



Borough of Yeadon

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As the hometown of Flag Day founder Thomas Kerr, Yeadon has been proud to host an annual Flag Day celebration for the entire community since 1949, and this year was no different. For more images from this year's celebration, please see page 8.

From the Council President

A Month of Profound Significance

As we embrace the month of June, we are reminded of the rich tapestry of events and celebrations that make our community vibrant and inclusive. As we head into this already scorching summer, we honor Pride Month, Flag Day, and Juneteenth, each holding profound significance in our collective history and future.



LaToya Monroe

Pride Month is a time to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, recognizing their contributions, struggles, and the ongoing fight for equality. As a community, let's stand together in support of diversity, inclusion, and love for all. It's crucial that we create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone, regardless of who they are or whom they love.

Flag Day, celebrated on June 14th, is a moment for us to reflect on the symbol of our nation's unity and the values it stands for. The American flag represents the freedom, justice, and perseverance that define our country. As the Home of Flag Day, we celebrated a milestone 75th with a parade, community day, and

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Flag Day: Yeadon's Finest Hour

Old Glory, New Visions for Yeadon

On Saturday, June 15, 2024, Yeadon celebrated the 75th Anniversary of Flag Day.

For those residents who may not be aware, Flag Day has always been huge in Yeadon as the person most credited with bringing that to fruition was none other than Yeadon's own

William T. Kerr (see William T. Kerr - Wikipedia). He lived on Cypress Street, in Yeadon (his home for decades until his passing in 1953), when he was invited to the White House by then President Harry S. Truman to witness the signing of this Flag Day Legislation in 1949 (enshrining June 14 permanently as Flag Day). This was due to his recognized lifelong campaign to honor "Old Glory" with its own National Day of Recognition.

So, it was with great pomp and pride that many



From the Mayor

of our local politicians joined us on that milestone anniversary day in Yeadon (Saturday, June 15), as his grandson Thomas Kerr joined us, and was presented with a special plaque from the borough. Grandson Kerr shared with us that The White House had actually sent a special train to pick up Mr. Kerr right here (at what's now the Fernwood/Yeadon Regional Rail Station) to take him to 30th Street Station in Philadelphia for another special train bound from there to Washington D.C. for that historic ceremony.

So, what's the big deal of Flag Day, and claiming the mantle as its founder as a community? Why is it, you may ask, "that this distinction is so important not only to us, but also to our nation?"

Beloved Yeadonites, it reminds me that we stand on a similar fate of decision-making that we found ourselves around that time-period of the 1940's. For almost to the day, the world was facing a similar challenge threatening the extinction of our way of life. In that day, fascism and totalitar-

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Recreation Chair Councilor Nicole Beaty is presented an award by Council President LaToya Monroe and Mayor Rohan Hepkins for the successful planning and execution of the 75th Annual Flag Day. Not pictured is Mr. Roy Hunter, who also received the same award.

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Police Emergencies, Fire Emergencies
Animal Control

MAIN DESK 610-284-1606

Mayor's Office: ext. 155
Borough Manager: ext. 116
Assistant Borough Manager: ext. 111
Finance Department: exts. 112, 113
Health Inspector: ext. 114
Fire Marshal: ext. 114

Police Department 610-623-1500

Street Violations, Parking Tickets,
Abandoned Vehicles, Warrants

Fire Department 610-623-9642

Volunteering

Emergency Management 610-623-2392

Crisis, Disasters, Volunteers, and
Resident Services

Public Works 610-623-3636

Bulk Trash Pick Up, Recycling, Streets,
and Public Improvements

Code Department 610-284-3110

Building Permits, Licenses & Inspections,
Ordinances/Zoning

Recreation Department 610-284-1606 ext. 149

Community, Youth, and Senior Programs

Events 610-284-1606 ext. 110

Hall Rentals, Block Parties and Park Rentals

Tax Collector 610-622-6379

Yolanda Hughes
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Real Estate Tax, Sewer and Refuse Bills

Yeadon Public Library 610-623-4090

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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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**Upcoming Events,
Closings, and Notices****EVENTS****E-Waste Collection Events**

July 26th, August 30th,
September 27th

Public Works Garage from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

More information regarding events will be forthcoming. Please continue to check the website for updates at yeadonborough.org.

OFFICIAL CLOSINGS

The Borough will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Week of Labor Day (Sept. 2nd): Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd. Tuesday's trash will be collected on Wednesday, Sept. 4th. There will be no recycling pickup this week.

NOTICES

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 contact PECO's Emergency line at (800) 841-4141 or their customer service line at (800) 494-4000 to report the issue. You may also report or check the status of an outage at peco.com/outages. There is an app that you can download from the app store; search for PECO.

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.

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

Parking violations on the common alleys/driveways and neglected lawn maintenance should be reported to the Code Department.

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.

If you need to dispose of appliances with freon (white goods) such as refrigerators, air conditioners, etc. call Borough Hall 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.

If you need to replace your recycle bin, they are available for purchase at Borough Hall on the third floor. Residents must pay a fee of \$20.

**LET'S WORK TOGETHER FOR
A CLEANER, SAFER YEADON**

Let's keep our neighborhood clean and beautiful! Please remember to pick up after your pets, dispose of trash properly, and help maintain the cleanliness of our shared spaces. Together, we can make a big difference in keeping our community a wonderful place to live.

If you see something that shouldn't be, please report it to the Borough using the "Report a Concern" form on our website. Your efforts help us all enjoy a cleaner, safer neighborhood.

Borough Meetings

All meetings take place at Yeadon Borough Hall unless noted otherwise.

Borough Council Caucus Meeting

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

Borough Council:Legislative Meeting

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

Public Safety Committee

Fourth Saturday of each month
9:30 am, via Zoom

Public Works and Code Committee

Second Tuesday of each month
6:15 pm, 2nd Floor in the Hall

Recreation Committee

First Tuesday of each month
6:30 pm, via Zoom

Library Board

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

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

**Delco Alert**

Delaware County, Pennsylvania
Emergency Notification
System

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

Spotlight on Borough Administration - In Their Own Words

Meet Your New Borough Management Team



Rafi Cave
Borough Manager
 "It's an honor to serve the borough and its people in a new capacity. Adding valuable perspective as a former School Board Director and former Councilman, my early goal is to learn and listen and work tirelessly for and with this strong Council and administrative team."



Crystal Sapp
Assistant Borough Manager
 "My name is Crystal Sapp, and I am honored to serve this vibrant community. In my role, I plan to work diligently alongside the Borough Manager and Borough Council to ensure the smooth and efficient operation of this municipality. I am here to listen, assist, and collaborate with you on the issues that matter most. Your feedback and participation are vital to our success, and I encourage you to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Together, we can continue to build a thriving and welcoming community."

Borough Council Meeting Attendance

MEETING DATE	Mayor Rohan Hepkins	President LaToya Monroe	Vice President Liana Roadcloud	Councilor Nicole Beaty	Councilor Jessie Peets	Councilor Learin Johnson	Councilor Antoinette Truehart	Councilor Michael Trent
January 2	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	ABSENT (Councilor Council-Harris)	ABSENT (Councilor Brooks)
January 8	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	Present via phone but unable to participate	PRESENT	ABSENT (Councilor Brooks)
February 8	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	(Councilor Brooks) RESIGNED
March 14th	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
March 21st	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
April 11th	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
April 18th	PRESENT	Present via telecommunication	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
May 9th	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
May 16th	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
June 20th	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
July 18th	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	Present via telecommunication	PRESENT	PRESENT

News and Updates from the Yeadon Borough Recreation Department

Opportunities for Fun, Wellness, and Enrichment This Summer

FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Yeadon is preparing for its fourth consecutive summer of collaborating with Urban Roots Farm in Newtown Square to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to seniors and families. Residents come every Wednesday to Yeadon Borough Hall to take home about \$25 worth of items per week. The program operates for 20 weeks. Urban Roots Farm offers a wide variety of family fun opportunities during the summer and fall. Check the borough website for more information.

The camp also has an educational farm experience where youth come in contact with live farm animals.

The program shows youth from urban areas where their food comes from and how a family farm operates. At the end of the summer the Delaware County 4-H Program presents a family farm show where food items are sold; sheep are sheared; animals are exhibited and hayrides take place. The camp operates the middle of June to the middle of August.

MASTER GARDENERS PROGRAM

The Penn State Master Gardeners Program will be offering a series of programs dealing with pollinator gardening development; tree planting; container gardening; seed saving and other areas of environmental interest. Penn State Cooperative extension is located in Smedley Park just off of Baltimore Pike next to the Springfield Mall. 20 Papermill Road, Springfield, PA 19064. 610-690-2655

CAMP GARRETT

Camp Garrett is starting its 14th year of partnership with Yeadon Borough to offer youth between the ages of 5 to 15 an opportunity to experience day camping on a rural farm in Newtown Square. Youth take part in swimming, archery, gardening, basketball, reading and math games, volleyball and theater production.

SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The Yeadon Educational Athletic Association (YEAA) will conduct its 5th annual summer basketball league at Yeadon Community Park and the Nile Swim Club from June 24 to August 10. Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 are encouraged to participate. Check the borough website for more information.

YEADON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Yeadon Community Garden located at Yeadon Community Park is off to another exciting season of good food and friendly neighbors. Corn, strawberries, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplant, carrots and sweet potatoes are being grown. Gardeners meet every Saturday morning from 8 am to 10 am. Stop by and join the fun.

From the Chief of Police

Stay Cool, Stay Safe: Summer Crime Prevention Tips

Greetings and well wishes,

Summer is here. I hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful season. I know I have many fond memories of my summertime adventures growing up. I hope Yeadon residents are creating fond memories of their own. Whether it's spending time at Community Park, swimming at the Nile Swin Club, jogging around the track at Rap Curry Athletic Complex Kerr Field, or spending time at the Yeadon Public library. Whatever you choose to create these funds summer memories; please do it safely.



would like to share some useful summertime crime prevention tips.

VEHICLE SECURITY AND SAFETY

- Do not leave children or pets left unattended in vehicles. The temperature inside a vehicle can be considerably warmer than the temperature outside. Excessive heat can cause serious injury or even death.
- If possible, park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Make sure all your valuables are out of sight or removed from your vehicle.

GOING ON VACATION

- If you will be out of town for an extended period, contact the police department 610-623-1500.
- It sounds simple, but make sure you lock your doors and lock your windows before you go on vacation.
- If possible, stop your mail or have a friend or family member collect the mail for you.
- Set a light fixture on a timer to create the appearance of activity inside your home.
- Motion sensor lighting outside of your house can help deter crime.
- We all love to see vacation photos! However, post those wonderful vacation photos when you get back from vacation.
- Avoid posting your vacation itinerary on social media.

BIKE SAFETY TIPS

- Most importantly, look out for individuals riding a bicycle.
- Check your bike to make sure you have reflectors, and your bike is in proper working condition.
- Always wear a helmet
- Be on the lookout for traffic and

Unfortunately, crime does not take a summer vacation. If you are going to be out of town for an extended period, try to avoid posting your itinerary on social media.

stay alert for hazardous conditions.

- If you plan to go into a store, library or other location make sure you lock your bike up.

If you have any additional questions about summer safety tips, we are just a phone call away. If you would like a member of the police department to conduct a residential security survey of your home or business, please give us a call at 610-623-1500

All the best,

Henry J. Giammarco, Jr.
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

Understanding the Roles of Yeadon's Emergency Management Department

The Yeadon Emergency Management Department is responsible for planning and responding to all emergencies that require the activation of this Department. The Yeadon Emergency Management Department will respond to emergencies that are either natural or manmade. Emergency Management works in conjunction with the Delaware County Emergency Management Department, PEMA (PA Emergency Management), and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management). When severe weather or other events occur, we are ready to respond instantly all year long.

The four key phases of Emergency Management are as follows: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

MITIGATION: Activities that reduce the chance of an emergency happening or lessen its effects. For example, reinforcing a roof to reduce damage from high winds or avoiding hazardous areas like flood plains. Mitigation activities can take place before and after an emergency.

PREPAREDNESS: Actions that help with disaster response and recovery, such as developing emergency plans, training response personnel, and maintaining resources.

RESPONSE: Using available systems, plans, and resources to save lives and reduce damage.

RECOVERY: Restoring an affected community to a pre-disaster level of functioning or higher. This can include providing financial assistance, rebuilding infrastructure, returning evacuees, and more.

Borough Council Votes for Finance Committee Reports

JANUARY 18, 2024

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for year-end 2023
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve Accounts Payable List for January, 2024
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Vote: Unanimous

FEBRUARY 15, 2024

Motion to approve Accounts Payable List February 2024
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Vote: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud
Vote: Unanimous

MARCH 21, 2024

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for March 2024.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Johnson
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous

APRIL 18, 2024

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for April 2024.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Addition List for April 2024.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Beaty
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

MAY 16, 2024

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for May 2024.

Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Addition List for May 2024.
Moved By: Councilor Johnson
Seconded By: Councilor Trent
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Trent
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

JUNE 20, 2024

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for June 2024.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Peets
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Accounts Payable Addition List for June 2024.
Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud
Seconded By: Councilor Truehart
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Motion to approve the Cash Balance Report.
Moved By: Councilor Peets
Seconded By: Councilor Beaty
Motion Passed: Unanimous

Code Enforcement Spotlight

Code Enforcement Requirements for 2024

The Code Enforcement Department and its officers oversee violations and respond to complaints received from residents concerning possible code violations. Code Enforcement Officers issue permits and inspect all construction (with the exception of roofing).

The Code Enforcement Officer is trained to review plans and perform inspections to ensure compliance with the building code. The Borough's permit requirement is sometimes viewed as an infringement of personal property rights; however, the intent of the building code is to protect the public, as well as the property owner and people who visit or use the property. Proper code enforcement increases property values by reasonably ensuring that all work performed on the property meets the code

The intent of the building code is to protect the public, the property owner, and people who use or visit the property.

and that the property is safe for occupancy.

Before you hire any contractor or subcontractor to perform work in the Borough, you should direct him/her to the Code Enforcement Department for appropriate licensing.

All contractors are required to submit a

Certificate of Insurance to the Code Enforcement Department before a permit is issued. Residents contracting for work are reminded to check and make sure the contractor is licensed with the state of Pennsylvania or Yeadon Borough before signing any contractual agreement for work.

What Do You Need to Obtain a Permit For?

Permits are required for, but not limited to, the following:

- Building construction, alterations, or repairs
- Chimney repairs
- Demolition
- Dumpsters or pods
- Electrical work
- Electronic and mechanical devices (including for amusement purposes)
- Fire Inspection for Public Building
- Heating and air conditioning work
- Interior & exterior alterations or repairs
- Plumbing and sewer work
- Signage
- Steps, curbs, sidewalk, and driveway construction
- Street opening/excavation
- Storage sheds, pods, and fences
- Swimming pool construction (in-ground and above-ground)
- Use and occupancy of resale or rental property
- Waterproofing
- Zoning

Mayor Hepkins

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ianism threatened the existence of our western democracies. Dictatorships were thriving with Mussolini in Italy, General Franco in Spain, Hitler in Germany (and Stalin in Russia as well as Imperial Japan), as the tide and trajectory of freedom was threatening to engulf the free world after the fall of France and what was to become the start of the Battle for Britain at the start of World War II. So, on June 18, 1940, Then Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill and great statesman of Britian gave a famous speech in Parliament where he stated in part:

"Let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties, and so bear ourselves that, if the British Empire and its Commonwealth last for a thousand years, men will still say: 'This Was Their Finest Hour.'"

The British Empire and shortly after, the United States of America, would join the fight to defeat nazi and fascist imperialism to preserve our way of life in engendering freedom, democracy and justice, rather than being apathetic if we sat back and did nothing. Thankfully, the allies defeated what was known as "the Axis powers" to save

democracy, which has been preserved until this day. However, some 84 years later, we stand on the precipice where history is again repeating itself, where residents of erstwhile democracies are contemplating turning away from these ideals as was contemplated at that time.

My fellow Yeadonites, this is what the Flag has represented to us throughout these years of our history. MLK reminded us that these things were accomplished while dealing with our own internal struggles and identity. That yes, we faced contradictions as a nation, where the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance, the U.S. Constitution, were fleeting to some, which are ideals best represented in our national flag. So, he reminded us that we need to embrace its promise, and reach those standards to redeem and fulfill these dreams...so he reminded us in his 1963 "I Have A Dream Speech" as appropriately delivered at the foot of the Lincoln Memorial:

"In a sense, we've come to our nation's capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir...It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note...

Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check, a check which has come back marked insufficient funds."

Dr. King went on the presciently state, *"We cannot be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote, and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote."*

And again, *"No, no, we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream."*

Reading MLK's comments from his "I Have Dream Speech," not much has changed...in fact, with renewed voter suppression, discrimination, xenophobia and economic injustice giving way to widespread cynicism and political variance and hatred, we may have instead taken a step backwards in many ways (from the 1960's back into the 1860's). So as Yeadon has embraced our Borough and County as the birthplace of Flag Day, let us be reminded that the Flag is really what we make it. It promises "freedom and justice for all," as we pledge our national allegiance to it - at most formal undertakings. And it has not always, as Dr. MLK stated, been appropriated for all. But Yeadon has a unique place in the annals of history, and I was never prouder as your mayor to reaffirm that sacred commitment to our freedom and democracy - which our Flag represents - so that we don't lose it at home, while championing it abroad.

So, when folks around our state and nation look upon Yeadon, "the Birthplace of Flag Day, even 75 years later, I would that folks may still say, "This was their Finest Hour."

So, I say, "way to go Yeadon!" And let us capture this vision by voting; by being civically active and engaged; by letting our voices be heard so that we preserve our democracy; by not resting on our laurels in forgetting the pain it took to get here in our epic struggle for civil rights; and by remembering everything these great statesmen reminded us. It starts with Yeadon being the epicenter of this proud history and quintessential example through the prism of Flag Day, that has catapulted us as a beacon of light and all that the Flag can and should represent!

As MLK reminded us, *"Let us go to the bank and cash the check and redeem it as promised!"* It all starts with you - the local resident...

In your service,
Mayor Hepkins

Yeadon Tax Collector's Corner

Tax Notes and Reminders



Hello Taxpayers! Please take note of these helpful reminders:

- The number you write on your check must match the second line where you spell out that amount or the bank will not accept it.
- If you paid off your mortgage you must now pay your taxes directly so plan and save for your county, borough, and school taxes.
- Once you pay your borough tax, it may take up to 40 days to process.
- You can still apply for your tax rebate if you are a senior or disabled and your household income is \$45,000.00 or less.
- School taxes come out July 2024, and discount period ends August 31, 2024
- If you do not have a tax bill within two weeks of mailing call the tax office.
- Are you familiar with PHFA? See next newsletter...

Lastly, I sincerely hope you enjoyed Flag Day! Have a great summer!

Yolonda Hughes, Tax Collector

Public Works News and Updates

We are excited to share some updates with you in our summer newsletter from the Public Works department!

First, we want to congratulate Sean Murphy on his 15 years of dedicated service to our community. Sean has been an integral part of our team and has played a key role in many projects over the years. Thank you, Sean, for your hard work and commitment to making our borough a safer, cleaner, and better place to live.

We are thrilled to announce that our 75th Flag Day event was a huge success! The event brought together members of our community to celebrate and honor our nation's flag. We had a wonderful turnout, with music, food, and activities for all ages. Thank you to everyone who at-

tended and helped make it a memorable day.

As we continue to work on projects and events that benefit our community, we are moving forward with our community park upgrades thanks to grants sought after and awarded to us through Pennoni and Associates.

We are grateful for the support and involvement of our residents. We look forward to serving you and making our town an even better place to live. Stay tuned for more updates and events from the Public Works department!

Sincerely,

The Public Works Team



Long-time Public Works employee Sean Murphy recently celebrated 15 years of dedicated service to the borough.

PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION

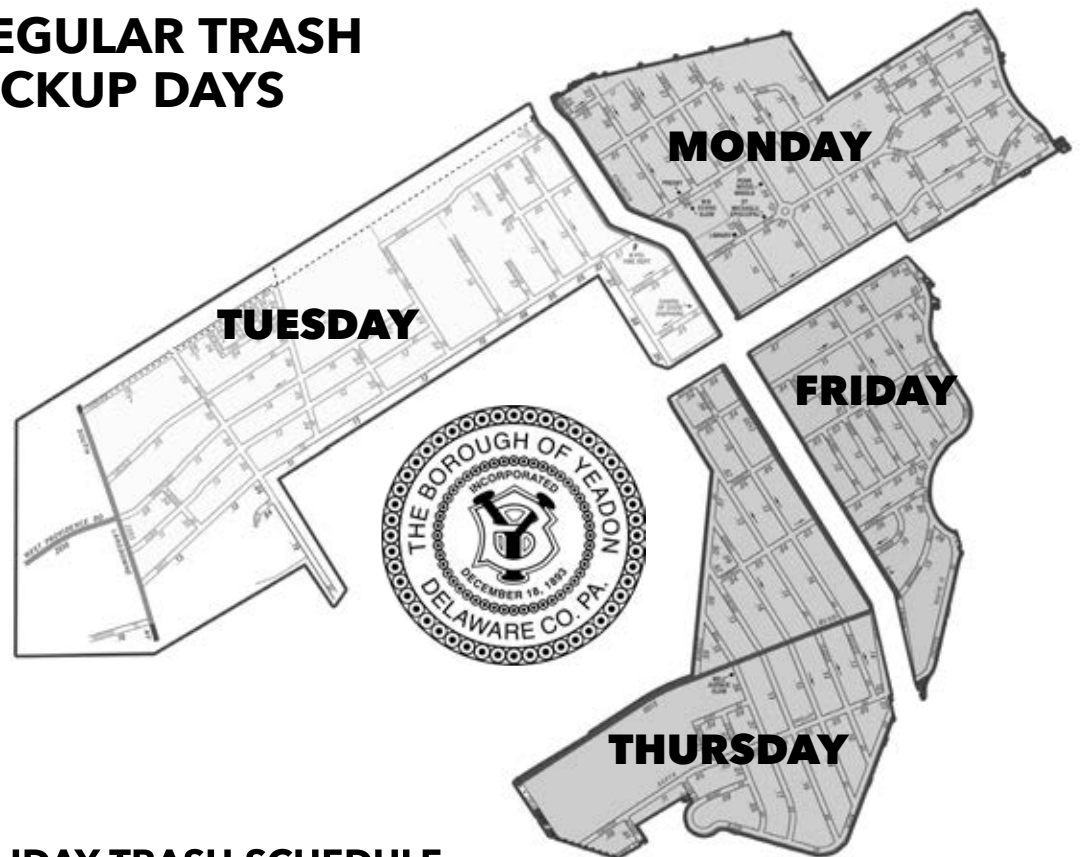
Public Works Hours are
7 am to 3 pm Monday through Friday

To report a Public Works-related issue please dial (610)-623-3636.

1115 BAILY ROAD
(Across from Kerr Field)

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

REGULAR TRASH PICKUP DAYS



HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

Remaining 2024 Dates Impacting Regular Collection

Labor Day (Monday, Sept. 2):

Monday's trash will be collected on Tuesday 9/3;
Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday, 9/4;
No Recycling This Week

Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 28):

Thursday's trash will be collected on Friday 11/29
No Recycling This Week

Christmas Day (Wednesday, Dec. 25)

No Recycling This Week

Tips for Beating the Heat This Summer

1. Stay Hydrated: Drink plenty of water and eat hydrating foods like watermelon and cucumbers. Avoid caffeinated and alcoholic drinks.

2. Keep Cool Indoors: Use fans and air conditioning. Close curtains during the hottest part of the day and take cool showers.

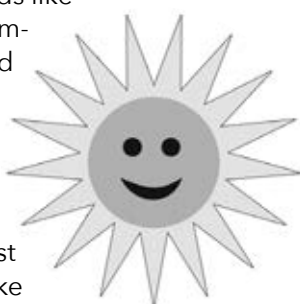
3. Dress Appropriately: Wear light, loose-fitting clothing and protect your skin with a wide-brimmed hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen.

4. Modify Your Routine: Exercise early in the morning or late in the evening. Schedule outdoor activities for cooler times and take breaks in the shade.

5. Cool Down Your Body: Use cooling towels or ice packs on pulse points and mist your skin with water.

6. Stay Safe: Recognize signs of heat-related illnesses like heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Check on vulnerable individuals and never leave children or pets in parked cars.

7. Optimize Your Home: Use energy-efficient appliances, cook outside to keep your home cool, and improve home insulation to maintain a comfortable indoor temperature.



Opening Day at the Nile Swim Club

The Nile Swim Club opened the 2024 season on the weekend of May 25-27. Pictured with Nile President Anthony F. Patterson, Sr. are Mayor Rohan Hepkins (below) and Borough Council President LaToya Monroe (right).



Much More Than Just Books!

Yeadon Public Library Programs

Stop by and join us for some of our programs:

Morning Stretch - Every Tuesday, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM, (Borough Hall, 600 Church Lane, 2nd Floor)

Line Dancing - Every Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, (Borough Hall, 600 Church Lane, 2nd Floor)

Rep. Joanna McClinton Speaker of the House brings her Mobile Office to us every Thursday, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Bring all your questions & concerns.

Chair Yoga! Every Friday, 12:30 PM-1:30 PM, Please bring water & towel

Scrabble - Last Wednesday of each month, 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Are you a lover of words & enjoy a challenge? Come out and join us & bring a friend!

Evening Book Club - Last Wednesday of month, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Chess Players - Every Wednesday, all ages, 3:00 PM. Come out to learn or brush up on your skills.

Movie Matinee for Adults - Check our website for upcoming dates and movies



Notary Services by Reverend Yolonda Hughes, Esq. - Every 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, by appointment ONLY & donations are appreciated. Please bring photo ID.

Arts & Crafts Summer Program - June 17th - July 26th. Monday - Friday, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Free lunch served daily at 12 Noon.

Scavenger Hunt! June 19th - August 7th, look for the images throughout the library.

Journey across Delco - Grab a game sheet and visit as many Delco libraries as you can. Have fun

learning about each sport. Choose a brag tag and turn in your game sheet and earn a special brag tag for visiting libraries.

GSK Science in the Summer - In collaboration with The Franklin Institute. Be a Space Scientist! 2nd - 6th grades. July 8th, 9th, 15th & 16th - 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Learn about different careers that use science in their field of expertise. Each session explores a particular career that uses some form of physics!

Check our website for other events and information. Do you have suggestions or ideas for programs at the library, please visit us online at yeadonlibrary.org; call us at 610-623-4090; or email us at yeadon@delcolibraries.org.

Yeadon Public Library
809 Longacre Blvd, Yeadon, PA 19050

Open Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
Friday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday (summer hours, through August 31): 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

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fireworks. Let's continue to come together to honor this symbol and remember the importance of unity and civic pride in our daily lives.

Juneteenth, observed on June 19th, marks the emancipation of enslaved African Americans and stands as a powerful reminder of our nation's ongoing journey toward equality and justice. This day is an opportunity to reflect on our history, celebrate the progress we've made, and commit to the work that still lies ahead.

As we celebrate these important events, I urge each of us to look out for one another. Acts of kindness, support, and understanding can go a long way in fostering a strong, united community. Let's ensure that Yeadon remains a place where everyone feels valued and respected.

We have set ambitious goals for community improvement, focusing on enhancing our public spaces, increasing safety, and promoting economic growth. Our commitment to fiscal responsibility ensures that we are making wise investments that will benefit all residents. I am proud to announce that we have secured millions in grants to fund these initiatives, demonstrating our dedication to Moving Yeadon Forward.

These grants will enable us to:

- Improve infrastructure, including roads, parks, and public facilities.
- Support local business zones and hopefully attract new ones.
- Enhance public safety measures to ensure a secure environment for all residents.
- Invest community activities that enrich the lives of our children and families.

Our vision for Yeadon is one of progress and inclusivity. By working together and maintaining a responsible approach to our finances, we can achieve great things. Let's continue to strive for a better future, supporting one another and celebrating the diversity that makes our borough unique.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community. Together, we will keep Yeadon moving forward.

Warm regards,

LaToya Monroe
Council President, Yeadon Borough

Have Unpaid Parking Tickets? DON'T GET THE BOOT!



Amendments to Article VIII, Section 285 of the Yeadon Borough Code

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 14, 2024, motor vehicles with **three (3) or more delinquent parking tickets** issued in the borough may have an **immobilization device** (or "boot") installed.



BOOTING CRITERIA

A motor vehicle found parked within the borough of Yeadon upon any public ground at any time may be immobilized by means of applying a boot by or under the direction of a police officer of the borough or by or under the direction of a member of the borough's parking enforcement personnel if there are three (3) or more delinquent parking tickets for which appropriate notice has been sent to the registered owner.

TOWING OF BOOTED VEHICLES

In addition to and in accordance with the provisions contained in Article VIII of Section 285 of the Borough Code, a booted vehicle may be removed within 72 hours towed and stored if the owner has failed to secure the release of the boot pursuant to §285-91(d).

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR VEHICLE IS BOOTED

In order to have the "boot" removed and or to recover their vehicle, the owner must provide proof of payment for all parking tickets, citations, and "booting charges." If your vehicle has been immobilized (booted), follow these instructions:

- Depositing of the collateral required for his appearance before a District Justice to answer for each delinquent parking violation; or
- Paying the amount of the fine, penalty and court costs, if any, for each delinquent parking violation; and
- The payment of the fees as required by the Borough.

Update on Grant Projects for Yeadon Borough

1. Community Park Improvements

Improvements will include new playground structures, swing sets, grills, picnic tables, a pavilion, team benches and associated improvements. Also, a walking trail will be added with upgrades to the basketball courts and rain garden. This project is about rehabilitating and upgrading the existing park. In a second phase of the project an additional grant was received for a second basketball/pickleball court.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$405,660.50

2. Cypress Street Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation

Sanitary Sewer Improvements from Longacre Blvd to Baily Road include the replacement of approximately 350 linear feet of sanitary sewer main and 13 sewer laterals, rehabilitation of 2 manholes, resurfacing of 1,000 square yards of cart way and related site restoration.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$200,000

3. Duff Avenue Reconstruction

This project includes the reconstruction of Duff Avenue, between Callahan Avenue and Stetser Avenue.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$181,450

4. West Cobbs Parkway Infrastructure

Improvements will include the installation of concrete medians to provide traffic calming, ADA (American Disability Act) compliant curb cut ramps and crosswalks, striping, as well as resurfacing the roadway, and redesigning the traffic signal at West Cobbs Creek Parkway and MacDade Boulevard. A curb bump out is to be installed at West Cobbs and MacDade to reduce the pedestrian travel distance across MacDade. Traffic signal and pedestrian improvements are proposed at the intersection of West Cobbs Creek Parkway and MacDade Boulevard.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$955,000

5. Sidewalk and ADA Ramp Improvements - COMPLETED

Improvements will include the installation of approximately 43 ADA compliant curb cut ramps through the Borough with associated sidewalk improvements, crosswalk striping and resurfacing. The project locations include the West Cobbs Creek Parkway, Bailey Road in front of the Evans Elementary School and the intersection of Robin Road and Wycombe Avenue.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$188,751

6. MacDade Boulevard & Church Lane ADA and Signal Upgrade

Upgrade pedestrian accommodations and modernize signal equipment at MacDade Boulevard (SR 0013) and Church Lane (SR 0013). MacDade Boulevard upgrades to oneway approaching West Cobbs Creek Parkway with associated traffic calming.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$315,000

7. Blunston Run Stream Restoration

This portion of the stream has experienced extreme cutting and the banks have eroded and become extremely steep. This project aims to restore Blunston Run between Karen Drive and Allen Drive using in-stream habitat improvement structures, protecting the mature tree canopy, and enhancing vegetation in the area.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$260,015

8. Yeadon Library Windows and Doors - COMPLETED

The replacement of windows and doors at the Yeadon Public Library.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$26,415

9. Church Lane Business District Streetscape

Enhance the safety of the business district on Church Lane between Whitby Ave and Guenther Ave with traffic signal upgrades, crosswalks, and ADA ramps at each intersection.
Grant Monies Awarded: \$675,154



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See more photos of this year's Flag Day event at yeadonborough.com/flagday24