

# Borough of Yeadon

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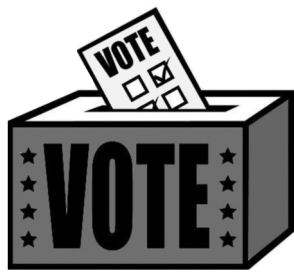
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Fall 2020

### Important Voter Information

## The 2020 Election

Your vote is needed, your vote is important, your vote will make a difference! The 2020 General election is only weeks away. One of the ways we can make things better in our country is to 1) Register to vote. 2) Use mail-in or absentee ballots (to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19). 3) Vote on November 3, 2020. Let's not forget to have a conversation with our friends and family and convey the importance of voting in America.



**NOVEMBER 3**

Have you received a letter from the Centers for Voter Information? This is not a solicit so please do not throw away. The Pennsylvania Secretary of State and County election officials are sending these letters out to encourage mail-in voting. The items included in the mailing is a letter with information about mail-in ballots, a pre-filled mail-in ballot application

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## Fresh Food for Families

Above: Health Partners Foundation's Fresh Food for Families food distribution event on July 29th saw more than 10,000 pounds of fresh groceries and produce distributed to families in need. The drive-thru event took place in the municipal lot at 735 Church Lane.

Right: Mayor Rohan Hepkins and President and Executive Director, Staci Scott were among the participants.



### From the Council President

## Development is Just a Small Part of Building Yeadon

Dear Neighbors,

A little less than two years ago, this Council began the process of trying to bring much needed new development to the Borough. After working with Borough Management and Council, we granted a conditional use to



LaToya Monroe

Grace Court to construct a sister building called Makemie Court. In this era of COVID-19 and civil unrest, I am ecstatic to announce that the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority has authorized tax credits in excess of \$1.2 million dollars for the new construction of a four-story building, consisting of 44 one-bedroom units for seniors age 55 and above and persons with special needs. There will be twelve accessible units. Additionally, twelve units will have rental subsidy assistance. The development is estimated to be a total of 41,552 square feet.

It's been a long time, too long, since we've seen new major construction in Yeadon. We've searched our archives and cannot figure out when the last major development in our Borough was. We've seen the wrecking ball tear down our movie theater and now is the time to watch a construction crane come in and build beautiful homes for our neighbors. This is not the end. This is the beginning. Makemie Court will not be a ONE OFF. As a Council and as a Borough it is vitally important that we make strategic investments and welcome development while protecting our beloved community. I am proud

that Makemie Court will provide seniors who want to transition from homeownership to a senior community won't have to leave this Borough. As we move forward, we will work with the tools we have, tax credits, tax abatements, and any other assistance possible to continue to BUILD Yeadon.

Now more than ever, our small Borough is showing our neighbors how big our hearts are. In this era of discord, let us remember that while new buildings are important but it is the personal contact that we have with each other that really makes Yeadon a home.

I would remiss not to mention that the Council is working with the Mayor and Police Chief to ensure that our Police Department's policies reflect our values. We have witnessed too many times the killing of a black person by their government. George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. Stephon Clark. Botham Jean. Philando Castile. We will remember these names and all of the names as we work to make sure that Black Lives Matter in Yeadon Borough.

Finally, REGISTER TO VOTE AND REQUEST YOUR MAIL IN BALLOTS.

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Animal Control

**Main Desk** 610-284-1606  
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Borough Manager: ext. 116  
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** 610-623-2392  
Crisis, Disasters, Volunteers  
Resident Services

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

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

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

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

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

**Yeadon Public Library**  
Clay Payne, Library Director / 610-623-4090  
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**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 Announcements



**Upcoming Events**  
Due to the current pandemic and to ensure the public's safety, the 2020 Haunted Hall and Veterans Day Program is canceled.

**Christmas Tree Lighting:** To be determined

More information regarding events will be forthcoming. Please continue to check the website for updates at [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org).

**Official Closings**  
The Borough will be closed October 12th, November 11th, and November 26th, November 27th 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.

Thanksgiving Day will fall on a Thursday. The rescheduled pick-up date for trash is Friday, November 27, 2020.

E-Waste Collection will be held every last Friday of the month at the Public Works Garage from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Due to the holidays, the following dates have been changed to November 20th and December 18th. Items include flat screen TV's, computers, microwave ovens, etc. Upon arrival please stop by the Public Works office and bring proof of residency. Call the Public Works Department at 610-623-3636 for more information.

Back in the late spring, the Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative entered our rain garden at the Yeadon Public Library into the PHS (Philadelphia Horticultural Society) gardening contest. Yeadon won the garden of distinction award. This year the contest was judged through photographs. Congratulations to everyone involved!

The General Election is November 3rd. Make your vote count!

## Aqua PA Water Main Replacement Project

Aqua PA. Inc. began replacing the existing 4- and 6-inch cast iron and cement mains as a part of their ongoing infrastructure improvement program on Baily Road between Church Lane and W. Cobbs Creek Parkway.

Recently, Charlestown Paving & Excavating, Inc. performed street restoration on Baily Road (between Church Lane & Baily Avenue to Kerr Field). This was the final stage of the Aqua PA Water Main Replacement Project.

### Ballot Boxes at Library

**THIS JUST IN:**  
Ballot Box installations are underway at the Yeadon Public Library. Registered voters can now submit their mail-in ballots securely at the library located at 809 Longacre Boulevard. While you're there, check out items' curbside. Go to the [yeadonlibrary.org](http://yeadonlibrary.org) for more details.

### Borough Services in the Palm of Your Hands

## MyCivic App

Stay informed with Borough News and events, report a concern, or contact your local government with the MyCivic Service App. The app is available to download FREE on the App store and Google Play stores.



## Borough Meetings

**BOROUGH COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING**  
Second Thursday of each month  
7:00 p.m., Zoom teleconferencing

**BOROUGH COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
Third Thursday of each month  
7:00 p.m., Zoom teleconferencing

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Last Saturday of each month  
9:30 a.m., Zoom teleconferencing

**4TH QUARTERLY MAYOR'S FORUM**  
December 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Zoom teleconferencing

**Please note:** All committee meetings are subject to change. Check [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org) for updates.

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**Delco Alert**  
Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
**Emergency Notification System**

Residents are encouraged to register for the Delco Alert notification system which alerts residents of updates and emergencies. Register at [delcopa.gov/delcoalert/delcoalert.html](http://delcopa.gov/delcoalert/delcoalert.html)

From the Mayor’s Desk

# A Word of Encouragement in a Most Challenging Time

Dear Fellow Yeadonites,

I want to take this time to reassure our residents, while providing a brief update concerning Public Safety. We face continuing challenges everyday regarding traffic, speeding and quality of life crimes, as we continually work on addressing these issues – many of which remain a work in progress. Notwithstanding, I do want to take this time to let residents know how we did during the civil unrest this summer and what things may look like along those lines within the immediate future.

During the civil unrest, a mayoral curfew was called for during the week of the riots. As a result, immediately south of us in South West Philadelphia, neighborhoods and businesses were ransacked and upended, with many of them left boarded up. Immediately north of us, a similar result occurred in Upper Darby. Some of these agitators travelled through Yeadon to wreak havoc directly around us. But thankfully, all we experienced was one broken glass in the business district, but due to the diligence of our police officers, strategic planning and placement to mitigate these impending riots, Yeadon was largely spared.

However, we do face an impending challenge before us as we move forward. The national dialogue has conspired to suppress voting, while eliciting fear and intimidation at the polls – especially in blue states and high democratic



leaning municipalities like Yeadon. Consequently, I want our residents to know, that in these unprecedented times of upheaval, we will not succumb to fear and intimidation as the rule of the day. Therefore, we are marshalling all public safety resources to ensure that our residents will be able to get to the polls and cast their ballots without fear or intimidation – whether you vote by mail or in person.

So, when this newsletter is published, we would either be in the process of actually voting, or we would have just finished voting. Notwithstanding, the unprecedented nature of pushback leading to violence that we are witnessing around the country, cannot be underestimated – as we are seeing vigilante groups conspiring to take over governments and whole neighborhoods in the name of nationalism. We are living in a day where things are no longer sacred or sacrosanct. As a result, every effort is being made

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so that immediately before, during, and after this consequential election, Yeadon residents can feel safe and comforted that their votes will count, their voices heard, and their neighborhood will continue to be kept safe; and that we will continue to remain ahead of the curve in delivering overall safety for Yeadon residents in the most trying of times when we may again be tested in an unprecedented manner.

Therefore, I want to take this time to thank all our residents and encourage you to cast your ballots and take part of our civic duties so that we can in the words of Abraham Lincoln (at the end of his Gettysburg Address), promise to deliver “...a government of the people, by the people and for the people...” so that our democracy and quality of life, will not perish from the earth.”

Yours Truly,  
Mayor Rohan Hepkins



Introducing Clay Payne

## New Library Director Starts Tenure

As of July 6th, 2020, Clay Payne has taken the helm as the Director of the Yeadon Public Library. Mr. Payne earned a B.A. in History and Journalism from Louisiana State University and a Master of Library and Information Science from Clark Atlanta University.

Mr. Payne has worked in a variety of positions with the East Baton Rouge Parish Public Library, the DeKalb County (Georgia) Public Library, The District of Columbia Public Library and he has worked most of his career, thus far, at the Atlanta-Fulton County Library System where he served as Administrator of Branch Libraries and Human Resources Coordinator concurrently. In this role, he managed the 2015-16 opening of 8 new libraries and the renovation of 7 others as part of the 2008 Library Bond Referendum. During this time, he also obtained his LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Green Building Management Certification.

Mr. Payne is excited to join the Borough of Yeadon and Yeadon Public Library teams and looks forward to serving the community.

Due to COVID-19, the library is currently offering curbside pickup of materials along with a variety of virtual programming options and a virtual Summer Reading Program for our youth. During this time, library staff are social distancing while wearing the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE). In addition, the Yeadon Public Library, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, has been providing meals for children which can be picked up on Tuesdays at the Library.

Clay Payne  
Library Director  
Yeadon Public Library  
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### YTC Corner

## Happy Fall

In the mist of the “new normal” that we all are adjusting to, your Yeadon Tax Collector has a few reminders.



**William Penn Real Estate**  
Taxes second installment is due October 31, 2020. The third and final payment is due on or before December 6, 2020.  
**Yeadon Borough Taxes** can be paid now! The final 2020 due date is on or before December 31, 2020.  
**Keystone Collection Group:** An organization that was hired by Delaware County to ensure that all taxpayers have designated 1% of income tax to the Borough, called Local Earned Income Tax. Have you received your Keystone Collection Group bill? Are you aware of the Keystone Collection Group? If the answer is “No”, please call **610-269-4402** today.  
Lastly, in keeping with the CDC Guidelines of social distancing, wearing masks, and disinfecting. We ask that when planning to visit the Yeadon Borough Tax Office, please call first. This request is made to keep the number of people safe.  
If you have any questions, your Tax Collector can be reached Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 267-564-6848.

Julianne James,  
Yeadon Tax Collector

## Yeadon Community Park: A REAL GEM

With COVID-19 changing our way of life, our Yeadon Community Park – located between Providence Road and Union Avenue – has been an oasis in a desert. Although there have been restrictions on park usage, many residents and the general public have used the park for an array of activities from volleyball, walking, fitness, flag football, and picnicking. Many of the parks in other areas of the county, including school districts, have closed their playgrounds and recreation areas to public use. In these difficult days, it is a real pleasure to have a serene place to relax, kick back and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of Yeadon Community Park.

Remember when visiting the park, follow the pandemic safety guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Signs are posted in the park to remind the public to practice safe park usage.

Roy Hunter  
Recreation Program Coordinator

From the Chief of Police

# The Murder of George Floyd



The following was a post on Nextdoor that I wrote shortly after the murder of George Floyd, for those not on social media I wanted to share with you what I shared with those on Nextdoor and Facebook.

Beforehand, though, I wanted to ensure all of my Yeadon Family, and those who may work, or visit this Delaware County gem, that I am not one to think status quo is ever good enough. I do everything I can to ensure that the police services rendered for you are both professional and outstanding. With that said, know your police officers are trained often, educated on defusing hostile situations, use of force, positional asphyxia, excited delirium, mental health issues, and so much more; as well as briefed daily on situations across the Country and locally that affect the police and community relationships. Officers are sent on patrol with the mindset that everyone is to be treated with respect and dignity. I ask that you remember that we are human, we will make mistakes, myself included, and to work towards stopping senseless acts by police officers I have instituted a "Duty to Intervene and Act" Policy, which demands that an officer not only intervene in an act of criminality or unethical behavior, but also render aid to anyone who immediately needs medical attention, not waiting for an ambulance to arrive. I'm not done making the changes needed and building connections to ensure you have trust in us; so know I'm listening, I want your feedback, both positive and negative. Together we can keep the bonds strong that we have here, and continue to look out for one another, and be the shining light of policing into the future. I will not settle for nothing less, because you deserve nothing less.

Stay safe out there.

My thoughts and prayers are with the Floyd family, and while I have commented on my Twitter account, I wanted to reach out to you here so you would have no doubt where I stand on this senseless act in which a life was taken that was nothing but homicide. The day I watched the video, I literally got sick at what I saw. Yeadon Mayor Hopkins happened to call me right after I saw it and could tell from my voice, I was troubled. He asked if I was good, and I replied no I'm not, I'm literally sick to my stomach and described the video for him. We talked. I made the comment that we cannot begin to succeed at policing until we (police) police ourselves. I immediately sent this video out to all members of the Yeadon Police Department, and it was discussed at length with the officers, and I can tell you they were sickened by the video as much as I was.

I want to tell you that I would not need an attorney to tell me what I saw was a murder with malice, and an arrest would have been made that same day. I have been a police officer for 35 years, and there are no training or tactics I have ever had that say its ok to inflict force on the neck or other areas of the body that could result in death unless it is a deadly force situation and you are fighting for your life or trying to save someone else's life. THIS WAS NOT A DEADLY FORCE SITUATION. This was beyond wrong. This was a homicide. This was murder. Four days to an arrest was wrong, and I'm sorry everyone had to wait, and hope it wasn't going to be ignored.

The officers who watched and

failed to intervene, who failed to render aid, who continued to apply pressure to any part of his body as he went limp, and the officer who

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could see all of this, and ignored George's pleas and those of witnesses to help him, are all culpable. They failed as cops, failed at just being human. It's not about being weak on the street. Strength, real strength and courage sometimes comes with stopping an officer who has lost sight of what they have taken their oath for.

Since my arrival here in Yeadon, I have instituted Racial Intelligence and Diversity Training, De-Escalation Training, have trained officers as negotiators, have instituted less lethal training and devices for patrol, and have written an Unbiased Policing Policy. I am also writing a new policy "Failure to Intervene" policy and directive, so there is no question about the thought process of your

officers in this Department. We have a Citizens Police Academy, Youth Police Academy, Chaplain Program, a Police/Community Garden planned, and a greater connection to our youth in the schools, and so many other community policing programs to connect us together because we can't succeed without your support. Yeadon Police have also teamed with the LOVE is the Answer, Walking While Black Organization, in which we now have other police departments in PA asking us for guidance. We were the only police agency in PA that joined this endeavor that I am aware of, of which I am proud, because we are not afraid to be different and prove it.

I instill in this department that every person is a human being and deserves respect. I am not soft on crime, and some may not like my tenacity, but I will not abuse or allow officers to abuse citizens because that citizen may have committed a crime. The officers get that. They have embraced that philosophy, and really care about this community. Will we make mistakes? Yes, including myself, because we are human. BUT your officers, Yeadon's Officers, are not afraid to step in and stop an officer who may be doing something wrong or report it. They get that it's not about being weak, they get it's about doing the right thing. I am proud of them all for seeing that policing to me is more than just arresting people.

If you haven't really seen what we do here I ask you to please take a look at what we are doing that is truly different. Take a ride-along with me or any officer. See for your-

**HAVE A TIP?  
CONTACT US!**

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

self the dedication and purpose we have to serve and protect this community. We do a lot more than you think, and we hear you, we see you.

I wish there was a real way for me to say I understand your pain, but I can't really ever understand that pain because I am not black. I want to, believe me I do, but that doesn't do it justice to say that. I feel it, I see it, but I am not sure I am really finding the right words there as well, or if there are even any real words to grasp that thought. Know we, good cops think about it, we don't ignore it.

I will tell you incidents like what happened in Minneapolis pain me too, they pain good cops, because that can't be the narrative in which we live, that can't be the narrative in which any person, regardless of color can ever believe that that is a true reflection of every police officer. Yeadon Police are not that reflection, I promise you we are truly something different. We and good cops are profoundly different. We do care.

I pray that God keeps us all safe, and real change happens.

**Chief Anthony R. Paparo**  
**Yeadon Police Department**

## Borough Council Meeting Attendance Chart

Meeting Date	Mayor Rohan Hepkins	President LaToya Monroe	Vice President Ronald Francis	Councilor Clara Johnson	Councilor Rafi Cave	Councilor Dolores McCabe	Councilor Taliah Jones-Waters	Councilor Liana Roadcloud
May 21	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	BRIEF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
June 18	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
July 16	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	BRIEF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
August 20	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	TECHNICAL PROBLEMS	PRESENT	TECHNICAL PROBLEMS	PRESENT	PRESENT
August 28	PRESENT	PRESENT	BRIEF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS	BRIEF TECHNICAL PROBLEMS	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT



# Important Dates and More from Yeadon Public Works

**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 beginning October 9, 2020. To report a Public Works related issue please dial (610)-623-3636.

**REMINDER:** If you’re calling about a sewer problem, please dial 911.

**LEAF SEASON**  
Leaf season runs from Monday, October 12th through the last week of December. The leaf machine will follow the same route as the street sweeper. Residents are asked to rake their leaves to the curb, not in the street. Public Works will then rake the leaves from curb into the machine. Please be reminded that no trash, twigs, or branches are to be put in with leaves. Any piles of leaves containing these items will be left at curb. The county dump inspectors will not permit leaves to be dumped that contain debris mixed in with the leaves, so please make sure to separate any debris from leaves. We thank you for your cooperation.

**E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT CANCELLED**  
The Electronic Waste event for Saturday, October 17th, 2020 is cancelled.

**YARD WASTE COLLECTION**  
The final Yard Waste collection days will be held on Friday September 11th, 2020 and Friday October 9th, 2020. 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 1p.m. To 3 p.m. No contractors, landscapers, or tree companies are permitted to dump. **EVERYONE MUST FIRST STOP AT OFFICE AND MUST WEAR PROPER COVID-19 PPE.** If what you are dumping is not in compliance with Act 101, you will be turned away.

**TRASH COLLECTION**  
There will be NO COLLECTION on the following 2020 holidays:  
**Thanksgiving:** Thursday, November 26th; Revised pickup Friday, November 27th

**Christmas:** Friday, December 25th; Revised pickup Monday, December 28th  
**\*\*Recycling pickup occurs throughout the Borough on Wednesdays all year-round. \*\***

**BULK TRASH COLLECTION**  
To arrange pick up of “white goods” large items such as washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers and hot water heaters (remove or secure doors) please call the Public Works Department at 610-623-3636. Any items containing Freon will include a \$10 charge which must be paid on the 3rd floor of the Borough Hall before being picked up (Due to Covid-19 please contact the borough building in regards to payment)  
Other household items such as sofas, beds, and furniture can be placed out for regular trash collection but is limited to 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 industrial bag.

Jeff Wilkinson  
Public Works Director

## Voting Information

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and a pre-paid envelope. How you vote is your choice, but since we are amid the COVID-19 pandemic please remember to wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart from people, and follow all the safety guidelines set in place if you plan on visiting your local polling place.  
In addition to voting by mail, a Ballot Drop Box will be installed at the Yeadon Public Library by the Delaware County Bureau of Elections and the Yeadon Democratic Committee (YDC) through the recommendation of the Delaware County Council. This initiative will ensure the safe and secure collection of mail-in ballots for the upcoming election. Make your vote count!

### Ways to Vote

- On the [www.pavoterservices.pa.gov](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov) website.
- In person stop by the Delaware County voter registration office. Government Center, Ground Floor 201 W. Front Street Media, PA 19063  
Phone: 610-891-4659 Fax: 610-891-4814  
TDD/TTY: (610) 891- 4306 Email: [voterreg@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:voterreg@co.delaware.pa.us)
- By mail to your county voter registration office, received by 10/19/2020. Visit the link below to download a blank voter registration form: <https://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>
- If you are on active duty in the military, hospitalized/bedridden veteran, or an overseas citizen you can register at any time. Go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for more information.

### Absentee Ballot

Registered voters who are either too ill, hospitalized, on military deployment, or will be out of the area where they vote, will need to apply for an absentee ballot. Registered voters who may vote absentee include:

- College Students
- People whose work or vacation take them away from the Municipality where they live
- Those with a physical disability or illness that Prevents them from going to the polling place
- Members of the military
- People who may have a conflict due to the celebration of a religious holiday

**Online:** Registered voters can apply for an absentee ballot at [www.pavoterservices.pa.gov](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov) online with a valid PA driver’s license or photo I.D. from the PA Department of Transportation.  
**By Mail:** Download an absentee ballot application form at [votespa.com/absentee](http://votespa.com/absentee). Print, complete, sign, and deliver or mail the application to the Delaware County Bureau of Elections, 201 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063.  
**In-Person:** Stop by the Delaware County Bureau of Elections, 201 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063.

If you are a member of the military, an overseas voter, or in need of an emergency absentee ballot, visit [www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Military-and-Overseas-Voters.aspx](http://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Military-and-Overseas-Voters.aspx) for information for military and overseas voters.

### Mail-In Ballot

Applying for a Mail-In Ballot, which is similar to an Absentee Ballot, however the only difference is you do not need a reason. You may apply online, by mail, or in person.  
**Online:** Visit [pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin](http://pavoterservices.pa.gov/OnlineAbsenteeApplication/#/OnlineAbsenteeBegin)

**By Mail:** Beginning 50 days before an election, voters can download a mail-in ballot application form [votespa.com](http://votespa.com). Print, complete, sign, and deliver or mail the application: Delaware County Bureau of Elections, 201 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063.  
**In Person:** Applications are being issued and accepted at the Delaware County Bureau of Elections, 201 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063.

### Important Dates

**Last Day to Register to Vote:** October 19, 2020  
**Applications for Mail-In or Absentee Ballots:** Must be received by the Delaware County Bureau of Elections by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27.  
**Mail-in and Absentee Ballots Due:** Must be returned by 8 p.m. on November 3, 2020 (postmarked mail will not be accepted).  
**General Election: November 3, 2020**  
Please note, if you plan to vote using an absentee or mail-in ballot in the 2020 GENERAL ELECTION held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 your completed application must be received in the

county office by 5:00 p.m. on October 27, 2020. The deadline to return your voted absentee or mail-in ballot is 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020.

Danielle Stevens  
NJN & Associates, LLC.  
Office Coordinator



## Ricardo "Rick" Bostic Retires from Borough

As a staff, we say goodbye to Ricardo (Rick) Bostic. Ricardo has worked for the Borough of Yeadon since 2014 in the capacity of Events Coordinator and has been a resident of Yeadon since 1984. Before coming to the Borough, Ricardo worked for the University of Pennsylvania for 10 years, then Temple University for 38 years as a Laboratory Technician and Storeroom Manager for pre-med students.  
In his retirement, Ricardo will continue to be active in the Yeadon community in a number of volunteer capacities. We wish Ricardo good fortune in his future endeavors and we thank and appreciate him for his contributions to the borough. His knowledge of the community was very useful in many ways, including his assistance with securing patrons for the Borough calendar and the work he did around rental of the hall.

Roy Hunter  
Recreation Program Coordinator

Did You Know?

Learn About Your Code Department

The Yeadon Borough Code Department consists of four Code Enforcement Inspectors that patrol the area Monday through Saturday enforcing the Borough ordinances.

The Borough is split into four zones which are assigned to each inspector. During patrols some issues they may come across include high grass, trash accumulation, abandoned cars, damaged properties, low hanging trees, bushes, and other issues that violate the code.

The Code Department will continue to follow the COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Governor's office. We will continue to



wear masks and practice social distancing. All issues can be reported by phone, email, through the Borough website, and the MyCivic Service app.

While Delaware County is in the Green Phase, the Code Department will continue its services which were suspended, recently. You may report any issues in-person, apply for permits, and rental and resale inspection applications. Also, permits and applications can be found on the Borough website at [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org) (click Department; Code & Zoning; Applications &

Forms). Please leave a contact name, number, and email so we can respond accordingly. Remember, when entering the Borough building to follow the COVID-19 safety guidelines.

The Code Department is here to make sure residents and business owners in the Borough are maintaining their properties to the required codes and that the Borough is well maintained. Do not hesitate to notify the Code Department of anything that does not look correct or if you have any questions and concerns. Stay safe.

Rufus Stokes  
Code Director/Fire Marshal



"Miss Millie"  
Retires From Library

After retiring from Social Security Administration and relaxing at home for a while Mrs. Johnson decided to do something to give back to her community. She started working at Yeadon Public Library January 5, 2005.

To say that working with "Miss Millie," as she was called by her co-workers, has been a joy is a huge understatement. Her work ethic is beyond compare; she never left for the day without completing what she started. She willingly did anything needed, even climbing step stools to shelve books, to ensure that patrons needs were met. Miss Millie never wavered, and her sense of humor kept us in stitches.

She will be missed at the circulation desk and within the Library. It will not be the same without her. We may have started as co-workers but we are friends, we are family. Miss Millie's retirement though is long overdue and she truly deserves to enjoy this time off with her loving husband, Mr. Leroy.

Miss Millie, we wish you the best that retirement has to offer; keep driving and shopping! God Bless You!

- Yeadon Public Library Staff

Yeadon's Emergency Management Department

Not Always Seen, But Always There to Help

The Yeadon Emergency Management Department, in conjunction with federal and state agencies, protect the community by planning for emergencies and providing relief for any natural or man-made disaster that may occur. They are responsible for communicating with Borough officials and departments of any hazardous issues or important information relevant to the region. The Emergency Management Department is operated by trained volunteers who are devoted to their duties. In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, the emergency management staff, along with the police, fire, code, and public works departments act as one unit to assist the

residents in the Borough. The Delaware County Emergency Management Agency will also send out weather alerts for any pending storms or any dangerous conditions that may arise. The Yeadon Emergency Management Department would in-turn activate the Emergency Operation Center and coordinate with all departments within the Borough to handle issues such as street closures, flooded roads, downed trees, and any other emergency issue that may arise.

As previously mentioned, the Emergency Management Department is supported by federal & state agencies. They can help with issues such as providing essential information regarding fi-

nancial and medical assistance, applying for grants, emergency shelter, assistance with displacement in the event of a fire, as well as assistance with the American Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Please keep in mind the Emergency Management Department is always looking for volunteers to help with the needs of our Community.

While we are not always seen, we are always here to help!

Rufus Stokes  
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator

Borough Council Meeting Votes

MAY 21, 2020  
Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous

JUNE 18, 2020  
Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous

JULY 16, 2020  
Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Motion Passed: Councilor Roadcloud voted no.

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.  
Moved By: Councilor Johnson  
Seconded By: Vice President Francis  
Motion Passed: Councilor Roadcloud voted no.

AUGUST 20, 2020  
Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Motion Passed: 6-1, Councilor Roadcloud opposed

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.  
Moved By: Vice President Francis  
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson  
Motion Passed: 6-1, Councilor Roadcloud opposed

Resolutions

3/19/2020  
Resolution #2020-011: extending the Mayor's Emergency Proclamation.

4/1/2020  
Resolution #2020-012: extending deadlines to qualify for a discount and face amount for the Borough 2020 property taxes.

6/18/2020  
Resolution #2020-013: granting the conversion of sewer notes to a fixed loan rate.

Resolution #2020-014: Designating June-teenth as a Borough Holiday.

8/20/20:  
Resolution #2020-015: authorizing the Borough to enter into a Master Casting Agreement with PennDOT.

Resolution #2020-016: authorizing Finance Director, Nafis Nichols, and Borough Manager, Mironda Presswood, to be signers on the accounts at WSFS Bank (formerly known as Beneficial).

# Delaware County Reopening Plan Enters Green Phase

On June 26th Delaware County has move to the green phase of Governor Wolf’s phased re-opening plan. What does this mean? The overall rate of people contracting COVID-19 has reduced and things can operate “normally”. Businesses can reopen and people can return to work so long as public safety is prioritized. Recently, Governor Wolf and Secretary of Health, Rachel Levine issued a Targeted Mitigation Order on July 16th because of a slight rise in COVID-19 cases. Below is a list of restrictions that can be found on the governor’s website at [www.governor.pa.gov](http://www.governor.pa.gov), which are strongly encouraged:

- Work remotely (if possible)
- Masks must be worn when leaving your home
- Businesses reopening must follow the updated Business and Building Safety Requirements

- Businesses can operate at 75% capacity, except for restaurants and bars
  - Child care may open complying with guidance
  - Schools are subject to open per the CDC and Commonwealth’s guidance
  - Large gatherings of more than 250 prohibited
  - Restaurants and bars can open at 50% capacity (as per September 21st order)
  - Nightclubs are prohibited from conducting operations
- Anyone coming into the Borough will have to wear a mask and maintain six feet of space from others. Remember to wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer (containing at least 60% alcohol), cover your mouth and nose when sneezing/coughing with a tissue or use the

inside of your elbow. Also, stay at home if you have symptoms of the virus.

DO NOT enter the Borough if you are having coronavirus symptoms, such as a fever, cough, sneeze, loss of taste, etc., or if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive or suspected to be positive.

Please be advised that the event hall rentals are suspended. For everyone’s safety, the basketball courts at the Yeadon Community Park will remain closed. Please be mindful and compliant of the posted signs. Bear in mind that these orders can change daily and to keep up on this information through reliable news sources and websites.

Danielle Stevens  
NJN & Associates  
Office Coordinator

Yeadon Fire Company #1 reminds residents:

## Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen

The Yeadon Fire Company is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years –to promote this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

“We know cooking fires can be prevented,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice-president of outreach and advocacy. “Staying in the kitchen, using a timer, and avoiding distractions such as electronics or TV are steps everyone can take to keep families safe in their homes.”

The Yeadon Fire Company encourages all residents to embrace the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme.

“The most important step you should take before making a meal is to ‘Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!’ said Chief Michael Diienzo, “a

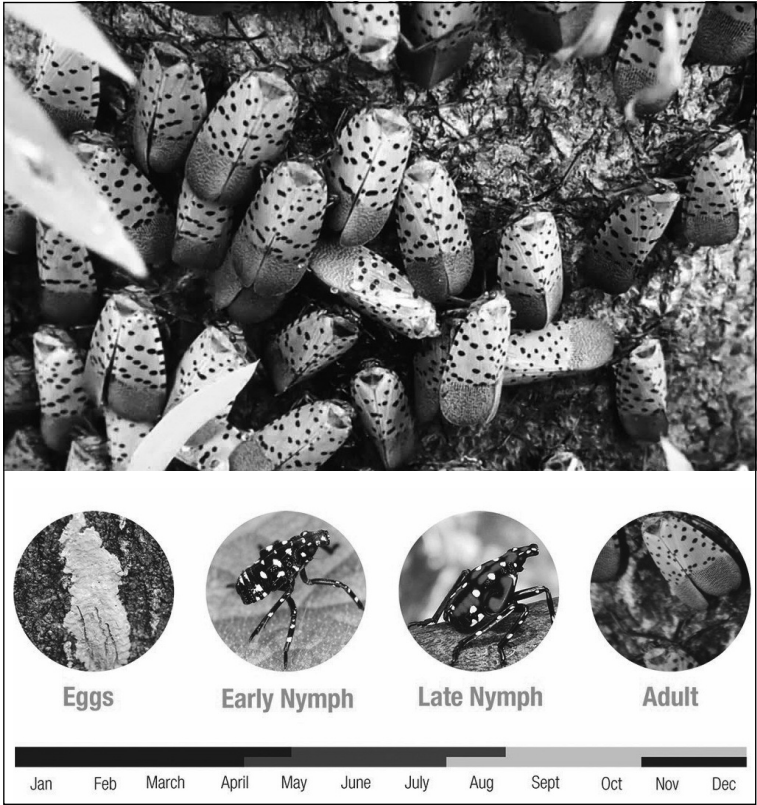
- cooking fire can grow quickly. I have seen many homes damaged and people injured by fires that could easily have been prevented.”
- Yeadon Fire Company wants to share safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.
- **Never leave cooking food unattended.** Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
  - **If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly,** remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you’re cooking.
  - **You must be alert when cooking.** You won’t be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
  - **Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you’re cooking.** If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
  - **Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet** around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.



The Yeadon Fire Company is hosting a series of events in support of this year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!”, including a Fire Company open house the week of Fire Prevention. While we hope to be able to do this in person, we will be prepared to offer this virtually if needed. Please check out our Yeadon Fire Company Facebook Page and Nextdoor for more information as Fire Prevention Week gets closer.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Yeadon, please contact the Fire Company at **610-623-9642** or via email at [chief@yeadonfire.org](mailto:chief@yeadonfire.org). For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking fire prevention, visit [www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org).

# The Spotted Lanternfly: Help Control This Invasive Pest



The Spotted Lanternfly is an invasive insect that can potentially damage crops, plants, and trees. Currently, Delaware County is being quarantined for this species. These plant hoppers are now in their adult stage and we may continue to see them well into the winter season. The Pennsylvania Agriculture Department and Penn State have collaborated to study these insects in order to eliminate them. Below are a few things you can do to help if you see spotted lanternflies.

**Identify and Report Sightings.** Go to [/extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly](http://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly) for information about identifying the insect and reporting any sightings.

**Inspect vehicles,** trailers, and any items stored outside that will be transported. Also, try to avoid parking under trees.

**Elimination.** Help eliminate spotted lanternflies by:

- Scraping the eggs
- Squishing the nymph to adult flies.
- Insecticides. Penn State are conducting test to see which insecticides work best. Please take caution when using any insecticide and be aware of any runoff that can go into the stormwater sewers. Only use insecticides that are registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Avoid home remedies as it can be harmful to animals, plants, and humans.
- Use tree traps for a non-toxic way to catch and eliminate these insects. However, avoid attaching tape to trees as this can catch other non-threatening insects and animals.

As the fall season approaches, the spotted lanternflies will start to lay eggs. According to Penn State the egg masses will start to be visible on trees (and outdoor items such as lawn chairs). So come this winter be prepared to scrape some spotted lanternfly eggs.



# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Each of the following departmental roles have a direct report and in turn outlines the different duties/tasks of each specific position in order to strengthen the success of the organization. The listing is information for the community and can be used to identify who to contact for most frequently asked questions. All roles in all Departments,with the exception of the Police Department, report to the Yeadon Borough Manager, who in turn report to Yeadon Borough Council. The Police reports to the Mayor of Yeadon.

ADMINISTRATION	CODE	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	FIRE	POLICE
<div><b>Receptionist</b> 610-284-1606</div> <div>Primary face to face contact for any issue regarding Borough related matters, redirect specific items to the appropriate department handling, contact for Contract Bid information packages, all issues/requests for recycling bins, any issues with missed trash or recycling, and supplies stickers for bulk trash items that use freon.</div>	<div><b>Director</b> 610-284-3110</div> <div>rstokes@yeadonborough.com</div> <div>Responsible for overseeing anything related to the CODE. Organizes, plans and directs the community development and planning programs, issues building permits, licenses and inspections, vacant structures, primary contact with residents and the business community for any Code related issues.</div> <div>All other roles report to the Director.</div>	<div><b>Coordinator</b> 610-284-3110</div> <div>rstokes@yeadonborough.com</div> <div>Plans for emergencies in the borough whether man made or natural. Provides disaster relief during natural emergencies and works with federal and state agencies before and after an event. Coordinator of all departments when an emergency occurs and assists the public with whatever is needed during the emergency.</div>	<div><b>Fire Chief</b> 610-623-9642</div> <div>Responsible for carrying out the day to day tasks of running a firefighting organization. Such tasks include supervising other officers and firefighters at an emergency scene and recruiting, training, and equipping them for their respective duties.</div> <div>All other roles report to the Chief.</div>	<div><b>Chief of Police</b> 610-623-1500</div> <div>apaparo@yeadonborough.org</div> <div>Primarily responsible for overseeing and ensuring the effective planning, organizing, staffing, directing, coordinating, reporting, and budgeting for all aspects of the police department. Position is primarily focused on directing and coaching.</div> <div>All other roles report to the Chief.</div>
<div><b>Secretary/Hall Event Coordinator</b></div> <div>Coordinate and oversee all aspects of the rental of the Hall, including ensuring availability of Hall Monitors and all paperwork, address questions or concerns by phone or face to face from the public, redirect specific items to the appropriate department as needed.</div>	<div><b>Code Office Manager</b></div> <div>Responsible for all paperwork pertaining to Code Enforcement. Communicate with residents, contractors, and realtors in the processing of permits, primary contact for all code documentation, works closely with the Director and Inspectors on properties for abatement.</div>	<div><b>Deputy Coordinator</b></div> <div>Assistant/Backup to the Emergency Management Coordinator.</div>	<div><b>Firefighter</b></div> <div>Perform firefighter duties in order to prevent, combat and extinguish fires to protect lives, operate fire equipment and tools, provide emergency medical care within scope of job.</div>	<div><b>Administrative</b></div> <div>Coordinate the administrative activities ensuring that information is disseminated to staff and clients. Schedule and coordinate meetings, appointments, and conferences for Police Chief and staff.</div>
LIBRARY	<div><b>Code Inspectors (4 - one per zone)</b></div> <div><div><div>Zone 1*</div><div>Zone 2</div><div>Zone 3</div><div>Zone 4</div></div><div>Responsible for monitoring and patrolling a designated zone of the borough making sure that all property owners and renters are in compliance with borough codes and ordinances. Responsible for performing rental and, building inspections, resale property inspections and citizen concerns.</div><div><b>*Zone 1:</b> Darby Creek to Brookside Ave. and Golf Rd. to Brookside Ave.</div><div><b>Zone 2:</b> Fairview Ave. to Parkway, Part of Baily Rd. , Yeadon Ave. to Darnell Ave. and part of Church Lane.</div><div><b>Zone 3:</b> Darby Creek to Brookside Ave., Golf Rd. to Brookside Ave. and Chester Ave.</div><div><b>Zone 4:</b> MacDade Blvd. to Rundale Ave. to Cedar Ave.</div><div><b>*Lead inspector for all health issues:</b> Zone 1 Inspector.</div></div>	<div><b>Director</b> 610-623-3636</div> <div>jwilkinson@yeadonborough.com</div> <div>Main point of contact for any Public Works concerns or questions. Responsible for planning and organizing Borough programs for Public Works services. These services include streets and highways, parks and fleet maintenance, refuse and recycling collection, sanitary sewer maintenance and facilities management. All other roles report to the Director.</div>	<div><b>FINANCE</b></div> <div><div><b>Director</b> 610-284-1606</div><div>nnichols@yeadonborough.com</div><div>Primarily responsible for the Financial Health of the Borough, Manages the accounting and economic aspects of the Borough, budgets, forecasts and evaluates risk assessments on business initiatives.</div><div>All other roles report to the Director.</div></div> <div><b>Finance Clerk</b></div> <div>Support for Finance Director. Responsibilities include but are not limited to, verifying financial data, maintaining accurate records, overseeing monetary transactions, processing of Borough invoices and payroll.</div>	<div><b>Detective</b></div> <div>Primarily Investigate criminal acts such as homicides, sexual assaults, armed robberies, home invasions, and property crimes such as burglaries. Collect and use forensic evidence to solve crimes. Interview informants, suspects, and witnesses to ascertain alibis, clues, time frames, and possible suspects. Keep detailed records.</div>
<div><b>Director</b> 610-623-4090</div> <div>librarydirector@yeadonborough.com</div> <div>Contact person for any library concerns or questions and will also answer reference questions and any other questions regarding library programs and services .</div> <div>All other roles report to the Director.</div>		<div><b>Foreman</b></div> <div>Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, overseeing and managing landscaping, road work, building and sewer maintenance, snow removal, and other Public Works related tasks.</div>	<div><b>RECREATION</b></div> <div><div><b>Coordinator</b> 610-284-1606 ext. 149</div><div>rhunter@yeadonborough.com</div><div>Responsible for coordinating programs for youth and adults. Programs are developed and implemented with the assistance of an advisory committee. Programs and events include but are not limited to, basketball, soccer, tennis, swimming, Flag Day, Community Day, Haunted Hall, Veteran's Day, Christmas Tree Lighting, Summer Camp and so much more.</div></div>	<div><b>Sergeant</b></div> <div>Police Sergeants present the first line of supervisors in the police force. They perform all the duties of a police officer as well as supervise, coordinate, and guide police officers and other department employees in their daily activities.</div>
<div><b>Assistant Library Director</b></div> <div>Contact person regarding all materials purchases for any reference question or for any library concerns or questions.</div>		<div><b>Laborer</b></div> <div>Responsible for all hands on related tasks. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: street sweeping, bulk trash collection, highway maintenance: street signs, potholes, sink-holes, traffic signals, street-lights, street painting. etc., sewer maintenance, landscaping, snow removal, building maintenance.</div>		<div><b>Police Officer</b></div> <div>Some of the primary duties are to protect life and property through the enforcement of laws &amp; regulations; Proactively patrols assigned areas, responds to calls for police service, conducts preliminary &amp; follow up criminal and traffic investigations, conducts interviews, prepares written reports and field notes of investigations and patrol activities, arrest and processes criminals and testifies in court.</div>
<div><b>Circulation Manager</b></div> <div>Contact person for any comments, questions or concerns regarding overdue notices, fines or general materials check out questions.</div>		<div><b>Custodian</b></div> <div>Responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and order of Borough buildings. Duties include but are not limited to, disinfecting surfaces, trash removal, inventory, etc.</div>		
<div><b>Youth Services Coordinator</b></div> <div>Contact person regarding our programs for youth including after school programs, homework help, summer reading and all other programs for children and youth.</div>				