along 65th and Cobbs Creek Park-

Thanks to leadership of Borough Council and the Borough Management, our basketball league has a safe place to play.

way and the area around Church Lane and Chester Avenue were the hotspots for this year. Groups from the Yeadon Boys Scouts, Delaware County 4-H and YEAA participated. Comcast and DVCA provided trash bags, gloves, T-shirts, and refreshments for the volunteers.

The basketball facility at Yeadon Community Park continues to improve. In 2017, the courts were repaved, 2018 the old half moon backboards were replaced with new acrylic backboards with break-away rims. This year, the lights were turned on after 30 years of darkness. Thanks to the leadership of Borough Council and the Borough Management, our summer basket-

ball league had a safe place to play.

The Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative is a coalition of townships, boroughs and municipalities coming together to solve stormwater issues. The group includes Yeadon, East Lansdowne, Upper Darby, Havertown, Darby Borough, Darby Township, Collingdale, Glenolden, Norwood, and Morton. This year the collaborative continued to offer programs for residents in rain barrel installation, rain garden installation, tree tenders (including pruning, planting, and identification). It also offered programs for administrators and public works staff in stormwater runoff, equipment care, hazardous run off identification, and storage of toxic materials. The collaborative further provided residents with bags to remove dog waste from sidewalks and other public areas as well as 20 trees for the Borough to plant.

The Yeadon Education Athletic Association (YEAA) under the leadership of Leon Howard again offered winter and summer basketball for boys and girls. Each

year the program assists more and more young student/athletes who enjoy basketball for recreation and/or preparing to move their abilities to the next level. YEAA also offers soccer for youth in the fall of the year. The winter edition of YEAA basketball registration will begin in early November, boys and girls ages 5-18 are welcome to register.

The annual Halloween Haunted Hall held on October 28th, 29th, and 30th was a success. Over 600 persons, young, old, and in between were scared out of their wits by the wolfman, Jason, the Mummy, Count Dracula, and some of the staff from Yeadon Borough. The Haunted Hall has been a staple of Yeadon program activities since the early 1990s. Each year the program has gotten bigger and bigger. The success of this event is due to the staff of our Public Works Department who spend hours setting up the Hall, and our student volunteers who bagged over 1,000 bags of treats and escorted groups through the maze.

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Borough, upgrading some of the equipment was necessary. This resulted in a new street sweeper and other equipment for the Public Works Department. Public Works was not only busy breaking in the new equipment, but they participated in making many of the improvements, such as the installation of the three new bus shelters.

Speaking of the Public Works Department, Mr. Daniel Wright reported to Council that he will be retiring in April of 2020 after 46 years of service. Mr. Wright, the Borough thanks you for the decades of service that you provided and hopes you enjoy your retirement! This not only means rest and relaxation for Mr. Wright, but it also means that there will be an opening for the superintendent position at the Public Works Department. If you are interested in this position or know someone who is qualified for this position, please obtain an application from the Borough website or the third floor of Borough Hall and submit it to the Borough.

Did you know that the Borough has a Facebook page? It can be found by searching Yeadon, PA on Facebook. Did you also know that Yeadon Borough has an app? It can be found by searching Yeadon Borough in the search box through the App Store on iPhones or Google Play Store on Android phones.

Did you further know that the general election for the municipality was held on November 5th? Three Councilor positions were slated to be filled. The results were the re-election of President Monroe and Councilor Jones-Waters, and the

election of first-time Councilor, Ms. Liana Roadcloud. Congratulations ladies. . .Yeadon cannot wait to see the great things you will do!

To achieve great things and make certain changes, Council will need money. Thus, the Borough applied for and/or received several awards, grants, and donations this year. One of the grants obtained was \$252,000 for the Community Development Block grant from the Redwood Avenue Sanitary Sewer project. Two other grants received were for the sanitary sewer system on West Providence Road from Lansdowne Avenue to Darby Creek from the Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer grant in the amount of \$424,641 and from the Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$146,195.

Another grant obtained was for \$50,000 that came from the Department of Community and Economic Development, with the aid and support of Senator Williams, to fund the camera surveillance project. The Borough also obtained \$12,353 in County Aid for the 2019 Inlet Project. Additionally, the Borough was awarded \$5,379 for the 2018 904 Recycling Grant and will receive at least \$600 from Comcast Cares.

In a community as involved as Yeadon, the awards received by the Borough were not just monetary. For instance, the *West Philly Journal* wrote an article called "Most Influential African-Americans in West Philadelphia," and Representative Joanna McClinton was one of the recipients, along with Vice President Ronald Francis. Congratulations... we are so proud of your accomplishments and to have you as members of our community!

The Borough also received three awards from the Pennsylvania State

Association of Boroughs (PSAB) for the 7,501 plus population category for the following: (1) first place recognition for the website in the PSAB 2019 Borough News Municipal Website Contest, second place recognition for the newsletter in the PSAB 2019 Borough News Municipal Newsletter Contest, and the 2018 calendar received a special recognition.

Please note that the website is updated frequently and found at yeadonborough.org. In addition, the newsletter is distributed quarterly, and the calendar is mailed out yearly. Many of the local business owners and vendors of the Borough contributed to this year's calendar so please be sure to check out their advertisements as well as their businesses.

You should also look out for Borough announcements on the news. One such item that made the news this year was the Groundbreaking ceremony held on September 27th for the West Cobbs Creek Parkway project. This project was made possible through the PENNVEST loan, which closed at \$1,782,451.01, and will be used to improve the sanitary sewer system at West Cobbs Creek Parkway.

The Borough not only received money on behalf of the community, but it continued to give monetary donations to the community. Every year Council approves financial donations to several organizations, such as the Yeadon Education Athletic Association (YEAA) and Senior Community Services. The donations help support these organizations in offering services to the community.

The Code Department is also working on offering services to the community. For instance, Director Stokes and the rest of the Code De-

partment are planning outreach programs that will help inform the community about the codified ordinances and how to maintain the quality of life standards adopted by Council. Please look for more details to follow regarding this community outreach effort.

Other items achieved this year and/or in progress include securing Property Registration Champions (a company that will aid in having mortgage foreclosures and vacant properties registered with the Borough); maintaining a balanced budget with no tax increase; identifying over \$150,000 in cost saving measures; and working on the economic development and revitalization of the Borough.

NJN & Associates, LLC would like you all to know that we appreciate the opportunity to work for and with Yeadon in helping Yeadon advance and move forward. Our current initiative with the staff is promoting teamwork. The goal is for all employees to work as a team within their departments, with other departments, and the community. After all, we are one big work family.

The same holds true for all of you. You all complete our team because everyone plays a role in ensuring that Yeadon thrives and advances in the years to come. As a result, please do not hesitate to reach out to management and the employees with any questions, concerns, or ideas that you have to improve the Borough. We are better together, because

Together  
Everyone  
Achieves  
More

Respectfully yours,  
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ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

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On Saturday, November 9, the Yeadon community came together to once again celebrate and thank all of our Veterans. There was a crowd of around 40-50 people gathered in the Borough Hall for the event. Many distinguished guests were present for the affair; including Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon, Mayor Rohan K. Hepkins, Council President LaToya Monroe, Vice President Ronald Francis, as well as other dignitaries, family and friends who came together to recognize and thank this year's honoree, Second Lieutenant John E. James, Jr. who recently received his Commission after being in World War II.

In addition, Mayor Rohan K. Hepkins was recognized for his dedication and support of our Veterans. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their service, the dignitaries who came out and showed their support, and all of the Veterans who attended the luncheon. We look forward to seeing you next year!

The Recreation Committee



**Front, seated left to right:** Major Lee Page, Thaddeus Harris, Luther Ingram, Lt. John E. James, Liston Myers, and Alan Clark.

**Back, standing left to right:** Howard Cupit, Arnez Ryons, Mayor Rohan K. Hepkins, Lawrence Watson, John Samuel, Michael Trent, President Monroe, and Vice President Ronald Francis.

2019 Ordinances and Resolutions

Ordinances

**3/21/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1387:** An ordinance amending provisions of the Yeadon Borough Code to establish charges for fire/rescue response for incidents involving Fire Department responses and to provide methods for the collection of such charges form the responsible party.

**3/21/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1388:** An ordinance amending Chapter 246 of the Yeadon Borough Code by establishing a Sewer Tapping Fee in the Borough of Yeadon.

**3/21/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1389:** An ordinance authorizing the Borough of Yeadon to enter into an Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative and intergovernmental agreement with several neighboring Boroughs and Townships, who collaboratively undertake their obligations under MS4 permitting regulations relating to Pollutant Reduction Plan.

**4/18/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1386:** An ordinance to approve, adopt, and enact the codification of ordinances.

**6/10/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1390:** An ordinance approving the issuance of a guaranteed revenue note for a maximum principal amount of \$1,829,280.00 to replace the sanitary sewer main and sewer laterals beneath West Cobbs Creek Parkway and Church Lane between the Borough limits.

**10/17/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1391:** An ordinance, creating title 220-72 of the Yeadon Borough Code to be entitled, "registration of foreclosure mortgages and vacant property."

**10/17/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1392:** An ordinance amending Chapter 220 of the Yeadon Borough Code further providing the use of administrative search warrants in enforcement of the Borough's ordinances

**10/17/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1393:** An ordinance amending Chapter 101 of the Yeadon Borough Code to add a chapter on Special Events.

**10/17/19 -- Ordinance No. 2019-1394:** An ordinance, amending Section 285 of the Yeadon Borough Code to be entitled, "the immobilization of vehicles (booting) with unsettled parking violations or outstanding parking tickets.

Resolutions

**2/21/19 - Resolution No. 2019-001:** A resolution authorizing an application to the Delaware County Council for an allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in 2019 for the municipal roadway/street improvement program of 2019.

**2/21/19 - Resolution No. 2019-002:** A Real Estate Tax Purchase Agreement with Public Asset Management, wherein the Borough agrees to sell its 2018 Tax Claims in an amount not to exceed that fiscal year's real estate tax settlement.

**4/18/19 - Resolution No. 2019-003:** A resolution urging the General Assembly to adequately invest in public schools and students.

**9/12/19 -- Resolution No. 2019-004:** A resolution to consolidate two parcels at 419 and 421 Lansdowne Avenue into one lot.

Recipe Roundup



These Little Santas Are Almost Too Cute to Eat

- Ingredients:**
- 1 dozen strawberries
  - 1 cup whipped cream
  - A handful of chocolate sprinkles
- Instructions:**
1. Using a paring knife, slice the leafy end of each strawberry so they stand up evenly. Then slice the tip off to make a little hat.
  2. Using a spoon or a large icing tip, place a large dollop (about 1-2 tsp) of whipped cream on top of the strawberry base. Plop the little hat on top. Add another small dollop of whipped cream to the tip of the hat to make a mock pom-pom.
  3. Place two chocolate sprinkles in the Santa's "face" for the eyes. Using a toothpick, place two very small splotches of whipped cream down the front of the strawberry for buttons.
  4. You're done! It's that easy. If you don't eat them right away, store them in the fridge to keep them cold. Santa doesn't do well with heat.

# No Man or Woman or Borough is an island, entire of itself...

Yeadon Borough would like to thank all who contributed to our success with your words, deeds, and monetary contributions during 2019. Peace and Blessings to all.

**Beautification of the 700 Block of Church Lane**  
The 700 Block Business Club

**Beautification of the Maple Terrace Area**  
Aquanetta Covington and Ronald Holmes

**Camera Grant Project**  
PA Department of Community and Economic Development  
Sen. Anthony H. Williams

**Comcast Cares Clean-up Event**  
Comcast

**20 Donated Trees**  
Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative

**2019 Flag Day Sponsors**  
Arthur J. Gallagher  
McMonagle, Perri, McHugh, Mischak & Davis P.C.  
NDI Engineering Company  
NJN & Associates, LLC  
Republic Bank  
Thomas Anderson & Associates

**Groundbreaking for PENNVEST Cobbs Creek Parkway Project**  
The office of Congresswoman Scanlon  
The office of St. Rep. Davidson  
The office of St. Rep. McClinton  
Council President Monroe  
Councilor Johnson  
Eileen Mulvena/NDI Engineering Company  
PENNVEST  
Residents, Family and Friends

**Yeadon Borough Historical Commission**  
Sen. Anthony H. Williams

## Patrons of the 2020 Yeadon Borough Calendar

Arthur J. Gallagher  
B&L Disposal  
C. Dopson Insurance Group  
Carmen Jones Notary  
Clarence Johnson, Jr. Funeral Home  
Coconut Breeze Cuisine  
Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon  
Crab Plus  
Edmacy Home Care

Gentle Dentistry  
Granny's Helping Hands  
Hoff Communications, Inc.  
Manor Care Health Services  
McMonagle, Perri, McHugh, Mischak & Davis P.C.  
Modern Exterminating and Termite Control Co.  
Nile Swim Club

NJN & Associates, LLC  
Parkview Pizza, Fried Chicken & Cold Beer  
Senior Community Services  
Sunday Real Estate  
Sunny Pharmacy  
Upper Darby Pain Management  
The Law Offices of W. Keith Williams  
Waytek, Inc.

# Borough Council Meeting Votes for 2019 Finance Committee Reports

**JANUARY 17, 2019**  
*Motion to approve Accounts Payable List and authorize excluding payment for Thyssen (elevators 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 C. Johnson  
**Seconded By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Vote:** 4-1

*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.*  
**Moved By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Seconded By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Vote:** 4-1

**APRIL 18, 2019**  
*Motion to approve Accounts Payable List.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Seconded By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Vote:** 5-2

*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Seconded By:** Councilor R. Francis  
**Vote:** 5-2

**MAY 16, 2019**  
*Motion to approve Accounts Payable List.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Seconded By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Vote:** Unanimous

*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Seconded By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Vote:** Unanimous

**JUNE 20, 2019**  
*Motion to approve Accounts Payable List (Councilor R. Cave abstained in regards to the \$650 for Symphony's Catering).*  
**Moved By:** Councilor D. McCabe  
**Second By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Vote:** Unanimous

*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Second By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Vote:** 6-1

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

**AUGUST 8, 2019 SESSION II**  
*(Reconvened July 18th Meeting)*  
*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report for July 2019*  
**Moved By:** Councilor R. Cave  
**Seconded By:** Councilor C. Johnson

**Motion Passed:** 4 - 1 Abstained by Councilor T. Jones-Waters

**AUGUST 8, 2019**  
*Motion to approve Accounts Payable List*  
**Moved By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Second By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Motion Passed:** 4 - 1 Abstained by Councilor T. Jones-Waters

*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Seconded By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Motion Passed:** 4 - 1 Abstained by Councilor T. Jones-Waters

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**  
*Motion to approve Accounts Payable List*  
**Moved By:** Councilor D. McCabe  
**Second By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Motion Passed:** 4 - 1 Abstained by Councilor T. Jones-Waters

*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Second By:** Councilor D. McCabe  
**Motion Passed:** 4 - 1 Abstained by Councilor T. Jones-Waters

**OCTOBER 17, 2019**  
*Motion to approve Accounts Payable List*  
**Moved By:** Councilor D. McCabe  
**Second By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Motion Passed:** 5 - 2 Opposed by Councilor T. Jones-Waters and Councilor S. Council-Harris

*Motion to approve Cash Balance Report.*  
**Moved By:** Councilor C. Johnson  
**Second By:** Vice President R. Francis  
**Motion Passed:** 5 - 2 Abstained by Councilor T. Jones-Waters and Councilor S. Council-Harris