



# Borough of Yeadon

## NEWSLETTER

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*From the Council President*

## Building a Vibrant and Thriving Community

Dear Yeadonites,

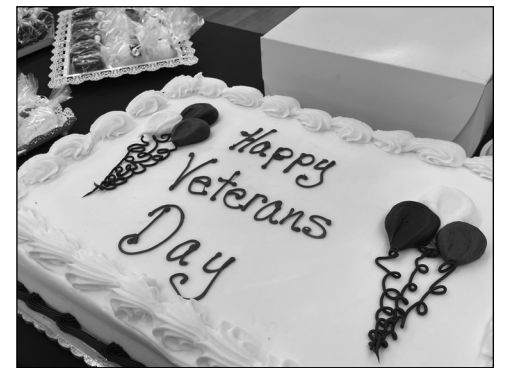
As the crisp air of fall turns to the chill of winter, we reflect on the many moments that bring us together as a community. I hope you all enjoyed the festive events that have marked these seasons, including our Trunk or Treat, a night of creativity and joy for families; Veterans Day Celebration, a heartfelt occasion to honor those who have bravely served our nation; Vegetable Program, a 25 week free program that provided food to nearly 100 Yeadon residents, and our beautiful Christmas Tree Lighting, which brought the warmth of the holiday spirit to the heart of Yeadon.



LaToya Monroe

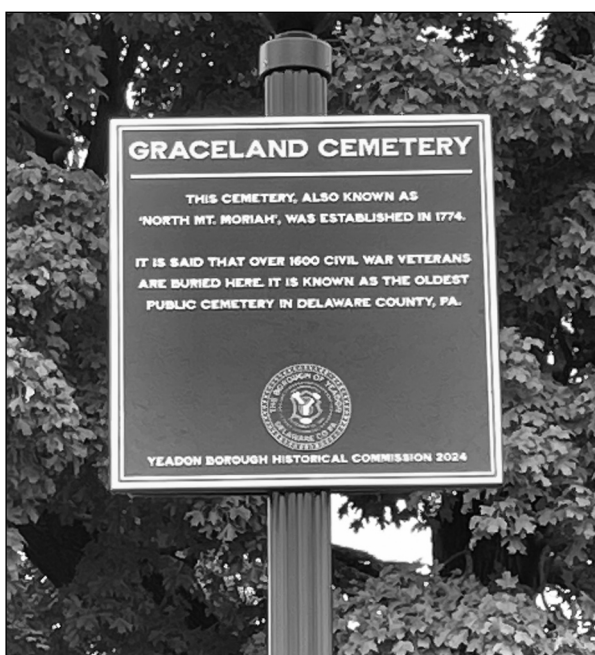
These events remind us of the importance of community, family, and the joy of shared traditions. As we move through this season, let us continue to look out for one another. Whether it's extending a helping hand, offering a kind word, or simply checking in on a neighbor, these small acts of kindness strengthen the fabric of our borough.

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## Honoring Our Veterans

Yeadon Borough Recreation Committee presented a Veterans' Day Brunch on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The event was free to all who served and their invited guests.

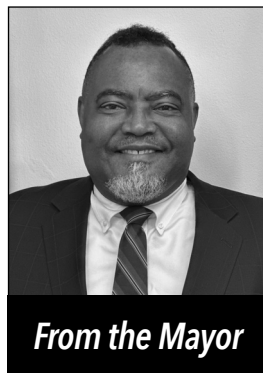


## Historical Marker for Graceland Cemetery

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*Ushering in Another New Year*

## Happy Holidays, Yeadon!



From the Mayor

Let me reflect upon the fact that this year seems to have gone by so fast. It just seems like it was yesterday that we were ushering in a new year and getting the year started off in earnest. But here we are again, ready to enjoy another year-end holiday season.

By the time this fall/winter newsletter is released, we may have just celebrated Thanksgiving and are about to celebrate Christmas, while ushering in yet another new year. Although we may all celebrate the holidays somewhat differently, and some of us may choose not to celebrate at all, it nonetheless provides us a time for pause and quiet reflection.

Did we accomplish our goals and objectives? Did we overachieve or underachieve? Did we

experience fortunate things or were matters a bit of a struggle for us? Were our experiences a bit of both?

The good news is that although we may have faced many challenges and difficulties, this natural turn of the calendar and various expressions of the holidays provide us with hope. It provides an opportunity to take inventory and to course-correct that which may need attention or redirection.

When we reflect upon the gift of life and the renewed possibilities of success that may await us, it can help us tackle our goals with renewed strength and vigor. And that can start with perhaps renewing ourselves to valuable relationships with family and friends. It can start by renewing our goals for a healthier lifestyle. It can start with quiet reflection and perhaps an experience of spiritual renewal or epiphany. It can start with re-committing ourselves to becoming a bet-

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**BOROUGH CONTACTS****EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911**

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  
yhughes@yeadonborough.com  
Real Estate Tax, Sewer and Refuse Bills

**Yeadon Public Library 610-623-4090**

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**Magisterial District Court 32-2-47**

610-259-8848  
The Honorable W. Keith Williams, II  
60 West Marshall Road, Lansdowne, PA 19050  
Small claims (up to \$12,000)  
Felony, Misdemeanor, Preliminary Hearings,  
and Traffic Violations

**The Borough of Yeadon**

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Phone: 610-284-1606  
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**Upcoming Events,  
Closings, and Notices****EVENTS****E-Waste Collection Events**

December 27th, January 31st, February 28th, and  
March 28th.

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](http://yeadonborough.org).

**OFFICIAL CLOSINGS**

The Borough will be closed on November 28th  
and 29th, December 24th and 25th, January 20th,  
and February 17th in observance of the holidays.

**HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Day and New Year's Day** fall on a  
Wednesday. Recycling will not be picked up on  
these days. Regular recycling pickup will resume  
on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. week** Monday's trash will be  
picked up on Tuesday, January 21st and Tuesday's  
trash will be picked up on Wednesday, January  
22nd. NO RECYCLING.

**NOTICES**

Illegal dumping at the gateway area where  
Yeadon and Philadelphia connect should be  
reported to the Borough and/or the Philadelphia  
Streets Department. The Philadelphia Streets  
Department can be reached at (215) 686-5560.

From November 28th through January 1st, the  
metered parking will be suspended for the  
holidays.

**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER DELIVERY**

If you'd like to receive a **digital copy** of the Yeadon Borough Newsletter, please sign up by  
sending your email to [newsletter@yeadonborough.com](mailto:newsletter@yeadonborough.com).

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](http://peco.com/outages). There is an app as well that  
you can download from the app store, just search  
for PECO.

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.

**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](http://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](http://delcopa.gov/delcoalert/delcoalert.html)

*Good Things Are Growing in Yeadon!*

# Fighting Inflation And Food Insecurity With Gardening

Yeadon Borough is proudly in its fourth year of combating inflation and food insecurity through its vegetable giveaway program and community gardens, located at Yeadon Community Park and the Yeadon Library. These initiatives have become a cornerstone of the community, providing residents with fresh produce and valuable gardening knowledge.

### Vegetable Giveaway Program

Every Wednesday for 20 weeks, Yeadon Borough Hall distributed fresh fruits and vegetables to residents. This program, a collaborative effort with URBAN ROOTS FARMS in Newtown Square, supplied about \$25 worth of produce per week to each participant, amounting to a total savings of \$500 over the course of the program. Residents also had the opportunity to visit the farm in the fall, where they learned about planting techniques, and secrets to successful gardening in small spaces, and enjoyed a veggie and dip food fest provided by farm owner Jack Goldenberg.

### Yeadon Community Garden

Also in its fourth year, the Yeadon Community Garden was established

to foster love, peace, understanding, and cooperation between the police and the community. Volunteers and community leaders have worked tirelessly to develop the garden in phases, adding a variety of fruits and vegetables each year.

The garden's success has attracted attention from other boroughs and county officials seeking tips on developing their own community gardens. Produce from the garden is distributed to the public on Saturdays during late spring and summer. With additional funding and technical assistance, an expansion and a new look for the garden are anticipated next year.

### Yeadon Library Garden

Over a decade ago, the Yeadon Library started a vegetable garden in the lot next to the main building.

With the help of volunteers and staff, the garden produces enough vegetables to share a small portion with neighbors and library attendees throughout the summer. The library also offers classes on food preservation and canning, teaching the public safe practices for storing fruits and vegetables through the winter.

For more information on starting a vegetable or flower garden on your



balcony or in your yard, or to volunteer with other greening activities in the borough, contact the Yeadon Borough Recreation Department at 610-284-1606 x 149 or [recreation@yeadonborough.com](mailto:recreation@yeadonborough.com).

Together, let's continue to grow a healthier, more sustainable community!



## Yeadon Borough Council 2024 Meeting Attendance

MEETING DATE	Mayor Rohan Hepkins	President LaToya Monroe	Vice President Liana Roadcloud	Councilor Nicole Beaty	Councilor Jessie Peets	Councilor Learn 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 14	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
March 21	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
April 11	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
April 18	PRESENT	Present via telecommunication	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
May 9	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
May 16	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
June 20	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
July 18	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	Present via telecommunication	PRESENT	PRESENT
Augst 15	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	Present via telecommunication	PRESENT	PRESENT
September 12	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
September 19	Present via telecommunication	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT
October 10	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
October 17	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT
November 14	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	ABSENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT
November 21	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	PRESENT	Present via telecommunication	PRESENT	PRESENT

## From the Chief of Police

# Tips for Keeping Yeadon Safe During the Winter

Greetings all,

As the fall season transitions into winter, it's time for many of us to put away our shorts and flip-flops and pull out the sweaters and long pants. I hope you all had a wonderful, safe, and fun summer!



With school back in session, it is important to remember the safety of the children. Please use extra caution for students as they are making their way to school in the morning and returning home in the afternoon. Any suspicious activity around children or locations such as bus stops should be reported to the police immediately by dialing 911. The Yeadon Police Department hopes everyone keeps safety in



working properly. A well-lit exterior can discourage burglars from targeting your home. If possible, install additional exterior motion lights. Motion lights can be set to turn on automatically when someone gets too close to your property. Motion lights enhance the safety of your property and can also save on your electric bill.

As previously mentioned, the trees are now bare, allowing prospective burglars to peer into your home where they could not over the summer. This also allows individuals to see valuables from the street, which can create a temptation for potential burglars. Additionally, bare trees can help a burglar enter your home. Trim any branches that may help burglars access windows or other entry points to your home. Trees will be easier to climb without their leaves.

### WINTER SAFETY TIPS FOR THE YEADON COMMUNITY

As winter unfolds, bringing with it the beauty of the season, it also presents unique challenges. To ensure a safe and enjoyable winter for everyone in our community, the Yeadon Police Department would like to share some essential safety tips:

**Stay Warm and Prepared:** Ensure your home is adequately heated. Check that your heating equipment is in good working order, and never

use an oven to heat your home. Keep extra blankets and warm clothing accessible in case of a power outage.

**Drive Safely:** Winter weather can make for hazardous driving conditions. Keep your vehicle well-maintained, check your tires, and ensure your windshield wipers are functioning. Always clear snow from your car before driving and remember to slow down on icy roads.

**Watch for Ice:** Sidewalks and driveways can become slippery with ice. Use sand or salt to increase traction and help prevent falls. Be especially cautious when walking outside, and wear shoes with good grip.

**Fire Safety:** With the increased use of heating devices, ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly. Keep space heaters away from flammable materials and never leave them unattended.

**Check on Neighbors:** Winter can be tough, especially for elderly or vulnerable individuals. Take a moment to check in on your neighbors to make sure they are safe and have everything they need.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Keep a stocked emergency kit in your home and car. Include essentials such as water, non-perishable food, a flashlight, batteries, a first-aid kit, and a blanket.

**Avoid Leaving Your Car Unattended While It's Running:** While it might be tempting to warm up your vehicle by leaving it running unattended, this practice significantly increases the risk of theft. Opportunistic thieves can easily spot and take advantage of an unattended, running vehicle. To keep your car secure, consider using a remote start system if available, which allows you to warm up your vehicle while keeping it locked. Additionally, always stay with your vehicle while it's running or ensure it's completely shut off and locked if you need to step away.

We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all Yeadon residents. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the Yeadon Police Department.

### HOLIDAY SEASON GREETINGS

As the winter chill sets in and the holiday season fills our hearts with joy, I wanted to reach out and extend my warmest greetings to each one of you. This special time of year is an opportunity to reflect on our collective achievements and express gratitude for the wonderful community of Yeadon.

I am delighted to announce that my contract as your Chief of Police has been extended. It is an honor to continue serving this vibrant community, and I am eager to work alongside all of you in the coming years to ensure Yeadon remains a safe and thriving place to live.

Your ongoing support and collaboration have been instrumental in helping us maintain and enhance community safety. Together, we've created a safe environment that we can be proud of, and your trust in our department is sincerely appreciated.

As we celebrate this festive season, my thoughts are with you and your families. May this time bring you peace, joy, and happiness, and may the new year be filled with prosperity and success for our beloved Yeadon.

### IN CLOSING

Thank you for your continued support and for reaching out with any questions or concerns. Wishing everyone a safe and happy fall and winter season! And a quick chant! E-A-G-L-E-S! Go Birds!

Please Stay Safe,

Warmest Regards,  
**Henry Giammarco**  
Chief of Police

### HAVE A TIP? CONTACT US!

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

mind when driving. Please wear your seatbelts, pay attention to your surroundings, and DON'T text and drive. When parking your vehicle, please make sure you keep your valuables out of sight and lock your vehicle.

### FALL AND WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Every change of season brings its own unique safety and security concerns. The fall means arriving home after dark, trees losing their leaves, and the clocks falling back one hour on Sunday, November 3, 2024. This is the time to think about incorporating additional exterior security ideas.

Now is the time to check to make sure that your exterior lighting is

# Emergency Management Department: Serving Our Community's Safety Needs

The Yeadon Emergency Management Department is a dedicated volunteer team working to protect the safety and well-being of Yeadon's residents and visitors. By partnering with county, state, and federal agencies, we're prepared to respond to both natural and human-made disasters. Here's a closer look at our key areas of focus:

**PREPAREDNESS:** We plan and train extensively for potential emergencies. This includes developing response plans, running drills, and educating the community on how to stay safe.

**RESPONSE:** In times of crisis, our team

coordinates immediate actions, mobilizing emergency services, facilitating communication, and managing resources to keep everyone as safe as possible.

**RECOVERY:** After an emergency, we support recovery efforts by assessing damage, organizing resources for rebuilding, and assisting individuals and families in need.

**MITIGATION:** We work to minimize future disaster impacts by implementing strategies that enhance resilience and reduce risk in our community.

### COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION:

Open communication is crucial. We keep the public informed about risks and collaborate closely with agencies and community groups to respond effectively.

Our department's work is vital to safeguarding lives, protecting property, and building a resilient Yeadon. If you have a desire to serve your community, we are always looking for volunteers to join us in this essential mission.

Respectfully,  
**Henry Giammarco**



Code Enforcement Spotlight

# Property Maintenance During the Colder Months

Hello residents of Yeadon.

I hope you've had a wonderful summer and fall. As we come to the end of 2024 and get ready for winter, the Yeadon Borough Code Department wants to remind you of some important regulations and tips to help maintain our beautiful borough.

**LAWN MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP**

Maintaining your lawn throughout the year is crucial for the community's appearance and safety. Here are some key points from our property and maintenance ordinance:

**CH220-16 Section D**

- All premises and exterior property must be free from grass, weeds, or plant growth exceeding 10 inches (254 mm). This includes vegetation between the curb and sidewalk, around poles, posts, signs, trees, and fire hydrants.
- Vegetation growth along the curb and street line, and along the gutter line adjacent to the curb, is prohibited and must be managed by the property owner.
- Leaves and clippings from trees, brush, grass, or other vegetation should not be left, swept, or blown onto sidewalks, common alleys, or streets unless properly packaged for collection according to Borough Code.

To simplify, proper lawn maintenance enhances community aesthetics and safety. Overgrown hedges, bushes, and leaves can force residents to walk in the street. Here are some tips for lawn care:

- Cut grass at least every 2 weeks
- Water and fertilize your lawn regularly
- Rake leaves weekly
- Remember that the curb is part of your property
- Consider hiring a landscaper if feasible

**PREMISES IDENTIFICATION**

Residential properties must have identification numbers on the front and rear if they abut a driveway or street. This ensures quick identification for emergency services.

**§ 220-18 C. Premises Identification:**

- Approved address numbers must be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property and from any common alley or public right of way servicing the rear.
- Numbers should contrast with their background, be at least four inches (102 mm) high, and have a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches (12.7 mm).

**SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL**

Property owners are responsible for removing snow and ice:

**§ 220-16 Exterior Property Areas: Snow and Ice Removal**

- Remove snow from sidewalks within 24 hours after the final snowfall.
- Ensure sidewalks and walking surfaces have a clear pathway of at least 36 inches.
- Do not permit ice to remain on sidewalks where it is dangerous to travel.
- Keep fire hydrants and fire department connections free from snow and ice.
- Maintain fire department access roads free from snow and ice.
- Do not move snow into the public way after it has been cleared unless authorized by the Borough.

For more information about Yeadon's codes, visit our eCode website at [ecode360.com/YE2061](http://ecode360.com/YE2061).

Let's work together to keep our Borough safe and beautiful!

Best regards,  
Yeadon Borough Code Department

Introducing Niphon Temple

## Meet Your New Code Enforcement Officer



Hello, I am Niphon Temple. I am grateful to serve the Yeadon borough and the community. I am truly honored and excited about this new position, as Code Enforcement Officer. As I have an extensive background as Delaware County HUD Housing inspector, and social services coordinator. I appreciate all your support and confidence in my abilities which has significantly impacted my success and professional development. My intention is to work with my fellow Borough Code Enforcement Officers, under direction of Borough Management, and Borough Council to assist in rectifying all issues and concerns to the best of my ability. While assisting Yeadon Borough property owners and local businesses maintain their property values with integrity, safety, and social empowerment.

Yeadon Tax Collector's Corner

## Tax Notes and Reminders



Thank you to everyone who joined the Tea and Tax Workshop on October 12, 2024! We shared important insights on veterans' benefits and addressed key taxpayer concerns. Your participation was invaluable.

In our next quarter's column, I'll be answering some frequently asked questions, so stay tuned! Reminder: If you haven't yet paid your 2024 taxes, please make sure to do so by December 31, 2024, to avoid any delinquent fees.

Yolonda Hughes, Tax Collector

## Mayor's Column

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ter version of ourselves in the maturation process as we reach the goal of becoming the person we really want to be.

So, my fellow Yeadonites, I don't know what you may be going through during this holiday season, and I don't know how you will ultimately celebrate or recognize this time of year when we tend to undertake many of these considerations. But let me encourage you as mayor to give some of these things some thought. Let us take inventory in finding the time to recommit ourselves to all our nobler motives and ideals. Let us seize the day (carpe diem) and seize the time so that we may become better family members, better friends, better neighbors, and a better version of ourselves that we wish to be.

May you enjoy a happy holiday season, and may you be particularly blessed during this New Year and all year through!

Blessings & Peace,  
Mayor Rohan Hepkins

# THE BEST OF YEADON



**BEST TEACHER**

*"There's no better way for me to serve than to teach the children where I live"*

- Renee Jackson  
Evans Elementary School

Read the Fall 2024 *The Best of Yeadon* interview with Renee Jackson at [yeadonborough.com](http://yeadonborough.com).

Have a suggestion for *The Best of Yeadon*? Email [bestof@yeadonborough.com](mailto:bestof@yeadonborough.com).

# Public Works News and Updates

As we transition from fall to winter, we want to take this opportunity to share some important updates and reminders from the Public Works Department.

## Leaf Collection Season is Wrapping Up!

As the leaves have changed and fallen, our annual leaf collection program is coming to an end. The final curbside leaf collection is wrapping up in December. If you missed the collection, leaves can be dropped off at our Public Works yard until December 30, 2024. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our streets clean and safe during this transition into winter.

## Good Housekeeping Outside Your Homes

In preparation for winter weather, we urge residents to take proactive steps in maintaining the exterior of their properties. Please secure any loose items in your yard, such as patio furniture and garden tools, to prevent them from becoming projectiles during storms. Additionally, we encourage everyone to clear gutters and downspouts to ensure proper drainage. If you see debris in front of the storm drain in front of your house, please contact Public Works or lend a helping hand.

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## Gearing Up for Winter Weather

As winter approaches, the Public Works Department is fully prepared to tackle the snow season. Plows and salt trucks are inspected and ready to ensure roads are safe and clear. Residents are encouraged to stay informed about snow removal procedures and parking restrictions by visiting [yeadonborough.com](http://yeadonborough.com), daily reports on Nextdoor, and our borough Facebook page.

## Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony

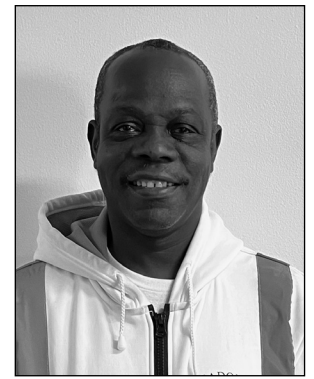
The annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony took place on Friday, December 6, at 7 pm at Yeadon Borough Hall. It was an evening filled with community spirit and joy as we celebrated the season together with Santa Claus.

## Celebrating Milestones of Service

We are proud to acknowledge and celebrate our dedicated employees who have reached significant milestones with the Public Works Department:



Oscar Lawrence



Arthur Wisseh

- **Oscar Lawrence:** Celebrating 10 years of outstanding commitment and hard work. Oscar's contributions have greatly enhanced our community, and we are grateful for his many years of service. Please join us in congratulating Oscar on this remarkable achievement!
- **Arthur Wisseh:** Celebrating 5 years of excellent service. Arthur's hard work and dedication are invaluable to our team. Thank you, Arthur, for being an essential part of our department!

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in keeping our community a safe and beautiful place to live. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

**Michael A Pozzuolo**  
 Superintendent  
 Public Works Department  
 610-623-3636  
[mposzuolo@yeadonborough.com](mailto:mposzuolo@yeadonborough.com)

## 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)

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

## Yeadon Borough Historical Commission News

### Historical Markers for:

- Graceland Cemetery
- Palmer House
- Site of Presidential Visit
- Yeadon High School
- Yeadon Movie Theater

Yeadon has a strong documented and undocumented historical significance, and its history should be preserved and made a part of public knowledge. Ye

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# Introducing Fire Chief Shaheed Summers

**With all the safer career choices out there, why firefighting and what was your motivation in being a Fire Chief?**

As long as I remember I've always wanted to be a firefighter. A lot of members on the squad had confidence in me and supported my efforts in the Chief role.

**For those who don't know, what exactly does a Fire Chief do?**

It's the highest-ranking role in the department, setting policies for the department, supervising training and creating fire protection strategies for Yeadon, and coordinating with the surrounding communities that we service.

**What are your biggest challenges as a relatively young Chief?**

Honestly, my biggest challenges come from trying to juggle life and family priorities. I'm a dad, love my family, and love serving this community. They often compete for time, but I'm honored to have the chance to be active in all of it.



**What would you say the biggest fire safety issue is in Yeadon?**

You'd be surprised how many people still don't install and check smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, and fire extinguishers. They're simple and cost-effective ways we can protect our homes and families. I encourage everyone this holiday season to make sure they have these and if they need, we can schedule a time to come out and assess your home's fire safety and make valuable fire safety recommendations.

## Council President

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As we welcome a new year, we remain committed to improving Yeadon for all residents. We are excited to share that we have secured millions in grants, which will enable us to continue our work on enhancing our infrastructure, revitalizing public spaces, and supporting local businesses. These grants reflect our dedication to moving Yeadon forward with both innovation and fiscal responsibility.

Here are some of our priorities moving into the new year with our grant money:

1. Improve infrastructure, including roads, parks, and public facilities.

2. Support local businesses and attract new ones, boosting our economy.
3. Enhance public safety measures to ensure a secure environment for all residents.
4. Maintain healthy initiatives, cultural, educational and recreational programs that enrich the lives of residents of all ages.

We are committed to using these resources wisely to benefit every resident, fostering growth while maintaining financial accountability.

I want to take a moment to apologize for the delay in publishing this edition of our quarterly newsletter. We know how much our residents have come to rely on its contents for timely and accurate community updates. Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as we continue to improve our

communication channels.

As we close this year and look forward to the next, I wish you all good health, happiness, and prosperity. Together, we will build on our progress, face challenges with determination, and ensure that Yeadon remains a vibrant and thriving community.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in our leadership. Let's keep Yeadon moving forward!

Warm regards,

**LaToya Monroe,**  
 Borough Council President

**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)

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

**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



**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.

**Movie Matinee for Youth** - 3rd Friday of each Month - 4:00 PM

**Game Day** - Fourth Friday of each month at 4:00 PM

**Black Saturday Extravaganza** - November 29, 2024

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](http://yeadonlibrary.org); call us at 610-623-4090; or email us at [yeadon@delcolibraries.org](mailto: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: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

## SPOTLIGHT ON YEADON BOROUGH ORDINANCES

### New Ordinance: Parking of Commercial, Heavy and Recreational Vehicles

Yeadon Borough has enacted **Ordinance No. 2024-007**, which amends Chapter 285-34 of the Yeadon Borough Code regarding the parking of commercial, heavy, and recreational vehicles on certain streets.

To improve safety and reduce visual obstructions, the ordinance prohibits parking vehicles over 80 inches wide, 20 feet long, or eight feet high in specific residential areas. Only passenger cars, family vans, motorcycles, and noncommercial vehicles under 5,000 pounds are permitted on these streets, except during active commercial service from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Emergency vehicle access and deliveries are exempt.

**KEY POINTS OF YEADON BOROUGH ORDINANCE NO. 2024-007:**

- 1. Commercial Vehicle Parking Restrictions**
  - Prohibits parking of commercial, heavy, and recreational vehicles on specified residential streets.
  - Applies to vehicles over 80 inches wide, 20 feet long, or eight feet high.
- 2. Permitted Vehicles**
  - Only passenger cars, family vans, motorcycles, and noncommercial vehicles under 5,000 pounds may park on these streets.
  - Exemptions include emergency vehicles, utility company vehicles on duty, and trucks making local deliveries.
- 3. Hours for Commercial Services**
  - Active commercial service vehicles can park from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
  - Emergency repair vehicles may park overnight while conducting repairs.
- 4. One-Day Exemptions**
  - A one-day exemption can be requested

from the Chief of Police.

- 5. Penalties**
  - Violations can result in fines up to \$100 and potential towing.

For full details, see **Ordinance No. 2024-007** or contact Yeadon Borough.

### Reminder: Abandoned Vehicle Ordinance

Residents are reminded that leaving abandoned vehicles on private property in the Borough for more than seven days is prohibited, except under specific conditions. To avoid penalties or towing, ensure your vehicle is:

- **Registered and Insured:** Vehicles must have current registration, inspection, and insurance where required.
- **Operable and Maintained:** Vehicles should be free of significant disrepair or disassembly and able to move on their own.
- **Free of Nuisance:** Vehicles covered by vegetation or visibly neglected may also be deemed abandoned, even if tarped.

Exceptions include vehicles kept within compliant enclosed buildings or those on business premises in lawful operation. Temporary repairs are permitted with Borough registration and a secured permit.

For questions or to review specific guidelines, refer to **Borough Code §220-63** or call the Code Enforcement Office regarding the prohibition of abandoned vehicles.

### Ordinance No. 2024-004

### Summary of New Smoke Shop Ordinance

The Yeadon Borough has passed Ordinance No. 2024-004 to regulate smoke shops and tobacco stores. This ordinance aims to protect public health and safety by setting standards for these businesses. Key points include:

- Smoke shops and tobacco stores cannot be located within 1000 feet of schools, parks, or other places where children gather.
- No smoking is allowed inside these shops.
- Minors are not permitted inside unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Shops must display clear signs indicating that minors cannot enter without an adult.
- Shops must maintain cleanliness and provide garbage cans at entryways.

Existing smoke shops can continue to operate but must comply with these new rules if they expand or change their business.

### Ordinance No. 2024-008

### New Ordinance on Vehicle Sales and Rentals

Yeadon Borough has enacted Ordinance 2024-008 to maintain the safety and cleanliness of our community. Here are the key points:

- **Prohibition:** No selling or renting vehicles on public streets or parking lots.
- **Fines:** Violations result in fines from \$100 to \$1,000 per day.
- **Immediate Effect:** The ordinance is now in effect.

Stay informed and help keep our borough clean and orderly. Thank you for your cooperation!

*Seasonal Safety in the Home and Beyond*

# Tips to Keep Your Family Safe This Winter

With winter just around the corner, now is the time to get ready for the colder months ahead. Preparing your home, car, and family for the winter season can help ensure your safety and comfort. Here are a few tips to get started:

**WINTERIZING YOUR HOME**

- **Check Your Smoke Alarms:** Insulate: Check windows and doors for drafts and add weatherstripping or insulation to keep your home warm and energy-efficient.
- **Inspect Heating Systems:** Schedule a furnace inspection to make sure it's running smoothly before the temperature drops.
- **Prepare for Storms:** Stock up on essential supplies like extra blankets, batteries, and non-perishable food items in case of a winter emergency.

**CAR WINTER PREP**

- **Check Your Tires:** Ensure your tires have proper tread for snow and ice. Consider switching to winter tires for better traction.
- **Emergency Kit:** Keep an emergency kit in your car with essentials like a flashlight, blankets, bottled water, and snacks.
- **Drive Cautiously:** Be mindful of slippery roads and always drive with extra caution during winter weather.

**PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS**

- **Dress Warmly:** Layer up with thermal clothing, scarves, gloves, and hats to stay warm when venturing outside.
- **Prevent Slips and Falls:** Salt your walkways and driveways to reduce ice buildup and avoid accidents.

- **Power Outages:** Prepare for potential power outages by having flashlights, batteries, and a first-aid kit readily available. As we head into the holiday season, we want to take a moment to wish you all a happy and joyous holiday.

May this season be filled with warmth, love, and cherished moments with family and friends. We also wish you a prosperous New Year, full of health, happiness, and success. Stay safe, stay warm, and enjoy this wonderful time of year!

## Thank You to Our Retirees

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Joeseph Wormley** and **Bonita Barnwell** for their dedicated years of service to Yeadon Borough. Your hard work, commitment, and passion have greatly contributed to the betterment of our community.

As you embark on this new chapter, know that your efforts have left a lasting impact, and you will always be remembered with appreciation and respect. Thank you for your unwavering dedication. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

# Yeadon 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**

**JULY 18, 2024**

**Motion to approve the Accounts Payable List for July 2024.**  
 Moved By: Councilor Peets  
 Seconded By: Councilor Trent  
**Motion Passed: Unanimous**

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

**Motion to approve the June Cash Balance Report.**  
 Moved By: Councilor Truehart  
 Seconded By: Vice President Roadcloud  
**Motion Passed: Unanimous**

**AUGUST 15, 2024**

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

**Motion to approve the July Cash Balance Report.**  
 Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
 Seconded By: Councilor Peets  
**Motion Passed: Unanimous**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

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

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

**OCTOBER 17, 2024**

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

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

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

**NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

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

**Motion to approve the October Cash Balance Report.**  
 Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
 Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
**Motion Passed: Unanimous**

**Motion to adopt the Final Budget for fiscal year 2025.**  
 Moved By: Vice President Roadcloud  
 Seconded By: Councilor Beaty  
**Motion Passed: Unanimous**