

Borough of Yeadon

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The 2020 United States Census

It's More Than Just a Head Count

The Census is here! Finally, the time has come to fill out the Census Bureau Survey. Every ten years the Census Bureau formulates a plan, sends out surveys, and employs Census Field Representatives and other positions to help ensure that everyone is accounted for correctly and confidentially. 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. This year, Yeadon Borough has initiated a Census Task Force. The Census Task Force will help residents gain more information and complete the survey. So, do not be surprised if you see the Mayor, Council, or a member of the Census Task Force on your doorstep, as they are there to assist with the process.

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, de-



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From the Council President

Make Spring Count

Dear Neighbors,

Spring is right around the corner after a mild winter. Soon, the flowers will be blooming and all of our neighbors will be out taking care of their beautiful properties. It is my favorite time of year.



LaToya Monroe

We need to make this spring count.

First, make sure you stand up and be counted in the US Census. Every ten years, the Census is conducted and based upon the results, millions of dollars can flow into or away from our community. Please make sure you open your doors and return the

census forms immediately. Make sure you count! Second, make sure you show up and vote in the 2020 Primary Election in April. We don't care HOW you vote we care that you take a moment and VOTE! Make sure you count!

Finally, make sure you count to someone who needs to have a friendly face or kind word. So often, we are focused on our phones or chores that we forget to say hi to our neighbor! Make sure you count to someone today.

In Service,
LaToya Monroe



Yeadon Fire Co. #1 Awards

Honored for Service

On February 15, 2020, the Fire Company celebrated with their annual awards banquet. Above, First Assistant Chief Robert Perna (left) and past Chief Lyle Kunkle surround Engineer AJ Wildes, recipient of the 2019 Randy Kowen Member of the Year Award. Read more on page 6.

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★ TUESDAY, APRIL 28TH ★
★ Primary Election ★

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Finance Department: ext. 112, 113
Health Inspector: ext. 122
Fire Marshal: ext. 124

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

Fire Department 610-623-9642
Volunteering

Emergency Management 610-623-9642
Crisis, Disasters, Volunteers
Resident Services

Public Works 610-623-3636
Bulk Trash Pick Up, Recycling,
Streets & Public Improvements

Code Department 610-284-3110
Building Permits, Licenses & Inspections
Ordinances/Zoning

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

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

Tax Collector Julianne James 610-622-6379
Real Estate Tax, Sewer & Refuse Bills

Yeadon Public Library 610-623-4090
librarydirector@yeadonborough.com
yeadonlibrary@yeadonborough.com

Magisterial District Court 32-2-47
610-259-8848
The Honorable W. Keith Williams, II
60 West Marshall Road, Lansdowne, PA 19050
Small claims (up to \$12,000)
Felony, misdemeanor, preliminary hearings
Traffic violations

Upcoming Events, Closings, and Notices



Yard Waste Drop Off
At the Public Works Department, 1115 Baily Road. Every second Friday of the month, beginning March 13, 2020 through October 9, 2020; 8 AM - Noon and 1 PM – 3 PM.

Residents may bring yard waste to the Public Works Garage for disposal. Please note the Borough will be closed April 10th and yard waste can be dropped off April 9th.

Yeadon’s First Citizen’s Police Academy Graduation at Council Chambers
Yeadon Borough Hall at 7 PM, Thursday, April 16th
Borough Council Meeting

E-Waste Collection Event
At the Public Works Department, 1115 Baily Road. Saturday, April 18th, 9 AM - 1 PM

Yard Waste Residential Pick Up
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 and May 13, 2020
The Borough will pick up yard waste from the residents. Pick up will be the **right side of Church Lane on May 6th** and on the **left side of Church Lane on the 13th**. Electrical and electronic devices, such as TVs, computer monitors, clocks, radios, etc. may be dropped off for collection. Please call the Public Works Department for additional information at (610) 623-3636.

Public Works Week: May 18-22
Meet the Public Works Department
Wednesday, May 20, 2020 ; 1PM – 3 PM
Please join the Public Works Department at 1115 Baily Road near Kerr Field to celebrate Public Works Week. Come and meet the Public Works’ employees, check out our trucks and equipment, and enjoy cookout food.

Annual Flag Day Celebration
Saturday, June 13, 2020 at Kerr Field 1100-1112 Baily Road. The rain date is Saturday, June 20,

2020. There will be entertainment, games, prizes, food, informational tables and fireworks.

Official Closings
The Borough will be closed on Friday, April 10th for Good Friday and Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

PECO LED Lighting project
The Borough has installed LED lighting throughout the Borough building.

Job Openings in Yeadon Borough

- Code Clerk
- Hall Monitors
- Parking Enforcement Officer
- Public Works Director
- Secretary/Hall Event Coordinator
- Seasonal Workers for the Public Works Dept.

Apply online at **yeadonborough.org** or in person at 600 Church Lane Yeadon, PA 19050

Construction on Redwood
The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation on Redwood Avenue is in progress.

Zoning Committee Appointments
Ricco Keyes was appointed to the Zoning Board for the unexpired term of Liana Roadcloud.
Peter Rykard was appointed to the Zoning Board as an alternate member.
Congratulations on your appointments gentlemen!

Cable Channels
List of cable channels for the Yeadon local government access channel.
Verizon – Channel 46
RCN – Channel 51 and 52

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

BOROUGH COUNCIL: LEGISLATIVE MEETING
Third Thursday of each month
7:00 pm, Council Chambers

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Schedule TBD. Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 7, 7:00 pm

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Last Saturday of each month
(one week prior in Nov. & Dec.)
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

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month
7:00 pm

LIBRARY BOARD
Fourth Thursday of each month
7:00 pm, Yeadon Public Library
There are no general meetings in August, November, or December.

Please note: All committee meetings are subject to change. Please check our website at yeadonborough.org for updates.



From the Mayor's Desk

Hope Springs Eternal

My Dear Fellow Yeadonites, as we move into the spring season in earnest, I thought I'd dedicate this column befitting the spring season - as spring is a time when we thaw out from an otherwise Alpine winter into a rebirth and renaissance of sorts. It is a time when the weather starts to warm up, and the flowers and trees start to

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bloom. Spring also happens to be my favorite season. It is when things seem to come alive again and the breathtaking scenes of God's touch seem to brighten up nature all around us. I find it rather poetic, graceful, romantic, and full of life. It seems to have a corresponding touch upon the soul as well.

Now with this backdrop, I'm sure many of us are now recovering from the exhaustion of impeachment; from the polarization of our nation where political parties, and even family members are so at odds and at variance with each other. Many have said that they have never seen our modern day culture so polarized in their lifetime; that our culture has reached a new low, where we have also latched on to a "politics of personal destruction." It's a cynical dynamic where we feel that, "the ends justifies the means," in our quest for power or control or to have things solely go our way. My fellow Yeadonites, I believe this is a great time to turn over a new leaf to end this cycle of negativity as we usher in the dawn of spring - and in fact - a brand new decade. I cannot think of a better and more refreshing way to start anew.

So, let us jettison much of the old, negative, and self-destructive ways that have bedeviled us in the recent past. Let us reach forth to the nature of spring to find that hope really does spring eternal. Let us become faithful and dignified and



gentle and understanding with those who oppose or who might even oppress us. Let us be reminded of the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., that, *"darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."* So I appeal to my fellow Yeadonites to not give way to the cynicism of the day, but rather to utilize the power of love and light and faith and the eternal hope of spring, to embrace and uphold each other into a better tomorrow. Being so minded, let us continue to be a true neighbor in Yeadon. It will make us safer, more neighborly, and engender a more wholesome and inviting community that we know is out there waiting for us to embrace. Yeadon is truly a great community. By reaching forth as such, we can make Yeadon an even better community as it stands. Have a wonderful and eventful spring season!

Yours Truly,
Mayor Hepkins

The Main Causes and How to Obtain Help

The Truth About Lead Poisoning

Delaware County's Lead Poisoning rate is higher than the national average and was the highest among suburban counties in 2017. Lead paint hazards are the main source of childhood lead poisoning. In the U.S., lead paint was not banned from residential use until 1978. Approximately 51% of housing units in Delaware County were built before 1980 and about 93% of all rental units. As a result, over 80% of Delaware County Homes are likely to have lead paint.

Nearly 400 Delaware County children are poisoned every year by lead. Most are poisoned as babies and toddlers before they turn the age of three. However, not all children are tested for lead poisoning. Unfortunately, Yeadon Borough is one of the most affected municipalities when it comes to lead.

In the face of the above daunting statistics, the Yeadon Borough Code Department hosted a press conference and meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, for the Delaware County Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition here at the Yeadon Borough Hall. Congresswoman Scanlon and the Delaware County Vice Chair, Monica Taylor, were in attendance. During this meeting, the Delaware County Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition announced available grants to remove lead-based paint hazards from rental and owner-occupied homes of families with low-income, homes with children under six, or homes with pregnant women. If a young child does not live with you but spends at least 60 hours per year in your home, you may also qualify.

For more information or to apply, residents may contact either Community Action Agency of Delaware County **(610-352-5555)** or the Office of Housing and Community Development: **(610-891-5425)**.

For more detailed information on Lead Poisoning and what to do, please visit our information centers at Yeadon Borough Hall.

Mary Nixon
Code Department

Borough Council 2019/2020 Meeting Attendance Chart

2019	Mayor Rohan Hepkins	President LaToya Monroe	Vice President Ronald Francis	Councilor Clara Johnson	Councilor Rafi Cave	Councilor Dolores McCabe	Councilor Sharon Council-Harris	Councilor Taliah Jones-Waters
June 20 CORRECTION*	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	*PRESENT <i>(previously listed as absent)</i>	PRESENT	*ABSENT <i>(previously listed as present)</i>
Nov. 21	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
Dec. 12	PRESENT	ARRIVED LATE	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT
Dec. 19	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ARRIVED LATE	RESIGNED	ABSENT
Dec. 30	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ARRIVED LATE	PRESENT	N/A	PRESENT

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From the Chief of Police

Criminals: Stay Out of Yeadon – I Don’t Play!



There is not a day that goes by that I am not worried about the community I serve. It takes a toll on me; but if you live, work, or visit Yeadon I consider you family and my desire to keep you safe, drives me with a passion. I celebrated 2 years here in Yeadon on January 8, 2020 and I figure by now most of you realize I’m a little different when it comes to policing. However, if you are new to Yeadon, or this is the first time you happen to be reading this newsletter, I’m going to ask you to work with me for a second and check out a website called Nextdoor ([nextdoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)).

Mayor Hopkins pointed me in the direction of this social media hotspot for communities and I’ve taken my various programs and

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anti-crime endeavors here for you, the resident; to get firsthand information and responses about crime alerts and prevention strategies. So, if you aren’t a member on this website and happen to get a post-card in the mail from me – SIGN UP! Here you can get my #MissionLock-ItUp reminders, Crime Alerts, #OperationHouseCall Alerts, and posts about some of the outstanding work your Police Department accomplishes to keep you safe. The interactions I have with you the public, helps direct me where trouble spots may be and helps me devise new programs and crime fighting endeavors.

An example of this innovative thinking stems from the periodic problems with thefts of or from ve-

hicles. These types of crimes are opportunities for criminals that quite frankly, should not happen. In this hectic world we live in, we get complacent. How many times have you warmed up your car or left a wallet inside and nothing happened? Then one day you become a victim doing the same thing. A criminal walks by and sees the opportunity and literally takes it. Yet, while I can’t be everywhere, I can get creative in an effort to send the message to criminals to stay out of Yeadon, because I don’t play when it comes to protecting you and your property.

Imagine the following scenario: A criminal is walking down the street and sees a shiny new laptop in the backseat, they check the door handle and it’s unlocked so they take it. Now, imagine that a criminal is walking down the street, and they see a car running with the keys in it, with the doors unlocked as well, and well you know what happens next, they are traveling down Church Lane in their new “ride”. The problem in each of these circumstances was it was my “BAIT CAR” and (5) five individuals who would have made you a victim got caught by police in the act of theft. The message now gets out, be

careful the next car you steal from or take might be the Police Chief’s.

Know there is no limit to my imagination to keep you safe, and the men and women of the Yeadon Police Department strive every day to earn your trust and respect. Without your support, our efforts would not be as successful as they are. Together, we are a formidable partnership, and if you want to see this for yourself; pull up a chair, open up that computer, type in [Nextdoor.com](https://www.Nextdoor.com) and see the great things happening in Yeadon between police and the community.

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

Chief Anthony R. Paparo
Yeadon Police Department

HAVE A TIP?
CONTACT US!

Tip Line: 610-259-1228

E-mail: tips@yeadonpd.org

Phone: 610-623-1500

Fax: 610-623-3146

Emergency Management

Plan Ahead for Safety

In the event of a disaster or emergency you may be directed to do the following:

SHELTER IN PLACE PLAN

Shelter in place means finding a safe location indoors and staying there until you are given an “all clear” or told to evacuate. You may be asked to shelter in place because of an active shooter; tornado; or chemical, radiological, or other hazard.

TIPS/ITEMS TO EVALUATE:

- **In finding a safe location determine the following:** Does the door lock? Does the door open out or in? Is there furniture nearby that you can use to barricade the door? Can you close or block the windows? Think of what you might need (food, water, and medication) in the event that the shelter in place notice lasts for several hours.
- **In an active shooter situation determine the following:** whether you need to barricade yourself inside, know if the door opens outward or inward, and test the lock.
- **In a severe weather event** the rule of thumb is to put as many walls between you and the outdoors as possible and head to the lowest floor possible. The basement is an ideal location.

Respond as follows in the situations describe above:

1. Stay calm.
2. Proceed to a location that can be secured, and lock or secure the door. If necessary, move something in front of the door to ensure it cannot be forced open.
3. Turn off all lights, silence all phones, and wait for further instructions. Instructions will come via TV or a text, so keep your silenced phone nearby.
4. Do not open the door until instructed to do so by responding authorities.
5. Remember: contact the Police or 911 if you feel that your safety is in jeopardy
6. Wait in the safest location possible until you are given the “all clear” or told to evacuate.
7. During an active shooter situation, lock all doors.

Free Rain Barrel and Storm Management Workshop



Receive a free rain barrel and learn to manage storm water on your property!

Rain Barrels:

- Reduce Water Pollution
- Reduce Local Flooding
- Provide Free Garden Water
- Save you Money

Attendees will learn about the problems associated with stormwater runoff, ways to conserve water in their homes, and watershed friendly landscaping techniques. The workshop will also cover the basics of how to install and maintain a rain barrel.

After the workshop, participants will be provided with a rain barrel to place on their property.

Upcoming Workshops:

Morton Borough Hall
Tuesday, April 7, 2020
6:30 PM

Yeadon Borough Hall
Wednesday, May 6, 2020
6:30 PM

Registration Required

Morton: <https://prc.org/event-details/?ee=581>
Yeadon: <https://prc.org/event-details/?ee=582>
Call: (610) 353-1555 x 233
Online Registration is Preferred

Rain Barrels limited to 50 per workshop and 1 per household

Funding Provided by PA DEP Growing Greener Program



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Website to Go Live by March 2020

Historical Commission Continues to Build Presence

In 2015, Yeadon Borough Council determined that it was in the best interest of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents and businesses of Yeadon Borough to establish the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission (YBHC), and thereby encourage appreciation for Yeadon Borough’s rich history while creating a means to honor and preserve it. Annual reports citing accomplishments, activities and goals of the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission can be found on Yeadon Borough’s website.

In 2020, the Yeadon Borough Historical Commission will be coordinating events to promote interest and public relations, such as local history tours (to include churches and cemeteries) and a genealogy workshop. Stay tuned for more information.

Research conducted by the Yeadon Borough

Historical Commission since its inception 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, including a tribute to Yeadon’s first black police officer whom many still remember, Sgt. Thomas “Tommy” Jackson.

The Yeadon Borough Historical Commission is in the process of establishing online presence to facilitate the sharing of Yeadon’s history – past, present and future. Images of historic materials exhibited by YBHC at the Borough’s Quasquicentennial Celebration in November 2018 and other digitized Yeadon historical documents/photos will be among things



posted on the site. The YBHC website is presently under construction and will go “live” by March 2020. The website address is yeadonhistoricalcommission.org.

One of YBHC’s goals is the attainment of a state historical marker for the Nile Swim Club. With strong support and exhaustive documented research, nomination materials were submitted to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

There are many nominations but YBHC is optimistic and the decision of the Commission will be announced in March 2020.

To share your Yeadon memories or memorabilia, or to comment or ask questions, please email yeadonhistoricalcommission@gmail.com.

Spring Updates from the Public Works Department

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1115 Baily Road, Yeadon, PA 19050
(across from Kerr Field)

Public Works Hours are 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Summer hours change after Memorial Day, to 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and continue until Friday September 4, 2020. We can be reached at (610) 623-3636. Please leave a brief message and someone will get back to you.

- REMINDER -
IF YOU HAVE A SEWER PROBLEM,
PLEASE DIAL 911

TRASH HOLIDAYS

Friday April 10, 2020 is Good Friday. Trash will be picked up on its regular day.
Monday May 25, 2020 is Memorial Day, Monday’s trash will be picked up on Tuesday May 26, along with regular Tuesday trash.

E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

The next E-Waste event will be held on Saturday April 18, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents may drop off old computers, small tools, televisions, electronics with a cord, etc. outside of the Public Works yard located at 1115 Baily Road (right across from Kerr Field). A truck will be outside the gate waiting to take your items.

BULK TRASH COLLECTIONS

To arrange pick up of “white goods” large items such as washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers and hot water heaters please call (610) 623-3636. Any items containing freon will include a \$10 charge which must be paid on the 3rd floor Borough Hall before being picked up. Other household items such as sofas, beds, and furniture can be placed out for regular trash collection, but there is a limit of one large item per trash collection. Rugs must be rolled and tied and be put out for regular collection. Mattresses and box springs MUST be encased in a plastic in-

dustrial bag.

STREET SWEEPER

The Public Works Department cleans the streets daily with a street sweeper. A cleaning out of the grates and inlets throughout the Borough are also performed. Both tasks are essential in keeping our streets and storm sewer system clean. Last year over 310 tons of dirt and debris were picked up because of these services. Also, 40 tons of leaves were collected throughout the Borough in 12 weeks with the leaf machine.

ILLEGAL DISCHARGES

Come this Spring many of you will be out cutting grass and cleaning up your properties, here are a few things we would like you all to remember: the law mandates that nothing but rainwater and melted snow can go into a storm drain. Leaves, grass, bottles, cans, soap, paint, oil, de-icing salt, and trash are all examples of illegal discharges into storm drains. Pollutants that enter our storm drain system are not treated and go directly into our local waterways resulting in degraded water quality. We ask everyone to be mindful and do their part in keeping our streets and waterways clean.

YARD WASTE DROP OFF

Starting March 13, 2020 and every second Friday of each month up to October 9th all residents will be able to bring their yard waste to the Public Works Garage for disposal. Yard Waste is defined as the following: shrubbery, tree trimmings, and branches. The diameter on the tree branches should be no wider than 4 inches and bundles no more than 3 feet long. Grass clippings or leaves will not be accepted. Hours for dumping are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. No contractors, landscapers, or tree companies are permitted to dump. Everyone who comes MUST FIRST STOP AT OFFICE, you will be shown where to dump, if what you have is not in compliance with Act 101, you will be turned away.

Please note: The Borough will be closed during the Good Friday holiday on Friday, April 10, 2020. As a result, the Yard Waste drop off date will be April 9, 2020 that week.

YARD WASTE RESIDENTIAL PICK UP SCHEDULE

On Wednesday, May 6, 2020 and May 13, 2020, the Borough will be picking up residential yard waste. On May 6th the Public Works Department will pick up shrubbery, tree trimmings and branches for half of the Borough, and on May 13th the other half of the Borough will be picked up. Again, all items must be no wider than 4 inches and no longer than 3 feet, if any of these items do not comply with Act 101, they will not be picked up.

YTC Corner

Tax Discount Period Through March 31

Greetings, Fellow Yeadon Residents:

As Spring approaches, it is good to know that the Yeadon Borough’s 2% discount period is available until March 31, 2020



The first period begins April 1, 2020 and ends May 31, 2020. The 10% penalty starts June 1, 2020 and ends December 31, 2020.

This year you can pay online at epaygov.com/tax/yeadon.

UPDATE: All employed Yeadon residents please know that if you have not received correspondence from the Keystone Collection Group, your letter is possibly on the way. If your employer does not send the 1% federal taxes you have paid to your Yeadon Borough, it is Keystone’s responsibility to make the residents aware. Please don’t panic, just return the information requested and wait to hear from the Keystone Group.

Take good care,

Julianne James,
Yeadon Tax Collector

Five Tips for Cleanup After Tax Season

1: BE ORGANIZED

Ideally, you have a folder or box where you place tax-related receipts and documents throughout the year.

2: REVIEW IRAS AND 401(K)S

They are vital for most of us for retirement purposes, and there are often tax-advantages associated with IRAs and 401(k)s.

3: KEEP UP WITH CHANGES TO TAX LAWS

It is important to keep up with developments in tax law. Otherwise, you might not realize that the amount you can contribute to various accounts has changed or that certain deductions are no longer allowed.

4: BE THOROUGH AND REPORT ALL OF YOUR INCOME

It can be tempting or easy to omit some income when preparing your taxes - if only because you forgot some income. That can be a costly blunder, however; and, one that can be prevented if you’re organized and keep good records of all your earnings.

5: CONSIDER HIRING A TAX PRO

From the Fire Chief

Fire Department Awards Banquet and 2020 Officers

On February 15, 2020, the Fire Company celebrated with their annual awards banquet. Our 2019 Awards were given to the following members:

Lewis Epright was the recipient of the 2019 Chief's Award.

Algernon (AJ) Wildes was the recipient of the 2019 Randy Kowen Member of the Year Award (Firefighter of the year).

Jeffrey Taylor was the 2019 recipient of the President's Award.

Both the Chief's Award and the President's Award are given to a member who has shown growth and commitment to the organization. The difference between the two awards is who can receive it. The Chief's Award is usually awarded to a firefighter, but the President's Award is open to all members (such as service members who do not fight fires).

The Randy Kowen Member of the Year Award is named after a past Chief who served Yeadon for over 50 years. This was originally called the Firefighter of the Year Award, but it was changed after Mr. Kowen passed away. This award is given to any member of the organization who goes above and beyond the call of duty and shows pride, passion and dedication for the organization.



The officers for the 2020 year are:

- Chief -- Daniel Haggerty
- 1st Assistant Chief -- Robert Perna
- 2nd Assistant Chief --Paul Andrews
- Captain -- Brandon Cerdan
- Captain -- Shaheed Summers
- Safety Officer --John Spina
- Lieutenant --Matthew Himes
- Lieutenant -- Craig Jeffries, III
- Lieutenant -- Curtis Robinson
- Engineer -- Khiry Hopkins

- Engineer -- Solomon White
- Engineer -- AJ Wildes
- President -- Luigi Lazzaro
- 1st Vice President -- Mike Dilenno
- 2nd Vice President -- John Spina
- Treasurer --Joanne Melazzo
- Financial Secretary -- Jessica Kunkle
- Secretary -- Matthew Himes
- Executive Committee: Daniel Haggerty, Shaheed Summers, Craig Jeffries III, Curtis Robinson, and Solomon White.

YEADON FIRE CO. #1: AN ALL-VOLUNTEER FORCE

Yeadon's local fire company, **Yeadon Fire Company No #1**, was founded in 1904 by a group of 12 male volunteers. Over the past 116 years there have been many volunteers who responded to emergencies in the Borough and surrounding towns. This tradition continues.

Rooted in its origins, the volunteer-based staffing concept that supports fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services in the community remains the same to this date. The Fire Company's funding is provided through the October Fund Drive, stipends, grants, donations and through the ongoing training and transferred experiences of many volunteers. However, the purchases of the specially designed fire and EMS vehicles are shared between the Borough of Yeadon and the Yeadon Fire Company.

Many residents are not aware that the Fire Department is 100% volunteer. Since the firefighters do not receive salaries, they must fundraise and find other ways to fund the department. One way Yeadon can aid in this effort is by responding to the annual Fund Drive.

Remember, the Yeadon Fire Company No. 1 is an all-volunteer fire company, staffed by both residents and non-residents. **Please support our fire company** in any way, form or fashion you deem appropriate.

YEADON FIRE DEPARTMENT TOP 10 RESPONDERS OF 2019

(listed by number of answered calls)

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| 1. Mike Melazzo (665) | 6. Daniel Haggerty (282) |
| 2. AJ Wildes (527) | 7. Solomon White (257) |
| 3. Matheno El (424) | 8. Shaheed Summers (255) |
| 4. Jeffrey Taylor (349) | 9. Curtis Robinson (230) |
| 5. Edward Dunlap, Jr. (300) | 10. Brandon Cerdan (226) |

Did You Know?



Did you know that if a fire starts in your home you may have as little as two minutes to escape? During a fire, early warning from a working smoke alarm and or carbon monoxide detector plus a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives. Learn what else to do to keep your loved ones safe! Due to the material that everything is made of now if a fire starts most material will burn very quickly and give off toxic smoke and fumes that could cause you to be unable to escape. Remember. **..GET OUT, STAY OUT, and CALL FOR HELP!**

Census

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velopment, 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/ or please visit www.census.gov for more information.

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 from 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. Here is the link for the 2020 Census American Community Survey: respond.census.gov/acs. You will need the materials that will be mailed to you from the U.S. Census Bureau in order to start the survey.

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.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

Delaware County is holding Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events. HHW generally consists of items labeled: HAZARDOUS, DANGER, WARNING, POISONOUS, and TOXIC. These items include: oil-based paint, paint thinner, varnish, kerosene, gasoline, motor oil, antifreeze, weed killers, fungicides, pesticides, items containing mercury, propane tanks weighing less than 20 lbs., and ni-cad, lithium, rechargeable and lead acid batteries.

Please visit www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/RecyclingDisposal/HouseholdHazardousWaste for more details.



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Last Call

Public Works Superintendent Dan Wright Retires

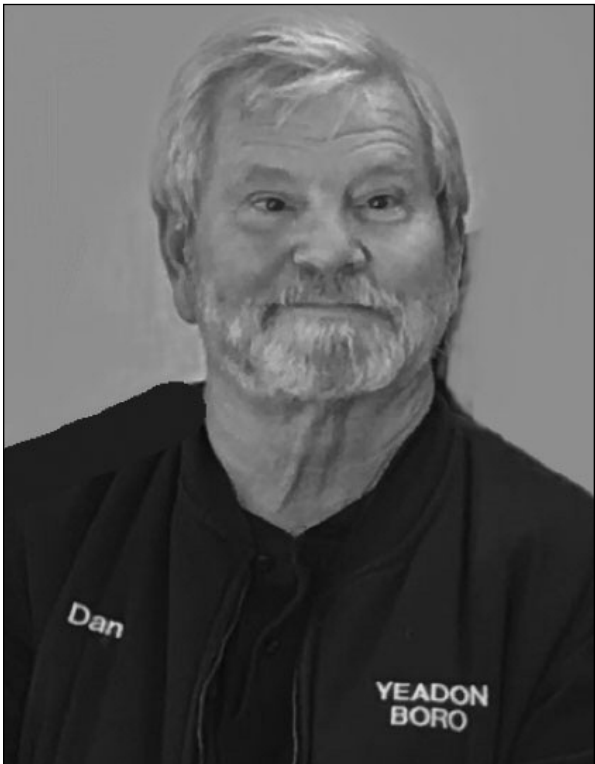
The time has come for a final service call and to bid farewell to Daniel T. Wright, who will retire on April 30, 2020. What can you say about someone who has worked almost a half century? Well, here is a little background on our Public Works Superintendent. First and foremost, he is a dedicated family man who with his wife has raised 2 sons. He is an avid sports fan; especially baseball, where he is known for having tons of baseball memorabilia. He began his career in the trash department in 1973 with the Borough of Yeadon, Public Works Department, where he worked for close to 10 years. In 1982, he joined the Public Works Highway Department and has been with that part of Public Works for the remainder of his career. He did not stop there however, he continued to work his way through the department and became the Public Works Superintendent where he has worked to this day.

Mr. Wright’s final words to the Borough are:
“The time has come to say good bye, but I leave here a better person than I started, wiser then when I began and more humble and thankful to all the residents and council members, co-work-

ers, various department personnel and even the company reps that I dealt with for the past 28 years being the superintendent of the Public Works Department. I know there are those in this department that can continue to run and keep this department on the right track and I wish them well. But for now let me say goodbye and thank all of you for my time here.”
As you can see, Dan has worn many hats in Public Works and will be missed. We take this opportunity to thank him for all he has done and send him our very best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement. As one chapter ends, another begins. May your retirement be filled with many new adventures, meaningful moments and much happiness. Congrats!

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Administrative Assistant



Seasonal Reminders from Your Code Department

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

Keeping properties in compliance improves the quality of life, increases property values, and deters crime. The Yeadon Borough Code Enforcement Department asks residential and commercial property owners to be mindful of these common code violations.
High grass and weeds are not to exceed 10 inches (vertical or horizontal) ANYWHERE on the property and must be maintained to the back of the curb. Where there is no curb, grass must be maintained to the edge of the street. This includes areas behind fences, over sidewalks, around utility poles, fire hydrants, flower beds, fence lines, and against accessory structures. Properties more than 2 acres in size will be required to maintain the first 50 feet of each property line until the center portion



reaches the state fire code limit of 36 inches, at which time it must be mowed. Overhanging tree limbs and vegetation impeding pedestrian or vehicle traffic visibility should be trimmed to 13 feet, 6 inches above streets and 8 feet above sidewalks. Limbs should be bundled and tied in 3 foot lengths for waste disposal. Ten-day warning notices will be issued prior to Borough enforcement, but habitual offenses will receive Notices of Violation, filed with the Municipal Court.
Parking on unapproved surfaces such as front lawns and over sidewalks or curbs are prohibited.
Permits are required for most minor repairs and remodel work including replacement of windows, siding, trim or roofing. Permits are also required for landscape irrigation systems. It is

always advisable to contact the Code Department at (610) 284-3110 to ask if permits are required before starting any home project.
Remember that the Borough has in place a mobile application to report any and all code violations in the Borough. It is called MyCivic Service App and can be accessed on the Borough webpage yeadonborough.org/contact/yeadon-borough-app/. It is also 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.

Outdoor Activities for Spring and Beyond

Recreation Department News

The Recreation Department is planning a full slate of programs and activities starting with the 71st Annual Flag Day event in June. There will be a parade, games, and activities at Kerr Field. Also, there will be vendors, fine food and drink, live entertainment, and the traditional fireworks show to conclude the evening. Bring the entire family out to enjoy this event.
The Recreation Department will partner with Camp Garrett for the 11th year to provide Yeadon youth with a summer camping experience at the beautiful Garrett Williamson facility in Newtown Square. The camp operates for 8 weeks from late June to early August. There are scholarships available on a first come basis. If you are interested, contact the camp at campdirector@campgarrett.org or

The 71st Annual Flag Day Celebration is planned for Kerr Field and will feature a parade, games and activities.

call (610) 353-7890.
There are plans for a United States Tennis Association (USTA) tennis program for youth ages 5 -16 this summer. Look for information regarding this activity on Yeadon Borough website.
The Yeadon Educational Athletic Association (YEAA) will sponsor its annual summer basketball league in early July through mid August on the newly lighted basketball courts

at Yeadon Community Park. YEAA will also hold its soccer league at the community park in September. Both leagues are open to boys and girls.
In addition, look for other recreation activities to include the Annual Haunted Hall in October, the Veteran’s Day program in November, the Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in December, and some surprises throughout the year.
As the Recreation Department continues to collaborate with the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative, Yeadon Borough will host a rain barrel workshop in May to assist residents improving water quality in their communities. The Stormwater Collaborative is a joint venture of municipalities to include Collingdale, Darby Borough, Darby Township,

East Lansdowne Borough, Glenolden Borough, Haverford Township, Morton Borough, Norwood Borough, Sharon Hill Borough, Upper Darby Township and Yeadon Borough. If you are interested in further environmental information, please visit www.edcsc.org.
As you walk your dog, please remember to clean up after your pet. The Borough still has a few doggy clean up bags you can attach to your leash as you walk your beloved fur baby. These bags were provided by the Stormwater Collaborative last year. We thank them for their assistance in helping us keep our community healthy and clean.

Roy Hunter
Recreation Director

Borough Council Meeting Votes for Finance Committee Reports

Ordinances

12/30/2019 - Ordinance #2019-1395
Tax Levy for The Fiscal Year Of 2020.

All real property within the Borough of Yeadon is subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2020, at a total of 9.89 mills for general purposes; all transfer of Real Estate within said Municipality for the fiscal year of 2020 at a rate of one (1) percent of the gross consideration for the sale of real estate being transferred; there is a \$52 Local Services Tax for the year for engaging in an occupation with a primary place of employment within the Borough of Yeadon; and a fee shall be levied for Sewer Use and Refuse Collection as follows:

Trash Fee: \$235.00 per household (for every parcel containing a structure.)

Sewer Fee: \$8.00 per 1000 gallons (of water used) + \$25.00 a unit annual for PENNVEST Service Fee

Resolutions

12/30/2019 - Resolution #2019-006: Council met at an advertised public meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Yeadon Borough to receive public input for the Fiscal Year 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The Borough endorsed a CDBG for Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Improvements of Cypress Street, between Longacre Boulevard and Baily Road.

12/30/2019 - Resolution #2019-007: authorizing the service-connected disability of R.I.

12/30/2019 - Resolution #2019-008: Section 901 (53 PS § 45901) of the Borough Code provides that the Borough shall fill such vacancy by resolution within thirty (30) days, and an eligible person shall be elected to the office for the remainder of the term. Rafi Cave was appointed to the vacancy.

1/16/2020 - Resolution #2020-001: extending the current PA Ordinary Sewer Maintenance (OSM) contract with A. Garguile and Sons that expires February 8, 2020 for an additional three months to May 8, 2020, per the current OSM contract provisions.

1/16/2020 - Resolution #2020-002: related to the sale of the 2019 delinquent real estate taxes to Public Asset Management, Inc. which includes the purchase, sale and assignment of the anticipated 2019 Tax Claims.

1/16/2020 - Resolution #2020-003 adopting Rules of Council and decorum for public meetings.

1/16/2020 - Resolution #2020-004 Motion to authorize a sixty-day amnesty period for parking ticket violations. (This will be effective from February 1st through March 31st).

2/20/2020 - Resolution #2020-005 establishing a Complete Count Committee of the Borough of Yeadon to support the U.S. Census Bureau and in fulfilling its requirement to conduct an accurate population count.

2/20/2020 - Resolution #2020-006 committing Yeadon Borough as a partner with the U.S. Census Bureau in fulfilling its requirement to conduct an accurate population count.

2/20/2020 - Resolution #2020-007 Regarding a Multi-Municipal Application for a Transportation & Community Development Initiative Grant.

2/20/2020 - Resolution #2020-008 for the 2020 County Aid Application to Delaware County Council in the amount of \$12,353.00 to be used for the 2020 roadway/street improvement program.

2/20/2020 - Resolution #2020-009 for the 2020 Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Park Rehabilitation and Development Grant.

2/20/2020 - Resolution #2020-010 granting the authorization the purchase two Chevrolet Tahoes.

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



LIBRARY EVENTS

- **Free Computer Classes:** Yeadon Public Library offers free “Slow Tech with Ginny” computer classes to adults every Monday from 12:00 to 1:30 pm. In a world where technology is constantly evolving, adults are invited to learn basic computer skills and get exclusive access to a technology specialist. Computers, ThinkPads, and iPads are available for use in the Library by class participants.
- **Monthly Mobile Constituent Service Day:** The first Thursday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. State Representatives Margo Davidson & Joanna McClinton alternately make services from their offices available to you at Yeadon Public Library. Receive help with job search, driver license and auto registration, utilities and housing, notary, property tax/rebate applications, and many other state-related services.

Representative Davidson’s Office: May 7th, July 2nd, September 3rd, and November 5th

Representative McClinton’s Office: April 2nd, June 4th, August 6th, October 1st, and December 3rd

OTHER FREE OFFERINGS

- **Morning Stretch classes** every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. This class involves stretching, strengthening, and toning workouts for more seasoned residents. Chairs are available for sitting or standing support. Enjoy a relaxing atmosphere of fun and music while making new friends. If interested in this class it is important that you wear comfortable clothing, bring a bottle of water, a towel, and a friend.
- **Yoga** classes are on most Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Upcoming Dates: March 4th, 11th, and 25th. Go to yeadonlibrary.org for the dates.
- **Calligraphy From Beginner to Expert:** Learn the “art of beautiful letters” on some Wednesdays (3:30-4:30 PM). Pre-registration at the Library is required. Go to yeadonlibrary.org for the dates.
- **Writing Workshop:** Every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. For one hour a week, enjoy creative writing exercises along with sharing your work and getting feedback from other writers. Led by Dr. Susan Chast, retired high school English teacher and poet.
- **Book Club:** Evening Readers Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. During 2020, they will discuss “Best Sellers Thru the Years” based on the New York Times listings. Upcoming Dates and Books are:

March 18: *The Handmaids Tale* (2016) by Margaret Atwood
April 15: *Becoming* (2017) by Michelle Obama
May 20: *Cold Mountain* (1998) by Charles Frazier
- **Book Club:** Miss Toni’s Table, Morrison Legacy Book Club, meets on the last Monday of every other month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The group will meet on Monday, April 27 to discuss *A Mercy*.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUTH

GSK Science in the Summer is a fun and free one-day science education program for students entering second through sixth grades. For more information, stop by the Library.

Summer Enrichment Program is a free five-week program offered in July and August. The goal is to keep children in the Yeadon community in a safe and structured environment while also keeping them excited about reading, writing, math and science during their summer break. The Program includes a weekly class trip. For more information, stop by the Library.