

# Borough of Yeadon

## NEWSLETTER

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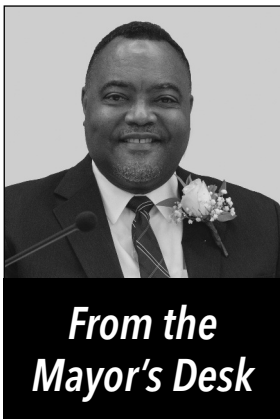
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Spring 2021

## Yeadon on the Move

This time last year, all of our lives were radically uprooted as the dreaded COVID-19 virus made its way into the basic fabric of our culture as an unwelcome intrusion. We had to social distance, wear masks, wash our hands frequently, sanitize incessantly, and learn how to Zoom. Many were also impacted by the corresponding economic downturn, the social unrest, and political upheaval as we faced the most consequential election in our lifetime.

During the pandemic, Yeadon actually made great strides. We didn't experience the violence we saw directly to the south of us, nor to the north of us in Southwest Philly or Upper Darby as curfews and our



*From the  
Mayor's Desk*

fine police presence thwarted this impending scourge experienced around us. This was prevented in Yeadon. In addition, our trash collection was virtually smooth compared to other neighboring boroughs as well as the city - where COVID-19 interrupted regular pickups. We were also able to get through virtual and hybrid learning in the WPSD as well as in the library; and, all is returning to normal.

In the interim, Delaware County chose Yeadon as the permanent home of its Health Center located at 125 Chester Avenue. This new Health Center will be one continued on page 6



President Joe Biden with Mayor Rohan Hepkins during a visit to Yeadon last summer.

### *From the Council President*

## Emerging From the Longest Winter

Dear Neighbors,

The daylight is getting longer and spring is around the corner. It is fitting that spring arrives as we begin to see daylight at the end of the long COVID-19 pandemic.

Vaccines are being distributed in Yeadon at the soon to be home of the Delaware County Health Department. Across the nation, plans are being made with the anticipation of COVID-19 being a distant memory. Yeadon has worked diligently by wearing our masks and checking on our neighbors.

As the Council President, I am proud to report that we are working on bringing MORE much needed development to Yeadon Borough. We continue to invest in our infrastructure and seek grants to assist with our needed improvements throughout town. We continue to pave roads, maintain trees, keep our communities safe all because you place your trust in us. While the work is laborious, the reward is in knowing that we are building a STRONGER YEADON.

Over the next few months, you will have the opportunity to lend your voice to the future of Yeadon. Please join us in moving Yeadon FORWARD through joining us virtually at a council meeting, sending a note to the Borough Hall, or interacting with us on the internet. I want to hear from you about what you want to see in our towns.

Thank you again for your support and perseverance during the longest winter in recent memory. Together, we will come out stronger and better.



LaToya Monroe



## Steps to Wellness

**Dr. Lisa O'Mahony administers the COVID-19 vaccine to Dr. Dolores McCabe at the newly opened Delaware County Wellness Center in Yeadon.**

See more photos and information about the opening of the Wellness Center on page 5.

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Police Emergencies, Fire Emergencies  
Animal Control

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

**Tax Collector** 610-622-6379  
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Real Estate Tax, Sewer and Refuse Bills

**Yeadon Public Library** 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,  
and traffic violations



The Borough of Yeadon

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P.O. Box 5187, Yeadon, PA 19050  
Phone: 610-284-1606  
Fax: 610-284-2138

Upcoming Events, Closings, Notices, Announcements, and Employment Opportunities

**EVENTS**  
**E-Waste Collection Events**  
*March 26th, April 30th, May 28th, June 25th*  
Public Works Garage from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
You must wear a mask and stop by the office to  
verify residency.

**Nile Swim Club Historical Marker Dedication**  
*Saturday, May 22nd*  
The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commis-  
sion approved the Nile Swim Club for the dedica-  
tion of a state historical marker. There will be a  
ceremony dedicating the new marker on Satur-  
day, May 22, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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

**OFFICIAL CLOSINGS**  
The Borough will be closed April 2nd, May 31st,  
and June 18th in observance of the holidays.

**NOTICES**  
If you did not receive a Borough calendar or if  
you would like an extra one, copies are available at  
the front desk on the third floor of Borough Hall.  
During a storm, it is possible that you may lose  
power. Please be sure to have water, a flashlight,  
and nonperishable food available in case of a  
power outage. In addition, please stay away from  
down power lines and assume they are charged.  
In the event of an outage or down lines, please  
report it to PECO's Emergency line at (800) 841-  
4141 or their customer service line at (800) 494-  
4000 to You may also report or check the status  
of an outage at [peco.com/Outages/Reportan](http://peco.com/Outages/Reportan)  
**Outage**. There is also an app available for down-  
load in the app store, just search for PECO.  
Illegal dumping at the gateway area where  
Yeadon and Philadelphia connect should be re-  
ported to the Borough and/or the Philadelphia

Streets Department. The Philadelphia Streets De-  
partment can be reached at (215) 686-5560.  
Call 9-1-1 for any sewer issues, street parking vi-  
olations, stray animals, and emergency issues.  
Contact the Code Enforcement Department for  
common alley/driveway parking violations, down  
wires on properties, tree issues on properties,  
junked vehicles, high weeds and grass, illegal  
dumpsites, trash and junk, prohibited signs, home  
occupations, substandard structures, outdoor stor-  
age, and other Borough code violations.  
All issues related to street sweeping, highway  
maintenance (street signs, traffic signals, potholes,  
etc.), down electrical wires, trees, snow removal (of  
borough-owned lots and streets), and missed  
trash or recycling collections should be reported  
to the Public Works Department.  
If you need to dispose of appliances with freon  
(white goods) such as refrigerators, air condition-  
ers, etc. call the Borough Hall to schedule a pick-  
up. Residents must pay a fee of \$10.  
Please be informed that B&L Disposal will pick-up  
one bulk item per household on your scheduled  
trash collection day. If you have any issues with  
trash or recycling call the Borough Hall immediately.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
The Yeadon Public Library will receive \$1,534  
from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries which  
will help pay for PPE and other supplies related to  
COVID-19.  
The Yeadon Public Library has been designated  
a Silver Level Library in the PA Forward Star Pro-  
gram by the Pennsylvania Library Association.  
Wi-Fi checkouts are available at the Yeadon Public  
Library. Call (610) 623-4090 for more information.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**  
Delaware County is currently hiring, please visit  
[delcopa.gov/employment](http://delcopa.gov/employment) for a list of available  
positions.

Borough Meetings

In accordance with the Phased Reopening Plan  
and Targeted Mitigation Order by Governor Wolf,  
all meetings will be held via teleconferencing.  
Please check the Borough website and social  
media for more information to join 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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
Second Tuesday of each month  
6:00 p.m., Zoom teleconferencing

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



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)



# COVID-19 Vaccinations: What You Should Know

Vaccinations for COVID-19 have been given emergency use authorization from the FDA (U.S Food & Drug Administration). Listed are a few things you should know:

1. There is a HUGE shortage of vaccinations. Please be patient.
2. Pennsylvania created a Vaccination Rollout Plan and COVID-19 vaccines will be distributed in four phases.
3. The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is administered in a two-step series (one month apart).
4. For those receiving the first shot through Delaware County, you will be asked to make an appointment for the second dose of vaccine at the time of receiving the first vaccine dose. Please note: If you have received the first dose of vaccine from a provider other than Delaware County,

you will also book your second dose of the vaccine from that same provider.

5. Call the COVID-19 Call Center at (484) 276-2100 or email [atcovid19resources@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:atcovid19resources@co.delaware.pa.us) for all questions and concerns related to vaccines.
6. If you have a severe reaction to the vaccine, please dial 9-1-1 immediately or go to the nearest hospital.

Let’s work together and continue to follow the safety guidelines set up by the State and the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Always wear a mask, especially when you leave your home. PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING. Wash your hands and use hand sanitizer. With the conveniences of today, we can get through this by swapping in person events for Zoom parties, create themed family nights, or attend virtual activities. We are in this together!

## Yeadon Borough Establishes Vaccination Scheduling Line

When requested, the Borough will assist the County with scheduling the COVID-19 vaccinations. Please refer to the Borough resources, such as the cable channel, website, and social media pages for notice as to when the vaccinations are being scheduled. When the notice is given to do so, please call the vaccination scheduling line:

**(267) 449-1496**

Please be advised that the Borough’s scheduling of the vaccinations is temporary and may be limited to specific groups/categories.

# Be Prepared for When Power Outages Occur

Power outages can occur for many reasons, one being storms. Learn how to be prepared before, during, and after a power outage.

### BEFORE A POWER OUTAGE

*Here are some things you can do before a power outage, so that you are ready if one occurs:*

- Build or restock your emergency kit, including a flashlight, batteries, cash, and first aid supplies.
- Make sure you have alternative charging methods for your phone or any device that requires power and sign up for mobile alerts.
- Keep any battery-powered devices charged, such as cell phones and medical devices and determine a backup plan for their use and the use of power dependent items.
- Know where the manual release lever of your electric garage door opener is located and how to operate it.
- Purchase ice or freeze water-filled plastic containers to help keep food cold during a temporary power outage.
- Keep your car’s gas tank full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps. If you use your car to recharge devices, do NOT keep the car running in a garage, partially enclosed space, or close to a home, this can lead to carbon monoxide

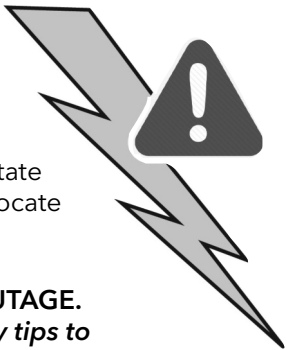
poisoning.

- Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by visiting the State or local websites to locate the closest shelters.

### DURING A POWER OUTAGE.

*Here are some safety tips to follow during a power outage:*

- Only use flashlights for emergency lighting, candles can cause fires.
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Most food requiring refrigeration can be kept safely in a closed refrigerator for several hours. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours.
- Take steps to remain cool if it is hot outside. In intense heat when the power may be off for a long time, such as move to the lowest level of your home since cool air falls. Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty.
- Put on layers of warm clothing if it is cold outside. Never burn charcoal for heating or cooking indoors. Never use your oven as a source of heat.



- Turn off or disconnect appliances and other equipment in case of a momentary power “surge” that can damage computers and other devices and use surge protectors.
- If you are considering purchasing a generator for your home, consult an electrician or engineer before purchasing and installing.
- Only use generators away from your home and NEVER run a generator inside a home or garage, or connect it to your home’s electrical system.
- Please refer to the notices on page two for information regarding down power lines.

### AFTER A POWER OUTAGE

*Here are some tips on what to do after you have experienced a power outage:*

- Throw away any food that has been exposed to temperatures of 40° F and higher for two hours or more, or food that has an unusual odor, color, or texture. When in doubt, throw it out!
- If food in the freezer is colder than 40° F and has ice crystals on it, you can refreeze it.
- Contact your doctor if you’re concerned about medications having spoiled.
- Restock your emergency kit with fresh batteries, canned foods, and other supplies.

Borough Council Meeting Attendance								
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
January 14	PRESENT	PRESENT	ARRIVED LATE	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
January 21	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ARRIVED LATE	PRESENT	PRESENT
February 11	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
February 18	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT

## Borough Council Votes for Finance Committee Reports

### JANUARY 21, 2021

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List.  
**Moved By:** Vice President Francis  
**Seconded By:** Councilor Johnson  
Unanimous

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

### FEBRUARY 18, 2021

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

## Ordinances and Resolutions

### JANUARY 21, 2021

**Resolution #2021-001** for the opposition of a zoning application for a waste facility on 41 S. Union Avenue.

**Resolution #2021-002** to remove former signers from the WSFS bank account.

**Resolution #2021-003** to enter into a Public Assistance Grant Program with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

From the Chief of Police

# Thinking Outside the Box

Hey family believe me there is no need to adjust your screen or spill your coffee, the Zoom meeting you have logged into is real. Yes, it is another of my “thinking outside the box” ideas to bring you policing at not just its best but something completely unexpected. It is the Yeadon Police Department’s brand-new talk show – yes talk show called *Good Morning Yeadon!* The thought behind this idea was I needed to do more to break down barriers of communication, quell rumors, or just provide crime reports/stats/alerts, but also to do something different to build relationships and partnerships. More importantly, my desire is to assure everyone YOUR police department is here for you – we are listening, we see you, and you have a voice in this community that is not taken for granted. Furthermore, I stand ready to answer tough questions, be held accountable, and show you the work we do to keep and/or hopefully earn your trust and confidence in our community.

I must be honest though, one of the strongest incentives for me has been the heartache and turmoil experienced during 2020. By now you know I am a different kind of cop. I am not afraid to tell you I take things to heart, sometimes to the point of losing hope because for me policing cannot be the narrative that you see in the news. Policing to me is something special, and when I stop or interact with someone and they make a comment, “you’re going to kill me!”, it deeply affects me; it deeply affects all good cops. Yet, know I understand why those comments are



made, and know that is why I work so hard to make policing different in Yeadon. Know too, that the officers who work for you have embraced my philosophy of “policing differently” and work tirelessly to keep you safe. Thus, with that mindset that we do more than just write tickets, *Good Morning Yeadon!* was born.

The show will air through Zoom at least once a month and potentially more often as we move forward with this endeavor. Join Nextdoor, watch the Yeadon Borough website, and all YPDs social media accounts for upcoming dates. Right now, I am holding the live show at 11:00 a.m. for each date selected, and I will give everyone at least a 7-day notice of upcoming shows. I would like to provide greater information but one of the caveats I provided for the first show that you won’t see on *Good Morning America*, is depending on what might be happening, I might not make it, or I might have to run out from the show for an emergency. Just the nature of police work.

*Good Morning Yeadon!* consists of an opening monologue, a special guest (Mayor Hepkins was my first guest, Jan 18, 2021), a segment in which you meet one of the officers or staff, crime alerts/public safety tips, maybe a surprise here and there, and “what’s on your mind?”. That for me is the most important part of the show. This is your chance to ask that question you have always wanted to ask a cop. Know that you will get an honest straightforward answer because I am not afraid to take on tough questions. Because the first step in

breaking down lines of communication is listening (and I am), and this is your chance to be heard and not as a result of you calling 911.

So how does it work? When you sign into the Zoom meeting via the link, you will enter a “waiting room” and then be moved into the main meeting room. Once there, I am sad to say this, but you will be muted, and the reason behind that is to keep background noise out of

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**Your police department is here for you – we are listening, we see you, and you have a voice in this community that is not taken for granted.**

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the equation. You will be able to actively send messages via chat at any time, and when you send a question/message during “what’s on your mind?”, I will unmute you so we can actually talk about your questions or thoughts. I will always end the show with something positive, we will never end a show with something negative. Regardless of the topic, the difficulty of the moment, let us remember why we are coming together to do this, and the positive impact it has on all of us at the end of the day. My ultimate goal once COVID-19 is contained and hopefully eradicated from keeping us apart is to have this show in person here at the Borough. I will though, continue to stream it live via Zoom for those who cannot get in here for whatever reason, so do not think it will



end through that media. It will not. What do you think, Yeadonites? Ready to be part of something completely different than your standard crime prevention seminar, or that one-minute TV news spot? Stay tuned for the next link and come join me and YPD as we continue to “think outside the box” on the next episode of *Good Morning Yeadon!*

As always, do not forget to #MissionLockItUp, leave a light on outside at night, and most of all; stay safe and remember to look out for one another.

God Bless.

**Anthony R. Paparo**  
Chief of Police

**HAVE A TIP?  
CONTACT US!**

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



## Santa Claus Visits Yeadon

Santa visted Yeadon in 2020. Pictured above on Fire Company vehicle while touring Yeadon neighborhoods, and at right, with a child at the fire station.





# Delaware County Wellness Center Opens in Yeadon

The Delaware County Wellness Center officially opened on January 27, 2021. The Delaware County Council were joined with Yeadon Borough officials, and other elected leaders and staff. Located at 125 Chester Avenue, the Delaware County Wellness Center will now serve as a vaccine storage site, a vaccination site, and a COVID-19 testing site for Delaware County. Furthermore, the Wellness Center will begin to transition into a clinical space for the future Delaware County Health Department.



## Prevent Children from Lead Poisoning

Nearly 80% of all homes and apartments in Delaware County have lead-based paint in them because they were built before 1980, the time when toxic lead paint was finally banned for use in homes. Lead poisoning can cause lifelong learning and behavior problems. Stop this tragedy from happening by making sure your house or apartment is lead safe! Families with children under the age of six or pregnant women can get the lead out of their homes now by contacting one of two free programs available in Delaware County that test homes for lead and get the lead out if found. Grandparents and other family members who have children under six who spend at least 60 hours a year in their home can also qualify. Both homeowners and landlords who rent to qualifying tenants are eligible.

Contact one of the agencies below to start an application:  
Community Action Agency - John Forte / 610-833-4453 or [jforte@caadc.org](mailto:jforte@caadc.org)  
Office of Housing and Community Development - Nasia Hill / 610-891-5427 or [ohcd@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:ohcd@co.delaware.pa.us)  
For more information about toxic lead please visit [pccy.org/lead](http://pccy.org/lead).

## Yeadon Public Library Remains Open for Curbside Pickup and Online Programs

# Looking Ahead at the Library

As we welcome a new year and set resolutions for ourselves, please remember the Yeadon Public Library is here to help with materials on a variety of subjects. Whether your resolutions are financial, health and fitness related or otherwise, we have materials to assist you in meeting your goals.

We hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe. We continue our commitment to offer outstanding library service to our community and we are excited to unveil our new website, which is more user friendly, interactive, informative and colorful. Check out our new look at: [www.yeadonlibrary.org](http://www.yeadonlibrary.org).

The Yeadon Public Library was founded by the Women’s Club of Yeadon in October 1937. Yeadon Borough Council provided the facilities, which was a room located on the third floor of the Borough Hall. The Club stocked and staffed the library and assumed complete responsibility for its operation until the tasks became too great.

In January 1939, the Borough Council assumed responsibility for the Library. They created a seven-member Library Board and a librarian was hired. Over the years, the collection grew to approximately 8,000 titles and the service hours expanded.

In 1966, Borough Council asked the voters in the May Primary Election to decide whether to build a freestanding library building. The voters approved and the Yeadon School Board cooperated by donating the building site. The Borough Council, the Library Board of Trustees, and Gilles J. Hughes Architects worked as a team in planning the new building and facilities. The


Library was made possible primarily through Borough funds and funds were granted under the Federal Library Services and Construction Act. The current Yeadon Public Library building was dedicated on December 16, 1967.

As the titles and services grew in the 20th Century, many discussions about expanding the Library took place by various Councils and Library Board Members. The discussion and planning continued well into the 21st Century. In 2013, because of funds available from a capital campaign sponsored by the Yeadon Public Library, the Board of Trustees was able to pursue the plan to expand the Yeadon Public Library to meet the needs of our growing community, and to accommodate our patrons with the technology of the 21st Century.

In 2014, the plans were implemented with Linn Architects and Anthony Bianco Construction to include a Community Room, Technology/Media Room, and a new Director’s Office. With the cooperation of the Yeadon Public Library Trustees, the Yeadon Borough Council, residents, and the business community the new expansion became possible and was dedicated on September 14, 2014.

While the Yeadon Public Library remains closed to the public due to COVID-19, we ARE open for doorside pickup of library materials and for fax and photocopy services. We are also offering a variety of virtual programs and access to a variety of online resources. In addition, we now offer Wi-Fi hotspots for checkout.

Our hours for doorside pickup of materials are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00



## Yeadon Public Library

a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

In addition, we are handing out meal packs for children and youth on Tuesdays from 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Miss Rae will be offering a variety of programs for children and youth including: Story Time; Seasonal Arts & Crafts; Virtual After School; Girls Who Code; Game Days; and Movie Days, just to name a few.

For more information about the services and programs of the Yeadon Public Library or to request materials, please call us at (610) 623-4090, visit our website [www.yeadonlibrary.org](http://www.yeadonlibrary.org) or email us at [yeadon@delcolibraries.org](mailto:yeadon@delcolibraries.org).

If you need to register for a library card, please visit [www.delcolibraries.org](http://www.delcolibraries.org) or email [support@delcolibraries.org](mailto:support@delcolibraries.org).

Since joining the Yeadon Public Library as Executive Director, meeting Yeadon residents is the highlight of my position and I welcome you to reach out with questions, concerns, or comments about the Library. I can be reached via email at [librarydirector@yeadonborough.com](mailto:librarydirector@yeadonborough.com) or by telephone at (610) 623-4090.

We look forward to seeing you at the Library!

Clay Payne, Executive Director  
Yeadon Public Library

# Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative

The Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative is a joint venture of several municipalities working together to improve water quality in the area. The municipalities include Collingdale Borough, Darby Borough, Darby Township, East Lansdowne Borough, Glenolden Borough, Haverford Township, Morton Borough, Norwood Borough, Sharon Hill Borough, Upper Darby Township, and

Yeadon Borough. The collaborative works to educate residents, professionals, and administrators in such areas as water quality, rain gardens, flooding, tree planting, rain barrels, and stream bank restoration. During these hard times due the pandemic, educational workshops are provided via ZOOM. For information on these workshops, check the Eastern Delaware

Stormwater Collaborative website at [www.edcsc.org](http://www.edcsc.org) or your municipal government website. As the weather and the pandemic improves, there will be many opportunities to get outside and work on many environmental projects.

Roy Hunter  
Recreation Director

# Code Enforcement's Goal is Compliance, Not Punishment

Code enforcement describes the steps that cities and towns take to assure compliance with their local laws. In the context of community development, the term pertains to property upkeep and standards and also for new construction.



Typically, these local laws, which usually reference internationally devised codes compiled by experts, cover the exterior maintenance and integrity of structures, plumbing and electrical health and safety, overgrown vegetation, outdoor storage, standards for remodeling, provisions for fire safety and health in commercial establishments, and many other such details. Codes for energy conservation, hurricane protection, or other local priorities also may be adopted. The building code deals with new construction.

Sensible and assertive approaches to bringing property owners into compliance with the law can be an important part of maintaining the appearance, functioning, and property values of a neighborhood. Neighborhood groups can rely on code enforcement for bringing properties up to a minimum community standard.

Twice we have said the goal of code enforcement is to motivate compliance, and we said nothing about punishment. Emphasizing punishment is a big mistake, even if neighbors and code enforcement officers find a property owner's behavior and attitudes to be deplorable.

It is not unusual for property owners to feel that the inspectors charged with code enforcement are too hostile in either their attitudes, behavior, or invasion of privacy. We will talk about those issues at the end of this piece.

Older neighborhoods, especially Yeadon Borough, need to rely on code enforcement to make sure that buildings are maintained suffi-

ciently to keep up property values and also to keep pace with new technologies and safety research.

While property owners often think that the way they take care of their property is their own business, the major impact that neighboring properties have on one another's value and enjoyment means that building maintenance and safety becomes the business of everyone in the neighborhood.

When you hear someone loosely talking about code violations and why the city isn't enforcing the codes, the first question to ask yourself as a neighborhood leader is whether your town actually has adopted by ordinance a code that would cover the offending situation. Yeadon has adopted the ICC codes and has a property maintenance ordinance.

The ordinances hold property owners accountable for maintaining their buildings (both the main building and any garages, storage sheds, and such). They also create ways to deal with some ugly or inappropriate things people keep outdoors!

In the end, your local codes won't address anything and everything you might find ugly, but they certainly help maintain a basic standard.

### TIPS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS DEALING WITH NUISANCES

Whether your enforcement is systematic or complaint-based, watch your manners with code inspectors. Surprise, surprise, you'll get more done if you're nice to them!

Nevertheless, persist if you have a situation in your neighborhood that is not being resolved. But before you repeat your complaint, ask questions about whether the property owner was actually cited. For example, were any communications received from the property owner? Were there any summons for court, and if so, what was the disposition of the matter? Asking these questions will help prevent you from filing another complaint before the property owner has had a chance to comply.

For instance, the property owner may have been given a grace period to comply or the judge may have determined that there is no violation.

A major issue in some places is that the municipal judges may not be very sympathetic with the neighborhood. If you're the person complaining, it's not always fair to blame the inspector; sometimes it's the judge who lets the property owner off with a wink. To deal with this situation, you will need to provide plenty of documentation to your mayor and city council, who usually will be reluctant to interfere with their judge.

If you feel that your code enforcement officers are biased against your neighborhood or feel it is futile to write up violations in your neighborhood since people cannot afford to comply, be especially careful not to complain about situations that annoy you but that are not actually in violation of the code. All cities, towns, and counties with codes should have an inspection copy of that code available for you to read. Your neighborhood could divide up the work of reading different parts of the codes and noting provisions most likely to apply to them.

If you want to complain anonymously, most places allow that. However, be sure to give enough detail and a correct address. You think this is really a silly thing for me to say, but I assure you that many folks call and just think the Borough knows about the yellow house on the corner. Trying to figure out where the yellow house on the corner is located or what is wrong with it is frustrating for the code enforcement officer. Giving this type of vague information may result in delays in resolving the issue.

If the code enforcement fails to address a problem - and that will happen - your neighborhood or community organization should meet face-to-face with the property owners themselves. Also, appoint a committee that can figure out the right approach to property owners in your locale.

Rufus Stokes  
Code Enforcement Director

# Yeadon on the Move

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of the major sites for COVID-19 vaccine distribution, as well as COVID-19 testing and the like. Many other boroughs wished they could have had the honor to host the site, but of all the 49 boroughs in Delaware County, County Council chose Yeadon for this permanent site. That is a major distinction that shows the importance and significance of Yeadon. And it's an example of your borough government working successfully on your behalf.

What's more, Yeadon was one of the first municipalities to initiate COVID-19 testing. We were out front as one of the first to successfully partnership with the Black Doctors COVID-19 Consortium to have them come to Yeadon on different occasions to offer COVID-19 expertise and testing. We also had our CVS partnership to

administer the same to our residents. In addition, through collaborative efforts, the Nile Swim Club was saved and is now thriving...to the point where our efforts have culminated in the Nile being recognized by the state as a Historical Marker. This means that the Nile Swim Club will be permanently recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as being one of the iconic, historical sites in Pennsylvania due to the unique contribution and significance of history. And this is all happening in Yeadon.

Finally, many of you may be aware that then-presidential candidate Joe Biden visited Yeadon privately last Summer. It was kept private so as to not drive up the danger of the virus during what was then the height of the pandemic. This was at the request of our future (and now current) President. Yet he thought Yeadon was significant enough to visit us. It was a pleasure to greet him and welcome him to Yeadon Borough and he liked what he saw and heard. So, Yeadon is

certainly on the map...as the County, the State of Pennsylvania, and even President Biden have all taken notice and have chosen to honor us in these aforementioned ways. So, just know that Yeadon is back. Yeadon is on the map. Yeadon is turning the corner to deliver what you as our residents certainly deserve. And folks are taking notice on every level and are jumping on our bandwagon.

I hope that you all have a great spring and summer as the virus starts to wane and as vaccine distribution starts to ramp up in earnest. If you need a vaccine, which we are encouraging all residents to take, sign up and obtain up-to-date information by visiting our borough website at [yeadonborough.org](http://yeadonborough.org).

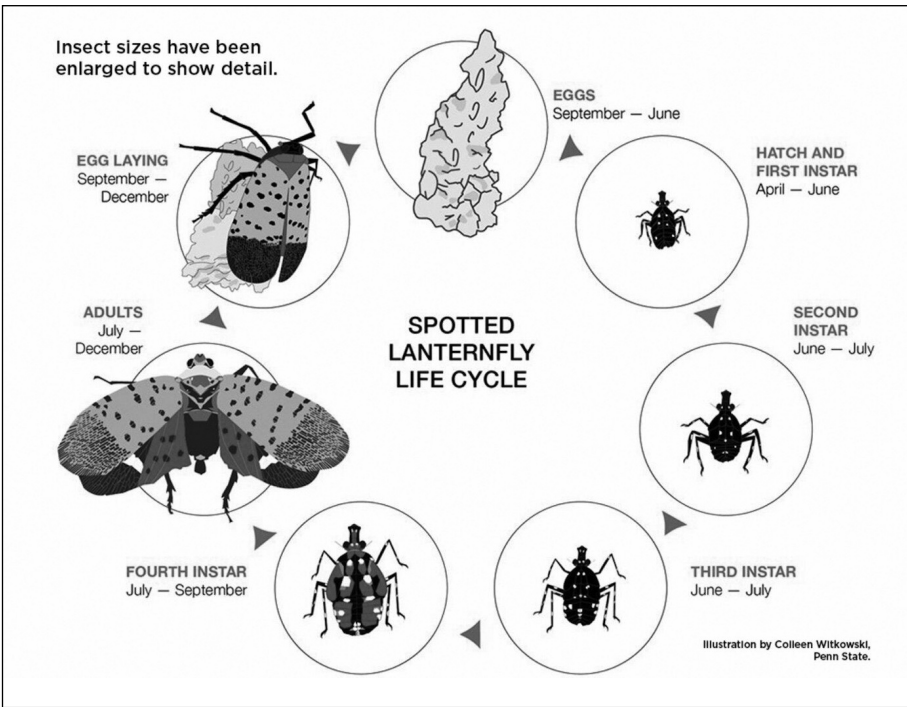
May God continue to bless you and your family ...and may God continue to bless Yeadon Borough as we stay safe and prosperous throughout this promising year.

Yours Truly,  
Mayor Hepkins

# (Not) Wanted: The Spotted Lanternfly

In 2014 the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) made its first appearance in Berks County. Soon after, the invasive species spread throughout South-eastern PA. Although the Spotted Lanternfly is not a direct threat to humans (does not bite or sting) it is directly affecting our state's agriculture and forestry industry. Now more than ever we must do our part in slowing the spread of this invasive species. To better understand how to combat this pest, we must first understand its life cycle. Spotted Lanternflies can feed on at least 70 species of trees, as well as vines and shrubs, including fruit trees, hops, grapevines, and several hardwoods. While tree of heaven is a highly preferred host, reports from Pennsylvania indicate the SLF can also feed on American beech, basswood, sycamore, big-toothed aspen, black birch, black cherry, black gum, black walnut, assorted dogwoods, Japanese snowbell, maples, oaks, paper birch, pignut hickory, pines, sassafras, serviceberry, slippery elm, tulip tree,

white ash and willows. Lanternflies are known to be a hitchhiker species, meaning that they can be easily spread to new locations when people accidentally transport eggs or other life stages into new areas. We as a community can do several things to stop the spread of the lanternfly. Preventing or at least slowing the spread of the SLF is important to minimize impacts and control costs. First, when leaving an area where the SLF is present, check vehicles and outdoor equipment for egg masses or any other life stages. Second, scrape and destroy egg masses that are accessible, eliminating insects that would otherwise hatch and feed. Use a stick, plastic card, putty knife, or similar tool to scrape eggs into a container filled with alcohol, hand sanitizer or very soapy water to kill the eggs. Eggs can also be burned in a campfire. Simply mashing eggs is often not entirely effective. Some residents in Pennsylvania have wrapped plastic wrap tightly around tree trunks and



then coated it with a sticky substance to capture nymphs as they climb up the trunk to feed on the younger shoots. These sticky bands may be useful if the SLF densities are high. Bands will need to be checked and replaced at least every other week. Third, removing tree of heaven, the preferred host, appears to reduce local abundance of the SLF. Cutting down female trees (those producing seeds). Lastly, by

simply stepping on and killing the bug will also fight the spread. For Further information on the Spotted Lanternfly, please see go to <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly-management-resources>. Also please report any sighting at 1-888-4BAD-FLY (1-888-422-3359) or at [services.agriculture.pa.gov/SLFReport/](https://services.agriculture.pa.gov/SLFReport/). Jeff Wilkinson Public Works Director

# Spring News from Yeadon Public Works

### E-Waste Collection Events

E-waste items like (flat screen TVs, computers, microwave ovens, etc.) can be dropped off at the Public Works Yard on the last Friday of every month between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. **ALL RESIDENTS MUST STOP IN THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE AND SHOW PROOF OF YEADON RESIDENCY (NO CONTRACTORS).** Upcoming e-Waste collection events will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the last Friday of the month: March 26, April 30, May 28, and June 25, 2021.

### Yard Waste Drop-Off

As part of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Municipal Waste Planning Recycling and Waste Reduction Act (Act 101) the department receives yard waste drop off from residents every 2nd Friday of the month from March until October. Beginning March 12, 2021 through October 8, 2021, every second Friday of the month, residents will be able to bring yard waste to the Public Works garage for disposal. Yard waste is defined as the following: twigs, sticks, shrubbery, tree trimmings, branches (the tree branches cannot be wider than 4 inches in diameter, and the bundles cannot be longer than 3 feet in length), and similar vegetative material. Grass clippings are not permitted. Leaves will be accepted but must be separated from all the other materials. The drop off hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All contractors, landscapers, and tree companies are prohibited from participating. Everyone who comes in must stop at the office first. You will then be shown where to drop off your waste. You will be turned away if what you have is not in compliance with Act 101. Upcoming Yard Waste Collection events will take place 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Friday of the month: March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11, 2021.

### Yard Waste Pick-Up

On Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 and May 12th, 2021, the Borough will be picking up residential yard waste. On May 5th, the Public Works Department will pick up shrubbery, tree trimmings and branches on the West side (Left) of Church



Lane, and on May 12th the East side (Right) of Church Lane 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.

### Trash Collection

For trash related questions or concerns, contact the Public Works department (610-623-3636) or the Borough Hall (610-284-1606) Please remember to report all missed trash pickups on the day they occur.

### Bulk Trash Collection

To arrange pick up of "white goods" large items such as washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, and hot water heaters please call the Public Works Department to schedule a pickup date.

- Collection of any items containing freon will require a \$10 fee which must be paid on the 3rd floor of the Borough Hall before being scheduled to be picked up.
- Sofas, beds, and furniture can be placed out for regular trash 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

YTC Corner

Happy Spring, Yeadonites

Many began the new year with a zero (smile) balance for County, Borough, and School taxes. However, in late January, we started all over again. The County Taxes were mailed, followed by the Borough Taxes in February.

Borough Tax Due Dates are as follows:


Discount - until March 31 | Face - until May 31 | Penalty - as of June 1

And then there is a break - William Penn School District - Real Estate Taxes arrive in July (more to follow).

For our Yeadon residents who are employed outside the Borough, expect to receive mail from Keystone Collections Group. What is that? Earned Income Taxes (EIT). That simply means that one percent of your Federal income taxes will be redirected to your Yeadon Borough. Just call Keystone at (724) 978-0300 for further explanation.

Be Safe, Take Care!

Julianne James, Yeadon Tax Collector



Recreation Department  
Program Updates

The Yeadon Recreation Department hopes to start programs in the summer with United States Tennis Association (USTA). Due to the pandemic, the annual Yeadon Flag Day program will be postponed until further notice. We hope that we will be able to continue our late summer and fall slate of programs, such as basketball with the Yeadon Education Athletic Association (YEAA), soccer, the Haunted Hall, the Veterans Day luncheon/meal, and the Christmas Tree Lighting. Please check the Yeadon Borough website for updates on events and activities.

Roy Hunter  
Recreation Director

Recipe Roundup

Bite-Size Apple Pies

**Total Time:** Prep: 20 min. Bake: 15 min.  
Makes 16 appetizers  
*photo by Taste of Home*

- Ingredients:**
- 1/2 cup sugar
  - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
  - 2 sheets refrigerated pie crust
  - 3 tablespoons butter, melted, divided
  - 2 medium tart apples
  - Caramel sauce, optional
- Instructions:**
- Preheat oven to 425°. In a small bowl, mix sugar and cinnamon; reserve 1 tablespoon. On a lightly floured surface, unroll pie crusts; roll and trim each to an 8-in. square. Brush with 2 tablespoons butter; sprinkle with remaining sugar mixture. Cut each square into eight 1-in. strips.
  - Cut each apple into 8 wedges; wrap 1 strip of pastry around each wedge, placing sugared side of pastry against the apple.



- Place on a parchment-lined baking sheet. Brush tops with remaining butter; sprinkle with reserved sugar mixture. Bake 13-15 minutes or until pastry is golden brown. Serve warm, with caramel sauce if desired.

**Nutrition Facts**  
1 piece: 163 calories, 9g fat (4g saturated fat), 10mg cholesterol, 108mg sodium, 21g carbohydrate (9g sugars, 0 fiber), 1g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 fat, 1-1/2 starch.



Rosemary Salmon  
and Veggies

**Total Time:** 30 min.  
Makes 4 servings  
*photo by Taste of Home*

- Ingredients:**
- 1-1/2 pounds salmon fillets, cut into 4 portions
  - 2 tablespoons melted coconut oil or olive oil
  - 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
  - 2 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary or 3/4 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
  - 1 garlic clove, minced
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
  - 1-pound fresh asparagus, trimmed
  - 1 medium sweet red pepper, cut into 1-inch pieces
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - Lemon wedges

- Instructions:**
- Preheat oven to 400°. Place salmon in a greased 15x10x1-in. baking pan. Combine oil, vinegar, rosemary, garlic, and salt. Pour half over salmon. Place asparagus and red pepper in a large bowl; drizzle with remaining oil mixture and toss to coat. Arrange around salmon in pan, sprinkle with pepper.
  - Bake until salmon flakes easily with a fork and vegetables are tender, 12-15 minutes. Serve with lemon wedges.

**Nutrition Facts**  
1 serving: 357 calories, 23g fat (9g saturated fat), 85mg cholesterol, 388mg sodium, 7g carbohydrate (4g sugars, 2g fiber), 31g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 4 lean meat, 1-1/2 fat, 1 vegetable.

2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY  
ELECTION  
UPDATE

Important  
Dates For  
Voters

**MAY 18, 2021 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY**

May 3: Last day to REGISTER before the primary

May 11: Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

May 18: MUNICIPAL PRIMARY

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)

May 25: Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on May 17)

**NOVEMBER 2, 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

May 19: First day to REGISTER after primary

October 18: Last day to REGISTER before the November election

October 26: Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot

November 2: MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (must be received by 8:00 P.M.)

November 9: Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 1)

Note: All dates are subject to change without notice.