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Now Open at Yeadon Community Park

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Fitness Court®

November 19th marked the official opening of the Fitness Court® at the Yeadon Community Park (YCP). This initiative is part of the many improvements that the elected officials approved and/or assisted in obtaining funds for at YCP, with the physical and mental health and well-being of the community in mind. Representative Joanna McClinton, Mayor Rohan Hepkins, President Monroe, Vice President Francis, and Councilors Johnson and Roadcloud were in attendance along with many of the sponsors, such as The Giant Company, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Republic Bank, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Seiples Collision, Senior Community Services, and Yeadon Education Athletic Association. Ambassador Ericka Grant was also in attendance, showing everyone how to use the equipment. Additional sponsors included the National Fitness Campaign, Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, Parkview Pizza & Fried Chicken, and Phat's Deli & Market. Yeadon Borough appreciates each and everyone involved in this project.

The new Fitness Court® is an open-air wellness center that allows users to leverage their own body weight to get a complete workout. Created with all ages in mind, this seven-station court is adaptable for all fitness levels. New users can also download the free Fitness Court App – a coach-in-your-pocket style platform – that transforms the outdoor gym into a digitally supported wellness ecosystem. The Fitness Court App, entitled "Fitness Court", is available for iOS and Android.

FREE NFC t-shirts are available while supplies last! To receive one, you must send a photo or video of you working out on the Fitness Court® to Mironda Presswood at **mpresswood@yeadonborough.com**, which will be posted on the Borough website and social media accounts.

Enjoy!

Mironda Presswood
NJN & Associates, LLC
Borough Manager

Left to right: Rudy Taylor (Senator Williams' office), Representative Joanna McClinton, Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Council President LaToya Monroe, and Vice President Ronald Francis. See more photos from the ribbon cutting event on page 3.

A YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS See Yeadon's 2021 Year in Review on Page 5

From the Council President

The Truth Matters

LaToya Monroe

Dear Neighbors,

The truth matters.

Over the last few weeks, there has been a considerable amount of false information spread about the medical marijuana dispensary. I want to take a moment to report to you the truth. Truth that can be verified by official minutes, public records, and recordings of our borough meetings.

On Wednesday, September 24, 2014, there was a final passage of Senate Bill 1182: An Act providing for the medical use of cannabis in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The vote was 43-7. The senator representing Yeadon voted YES. When elected into office this was my oath: I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity. I have and will continue to honor this oath.

The Borough of Yeadon provides email addresses and iPads to all members of Council. Having a Borough email is an invaluable tool, if one uses it. Members of Council are provided with monthly reports from Borough Management and various departments. It is the responsibility of all Councilors to open their email. Doing so, they would have seen the reports from the Code Department regarding the marijuana dispensary. I saw it and we discussed publicly the options Council had to address the proposed medical marijuana dispensary. The first public meeting was held on September 10, 2020.

Due to the state of the law, we have no control over this type of business and are required to treat it like a pharmacy. To be clear, Council received numerous reports and had several public discussions about this issue. Our Mayor and Chief of Police, our Borough's top two public safety officials, held public meetings to discuss how this will affect our community once we realized their state application was approved. Anything that someone says to the contrary is simply false.

Council did not vote to allow the dispensary. The Zoning Board did not vote to allow the dispensary. The dispensary, under PA Law, was treated like any other business that wanted to occupy that space. There was no vote to be taken. Council had no involvement in the location. Council has no authority over where a private business legally operates. We had no power to force them to choose another location. This is a fact.

No one on Council or in the Borough "invited" the medical marijuana dispensary to Yeadon. When our legal counsel researched the matter,

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Senate of Pennsylvania
Session of 2013-2014 Regular Session

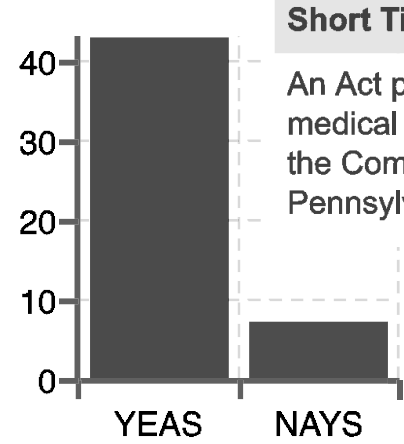
Details for RCS No. 702

Wednesday Sep. 24, 2014

Senate Bill 1182 PN 2324
FINAL PASSAGE

Summary

Y	YEAS	43
N	NAYS	7
X	N/V	0
	TOTAL	50



Prime Sponsor

FOLMER

Short Title

An Act providing for the medical use of cannabis in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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Small claims (up to $12,000)
Felony, Misdemeanor, Preliminary Hearings,
and Traffic Violations

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Upcoming Events, Closings and Announcements

EVENTS

E-Waste Collection Events
January 28th, February 25th, March 25th, and April 29th. Public Works Garage from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mask must be worn and residency verified at the Public Works office.

Yard Waste Drop-Off Events
Every second Friday of every month. Public Works Garage from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contractors and companies are prohibited. Please continue to check the website for updates at **yeadonborough.org**.

OFFICIAL CLOSINGS

The Borough will be closed December 24th , 25th, and 31st, January 1st and 17th, and February 21st in observance of the holidays.

NOTICES

The newly elected officials will be sworn in on January 3rd at 6:00 p.m. The reorganization meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Call 9-1-1 for any hazardous conditions, sewer issues, street parking violations, stray animals, and emergency issues.

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.

Do not block the common driveways/alleys. There have been reports of cars blocking driveways/alleys. This affects the trash hauler's ability to collect the trash. Please remember to keep these locations clear on trash collection days and remind your neighbors to do the same.

Parking violations on the common alleys/driveways and neglected lawn maintenance should be reported to the Code Department at (610) 284-3110.

All issues related to street sweeping, highway maintenance (street signs, traffic signals, potholes, etc.), down electrical wires, trees, snow removal (Borough owned lots and streets) should be reported to the Public Works Department at (610) 623-3636.

If you need to dispose of appliances with freon (white goods), such as refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. call the Borough Hall or the Public Works Department to schedule a pickup. 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.

If you would like to receive a robocall from the Borough regarding important notices and updates, please complete the form on the Borough website or call the Borough and speak with the receptionist

If you do not receive a 2022 Borough calendar by 1/1/22, or if you would like an extra one, copies will be available at the front desk on the third floor of Borough Hall.

The Borough has a limited amount of free spotted lanternfly traps available on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Borough Hall if you need one. For more information about the traps, please visit the Borough website.

NEED WI-FI? Wi-Fi check outs are available at the Yeadon Public Library. Call (610) 623-4090 for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Borough would like to thank all of the outgoing elected officials for their service.

Vice President Ronald Francis
Councilor Clara Johnson
Councilor Rafi Cave
Councilor Dolores McCabe
Julianne James, Tax Collector

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Borough Meetings

All Meetings will be held via Zoom.
Check **yeadonborough.org** for updates.

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

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Please note: All meetings are subject to change. Check **yeadonborough.org** for updates.

Update on Medical Marijuana Dispensary and The Delaware County Health Department

From the Mayor's Desk

I'd like to take this time to provide an update to residents on two recent developments of public interest: One is the Delaware County Wellness Center located at 125 Chester Avenue, the other is the proposed medical marijuana dispensary slated for the former Citizens Bank site located at Church Lane and Guenther Avenue.

Let me first provide an update on the Wellness Center. I'm pleased to report that in October, Delaware County Council approved the second phase of this endeavor with a $1.2 million contract to transform the location at 125 Chester Avenue to be the permanent site of the Delaware County Health Department. This would provide Delaware County with a permanent health center for the first time – as we were the only county in the state of Pennsylvania without a health center. This endeavor will now recognize Yeadon as the epicenter for this important service, where tremendous investment and attention will now come to Yeadon Borough for many years to come.

The second concurrent development is the proposed medical marijuana dispensary. Unlike the Health Center, this project was not sought after by our leadership. Rather, this came about through open democratic business selection from the vendor. The business owners chose the site and applied through existing laws and ordinances to lease it. Consequently, the application was approved.

Keep in mind that medical marijuana is different from recreational marijuana in that recreational marijuana is legal in a few states, such as California and Colorado, which allow the sale of what is known as commercial cannabis, marijuana, or pot. However, recreational marijuana is still illegal in the state of Pennsylvania. Although, medical marijuana has been legalized in Pennsylvania for those who have a doctor's medical prescription to treat their illnesses. This is a new, highly regulated industry wherein the filled prescription primarily comes in a pill like form. Medical marijuana facilities are considered pharmacies by the State.

> We hear the concerns of our residents and are committed to exploring all resources to either stop the project or else have it moved.

Notwithstanding the distinction, there has been an understandable outcry against the facility where it currently stands – because it would be directly located across from residential homes around Church Lane and Guenther Avenue. I want to share that, having personally attended many of the rallies and directly hearing from residents myself, we hear the concerns of our residents and are committed to exploring all resources to either stop the project or else have it moved. Having explained this…here's one great way how you as residents can help: Please log in virtually to our monthly Caucus and Legislative Meetings every second and third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and/or each quarterly Mayor's Forum by accessing our Borough website at **yeadonborough.org** and clicking onto the meeting links. We want to hear from you and for you to keep engaging your elected officials; as well as for you to stay involved in the process, so that you are duly apprised as updates become available.

In Your Service,
Mayor Hepkins

Photos: Fitness Court Ceremony

Top, left to right: Rudy Taylor (Senator Williams' office), Representative Joanna McClinton, Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Kenneth Klein (Republic Bank), Council President LaToya Monroe, Vice President Ronald Francis, and Councilor Clara Johnson.

Bottom, left to right: Cathy and Thomas Seiple (Seiples Collision), Ambassador Erika Grant, Councilor Liana Roadcloud, Roy Hunter (Recreation Coordinator), Henry Andre (The Giant Company), Representative Joanna McClinton, Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Council President LaToya Monroe, Kenneth Klein (Republic Bank), Kevin Anderson (Keep PA Beautiful), Rudy Taylor (Senator Williams' office), Vice President Ronald Francis, Councilor Clara Johnson, and Richard Rippel (Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia).

Meet the Fitness Court® Ambassador

Ericka Grant is the Fitness Court Ambassador. She will be at the Fitness Court® in Yeadon Community Park every Tuesday through Thursday at 12:00 p.m.

Gloves are recommended due to the cold weather.

She can be reached at **Rumiko411.EG@gmail.com** or via text at **(610) 931-3086**.

Please visit the Facebook page: Yeadon Borough Fitness Court for more information and demonstrations.

From the Chief of Police

When it Comes to You, I Will Not Be Silent

There is a lot of concern, which I totally understand, over the medical marijuana dispensary. It is potentially opening early 2022 in Yeadon on the 700 block of Church Lane. I thought I'd address the business and my plans and ideas in an effort to alleviate these concerns and potential problems; as well as, put to rest rumors that are circulating and creating dissension and division in our great community.

During the Mayor's Forum, things got a little heated at times. I understand the passion motivating those who spoke, who like me, care deeply about this community and their quality of life. Anguish and tempers were flaring during the event; so much so, that at one point, I left the front stage area of the Forum to speak with one of the residents who was very upset and vocal.

I was concerned, wanted to be able to hear her, and assure her that I was listening, and to let her know that I was as concerned as she was about the business opening here in Yeadon. It was a good conversation, in which I listened and tried to help her relax. I needed her, as well as all of you, to know that I care deeply about our community and the quality of life here in Yeadon.

During that conversation, we were interrupted by a gentleman asking if I lived here. When I responded that while I don't live here, Yeadon is still home to me, and regardless of where I live, I do care about what happens here. To which he replied, "If you don't live here, shut up!" Yes, that hurt. Yes, I have thick skin, you have to in this line of work. However, it bothered me.

That's one of my faults, taking things to heart, especially coming from those who matter to me like he and you all do. Yet, his comment pushed me harder in continuing my work and my efforts here in Yeadon. It reminded me of a quote from Martin Luther King, Jr. in which he said, "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." Yeadon matters to me, and I'll never be silent about putting my heart, soul, and energy out there to protect and serve you regardless of where I live.

Therefore, I cannot be silent when I see turmoil disrupt our community. In an effort to help, I included some website links in this article that you can visit to obtain some information on the laws and issues related to medical marijuana dispensaries. I also bullet pointed some information for your review. The response and operations of the police department may change as I see things move forward and/or develop with this type of business. I can assure you though, I will monitor the business and the impacts daily to address and correct any concerns, issues, or matters that are generated by their opening.

Yeadon matters to me, and I'll never be silent about putting my heart, soul, and energy out there to protect and serve you, regardless of where I live.

Anthony R. Paparo
Chief of Police

Police Response/Plans

- I am proposing that Council enact free residential parking permits for Guenther, Whitby, Revere, and Church to alleviate customer parking from disrupting residential parking.
- I am reviewing the street designs on Guenther, Revere, Whitby, and Church to help eliminate and deter and/or improve:

✔ Signage and street markings
✔ Lighting
✔ Cross traffic accidents
✔ One-way driving violations
✔ Cutting through the alleys
✔ Left turn concerns
✔ Parking

**Note: PennDOT is preparing new traffic measures (signs, markings, signal design, etc.) along Church Lane to help us reduce speed and accidents along this roadway, as well as MacDade Boulevard from West Cobbs Creek Parkway to Cedar Lane.*

- The Police will continue to monitor this location.
- I will continue to keep everyone informed through the Borough website, social media, Good Morning Yeadon, and Nextdoor.

I hope this information helps. Keep your passion to be heard. However, I leave you with this. . . your message can be lost when anger and frustration are allowed to overcome your passionate voices, because the noise of anger covers the message you are trying to put out there. Know that if the dispensary opens, we will handle it as a community.

I pray we all stay safe. I pray we all continue to keep hope alive here. I pray that God keeps us all out of harm's way.

As always, always look out for one another and stay safe.

Addressing Some Rumors
About the Medical Marijuana Dispensary...

- I contacted their attorney and directly asked him if anyone was involved in the business coming here or who may have a financial interest in the business. I was advised directly that three married couples own this business and have had no contact with any Borough Official except the Code Director. I have this in writing. In addition, no one in the Borough has a financial interest or is receiving any monetary benefit from the business opening here. There is no stock in this business, for example, and all books for products, pricing, and cash are audited and controlled by the State. The paper trail is extensive. The facility must maintain information and video for 4 years.
- Please note that failure of the business to operate pursuant to the law will result in license revocation, suspension, and fines, which must be renewed yearly.
- The State is highly regulating this business because of its cash-only status, which generates audits of funds and products received.
- While this may be disheartening and create disbelief, the business approval did not require a Zoning Hearing. The business is considered a pharmacy by the Commonwealth. As long as it adheres to the parameters of the location defined in the law; for example, being 1000 feet from a school or daycare and compliant with the zoning restrictions of the area, it may lawfully operate anywhere (website link provided below).
- The dispensary is not going to dispense methadone. It is not a methadone clinic, it is not designated as such, nor does it meet the federal guidelines for such use.
- The dispensary group purchased the property in May 2021 for $720,000 and owns the property, having bought it from the previous building owner. This information is readily available from the DELCO Real Estate Records. Thus, the rumor that the dispensary is being leased is not true. Additionally, the rumor that the Mayor or Council should have known about this sale is not true. This was a private sale, much like if you sold your home or business, Council is not privy to the sale. It is private.

HAVE A TIP?
CONTACT US!

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

LINKS

1. https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Medical%20Marijuana/Pages/Medical%20Marijuana.aspx
2. https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/li/uconsCheck.cfm?yr=2016&sessInd=0&act=16
3. https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/d7/priv/pep15-fedguideotp.pdf

*These links can also be accessed from the online version of the newsletter on the borough website.

Yeadon Borough 2021: A Year in Review

NJN & Associates, LLC continues to work diligently for the Borough of Yeadon to help the community advance. As Theodore Roosevelt once said. "Far and away the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing," which is how our firm values the services we provide to this community. Despite the many adversities that surfaced, we persevered and were able to move Yeadon forward during the pandemic by obtaining various grants and donations. In addition, we developed partnerships and working relationships throughout the region with the County, other municipalities, vendors, and the community. Listed below in greater detail are some of the accomplishments that we achieved in 2021.

GRANTS

The Borough applied for and received the following grant awards:

$4,170.81 for the 904 Municipal Recycling Performance Grant for 2019, a grant available to Pennsylvania local governments with recycling programs based on the total tons recycled and the applicant's recycling rate.

$5,000 awarded from Republic Bank, which was applied for by the Borough and the Yeadon Education Athletic Association for the Fitness Court®.

$25,000 awarded from The Giant Company and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Healing the Planet grant, which is a program that builds and supports community green spaces and gardens. This award was used to fund the Fitness Court® and L.O.V.E. Garden.

$30,000 awarded from the National Fitness Campaign (NFC). The National Fitness Campaign Fitness Court® is the largest outdoor gym network that provides fitness, training, and digital programming for people of all ages and abilities.

$188,751 awarded from the Multimodal Transportation Grant to install ADA compliant curb cut ramps.

$200,000 awarded from the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which provides funding for low to moderate income communities. This grant was used to perform sanitary sewer replacements and street resurfacing.

$601,638.63 awarded from the American Rescue Plan Act to provide economic relief for families and local governments that were greatly impacted by the pandemic.

All of the above grants total over $1 million in funding. The Borough also applied for the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside grant and the Keystone Library grant and expects the decisions soon.

SPONSORSHIPS

The Borough received several donations from sponsors for the annual Borough Calendar and the NFC Fitness Court® (see the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony article on the cover of this Newsletter for additional details).

$8,800 was received in sponsorship funds for the calendar, which is delivered to residents and local businesses and contains important information about the Borough's programs and events. Thank you to our sponsors Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, Republic Bank, B&L Disposal, Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, Hoff Communications, J.R. Finio & Sons, Modern Exterminating & Termite Control, Nile Swim Club, Phat's Deli & Market, Seiple's Collision & Restoration, Senior Community Services, State Representative Joanna McClinton, VT Graphics, and Waytek.

$8,600 was received in donations towards the Fitness Court®. The companies and organization that contributed to this total are Arthur J. Gallagher & Company, Parkview Pizza & Fried Chicken, Phat's Deli & Market, Seiple's Collision and Restoration, and Senior Community Services. Bringing the total of grants and sponsorships to over $68,600, which included an in-kind donation of a burial plot from Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to Yeadon resident, Barbara Consorto.

AWARDS/CERTIFICATE

The Borough received two awards from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) for the 7,501-plus population category for the following (*only first place awards were given this year):

- **First-place** recognition for the **newsletter**.
- **First-place** recognition for the **website.**
- **Watershed-Friendly Property Certificate** for the Library Rain Garden – the watershed program acknowledges municipalities for being a good steward to our natural resources.

PROJECTS

The Borough began and completed quite a few projects during each season in 2021 as listed below:

- In March, Management and several employees assisted with the scheduling of **COVID-19 vaccines** at the Delaware County Wellness Center, with a focus on Yeadon residents.
- In May, the groundbreaking for the **L.O.V.E. Community Garden** was held at the Yeadon Community Park.
- In August, the Borough in partnership with the County hosted a **Back to School Event** at the Wellness Center.

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YTC Corner

Friendly Tax Reminders

My fellow Yeadonites, your Tax Collector extends winter greetings to you.

Just a reminder for those who have not yet paid Yeadon Borough taxes, payments must be made by December 31, 2021. After that deadline, all unpaid accounts will be considered delinquent and forwarded to the County, we do not want that to happen. Please be further reminded that the William Penn School District Taxes must be paid by December 31st as well. One last reminder, if you receive correspondence from Keystone Collections Group, please contact them to resolve the matter.

Have a pleasant and safe winter. Take care!

Julianne James
Tax Collector

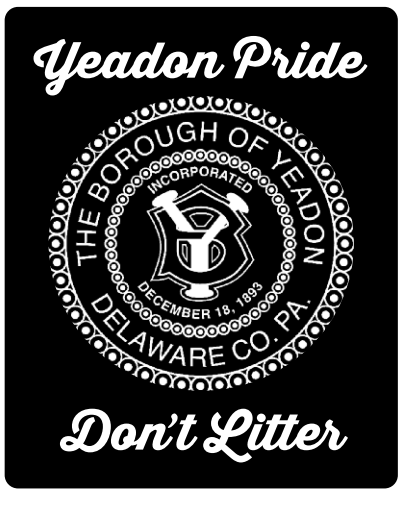
TAX QUIZ: FILL IN THE BLANKS

1) I always pay my Borough Taxes during the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ period to save 2%.
2) After March 31st, I pay in the _ _ _ _ _ period.
3) Oh my, time got away from me and June 30th has come and gone, so I will now pay in the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ period.
4) Payments made beyond December 31st, must be paid at the _ _ _ _ _ _ .
5) Do you work outside of Yeadon Borough? If so, _ _ _ percent of your earnings should be paid to the Yeadon Borough.
6) If the Yeadon Borough does not receive your levied earned income tax, then you will be contacted by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ Collections Group.
7) If you receive a letter from the Collections Group, give them a call and allow the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ staff to resolve your concerns.

ANSWERS: 1. discount 2. face 3. penalty 4. county 5. one 6. Keystone 7. Keystone

Litter Alert

Keeping Our Streets Clean is Everyone's Responsibility



Dear Neighbors,

Trash blowing down the streets is still an issue in our community. You too have probably noticed food, food containers, plastic bags, and dog feces throughout our Borough. We cannot allow this to continue. Let's make a concerted effort to keep Yeadon free of debris.

I ask that you join me in **taking the Yeadon Challenge** to keep our neighborhoods clean. This is everyone's responsibility. Please pick up any trash that you see or report it to the Code Department or Public Works.

Let's show our Yeadon Pride by respecting not only our property, but also the property of others and public areas. As you participate in this effort, **post #Yeadon-Challenge** on social media outlets; including Yeadon's Facebook page, to show everyone that you take pride in your community. If you type Yeadon, PA in the search box on Facebook you will find the Yeadon page.

I grew up in Philly where it was tradition to clean your steps, yard, and street on Saturday morning. I suggest that we start our own tradition here in Yeadon, by not only keeping our property clean, but by making sure all of Yeadon is litter free. Let's not forget this is everyone's responsibility and we should set an example for our children.

Thank you for your support.

#YeadonChallenge. #YeadonPride. #LitterFreeYeadon

Ronald Francis
Vice President, Borough Council

Public Works Year in Review

2021 started like all past years as we prepared ourselves for winter, getting ready for the falling snow and ice that we knew would be just around the corner. During the winter months the Philadelphia area received just over 22 inches of snow, with its most notable storm being a Nor'easter that lasted from January 31st until February 3rd. During that time, the Public Works team worked around the clock to assure the safety of its residents by keeping all roadways plowed and passable.

When the snow wasn't falling the department stayed busy completing multiple projects around the Borough. These include; but are not limited to, replacing all damaged ceiling tiles in the Borough Hall, painting the Library, creating a whiteboard wall in the Library conference room, and replacing front windows in the atrium. On the street we were able to complete several smaller projects as well in between snow events. They include; but are not limited to, converting streetlights from high-pressure sodium fixtures to more energy efficient LED lights, adding traffic calming devices to our roadways under the direction of the Chief of Police, making improvements and upgrades to the Borough's sanitary and storm sewer system, and maintaining the Borough's roadways to assure the residents of Yeadon are experiencing the highest quality of life possible.

With the colder months in the rearview mirror, it was time for warmer weather to break, and for many residents it was time to break out of the house. As the growing number of vaccinated individuals rose, the COVID-19 mandates began to lift. We spent the spring months of 2021 getting the Yeadon Community Park prepped and ready for the residents to enjoy the warmer weather and celebrating what we thought was the end of COVID-19. The department erected and painted the basketball courts, placed new wood chips in the playground areas to assure the safety of the Community Park patrons, and assisted the Chief of Police in bringing his vision of a Community Love Garden to reality. It was extremely rewarding to see the residents of Yeadon enjoying the Community Park once again.

During the Spring months, the Public Works Department also hired a very skilled and talented employee who specializes in electrical work, his name is Ricardo Maxi. Right away Ricardo jumped into the mix and assisted the department in completing the overhead street sign project. Currently, the majority of our major intersections have been retrofitted with large street signs, which will aid drivers in navigating our roadways. The remainder of the project will be completed in 2022 when the new fiscal year hits. Other tasks completed during the spring months include; but are not limited to, maintaining all Borough owned plots and abatement properties, servicing all Borough sewer and storm lines, keeping the streets swept, painting all cross walks and other traffic devices, fixing and replacing street signs, and fulfilling any other request that was asked of us.

SUMMER
Painting street crosswalks in time for the upcoming school year.

SPRING
Getting Yeadon Community Park ready for the warmer weather.

Although Flag Day was canceled again due to COVID-19, the Recreation Department and the Borough Officials put together a spectacular virtual event. Despite it being virtual, the Public Works Department still set out American Flags, the entire length of Church Lane and the parade route, in order to keep spirits high. We look forward to next year and hopefully having an in-person Flag Day celebration.

In late August, Delaware County was hit by the remnants of Hurricane Ida. Much of Delaware County experienced localized flooding, large power outages, and severe tree damage. Yeadon came out with minimal damage that was easily cleaned up and handled by the Public Works Department and Emergency Management.

The summer heat continued into the early fall months. Public Works worked together with the Code Department to complete yet another round of code properties that were in violation of several property maintenance ordinances. In addition, we completed painting all street crosswalks for the upcoming school year, checked and tested the outfalls part of our MS4 program obligation, and cleaned out inlets and sewers as part of our preventive maintenance program. Moreover, street/traffic signs were posted, straightened, or replaced, and meters were checked and fixed as needed.

Leaf season began on October 18th. During this time, the leaf crew followed the street sweeper route (Monday to Thursday) and collected the leaves placed at the curb by our residents. Leaf season lasts until late December/early January weather permitting. Once November hit, we prepared all vehicles for the winter months. All vehicles were dressed with plows and salt spreaders. Holiday lights were once again placed around the Borough bringing holiday cheer to Yeadon.

Year after year the success of the Public Works Department would not be made possible without those who make up the department. A huge shout out goes out to Mike Pozzuolo, Keith Bowler, Sean Murphy, Oscar Lawrence, Arthur Wisseh, Georgios Sigalas and Ricardo Maxi for all of their hard work and dedication to the Borough of Yeadon. Another thanks go out to all Borough Officials for directing and guiding the residents of Yeadon through these unprecedented times. On behalf of the Yeadon Borough Public Works Department, I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Jeffery Wilkinson
Public Works Director

Keeping Up With the Code

Code Enforcement Spotlight

View and search the Yeadon Code book online at **YeadonBorough.org/ecode**

Property maintenance and housing standards must be adhered to by all home and business owners, tenants, and residents to keep properties and surrounding areas safe and accident free. As you know, leaves fall in the fall, and we usually accumulate snow and ice in the winter. Thus, it is imperative to keep up with the Borough codes and to utilize programs, such as the Yard Waste Pick Up and Drop Off events.

The removal of leaves is important because when wet, leaves become very slippery causing the potential for people walking by to slip and fall. Leaves can also create blockage to our inlets and wash into our waterways through our storm sewers, creating unwanted algae growth and other issues. In addition, large layers of leaves can invite pests and kill grass. For many years now, the Borough has implemented services for leaf collection, which can be found on all Borough resources, such as the Borough's MyCivic App.

Snow and ice removal are also important. When they are not managed properly, hazardous walking conditions result. Make sure to clear the walkways and sidewalks adjoined to your property. If you use products that melt the ice, be sure to follow the instructions.

Once you safely remove the snow/ice, please do not block public parking spots with chairs and trash bins. Remember, there are no ownership rights to public park spots, public parking is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Blocking a parking spot with these types of items is considered an obstruction and is a violation of the Borough code.

As residents and business owners, you are the first defense on keeping Yeadon Borough a beautiful place to live and work. Therefore, I urge you to follow the Borough code, be good neighbors to each other, and to work together in maintaining amicable discussions for your block and the community.

Move Yeadon Forward by showing Yeadon Pride!

Rufus Stokes
Code Enforcement Director

RELEVANT ORDINANCE SECTIONS

under Borough code relating to the removal of leaves, debris, snow, and ice

CHAPTER 220: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING STANDARDS

220-16 EXTERIOR PROPERTY AREA
D. Lawn and Vegetation care

(6) Leaves and clippings upon streets and sidewalks. No leaves or clippings from trees, brush, grass, or other vegetation shall be left, swept, or blown upon any sidewalk, common alley or street unless properly packaged and placed for collection in accordance to the Borough Code. Persons responsible for violation of this section shall be deemed guilty of a summary offense in accordance to § 220-6C and shall receive citations without prior notification as provided for in § 220-7A

O. Snow and ice removal - All owners of buildings or land shall be responsible for the removal of any snow and ice as follows:

(1) The owner of any property that abuts any sidewalks on a public highway or common alley shall remove all snow from such sidewalks within 24 hours after the final snowfall.

(2) Snow shall be removed from all sidewalks and walking surface to provide a pathway of at least 36 inches.

(3) The owner of any property that abuts any sidewalks on a public highway or common alley shall not permit ice, upon which it is dangerous to travel, to remain on such sidewalk.

(4) No owner shall permit snow or ice to conceal any fire hydrant, or other fire department connections located on their property.

(5) No owner shall permit snow or ice to remain on any fire department access road located on their property.

(6) No person shall shovel, plow or move snow out into the public way after it has been plowed, moved or removed, unless authorized by the Borough.

CHAPTER 156: FIRE PREVENTION

156-34 STREET OBSTRUCTIONS AND EXCAVATIONS.

No person shall erect, construct, place or maintain a bump, fence, gate, chain, bar, pipe, wood or metal horse or other obstruction in or on any street in the Borough. As used in this section, "street" means a roadway accessible to the public for vehicular traffic, including, but not limited to, private streets or access lanes, as well as all public streets and highways in the Borough. A person opening a street, for the purpose of making or repairing a utility connection, must first notify the Fire Marshal in writing, stating the exact location and length of time such opening will remain.

Stormwater Collaborative Update

The Eastern Delaware County Stormwater Collaborative consists of communities from Glenolden, Collingdale, Darby, Darby Township, East Lansdowne, Haverford, Morton, Norwood, Sharon Hill, Upper Darby, and Yeadon and provides grant opportunities to members to curb stormwater runoff. These communities, which are located along the Darby Creek Watershed work together to comply with requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) costs and share in project costs to reduce sediment. Yeadon Borough is in the process of adding a rain garden on Church Lane in the spring of 2022 to assist with this effort.

Residents are also able to participate in this effort. For example, three homeowners indicated that they will be placing rain gardens on their property. The collaborative also encourages homeowners to plant small trees on their property to provide shade and increase beautification.

For more information about the collaborative, contact Roy Hunter, Yeadon Borough Recreation Coordinator at **(610) 284-1606 ext. 149**.

Roy Hunter
Recreation Coordinator

Firefighter Volunteers Wanted

The Yeadon Fire Company Needs Your Support

There is a shortage of firefighter volunteers in the area. Learn a new skill, be a part of a team, and give back to your community. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, please contact the Yeadon Borough Fire Company at **(610) 623-9642** for more information.

Recreation News

The Yeadon Education Athletic Association (YEAA) provided summer basketball opportunities to youth ages 6-18. Over 250 children participated in the program. The annual summer tournament was held from early July to mid-August at Yeadon Community Park (YCP). In addition, a championship tournament was held at the Nile Swim Club to determine the winners of the summer program.

The YEAA also started a fall soccer program at YCP, with practice held on Wednesday and games on Saturday morning. It is good to see that things are slowly getting back to normal with schools open for in-person learning and after school activities being provided for our youth. Many thanks to Mr. Leon Howard and the YEAA staff and volunteers who work tirelessly with the Yeadon Recreation Department to provide athletic and educational opportunities to both our youth and adults.

Roy Hunter
Recreation Coordinator

Delaware County Needs Your Input

Take the Broadband Access Survey

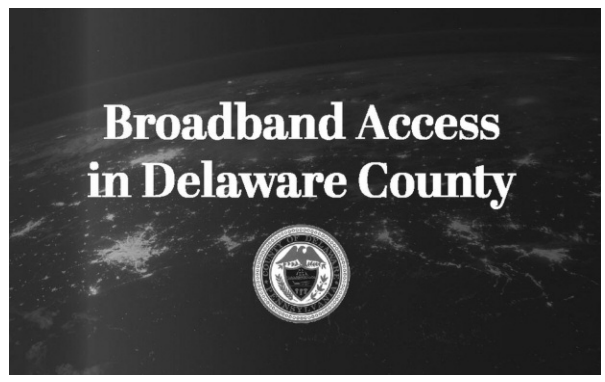
Delaware County is requesting the assistance of residents and business owners in completing the "Broadband Access" survey regarding access to broadband internet. The results will determine areas where broadband infrastructure does not exist or places that do not meet the minimum speed suggested by the Federal Communications Commission for appropriate service. The survey can be accessed at **delcopa.gov/broadband**.

There are a few things that the County would like you to take into consideration:

1) All residents and business owners are asked to take the "Broadband Access" survey because doing so will provide more accurate data to help the County bridge the digital divide;

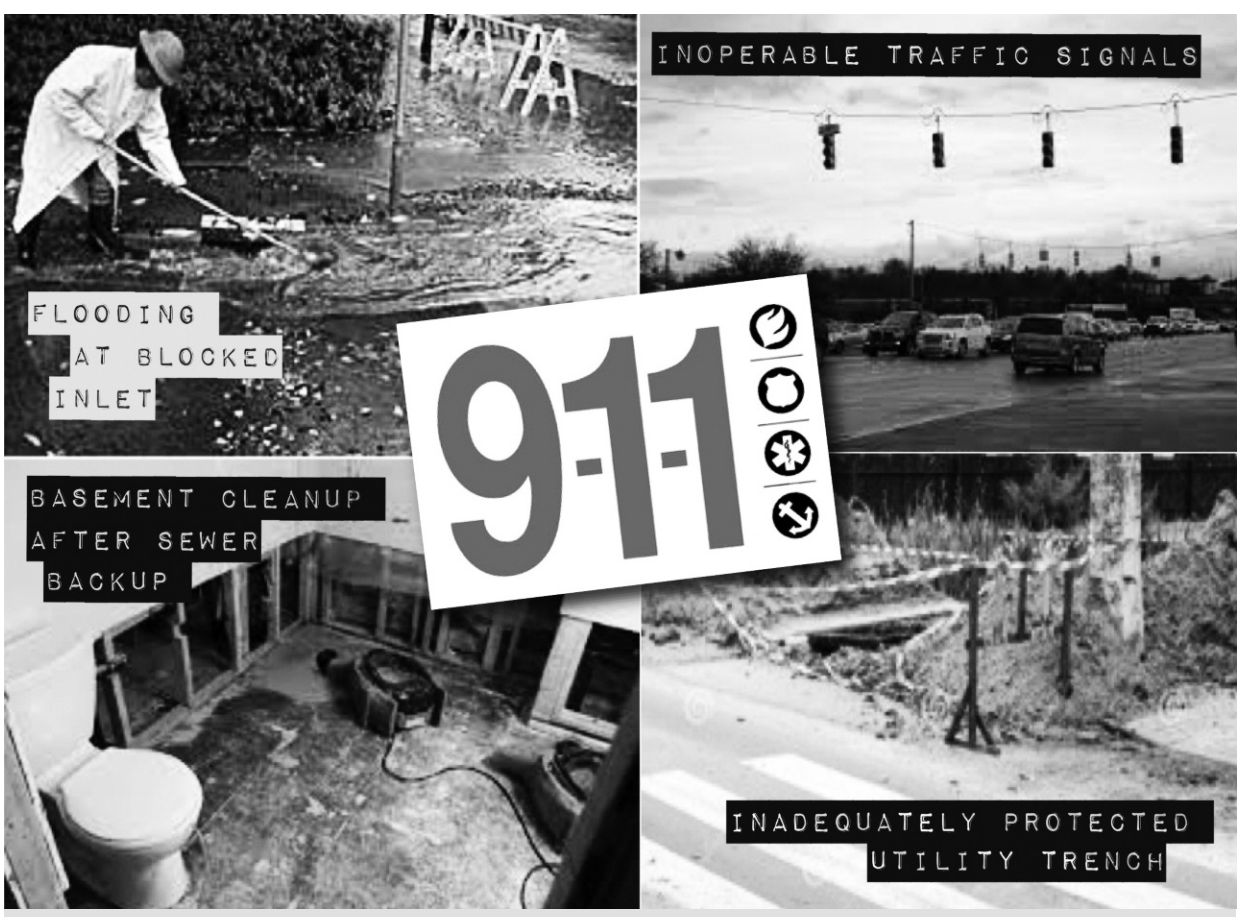
2) Respondents should not take the survey using cellular data. Instead, the survey should be completed on your phone, but only if you are connected to your residential or workplace internet Wi-Fi; and

3) If you do not have internet access at home, please visit any Delaware County library, municipal building, State Senator's office, or State Representative's office to connect to Wi-Fi in order to complete the survey, or to request a paper copy of the survey.



*Note: The survey should be available through January 14, 2022.

Mironda Presswood
NJN & Associates, LLC
Borough Manager



Someone Please Dial 9-1-1!

The title of this article is not just lyrical prose sung by Wyclef Jean. It is actually something the Borough is depending on you to do.

YES! We WANT and NEED you to call 911 when:

- You experience a sewer backup;
- You see storm drains that are blocked and there is street flooding;
- You notice a traffic signal is not operating properly;
- You notice an open utility or street opening; and
- You see someone dumping anything in an inlet or sewer drain

These are just some of the types of situations in which you should call 911. While it may seem strange to do so, all of these situations are considered emergent conditions, and calling 911 is the appropriate way to report them.

A 911 call is the quickest and surest way of notifying the Borough staff of an issue. The appropriate staff will be notified so they can be dispatched to protect the residents and prevent accidents; or in the case of a sewer backup, prevent health issues and minimize property damage. There is no downside to calling 911. In fact, the benefit of doing so results in protecting the health and safety of the public.

Eileen Mulvena
Civil Collaborative Concepts, LLC
Borough Engineer

2021 Resolutions, Ordinances, and Proclamations

Resolutions

1/21/21
Resolution #2021-001 authorized opposing a zoning application for a waste facility on 41 S. Union Avenue.

Resolution #2021-002 authorized the removal of former signers from the WSFS bank account.

Resolution #2021-003 authorized entering into a Public Assistance Grant Program with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

3/18/21
Resolution #2021-004 authorized applying for the Allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in 2021 for the Borough's 2021 Liquid Fuels Project.

4/15/21
Resolution #2021-005 authorized removing Aaron Gravely from the Civil Service Commission for the Borough of Yeadon.

Resolution #2021-006 authorized the allocation of funds for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2021 National Fitness Campaign.

Resolution #2021-007 authorized the delinquent real estate tax lien sale for tax year 2020.

5/4/21
Resolution #2021-008 related to workplace harassment and discrimination.

6/17/21
Resolution #2021-009 authorized the Borough to hold permit fees in escrow on behalf of Makemie Court pending Council's approval of the ordinance next week.

7/15/21
Resolution #2021-010 authorized the Multimodal Transportation Fund Application.

Resolution #2021-011 related to the Agreement to Authorize Electronic Access to PennDOT Systems.

10/21/21
Resolution #2021-012 authorized the Borough Manager to submit, modify, and sign the Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement, and to submit future applications for Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Resolution #2021-013 related to the 2021 Keystone Grant Application.

Ordinance

5/20/21
Ordinance #2021-1398 related to permit parking.

Proclamations

4/15/21
Proclamation #2021-01 established Children's Mental Health Awareness Week as May 2nd through May 8th.

9/16/21
Proclamation #2021-02 established September 17th L.O.V.E as the Answer Day in Yeadon. All citizens were urged to take this pledge; to LEARN about people, OPEN your hearts to their needs, VOLUNTEER to be part of the solution, and EMPOWER others to do the same.

Public Works Service Updates and Reminders

Leaf Season

Leaf season will run until the last week of December/early January, weather depending. The leaf machine will follow the same route as the street sweeper. Residents are asked to rake their leaves to the curb, not into the street. Please be reminded that no trash, twigs, or branches are to be mixed in with the leaves. Any piles of leaves contaminated with these items will be left curbside. The Borough is fined when leaves are contaminated with trash and foreign debris. We thank you for your cooperation.

Street Sweeping

Reminder to all residents that the Borough street sweeper will continue its daily schedule throughout the winter months (weather permitting). Please continue to move your vehicles daily based on your scheduled street cleaning time posted on your block. Thank you for your cooperation.

E-Waste Collection

E-Waste events will now be held monthly at the Public Works Yard located at 1115 Baily Road (across from Kerr Field). Events will take place on the last working Friday of each month between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. We ask all residents to please stop into the office when arriving, have a form of ID that shows Yeadon residency, and to wear proper COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment. Someone from the Public Works Department will assist in unloading any items you may have for disposal during this time. If you have question(s) regarding what you can dispose of please contact the Public Works Department.

Electronic Waste
(Any electronic device with a cord):

- Computers / Laptops
- TVs and Monitors
- Printers, Scanners, Fax Machines
- DVD/DVR/VCR
- Gaming Consoles
- Telephones, Cell Phones, Cameras, Camcorders
- Microwaves

Upcoming E-Waste Collection Dates

- Friday December 31, 2021
- Friday January 28th, 2022
- Friday February 25th, 2022
- Friday March 25th, 2022

YEADON PUBLIC WORKS
1115 Baily Road, Yeadon, PA 19050
(across from Kerr Field)
(610)-623-3636

Hours:
7 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.
(Summer hours 6 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

****REMINDER****
IF YOU HAVE A SEWER PROBLEM, PLEASE DIAL 9-1-1**

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 (Please be sure to wear a mask upon entering the building). Other household items, such as sofas, beds, and furniture, can be placed out for regular trash collection, but the limit is 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.

Winter Holiday Pickup Schedule

CHRISTMAS
No Pickup: Monday, December 27 (Observed)
Revised Pickup Date: Tuesday, December 28

NEW YEAR'S DAY
No Pickup: Monday, January 3 (Observed)
Revised Pickup Date: Tuesday, January 4

Snow Emergency Routes

Borough Code § 285-81 – Parking prohibited and driving restricted on snow emergency routes during emergency. After a snow emergency is declared, no person shall, at any time during the continuance of the emergency: park a motor vehicle or allow that vehicle to remain parked anywhere on any snow emergency route. All snow emergency routes are clearly posted with no parking signs that prohibit parking during the declared snow emergency.

*** During periods of extreme weather-related emergencies (snow and flooding), parking meter operation may be suspended by the Mayor, Police Chief, or Borough Manager. Please refer to the Borough resources, such as the website, cable channel, and social media sites, or call, to confirm if this has been authorized and is in effect. Please be reminded that the municipal parking lots located on Church Lane and Myra Avenue, Church Lane and Guenther Avenue, and on the old Yeadon Theatre Lot on Holly Road (behind the Quality Gas Station) may be used during these emergencies.***

List of Snow Emergency Routes

- Baily Road – (NS) – West Cobbs Creek Pkwy to Lansdowne Avenue
- Chester Avenue – (NS) – West Cobbs Creek Pkwy to Darby Borough boundary line
- Church Lane – (both) – Upper Darby Line to Philadelphia City boundary line
- Cypress Street – (ES) – Baily Road to West Cobbs Creek Pkwy
- Lansdowne Avenue – (both) – Lansdowne Borough boundary line to Darby Borough boundary line
- Longacre Blvd – (both) – West Cobbs Creek Pkwy to Church Lane
- N. Longacre Blvd – (both) – Philadelphia City boundary line to West Cobbs Creek Pkwy
- MacDade Blvd – (both) West Cobbs Creek Pkwy to Darby Borough boundary line
- West Cobbs Creek Pkwy – (ES) – Longacre Blvd to the Philadelphia City boundary line
- Wycombe Avenue – (both) – Lansdowne Borough boundary line to Darby Borough boundary line
- Yeadon Avenue – (ES) – Baily Road to Chester Avenue

Help us better serve you by:

- Not throwing or placing shoveled snow into the roadway;
- Not plowing driveways onto the road surface;
- Not placing household items in streets to reserve parking spaces; and
- Removing snow from sidewalks within 12 hours after the snowstorm has ended.

Jeffery Wilkinson
Public Works Director

From the Council Vice President

Parking Compliance

Dear Neighbors,

Please adhere to the No Parking signs on your block and take notice of the day and time (usually 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Although you may have seen a police officer drive by or received a parking ticket, it does not mean that you are permitted to move your car back on that side of the street or back into that spot before 4:00 p.m.

The Public Works Department needs that space cleared in order to clean the streets. Also, if Public Works needs to perform any work on your block, that is the time they use to schedule the work. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Borough Hall at **(610) 284-1606**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Ronald Francis
Vice President, Borough Council

Emergency Management

Fire Safety Reminders: Heating and Smoke Detectors

-- It's that time of the year when we turn off and put away our air conditioners and fans, and turn on the heat and/or pull out space heaters to keep us warm on those cold days and nights. You should never just turn on your heaters, you should always get them checked by a licensed mechanical contractor to make sure they work and vent properly in order to prevent harm or death from the silent odorless killer **CARBON MONOXIDE**.

Hopefully, you remembered to test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and changed the batteries to make sure they were working properly, when you turned back your clocks during daylight saving time.

Please keep in mind that all debris near any vents on the outside and on the inside of the property needs to be cleared away. There should be a clear 3-foot area around any heater unit, stationary or portable, so there is no chance of starting a fire.

Below are Borough ordinances relating to heating and fire safety. To view this information and other ordinances, please visit **ecode360.com/YE2061** or the Code and Zoning section of the Borough website.

CHAPTER 220: PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOUSING STANDARDS

220-38 HEATING FACILITIES

A. Facilities required. Heating facilities shall be provided in structures as required by this section.

B. Residential occupancies. Dwellings shall be provided with heating facilities capable of maintaining a room temperature of 68° F. (20° C.) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms.

C. Heat supply. Every owner and operator of any building who rents, leases or lets one or more dwelling unit, rooming unit, dormitory or guest room on terms, either expressed or implied, to furnish heat to the occupants thereof shall supply heat during the period from October 1 to May 1 to maintain a temperature of not less than 68° F. (20° C.) in all habitable rooms, bathrooms, and toilet rooms.

D. Prohibited heating sources. Cooking appliances, fuel-burning heaters, portable electric metal element heaters without protective grills, or heaters not equipped with automatic shutoff that will turn off the portable heater in the event that the unit is tipped over and/or becomes overheated, shall not be used to provide space heating to meet the requirements of Subsections A, B and C.

Exception: Owner-occupied one- and two-family dwellings.

220-53 GENERAL FIRE SAFETY

B.(5) Exceptions. Kerosene heaters are prohibited in any residential occupancy other than owner-occupied single-family dwellings.

220-48 SMOKE DETECTORS.

A. General. All systems, devices and equipment to detect a fire or to actuate an alarm, shall be installed and maintained in an operable condition at all times in accordance with this code and the procedures and provisions of Pennsylvania Act 45, titled the "Uniform Construction Code," as adopted and modified by the Borough, and all future amendments and insertions thereof.

B. Where required.

(1) Single or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed and maintained in one- and two-family dwellings, Groups R-2, R-3, R-4 and in dwellings not regulated in Group R occupancies, regardless of occupant load, at all of the following locations:

(a) On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.

(b) In each room used for sleeping purposes.

(c) In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars, but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level, provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

Fire safety is everyone's responsibility. Please check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors weekly or monthly, to keep your homes and businesses safe.

Rufus Stokes
Fire Marshal/
Emergency Management Coordinator

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Yeadon's Emergency Management plans for emergencies, provides disaster relief during natural disasters/emergencies, and works with federal and state agencies before and after an emergency event. Emergency Management is volunteer based, and we need your assistance. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emergency Management Coordinator Rufus Stokes at **(484) 645-5503** or email him at **rstokes@yeadonborough.com** for more details.

The Truth Matters

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NOT ONE municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has successfully prevented a dispensary from opening in a location where it was properly zoned to do so. Some suggested that we file an injunction to stop them. We were advised that filing a lawsuit would likely be seen as malicious and we could be sued in return and forced to pay the company's legal fees as well. The majority of Council viewed this proposed action as a waste of taxpayer money.

The medical marijuana dispensary CANNOT under Pennsylvania law act as an opioid treatment facility. The people spreading this vicious lie are just trying to invoke fear.

We were not a "dumping ground" and this will not adversely affect our property values. If you research the locations of these dispensaries, there are none in dilapidated, undesirable neighborhoods. A quick look on any real estate site will show soaring property values in our community. These are facts.

There are over 100 medical marijuana dispensaries in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The medical marijuana dispensaries around the county have not seen increased crime in the community.

Our District Attorney told us this and people are lying to you when they say something to the contrary.

I understand the fear of the unknown. I am extremely disappointed in those who made false promises and intentionally mislead you. Preventing a dispensary from coming to Yeadon is not a possibility. This letter represents what I know to be true and next is what I can promise you. I will continue to provide you the unfiltered and sometimes unpopular truth. I will not make false promises or invoke your fears. We need to shift our focus onto the matters within our power to control. Our Borough Management will work with the dispensary to ensure the quality of life of every Yeadon resident remains unscathed. Our Police and Code Departments will work hand in hand to keep us safe. That is what they have done, are doing, and will keep doing.

In solidarity
LaToya Monroe
Council President

Upcoming Events, Notices...

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Personnel

Ricardo Maxi became the newest full-time Public Works worker.

Mary Nixon is no longer with the Code Department. We wish her the best in her new position.

Boards and Commissions

Carl Graham was appointed as the new Civil Service Commission member.

Dr. Stephanie Robinson was appointed as a new Library Board member for the unexpired term of Nicole Beaty.

Hakimah Jabar was appointed as a new Library Board member to the position previously held by Annette Johns.

Peter Rykard was appointed as a new Zoning Board member.

Christy Quattro was appointed as an alternate Zoning Board member.

Congratulations everyone, and welcome to the team!

Honors and Awards

Recreation Coordinator Elmore "Roy" Hunter was honored by The University of Maryland as the first Black man to compete in Track and Field in the Atlantic Coast Conference, during the 1964-65 academic year.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) awarded Yeadon first place recognition in the 2021 Newsletter category and in the 2021 Website category in the Communications Contest for the 7,501-plus population category.

Year in Review

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- In September, Human Good in partnership with Inglis Housing Corporation broke ground to construct **Makemie Court,** a 44-unit affordable housing community for senior citizens.
- In November, the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the **Fitness Court®** was held at the Yeadon Community Park.

UPGRADES

Several internal improvements were implemented at the Borough as listed below:

- New and/or upgraded computers, servers, and software;
- New postal meter;
- New telephone system;
- AT&T Mobility/Cingular Wireless updated their equipment for optimum services throughout the local area;
- Updated payroll and timekeeping software;
- New visual display and effects on Borough Marquee;
- New sewer truck;
- New hot water heater at Borough Hall; and
- Created YouTube Channel.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Borough-owned primary infrastructure includes the sanitary sewer system, the storm sewer system, the streets, streetlights, and traffic signals. These infrastructure items were constructed many years ago, and the Borough has been focusing on making improvements and repairs to these systems. During 2021, we completed the following at a cost of $1.6 million in contractor fees using grant funding and Borough funds: 2,100 linear feet (LF) of sanitary sewer main; 33 street sewer laterals; 9 replacement manholes; 15 inlet replacements; 6 inlet rehabs; water quality filters for 6 inlets; 9 curb cut ramps; and 3,050 square yards of street milling and resurfacing.

The Borough authorized additional sanitary and storm sewer work, traffic signal improvements, and park improvements to be performed during 2022, and will continue to assess and schedule improvements as problems arise. This will be accomplished over the course of many years due to the cost involved.

The Borough will also continue to seek grants, and was successful in receiving three grants during 2021 totaling $813,000. The grants were used to construct curb cut ramps on West Cobbs Creek Parkway, sanitary sewer replacement on Cypress Avenue (between Longacre and Baily Road), and a continuation of sanitary sewer replacement on Yeadon Avenue.

- Manhole replacements were made at the intersection of Moore Avenue and Rockland Avenue (in front of 931 MacDade Boulevard).
- Inlet repairs, replacements, and engineering were performed at the following locations: 622, 636, 653, and 664 Yeadon Avenue; 811 and 815 Church Lane; the North and South corners of Yeadon Avenue and Guenther Avenue; Inlet #108 at the corner of Yeadon Avenue and Redwood Avenue; Inlet #184 on Guenther Avenue near the alley for 719 Yeadon Avenue; Inlet #185 on Guenther Avenue near the alley for 723 Yeadon Avenue; the Northwest Corner of Darnell Avenue and Pleasant Road; and 931 and 935 Duncan Avenue.
- The Liquid Fuels Project was approved to perform milling, resurfacing, and engineering at the following locations: the intersection of Cypress Avenue and Parmley Avenue; Duncan Avenue from 919 Duncan Avenue to Darnell Avenue; and West Cobbs Creek Parkway from Longacre Boulevard to Whitby Avenue.
- Sinkhole repair on 425 Laurel Avenue.
- Sanitary sewer main and lateral replacement on Union Avenue between Providence Avenue and Lincoln Avenue; sanitary sewer repair in the vicinity of 905 Yeadon Avenue and 916 Yeadon Avenue; sanitary sewer relocation on Baily Road between 503 Baily Road and Commerce Street; and sanitary sewer replacement and street resurfacing at Cypress Street between Longacre Boulevard and Baily Road and from the manhole located at 423 Holly Road to the manhole at the intersection of Holly Road and Myra Avenue.
- Storm sewer repair at the intersection of Elder Avenue and Elberon Avenue; storm sewer replacement of 315LF on E. Providence Road mid-block to Paul Drive; storm sewer inlet rehabilitation at Cypress Street and Parmley Avenue; and storm sewer rehabilitation and repair at Ruskin Lane and Whitby Avenue.
- The PENNVEST loan project on W. Cobbs Creek Parkway is expected to be completed in 2022.
- A topographic study of Chester Avenue was completed.
- Traffic signal improvements for the intersection of Church Lane and MacDade Boulevard were approved.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

Several property improvements were made as listed below:

- The roof overhang at the Police Department entrance along the driveway was replaced.
- Borough Hall exterior lighting was installed.
- Additional LED lighting was installed at Borough Hall and the Public Works Department.
- Public Works completed a water proofing project by the atrium.

AUDITS

Audits are conducted on the various departments when required. Listed below are the ones completed in 2021:

- The biannual GASB 75 audit was completed for 2017 and 2018 and the Borough was deemed compliant. This audit relates to other post-employment benefits. The 2019 and 2020 audits are in progress.
- The Yeadon Fire Company #1 Relief Association was deemed compliant in the Compliance Audit for the period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020.
- The audit for the 2019 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund is complete and there were no findings.
- The Workers Compensation audit was completed for 2019 and 2020 and the Borough was deemed compliant.
- The biannual pension audit was completed and there were no findings.
- The annual financial audit for 2020 is in progress.

COMMUNITY

Community outreach and programs are offered as much as possible and the ones offered in 2021 are listed below:

- Quarterly Newsletter and annual calendar were distributed.
- Free Shade Trees were offered.
- The Borough along with Delaware County held a Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic.
- The Borough distributed free vegetables donated by Urban Roots Farm of Newtown Square for 26 weeks.
- Bike Trail Studies and meetings were held for the Eastern Delco Bikeway Study.
- The Borough distributed free Spotted Lanternfly Traps.
- The Borough has been consulted by other municipalities, organizations, and vendors regarding recently completed projects, such as the Fitness Court® as well as our policies, procedures, and resources.

TRAINING

Keeping up with training is vital to operations

- The annual Harassment, Sensitivity, and Customer Service training was held with the employees.
- The employees were trained on the new payroll and telephone systems as well as the new postal meter.
- The health inspection refresher from the Department of Agriculture was held with the Code Department.
- The Code Officers attended the Pennsylvania Association of Code Officials (PACO) Fall Forum.
- Management attended Delco Alert training with the County Emergency Management.
- Management attended the Delaware County Consortium of Governments meetings.
- Management attended the Community Development Block Grant Fair Housing Training.
- Management attended Right to Know seminars as well as seminars on various municipal issues throughout the year through the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs program.
- Management obtained access to the PENNDOT Traffic Signal Asset Management System.
- MS4 Training was attended with the engineer by the Code Department. In addition, members of the Public Works Department attended training through the Storm Water Collaborative.
- The Workplace Safety Committee attended the annual training on Workplace Safety.

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Sign Up for Phone and Email Notifications

If you would like to receive a robocall or email from the Borough regarding important notices, updates, and traffic alerts, please complete the form on the borough website at **yeadonborough.org/calls**, or call the Borough and speak with the receptionist.

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 and Library), report to the Yeadon Borough Manager, who in turn reports to Yeadon Borough Council. The Police reports to the Mayor of Yeadon. The Library reports to the Borough Manager regarding certain administrative matters and to the Library Board for all other matters.

ADMINISTRATION

Receptionist
610-284-1606

Primary face to face contact for any issue regarding Borough related matters, redirect specific items to the appropriate department for handling, contact for Contract Bid packages, all issues/requests for recycling bins, any issues with missed trash or recycling, and supplies stickers for bulk trash items that use freon.

Secretary/Hall Event Coordinator

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.

LIBRARY

Director
610-623-4090

librarydirector@yeadonborough.com

Contact person for any library concerns or questions and will also answer reference questions and any other questions regarding library programs and services .

All other roles report to the Director.

Assistant Library Director

Contact person regarding all materials purchases for any reference question or for any library concerns or questions.

Circulation Manager

Contact person for any comments, questions or concerns regarding overdue notices, fines or general materials check out questions.

Youth Services Coordinator

Contact person regarding our programs for youth including after school programs, homework help, summer reading and all other programs for children and youth.

CODE

Director
610-284-3110

rstokes@yeadonborough.com

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.

All other roles report to the Director.

Code Office Manager

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.

Code Inspectors (4 - one per zone)

Zone 1 | **Zone 2**

Zone 3 | **Zone 4**

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.

Zone 1: Darby Creek to Brookside Ave. and Golf Rd. to Brookside Ave.

Zone 2: Fairview Ave. to Parkway, Part of Baily Rd. , Yeadon Ave. to Darnell Ave. and part of Church Lane.

Zone 3: Darby Creek to Brookside Ave., Golf Rd. to Brookside Ave. and Chester Ave.

Zone 4: MacDade Blvd. to Rundale Ave. to Cedar Ave.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Coordinator
610-284-3110

rstokes@yeadonborough.com

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.

Deputy Coordinator

Assistant/Backup to the Emergency Management Coordinator.

PUBLIC WORKS

Director
610-623-3636

jwilkinson@yeadonborough.com

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.

Foreman

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.

Laborer

Responsible for all hands on related tasks. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, street sweeping, bulk trash collection, highway maintenance (street signs, potholes, sinkholes, traffic signals, streetlights, and street painting), sewer maintenance, landscaping, snow removal, and building maintenance.

Custodian

Responsible for maintaining the cleanliness and order of Borough buildings. Duties include, but are not limited to, disinfecting surfaces, trash removal, and inventory.

FIRE

Fire Chief
610-623-9642

chief@yeadonfire.org

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.

All other roles report to the Chief.

Firefighter

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.

FINANCE

Director
610-284-1606

nnichols@yeadonborough.com

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.

All other roles report to the Director.

Finance Clerk

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.

RECREATION

Coordinator
610-284-1606 ext. 149

recreation@yeadonborough.com

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.

POLICE

Chief of Police
610-623-1500

apaparo@yeadonborough.org

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.

All other roles report to the Chief.

Administrative

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.

Lieutenant

Lieutenants have many of the same responsibilities as lower ranking police officers, but also plan work schedules, oversee departmental cases, book and process criminals, assist with detective work, conduct internal investigations, and help officers with situations that require seniority or expertise in the field.

Detective

Primarily investigate and keep detailed records regarding criminal acts, such as homicides, sexual assaults, armed robberies, home invasions, and property crimes, for example, burglaries. Collect and use forensic evidence to solve crimes. Interview informants, suspects, and witnesses to ascertain alibis, clues, time frames, and possible suspects.

Sergeant

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.

Police Officer

Primary duties include; but are not limited to, protecting life and property through the enforcement of laws and regulations; proactively patrolling assigned areas; responding to service calls; conducting preliminary and follow up on criminal and traffic investigations; conducting interviews; preparing written reports and field notes of investigations and patrol activities; arresting and processing criminals; and testifying in court.