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## Hello Resident & Business Owner:

This is our third edition of "Hatboro Highlights", your Borough newsletter. We'd like to thank you for your interest, input and support. It helps make this newsletter a success.

And a success it is, as our second edition (fall-winter) has won recognition state-wide. The Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's (PSAB) and its official magazine, "The Borough News" has just awarded second place to "Hatboro Highlights" in the 2013 Borough News Annual Newsletter Contest.

Hatboro was recognized for this accomplishment and presented with this award during the awards recognition luncheon held recently during the PSAB annual conference.

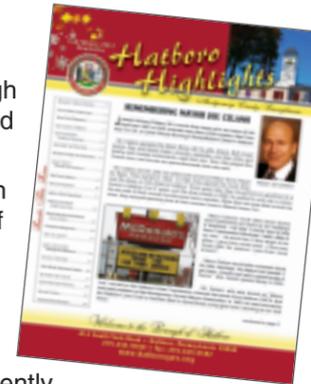
The Community Relations/Public Relations Committee of Councilmen Hegele and Rich are always looking for more ways to better improve Borough communications. We have a couple of new ideas we will be looking at in the future.

With 67 counties in Pennsylvania and 960 Boroughs, this is quite an honor. We'd like to thank the residents and business of Hatboro for their support and like to thank Hatboro Council for their support of our newsletter concept. Also many thanks to Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele for her work in producing the newsletter and Hometown Press for their assistance with advertisements, which helps offset the costs.

The Borough Council of Hatboro is pleased to distribute the 2013 Summer Newsletter. We hope that you keep the newsletter in a convenient place and find the information it contains to be helpful.



This publication is meant to serve as a guide for the many services offered to our residents. Borough Council welcomes your attendance at our public meetings. Your participation and opinions are always important to us. Enjoy your summer.



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There will be no trash collection on the following holidays:

- New Years Day
- Good Friday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

In addition to the above dates, the Hatboro Administrative Office is closed on:

- Martin Luther King Day
- Presidents Day
- Flag Day

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

Borough Hall	215-443-9100	UMHJSA	215-659-3975
Tax Collector	215-675-4010	Union Library	215-672-1420
Public Works	215-675-1454	Chamber of Commerce	215-956-9540
Hatboro Police	215-675-2832 (non-emergency)	Aqua of PA	1-800-711-4779
Hatboro Police	215-675-4400 (calls for police response)	Comcast Cable	1-800-Comcast
Enterprise Fire Co.	215-675-4040 (non-emergency)	Verizon	1-800-Verizon
Fire & Ambulance	911 (Emergency)	PECO	1-800-494-4000 (Customer Service)
District Court	215-957-5935	PECO	1-800-841-4141 (Emergencies)
Hatboro Memorial Pool	215-674-5519	PA 1 Call	1-800-242-1776



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Borough Council would like to thank all the citizens of the Borough of Hatboro who serve their community. Many residents and business owners volunteer many selfish hours to make Hatboro a better place to live and work. Thank you!



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### Borough Directory

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Joseph Reading, *Fire Marshal*

### PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE** – 2nd Monday at 7:00 PM (check for changes due to holidays)

**COUNCIL MEETING** – 4th Monday at 7:00 PM (check for changes due to holidays)

**BOROUGH AUTHORITY** – 1st Wednesday at 6:30 PM

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – 1st Tuesday of Each Month (if necessary) at 7:00 PM

**ZONING HEARING BOARD** – 3rd Wednesday of Each Month (if necessary) at 7:00 PM

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN BOROUGH HALL** and are open to the public.

If a meeting needs to be changed or postponed information will be posted on the website and the community channel.

### BOROUGH STAFF HAPPENINGS

*Welcome new employees to the Hatboro Family:*

**Administration Office:** Sharon Wurst & Joanne Duff

**Police Department:** Officer Ryan Allen

Operations Clerk: Robert Molloy

Crossing Guard: Joanne Tompkins

**Diane Hegele:** Assistant Borough Secretary recently was chosen to serve as Secretary of the Montgomery County Borough's Association.

**Detective Sgt. Goold, Officer Grady and Mayor Hawkes** recently went back to school. They were seen in third grade sharing their roles and responsibilities as community leaders. The Borough heard the kids were very excited and enjoyed the visit.

Congratulations to **Det. Sgt. Goold, Sgt. Ruegg, Chief Gardner and Officer Valleley** on a recent award from Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Ferman's Office.



## RESTORING THE LUKENS CLOCK



The Loller Academy

**Judge Robert Loller, teacher, surveyor, soldier and jurist**

Robert Loller was born in Horsham and resided in Hatboro at the time of his death. His residence was at the south end of the village on a small farm and his stone home faced York Road. During his life, he was a teacher, surveyor, soldier and jurist. As a young man, he taught school in Horsham and later became a

surveyor. When the Revolutionary War began, he took the path of patriot and was chosen one of the deputies of the county (Philadelphia) to frame and adopt a new state constitution. Soon after, he joined the army of Washington, and took part in the battles of Trenton, Princeton and Germantown. He became a Colonel and served as a paymaster at Valley Forge. Loller took part in the formation of Montgomery County and moved to Hatboro, where he became a member of the Union Library in 1787. He was a member of the State Assembly and also was one of the first associate judges of Montgomery County, serving for many years. Loller's property in Hatboro adjoined that of his close friend Nathaniel B. Boileau who was also a member of the State Assembly and who was to be named the executor of Loller's estate.

Judge Robert Loller died in 1808. Having no children, he left instructions in his will, after small bequests were granted, that the remainder of his estate go to his executor; "Nathaniel Boileau, his heirs and assigns, forever in trust for the only use, intent and purpose to erect a suitable building for an academy or seminary of learning which shall be called by my name". The will also went on to say that it could be "either on my own land or elsewhere provided the same be within one mile of the center of Hatboro, and such place as he may think most suitable". Further "and after defraying the expenses of erecting the said building, direct the residue of the incomes and profits of my estate, real and personal, for the purpose of keeping up said building in repair and paying the salaries of such teacher or teachers as the trustees of said institution may from time to time employ". Also "and for no other use intent or purpose whatsoever, and in order that the said bequest herein before made for the purpose of establishing the said academy or seminary of learning maybe secured and perpetuated, and for that purpose forever, I will order it to be incorporated as soon as convenient". Nathaniel Boileau chose to build Loller Academy on the judge's own property, next to his own and from there over-saw its construction beginning in 1811 and completed in 1812 at a cost of more than \$11,000.00. When

first built, the Loller Academy was a substantial two-story stone building, sixty-one by forty-two feet topped with a cupola containing a clock, built by Isaiah Lukens, and bell. The judge's home was used as a residence for the headmaster, teachers, and later boarding students. Its last use was for the caretaker. Loller Academy was opened and incorporated by an act of the legislature, February 12, 1812; it became the thirty-fifth academy chartered since the settlement of Pennsylvania. On final settlement of the estate, after the cost for building, there remained an annual income from the endowment for its support of two hundred and eighty-three dollars.

### Nathaniel Boileau Statesman

Nathaniel Boileau was born in the Hatboro area in 1762 and died in 1850. He received his early education in Hatboro's first school thereafter attending Princeton University, (then known as the College of New Jersey). He was to become one of the most influential men in Hatboro's history as well as the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. While deeply involved in the business of the state and country, he also served an active and very visible roll in the affairs of Hatboro. He built his home next to his friend, Robert Loller, between 1795 and 1800. And it was into his capable hands his friend Robert Loller entrusted his estate and the erection of the Loller Academy. Nathaniel Boileau served as a trustee for Loller Academy until his death in 1850.

### Isaiah Lukens Clockmaker & Inventor

Isaiah Lukens was born in Horsham Township August 4th 1779. He was the son of Seneca Lukens, a clock maker and farmer and a good friend of Elizabeth Grame Ferguson. Isaiah's uncles John and Peter Lukens were two founders of The Union Library of Hatboro. The family descended from Jan Lukens, a German immigrant who came to Pennsylvania before 1696, and were known as philosophers, mathematicians and inventors. Few families did more to encourage literature and promote a love for knowledge among the people during the colonial period of Pennsylvania than they. Isaiah Lukens was first schooled in his father's house, where he received a common English education. Through further diligent



Isaiah Lukens

study, he acquired a profound knowledge of the sciences. He learned clock making from his father, and the excellence of the workmanship of his highstanding clocks, spread far beyond Horsham. This formed the basis of his later reputation. He made the clock in Loller Academy's tower, his first tower clock, in 1812 and a similar clock in the State-House steeple in 1828. We have found from Tower Clock Installation Records Based on

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The guidelines for safely transporting Household Hazardous Waste to collection sites are as follows:

1. Keep all products in original containers with labels intact if possible.
2. Wrap leaking containers in newspaper and place in a plastic bag or garbage container.
3. Make sure all lids and caps are tight.
4. Place items securely in a box for transport. Use newspaper or cardboard as filler.
5. Place chemicals, which will react with one another, in separate parts of the vehicle.
6. DO NOT leave materials in hot, unventilated area for long periods of time.
7. DO NOT SMOKE NEAR CHEMICALS



This program is funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WEST NILE VIRUS (WNV)

Steps you can take around your home to help prevent the breeding of mosquitoes:

- WNV is a disease that is spread by infected mosquitoes. The best defense against WNV is eliminating sources of standing water in your yard where mosquitoes may lay eggs. Fill, cover or remove any items that can trap water.
- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers that have collected on your property.
- Pay special attention to discarded tires.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors



- Have clogged roof gutters cleaned every year, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains.

- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and don't let water stagnate in birdbaths.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish.
- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools when not in use.

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# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

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## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.**

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **15 minutes** before re-lighting it.

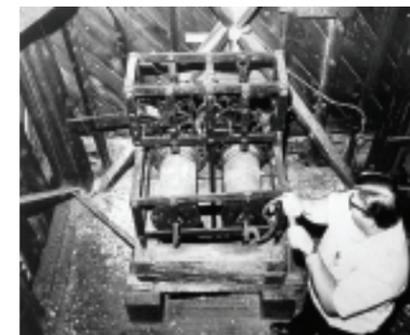
## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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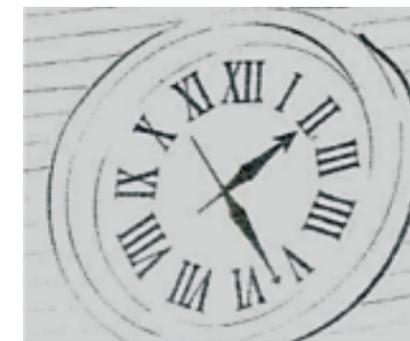
Early American Tower Clocks by Frederick M. Shelley the following list of Isaiah Lukens Clocks: Hatboro Pa. tower clock Loller Academy 1812, Philadelphia Pa. tower clock Head House Market 1819, Philadelphia Pa. tower clock Second National Bank 1820, Camden South Carolina tower clock Town Clock 1824, Norfolk Virginia tower clock Church 1827, Philadelphia Pa. tower clock Independence Hall 1828, West Chester Pa. tower clock Town Clock 1837, and York Pa. tower clock Court House 1837. It is said he was paid three thousand dollars for his tower clocks. In his youth, his mechanical skill showed itself in constructing windmills for pumping water, air guns of improved construction (one of which he presented to the Lewis and Clark expedition) and other ingenious machines. While a young man, he traveled to Europe, spending time in England, France and Germany where he visited the greatest objects of interest, particularly those involving a high degree of mechanical knowledge. Isaiah finally settled in Philadelphia, there becoming a member of several literary and scientific institutions. He became one of the founding members and a vice-president of the Franklin Institute. Lukens died in Philadelphia November 12th 1864.



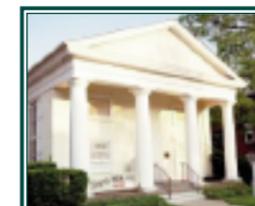
Winding the Lukens Clock

**The Isaiah Lukens Clock**  
From an advertisement in The Philadelphia Inquirer of 1863, we have found the only known description of an Isaiah Lukens Tower Clock (called a Turret Clock). "A large Eight-day Turret Clock, made by the late celebrated Isaiah Lukens. It is of the most superior quality and workmanship, exhibiting the highest perfection of mechanical skill and knowledge. The clock is

similar to the one in the State House steeple, Philadelphia, but of larger size, and we believe was originally intended by Mr. Lukens for the city of Washington, the price of which was to have been \$3,500.00. It is suitable for a church, town hall or other public building having a large dome or steeple and will be a valuable acquisition to any city or town in which it may be located. The following is a description of the clock: Eight-day striking Turret Clock, Drop weight 61 feet, Length of pendulum, 16 feet, Size of movement 5 feet by 4 feet, Maintaining power: Weight of pendulum ball, 203 pounds, Weight of time, 103 pounds, Weight of striking, 105 pounds, Wooden rod, dead beat escapements, jewelry planets, brass wheels, gearing for dials, framework and hammer for bell: the whole clock complete for putting up." Though there maybe some slight differences between this clock and the one in the Loller Academy it is felt it best describes a Lukens Tower Clock such as the one in The Loller Academy.



**Your help is urgently needed**  
The Isaiah Lukens Clock Restoration Committee, respectfully requests your donation to help in the restoration of this valued part of Hatboro's past. The total amount needed for the restoration of the Lukens Clock is projected at \$50,000. Large or small your donation will help to make this happen. All funds over and above restoration costs will be applied to a fund to perpetually take care of the clock in the future. Please consider a donation of \$500. and up. Send all donations to: The Lukens Clock Restoration Committee, P.O. Box 506 Hatboro, Pa 19040. All donations are fully tax deductible.



## Union Library of Hatboro

[www.hatborogov.org/library](http://www.hatborogov.org/library)

The Union Library of Hatboro is located at 243 S. York Road, in Hatboro. Our hours are Mon. 1-5, Tues.-Thurs, 10-8, Fri. 10- 5 and Sat. 10-5 in the winter and 10-2 in the summer.

The library offers many adult programs included but not limited to Afternoon Book Discussion Group, War Stories, Yoga Classes, Coupon Clipper Club and Afternoon Movie Matinee.

New for 2013 is Senior Spaces Rooms – "The Next Page" this is for 55+ events.

Children's programs include but are not limited to preschool story time, baby lapsit program, toddler time and playgroup.

The library is bustling in the summer too, with summer reading club and science in the summer.

For more information contact the library, visit the website or like us on Facebook.



Watch for our Fall Book Sale in September.

The Library is in the process of making the Library available for rent as a unique space to hold both private and corporate events, call for details.

Our slogan winner was Ava McKinney "Plug Into A Book"

## TAX OFFICE NEWS



**H**atboro Horsham School District Tax bills have been mailed and are due by September 3rd for Discount – October 31st for Face.

The tax office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 -12:00 & 1:00 -3:00 PM

Please note that Borough staff cannot answer questions concerning individual tax bills.

Homestead Exemption Information: \$9760.00 equates for a reduction of \$251.96 per property qualifying for the homestead reduction. If you reside in your primary residence you qualify for the homestead exemption. To check to see if you are receiving the exemption it will be noted on your school tax bill. If you are not registered visit [www.montgopa.org/Board of Assessment page](http://www.montgopa.org/Board of Assessment page) to get registration form.

Please call 215-675-4010 for information or questions.



### TRI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

**2015** will be celebrated as a milestone year for the Borough of Hatboro as we will mark the 300th birthday of Hatboro Borough. Planning a yearlong celebration will be half the fun. Needless to say, it takes a huge effort on the part of a lot of people to make this a successful event. If you would like to be a part of the Tri-centennial Committee, we welcome your ideas, your energy and your participation. To volunteer or get more information, please mail your letter of interest to Borough of Hatboro, Tri-centennial Committee at 414 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040 or email to [info@hatborogov.org](mailto:info@hatborogov.org).

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## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT: REDUCE THE RUNOFF

In the past, stormwater management emphasized removing water quickly from land to prevent flooding, but that sent large volumes of water rushing into local streams. This quickly eroded stream banks, muddying the water in our streams and changing the shape of the waterways. Fast moving stormwater picks up more pollution from our lawns, farms and roads, turning creeks and aquatic habitats into open storm sewers. The key to proper stormwater management is slowing the rate of this runoff. This allows enough time for rainwater to sink into the ground rather than running into storm drains.

Installing a rain barrel on your downspout is an easy way to keep rain on your property. These containers collect and store rain water to be used for watering plants, cleaning yard equipment, or topping off a swimming pool. If collected in a rain barrel, storm- water can be released slowly, giving it time to seep into the soil. Rain barrels save money on household water use, provide plants with soft water, (free of chlorine, lime or calcium), conserve water for use during drought, and can be designed to fit in nicely with your house and landscaping.

A rain garden is a great way to reduce runoff and add beautiful native plants to your property, rain gardens are graded slightly to collect several inches of stormwater, allowing time for the water to be absorbed by the soil or used by the plants. Both of these natural processes filter the water, and prevent it from becoming polluted stormwater runoff. Rain gardens recharge our groundwater resources and attract butterflies, beneficial insects and other wildlife. By using rain gardens other stormwater management techniques at home, we can have a huge cumulative effect on the quality and quantity of our drinking water.



## WASHING THE CAR CAN BE LOTS OF FUN! It can even benefit your lawn and save our streams!

Did you know?

- Soapy runoff from vehicle washing enters storm drains and flows untreated into local streams
- Detergent levels as low as 0.1 ppm can harm wildlife and negatively impact drinking water and supplies
- Even biodegradable detergents contain surfactants which can harm fish
- Tap water from running hoses contains enough chlorine to kill fish in local streams
- Use a commercial car wash whenever possible. They typically use half the water, and treat and reuse the water before discharging it to sanitary sewers



If use of a commercial car wash is not possible, please follow these precautions:

- Park the car on the grass so the grass will soak up the water and break down the soap and absorb any phosphates for use as fertilizer
- Use protective measures to redirect water onto grass and to block nearby storm drains
- Use a bucket of wash water with minimal detergent or plain water with sponges and towels, not a running hose, to wash and rinse the car
- Use a high-pressure, low-volume hose with a trigger nozzle to refill the bucket
- Do not allow hose to run freely on the pavement

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- Splash Zone Water Park (Wildwood, NJ)
- Regal Movie Tickets



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## ATTENTION RESIDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Borough of Hatboro Office of Emergency Management is asking all residents in Hatboro, **who are in need of assistance or have a special needs in the event of an emergency** to call Fred Zollers, Emergency Management Coordinator or Diane Hegele at Borough Hall; 215-443-9100 to provide information or residents may also have a form sent to them to fill out.

The Emergency Services personnel of the Borough of Hatboro which includes Police, Fire, Ambulance, Fire Marshal and Emergency Management personnel maintain a listing of residents with special needs. Some examples of special needs would include but are not limited to residents on oxygen, dialysis, have a vision or hearing impairment, handicapped or have difficulty walking and need assistance in getting around in the event of an emergency, disaster or extended loss of power. If you want to register or are not sure you meet the requirements, please call Borough Hall and someone will assist you.

## BUX-MONT MEALS ON WHEELS

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 414 S. York Road, 2nd Floor • Hatboro, PA 19040  
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## MAIN STREET HATBORO MAKES HISTORIC PLEDGE

A \$5,000 pledge from Main Street Hatboro, \$2,500 from the Main Street Hatboro Board and \$2,500 from the Main Street Hatboro Model Train Show Committee goes towards the historic Loller Academy Clock Tower Restoration.

"Such a significant, historic artifact within our community is a worthy cause and point of pride for Hatboro. This noteworthy clock, built by Isaiah Lukens, friend of Benjamin Franklin and co-founder of the Franklin Institute helps to glorify Hatboro's historic past," remarked Bob Johnston, Main Street Hatboro Board President.

In other news, Main Street Hatboro's revitalization efforts have boosted the Borough's commercial occupancy rate to 98% up from 76% two years ago. Entire blocks that were previously empty are now full. Millions of dollars of new investment and hundreds of new jobs have come to Hatboro," commented Stephen Barth, Main Street Manager.



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## CODE ENFORCEMENT

In January 2013 the Borough contracted with Code Inspections of Horsham for all permitting and inspections. Permits, fees and inspection scheduling is still done by Borough Staff. Residents are asked to please submit permit applications for work being done in a timely fashion and allow 7 to 14 days for processing. This time is dependant upon the work being done, if you have a question about the permit process contact Borough Hall.



**Dog owners** are reminded that their four legged friends must be leashed at all times and you are required to pick up after them and dispose of the waste properly.

A reminder that **property owners** must maintain their lawns to keep Hatboro looking beautiful. Remember, your grass should not exceed 6" in height. Trees and shrubs should not overhang in the right-of-way (roads and sidewalks).

Hatboro Borough property owners are reminded that the maintenance of all sidewalks and curbing situated on their property is the responsibility of the property owner. Contractors or property owners performing the work are required to obtain a Road Opening Permit from the Borough prior to the beginning of any repair.

**Notice to Owners of Rental Properties:** Hatboro Borough Ordinances require the owner (landlord) of a rental property to notify the Borough of the names and other information about tenants occupying those properties. Please contact Borough Hall at 215-443-9100 and register your rental property, pay the rental permit fees and schedule an inspection of your rental property.

**Prohibited Signs:** The Borough Zoning Code prohibits specific types of signs in all zoning districts. Signs attached to trees, utility poles, streetlights or placed on any public property or public right of way are prohibited.

**Sign Permits:** The Borough of Hatboro is asking all business owners to please contact Borough Hall and ascertain zoning requirements for signs before ordering or entering into an agreement for a sign.

**Crosswalks:** Hatboro Borough has several pedestrian crossings in the Borough. Travelers should be aware that these crossings mean drivers must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. If you see a pedestrian in the crosswalk please yield and allow pedestrians to safely cross the street.

**School Crossings:** Hatboro Borough employs 5 School Crossing Guards, although school is not in session currently, in September when traveling Hatboro roadways, if you observe a school crossing or a school crossing guard please observe the posted speed limit.

**Dog Licenses:** Under Pennsylvania law, all dogs must have a license, which is available from the County Treasurer or registered agents. Not only does a dog license provide valuable, traceable information if a dog is lost, but income from the sale of licenses supports the state Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement Office. This agency ensures the welfare of dogs and puppies in commercial breeding kennels, regulates dangerous dogs, and oversees annual licensure and rabies vaccination for dogs.



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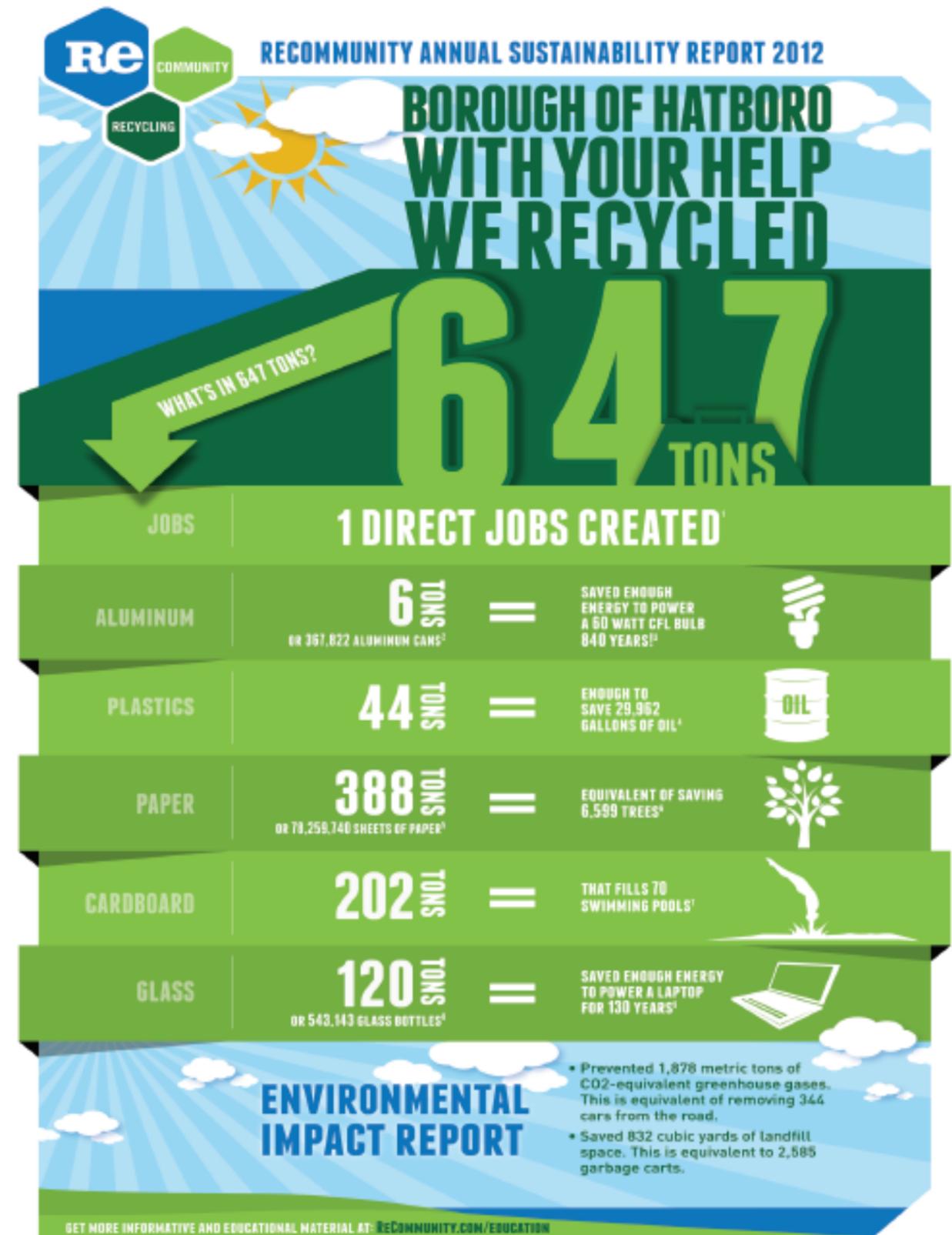


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NOTICE TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS

ATTENTION VETERANS

The Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds office is offering a free Veterans Photo ID that upon presentation at participating businesses in Montgomery County will entitle you to a discount. A list of participating businesses can be found on our website [www.montcopa.org/rod](http://www.montcopa.org/rod).

If you are interested in obtaining a Photo ID please bring your DD214 (Military Discharge) and a current driver's license or other photo ID to our office 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM. Veterans who have already had their DD214 recorded in Montgomery County just need to bring their current driver's license or other photo ID and we will issue you your Veterans Photo ID.

The Recorder of Deeds office is located at One Montgomery Plaza, 3rd Floor, Suite 303, Norristown. Parking is free for Veterans in the garage under the building. Please call 610-278-3294 if you have any questions or would to verify that your DD214 has been recorded in Montgomery County.



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HOW TO RESPOND WHEN  
AN ACTIVE SHOOTER IS IN YOUR VICINITY

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember that customers and clients are likely to follow the lead employees and managers during an active shooter situation.

1. Evacuate

If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to:

- Have an escape route and plan in mind
- Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow
- Leave your belongings behind
- Help others escape, if possible
- Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be
- Keep your hands visible
- Do not attempt to move wounded people
- Call 911 when you are safe



2. Hide Out

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you.

Your hiding place should:

- Be out of the active shooter's view
- Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction. (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door)
- Not trap you or restrict your options for movement

To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding space:

- Lock the door
- Blockade the door with heavy furniture

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# Hatboro Police Department



**B**eware of Driveway Scams: For most people the warm weather and sunshine bring to mind many pleasant activities. Unfortunately, an unpleasant, expensive scheme has also become synonymous with the summer season: Driveway sealing and repavement scams. A workman might come to your door asking if you would like to have your driveway done. They may say there were doing a job in the area had had some material leftover, and can do your driveway for a low price. Later, after you pay them and they are gone, you start to notice problems. Either the coating starts to dry and you find out that the workers just wet the driveway down and really nothing was done, or they used some kind of oil product that you end up tracking into your home or they do not complete the job and never return to finish. Most of these businesses are not registered, do not get permits and don't give their address or telephone number.

To help protect residents from falling prey to this type of scam, the Police Department recommends being on alert for contractors claiming they have "left-over materials" – probably the greatest indicator of a scam. Most reputable contractors calculate materials carefully for a job and rarely have leftovers enough to do another entire job. Other things to look out for are fancy looking, well maintained trucks with small asphalt rollers and other equipment carried on light utility type trailers, as well as drag-box spreaders that pull behind the truck. And lastly, avoid contractors who give bids by the gallon (for sealant) or ton (asphalt); these are also hallmarks of a scam in the works. Residents should find out if the contractor is a member of a professional association with standards, the contractor is register with the Commonwealth of PA Attorney General's Office, ask for

references and check them, never pay in full in advance and never pay in cash. In addition, verify that the contractor has both liability and worker's compensation insurance. Most importantly, use your common sense. If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

### Do Not Hesitate to Call

Borough residents and property owners are strongly encouraged to call the police department whenever they see anything suspicious. The Police Department depends on resident awareness to help fight crime. Many crimes are solved because of a resident's phone call. If anything looks out of the ordinary, please call 9-1-1 and let the police investigate.

### Neighborhood Notice

The Police Department is continuing to increase traffic enforcement in our neighborhoods, please remember to obey stop signs and speed limits while driving. Summer means more children at play and more pedestrian activity.

### Solicitation

The Borough Ordinances establishes standards for peddling and soliciting which are intended to protect the privacy and safety of Borough residents. You may choose to prohibit commercial peddlers from approaching your home by posting a sign which reads "No Peddling or Soliciting" in a reasonably visible location. There are certain non-profit groups, which are exempt from this regulation due to protection by federal law, including political and religious organizations. The Borough Police Department issues solicitation permits for solicitors, a legitimate organization will have a police issued permit on their person.



Crossing Guards Eleanor Rose, Dorothy Schupeltz and Eleanor Winner being sworn in by Burgess Williams (Mayor), Police Chief Dudbridge and Public Safety Chair Harvord Jones.



Hatboro's newest police officer Ryan Allen.

## National Night Out

August 9, 2013:

Hatboro Police and the Hatboro Chamber of Commerce invite all residents to attend the 2nd annual National Night Out celebration on August 9, 2013 along York Road.

This is a free event and is a great family fun event. There will be police vehicles, fire trucks, crime prevention information, and meet members of the Hatboro Police Department and Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro, along with other surprises.

National Night out against Crime is a time when citizens and police of Hatboro Borough join together with thousands of other communities nationwide to celebrate building safe neighborhoods.

For more information of Hatboro's National Night Out 2013, contact Chief Gardner at Hatboro Police Department: (215) 675-2832 or Hatboro Chamber of Commerce at 215-956-9540.

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## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### RESOLVE TO DO 1 THING

The office of Emergency Management challenges residents to resolve to do one thing a month to become better prepared for emergencies. This month, we are asking residents to assess their risks: that is, think about how your household would be affected by a disaster. For example: do you have children in your home? Are you a caregiver for someone inside or outside of your home? Do you have pets?

Each home and living situation presents its own challenges. A disaster changes things, ATM machines and gas pumps may not be working. Stores maybe closed. Public Transportation, phones and cell phones, internet may not be available for several days. Do you have what you need to take care of yourself for at least three days? If you work at home how will you protect or replace important business records or inventory? Do you have enough insurance for both business and personal property?

There are answers to all of these questions. Understanding your risk can help you design an emergency plan that fits your household's needs.

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit the Office of Emergency Preparedness website at [www.pema.state.pa.us](http://www.pema.state.pa.us)

## PennDOT Yellow DOT and Emergency Contact Information Programs

This is a new PennDOT program that alerts first responders to medical conditions and emergency contact information for those involved in traffic accidents that maybe injured and unable to communicate. To register for this program, visit [www.yellowdot.pa.gov](http://www.yellowdot.pa.gov)



The Borough has free smoke detectors. If you do not have one and need one, please contact Borough Hall at 215-443-9100.

