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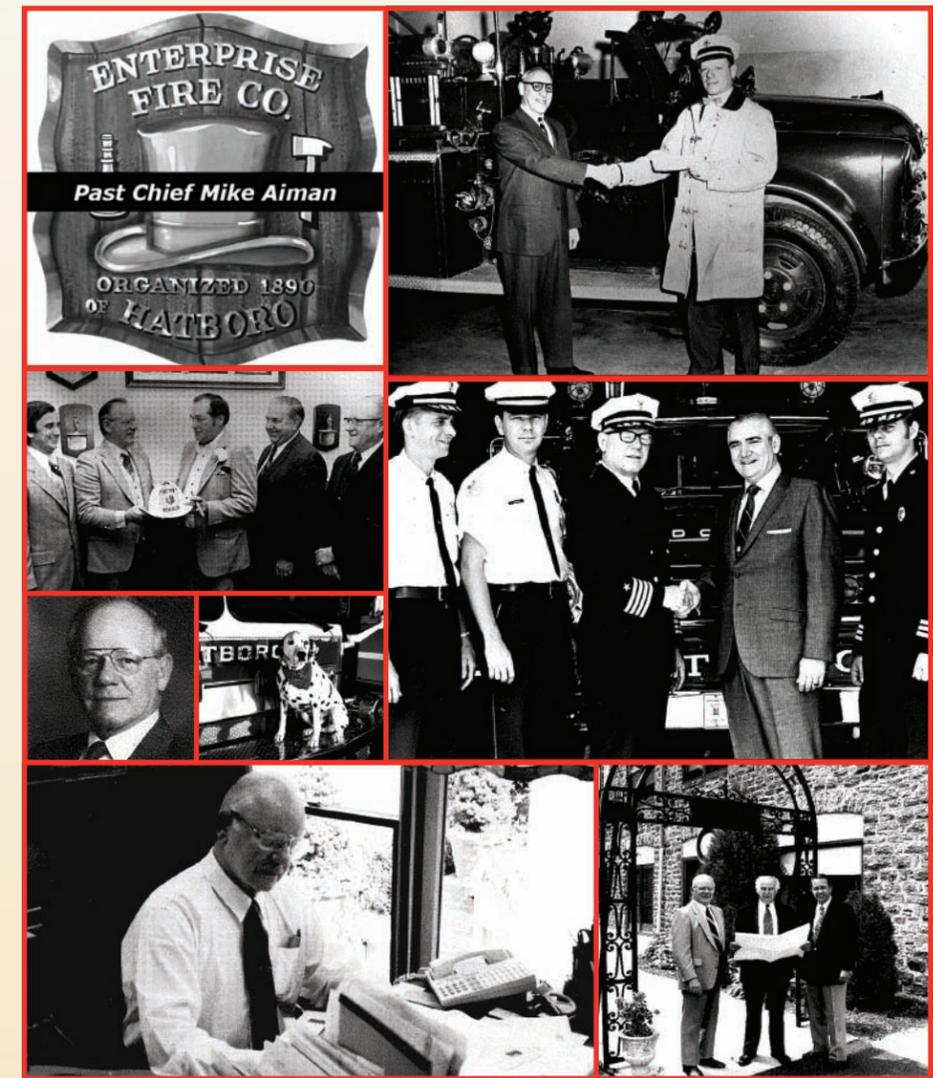
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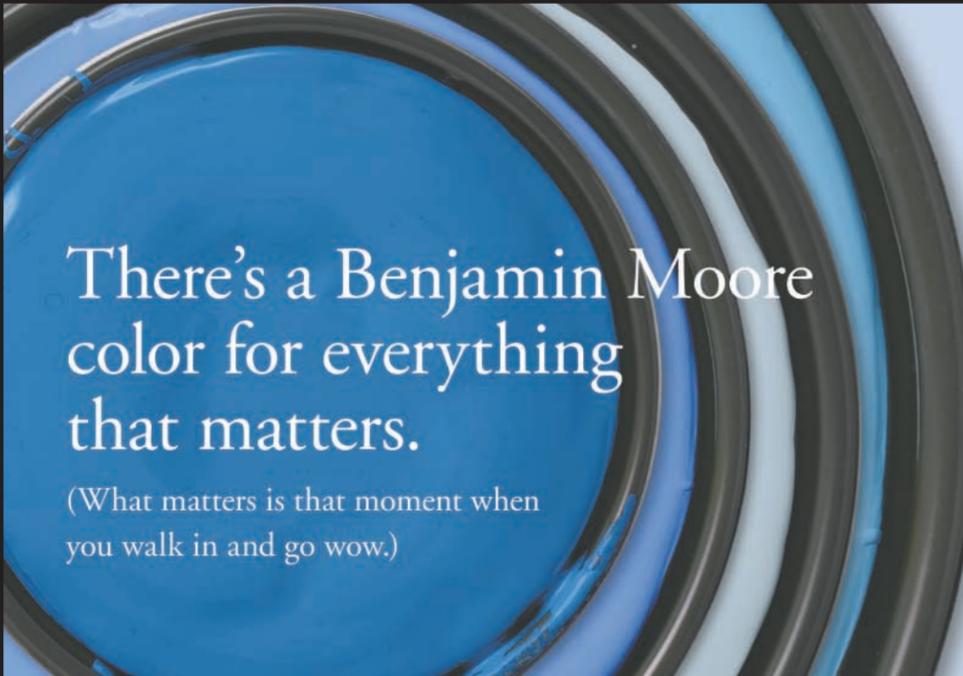


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EMERGENCY: 9-1-1

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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
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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		



Celebrating Hatboro's 300th

Borough Ball
Saturday February 28, 2015
 at
Spring Mill Manor

The Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce hosts this Bi-annual event. In 2015 the celebration will not only be about Hatboro turning 300 years old, but also the event will honor the many organizations and individuals who have contributed to the community and to local businesses. All are welcome to attend.

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.**

BOROUGH of HATBORO Borough Holidays

- 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

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Borough Directory

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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

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



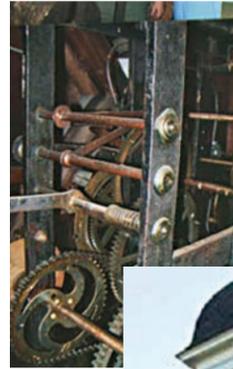
Borough Council

Seated L to R – Mayor Hawkes, President John Zygmunt – Member Dave Rich
Standing L to R – Marty Palmer, Bob Hegele, Mark Sheedy, Vice President Bill Tompkins, Tom Harbaugh

NEWS RELEASE

HATBORO TOWER CLOCK RESTORATION TO BEGIN

HATBORO, PA – Restoration of the Lukens Clock on the Borough Hall tower will begin soon. On October 7th, a contract was signed, employing Winships' Pieces of Time for the work.



Borough Manager Fred Zollers and Keith Winship executed the document that completes the planning since 2008 to effect the clock's restoration. It marks the successful completion of the funding effort needed, initially estimated at \$50,000. The support of the public, businesses and the Keystone Historic Preservation Grant of matching funds achieved the objective. The Millbrook Society coordinated the effort in this first phase of the project, with the assistance of Representative Thomas P. Murt and his staff.



According to Charles H. Roche, who spear-headed the project's inception, a second phase of fund raising is needed to produce additional educational materials about the clock and work, with a remainder-in-trust for future maintenance.

Mr. Winship hopes to have the clock ready for re-dedication in 2015 for the Borough's Tri-Centennial year long celebration.

Further information may be available from Borough Historian David T. Shannon Jr., (215.957.4877) and L. R. Magaha, President of the Millbrook Society (215.957.4877).

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For volunteer information or to refer someone to Meals on Wheels, please call 215-443-9784.

REMINDER FOR DRIVERS



Texting While Driving

Residents are reminded that texting while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited. This includes sending, receiving or reading a text-based communication while the vehicle in motion. You can be ticketed for this offense.



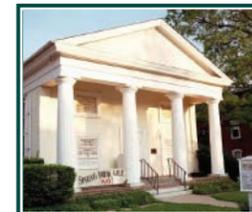
Wearing Headphones While Driving

Residents are reminded that no driver shall operate a vehicle while wearing one or more headphones or earphones. This law does not prohibit the use of hearing aids or other devices for improving the hearing of the driver, nor does it prohibit the use of a headset in conjunction with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one ear and allow surrounding sounds to be heard with the other ear. Remember to refrain from use of ipods, radios and CD players with headphones, while operating a vehicle. Fines are applicable for this offense.



Remember to always wear your seat belt and do not drink and drive. It is the law.

The Hatboro Police Department wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



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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.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

(September through May)

• **PRESCHOOL STORYTIME:**

Tuesday, 1:30

• **BABY & ME:** Thursday, 10:30

• **TODDLER TIME:** Friday, 10:30

• **LEGO CLUB:** First Thursday of the month at 4:00



SPECIAL EVENTS

Third Annual

"Take Your Child to the Library Day"
Saturday, February 7, 2015

The Hatboro Union Library will be taking part in "Take Your Child To The Library Day" on Saturday February 7, 2015. The library will offer fun activities for children and their families to participate in while they visit the library. It's a great time for children to get their first library card! It's also a great day for families to rediscover their community library and all it has to offer.

Activities will be taking place from 11-3.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

• **AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB:**

First Wednesday of the Month at 2:00



• **SEATED YOGA:** First Wednesday of the of the month at 6:30



• **WAR STORIES SPEAKER SERIES:**

First Wednesday of the of the month at 7:00

• **COUPON CLIPPERS:**

First Thursday of the month at 7:00

• **MOVIE MATINEE:** Second Thursday of the month



• **YOGA 2nd, 3rd, 4th:** Wednesday of the of the month at 6:30

• **NIMBLE NEEDLERS:** Tuesday, 6:30



• **ONE ON ONE TECH HELP:** Second & Fourth Wednesday of the month

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Snow & Ice Removal (Borough Code of Ordinances: 1005, Section 21-302)

Borough of Hatboro Ordinance requires the owner, occupant, or tenant of every property in the Borough to remove snow and ice from sidewalks 24 hours following the cessation of a storm. Compliance with Snow & Ice Removal is extremely important for pedestrians and emergency services. Please shovel your sidewalks!!!

Plowing Procedures

The Borough Public Works Department works tirelessly to restore roads to drivable condition following a snow storm. Plowing begins once snow accumulation reaches two inches in depth. During heavy snow storms, Borough crews must maintain access on the main roads continuously. The following roads will be plowed continuously to provide access to emergency vehicles:

- York Road
- Horsham Road
- Montgomery Avenue
- County Line Road
- Byberry Road
- Moreland Avenue
- Jacksonville Road
- Warminster Road

We ask residents to please be patient with our crews; we will make sure that we get to every street in the Borough.

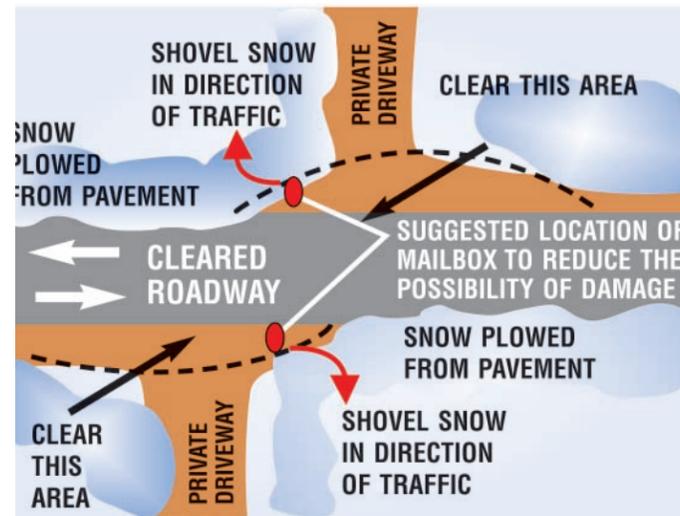
The public works department is asking for residents to remove parked vehicles from the street during a snow event, parking in your driveway allows our crews to fully clear your street.

If you live on a snow emergency route, if a snow emergency is declared you must remove your vehicle from the street or it will be towed.

Snow Shoveling Tip to avoid being plowed in

While shoveling driveways, the Borough of Hatboro Public Works Department asks residents not to pile snow in the public roadways, rather place the removed snow to the left of your driveway when facing the house. This will keep residents from being plowed in when crews commence their activities. It is impossible to keep snow from being deposited in driveways and sidewalks. For safety and efficiency, plows cannot be lifted at driveways.

Also please remove all Basketball nets from the Right of Way. These are not permitted in the right of way and may be damaged during snow collection efforts; the Borough will not be responsible for any damages to basketball nets.



Responsibility for Removal of Snow and Ice from Sidewalks.

Every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, fire hydrant, handicapped ramp, and/or curb cut whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed or cleared away, snow and/or ice from a path of at least 36 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk, fire hydrant, handicapped ramp, and/or curb cut as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land.

- A. Except as provided in paragraph .B hereof, snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain.
- B. In the event snow and/or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal shall, within the time mentioned in paragraph A hereof, cause enough sand or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe and shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause to be cleared a path in said sidewalk of at least 16 inches in width.

Depositing of Snow and Ice Restricted.

No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice on or immediately next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, roadway, or loading and unloading areas of a public transportation system, except that snow and ice may be mounded by the Borough on public cartways incident to the cleaning thereof or mounded on curbs incident to the clearing of sidewalks in business districts.

Main Street Hatboro

Beautifying the Borough

Hatboro now enjoys a very high commercial occupancy rate compared to a few years ago. Long established businesses and new ones are painting their storefronts, improving the look of their buildings, expanding their shops and getting new signs. Last year the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce purchased unique Top Hat lights that created a more defined sense of place for the borough.

The Borough itself has changed its sign ordinances to help create a consistent look and scale for the Town Center, Main Street corridor. It is important to apply for a sign permit at Borough Hall and ask for the "New Sign Guidelines." The Borough is willing to assist, so please come in or call before spending any money on a sign, decal or awning.

The New Signs Guidelines illustrates how to calculate sign sizes and square footage. A Borough staff employee can assist each business owner in this process. A drawing or rendering which can be generated by your sign company must be submitted in advance for approval.



The Borough will also be implementing more rigorous enforcement of temporary signs and window display decals and interior signs. This effort will clean up the sidewalks and window displays along York Road.

Improving the look and feel of Main Street benefits the entire community by raising property values. It makes Hatboro a destination shopping community.

New Wayfinding signs have also been installed throughout the Borough to help direct residents and visitors to parking, attractions and the train station.

Boy Scout Michael Cunningham Receives Rare Honor

Monday, November 24th, 2014 Mayor Hawkes, Borough Council, Senator Greenleaf & Representative Murt honored Boy Scout Michael Cunningham who saved his stepfather's life last October by performing the Heimlich when he found him choking. The Boy Scouts awarded Cunningham the **Medal of Merit**, a rare honor. We are very proud of Michael's heroic actions.

Pictured is Mayor Hawkes along with Michael and his mother and step-father.



WinterMarket at the Red Barn – Shop Hatboro Saturday

Saturday January 10, 2015

Crafters and Artisan Vendors come together once a month in the Red Barn Mall, for all residents to come and shop.

This month we will also have a **Cupcake Decoration Only Competition**. This event is open to all Hatboro Residents, the divisions are Pre-School, Elementary (K-5), Middle (6-8), High School (9-12), Adults, Professional.

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The Mission of Elm Street is to work with Borough Council, Main Street Hatboro, and all the local charitable organizations. ELM STREET meets on the third Friday of each month. We would appreciate you joining our group. For more information please see our website at www.elmstreethatboro.com, or contact John Farnen at ptafarnen1@verizon.net

Website Notice

Please remember to visit the Borough's website at www.hatborogov.org where you can find a wealth of information about the Borough. Look for forms and permits, check meeting agenda, or simply find a Borough Official's email address. Staff continues to add and update information in order to better communicate with our residents.

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Thinking About a Generator?

Super-storm Sandy's destructive path caused many residents to think about installing a portable generator in case electricity service is interrupted.

You are reminded that an electrical permit is necessary before a generator can be installed.

While generators come in handy when severe storms knock out power, they need to be operated safely. You can't see or smell the deadly carbon monoxide produced by a generator and it can kill quickly.



According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, one generator can produce as much carbon monoxide as hundreds of cars.

Here are some tips for using a portable generator:

- Do not use indoors, or in a garage, basement, or shed.
- Use generators outside, away from windows, doors, and vents or any other opening in the house.
- Make sure you have a working carbon monoxide alarm.



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2015 WINTER SNOW GUIDE

IS YOUR MAILBOX READY FOR WINTER?

Mailboxes sometimes present a problem to the Public Works Department when they are performing snow plowing. It would help prevent interference with snow plowing if mailboxes are installed so that the front of the mailbox is even with the back of the curb, or 12" off the edge of the roadway, without curbs. PennDOT allows property owners to place mailboxes within the limits of the legal right-of-way, out of respect for the US Postal Service's need to deliver. However, because those boxes are within the right-of way, damages are the responsibility of the property owner. Be sure your mailbox has a strong support. You may also wish to use reflective tape or other material to make it easier to see during storms or during dark hours. Check your box and support often, clearing snow from it & depositing the snow properly & in a manner to allow you & motorists proper sight distances (and never on the roadway.) Homeowners who have followed these tips in the past & have still experienced damaged mailboxes may wish to consider installing a cantilevered mailbox support that will swing a mailbox out of harm's way.



STREET LIGHTS

Did you know that the Borough maintains street lights? To increase efficiency & cut down on costs, the Public Works Department began the process of changing out older incandescent lights, mercury vapor & high-pressure sodium lights to LED lights.

To report a street light issue, please contact our Public Works Department at 215.443.9100 or, email at info@hatborogov.org. For timely repair, please make sure to provide the pole number or the closest address.

Prepare Your Home for Winter



As winter approaches, our thoughts turn to other activities as we plan for the annual hibernation to the indoors. This is also a good time to plan a safe hibernation for your house as well. The constant change in the weather can have a significant effect on your house that, if left unchecked, may result in major repairs in the future.

Now is the time to inspect your house for anything that does not appear to be normal. Things to look for include loose siding, missing or torn shingles, broken or sticking doors, missing caulking around windows or any other item that will leave your home exposed to the elements. Now is the time to start addressing these items before the cold weather sets in and these items are forgotten.

You may also want to take a look at other items that are often overlooked until it is too late. One important item is your home heating system. Most people who are not on a maintenance program forget to have service performed until well into the heating season when the furnace decides to stop working. Unfortunately, this is the time that most heating contractors are busiest and you may have to wait for service. Avoid the headache and plan ahead.

Items such as your water heater may need your attention as well as other home appliances. Remember to check and make sure water pipes are properly insulated and not exposed to freezing temperatures. Be sure that leaves and debris do not obstruct water flow from gutters and downspouts. Water that freezes and is allowed to back up rooftops often provides you with unwelcome leaks. The lists are endless, but remember your home is a major investment - take good care of it.



HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP

The Public Works Department will pick up trees on any one of your trash collection days.

WINTER WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

Water conservation is something we may think about during the hot days of summer but what about winter? While we aren't watering lawns or gardens in the Hatboro there are still plenty of ways to cut back on water use during the chilly months. Remember, water is an energy intensive process so by reducing your consumption you'll lower your energy bill as well.



shut off the water flow quickly and minimize damage and water loss.

• **Use a Shower Bucket.** Since it takes longer for your shower to heat up in winter, catch that cold water and use it to flush toilets or water plants, this is a trick that you can use year-round, but it's especially helpful in winter when your shower runs cold for a bit longer.

- **Insulate hot water pipes.** Cover indoor pipes with insulation, especially those on an outside facing wall or in unheated areas of your home. This will reduce the amount of water that must be run to get hot water from the faucet and avoid leaks from cold pipes. To be effective, insulate the full pipe including the elbows and piped tees.
- **Identify the water shut-off valve for your house.** Locate your master water shut off valve and mark it for quick identification. If a pipe does burst, you'll be able to

• **Drain your pipes before long absences.** This will help you avoid a pipe bursting from the cold while you're away. Turn the water off at the main valve, open all of the faucets so that they drain completely and then use forced air from an air compressor to completely dry out the pipes.

• **Check for faucet and toilet leaks.** Even a tiny leak can cause lots of water loss.

• **Add an aerator to your faucets.** You'll get plenty of flow but use less water.

ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL...

All Borough and State roadways are plowed and salted by Hatboro Borough. You can help in our efforts to clear the roads as quickly as possible by parking your car in a driveway or another (permitted) off-road location.

And when shoveling your driveway, please remember to pile snow to the right side of the driveway (if you are facing the street). In this way the snow will be pushed away from the driveway entrance when the road is plowed.

Sidewalks – Borough Ordinance requires all sidewalks to be cleared within twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall. This applies to all property owners, tenants and lessors. Also, please do not push snow into the street.

Vehicles – Only vehicles with chains, snow tires or all-purpose tires are permitted on roads that are covered with three or more inches of snow. Any vehicle that has stalled, is incapable of moving under its own power and/or is left unattended on any street will be removed or towed at the owner's expense.

Snow Emergency – If a Snow Emergency is declared in Hatboro, no vehicles are permitted to remain parked on the following streets:

- York Road
- County Line Road
- Warminster Road
- Byberry Road
- East Moreland Avenue (between Jacksonville & York Road)
- Jacksonville Road
- South Penn Street
- West Moreland Avenue
- Horsham Road

For questions concerning snow removal please call Borough Hall at 215-443-9100. During a snow storm our Public Works Department works to clear streets and keep Borough Roads safe and passable. Staff at Borough Hall can answer your questions or address concerns.



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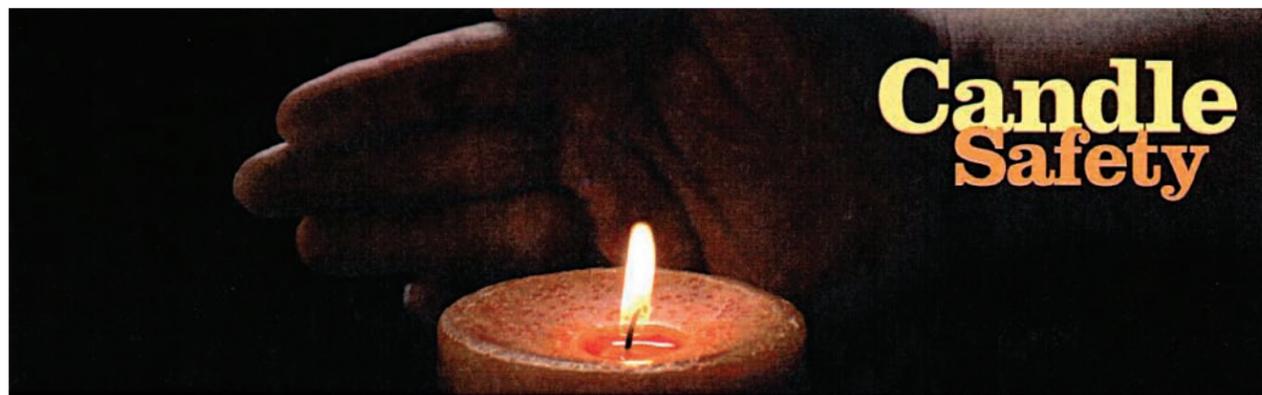
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Candles may be pretty to look at but they are a cause of home fires — and home fire deaths. Remember, a candle is an open flame, which means that it can easily ignite anything that can burn.

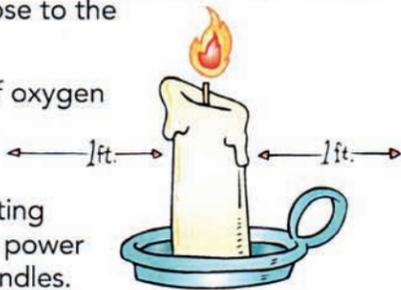
"CANDLE WITH CARE"

- » Blow out all candles when you leave the room or go to bed. Avoid the use of candles in the bedroom and other areas where people may fall asleep.
- » Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn.

Think about using flameless candles in your home. They look and smell like real candles.

IF YOU DO BURN CANDLES, make sure that you...

- » Use candle holders that are sturdy, and won't tip over easily.
- » Put candle holders on a sturdy, uncluttered surface.
- » Light candles carefully. Keep your hair and any loose clothing away from the flame.
- » Don't burn a candle all the way down — put it out before it gets too close to the holder or container.
- » Never use a candle if oxygen is used in the home.
- » Have flashlights and battery-powered lighting ready to use during a power outage. Never use candles.



Candles and Kids

Never leave a child alone in a room with a burning candle. Keep matches and lighters up high and out of children's reach, in a locked cabinet.



FACTS

- ! **December** is the peak time of year for home candle fires.
- ! Roughly **one-third** of home candle fires started in the bedroom.
- ! More than half of all candle fires start when things that can burn are too close to the candle.

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DON'T BE A VICTIM OF A SCAM

Lately we have heard on the news that individuals may pose as utility workers and attempt to gain entry into a home saying that a water pipe is broken down the street and they need access to your basement, and while you are distracted a second person will enter the house and steal money, checkbooks, jewelry and other valuables. PECO, AQUA, VERIZON and COMCAST employees all carry identification.

Another scam involves women and children to perpetrate these types of crimes. They may approach your home and ask for directions, ask to use your phone or if a child can use the bathroom and while you are distracted at the front door with one woman other women or children enter your home and steal valuable items from your house. They are also known for driving around neighborhoods and entering houses when they see the homeowner outside doing yard work. Always keep your doors to your house secure, even if you are in your own front or back yard.

Some tips to avoid victimization:

- Beware of unsolicited offers to do paving, roofing or other repair work. Do not let Solicitors inside your home. Calmly tell them you are not interested and tell them to leave your property. If they refuse your instructions call the police.
- Educate yourself and your family. Search the internet for distraction scams.
- Ask to see solicitor's permits.

- Never let people in your home to use the bathroom or the telephone.
- Never let an unannounced utility worker in your home. If you are unsure if a utility worker is there for a legitimate purpose call the police and we can help verify there is a utility problem in your area.
- You may also post No Solicitation Signs on your front door, they can be purchased at local home improvement stores.

IRS TELEPHONE SCAM

Victims are contacted by phone and told they owe money which must be paid immediately to avoid criminal prosecution. Victims are told to pay the debt by obtaining a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses the caller may become hostile and insulting.

This is a nationwide scam, The caller may even have some of your personal information and call from a number which appears to be the IRS. It is not. The IRS typically communicates with tax payers via the mail. They do not call out of the blue.

If you are targeted by this scam, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "FTC Complain Assistant" at www.ftc.gov, please add IRS Telephone Scam to the comments of your complaint. For more information see <http://www.irs.gov/uac/newsroom/IRS-Warns-of-Pervasive-Telephone-Scam>.

Wake Up and Pay Attention while Driving (Some tips from AAA)

Did you know that more than, one in five, or 21 percent, of fatal crashes involves driver fatigue, according to new research from AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. AAA offers the below additional statistics that may serve as a wakeup call for drivers who consider getting behind the wheel when tired:

- More than 6000 fatigue-related crashes each year result in at least one fatality
- One-third of all crashes involving a drowsy driver result in injuries
- Six percent of all crashes that require a tow truck involve a drowsy driver
- Even though 95 percent of drivers admit to knowing the dangers of driving when there are tired, one in four of those surveyed said they've gotten behind the wheel in the past month when they had a hard time keeping their eyes open. Drivers between the ages of 19 and 24 were the most likely to report driving dangerously drowsy, according to AAA research.



To combat fatigue, AAA suggests the following:

- Get at least seven hours of sleep the night before you drive.
- Travel at times when you're usually awake, instead of leaving at midnight and driving straight through to your destination to avoid traffic.
- Schedule a break every two hours or 100 miles, even if you're not tired.
- Take turns driving. Vehicles with a passenger who takes a turn at the wheel are nearly 50 percent less likely to crash.
- Don't rely on coffee to keep you awake. Everyone reacts to caffeine differently. Caffeine should never be used as a sleep substitute.

For more information on this topic or other related AAA tips visit their website at www.aaa.com



REAL ESTATE TAX OFFICE NEWS

The Real Estate Office handles all Borough, County and School District taxes, Borough refuse fees and Montgomery County Waste Generation fees. All 2014 Borough and County tax bills are in the penalty period until December 31, 2014.

All 2014/2015 Hatboro Horsham School Tax bills are now in the penalty period until December 31, 2014. After the end of the year all unpaid taxes are turned over to the Montgomery County Tax Claim for collection.

Please contact the Tax Office if you did not receive your bill or if you change your mailing address anytime during the year.

If your home is your primary residence and you have not filed for the homestead reduction with the County please contact Judy Emig, Tax Collector for a form.



BOROUGH OF HATBORO BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX INFORMATION ANY PERSON OPERATING A BUSINESS IN THE BOROUGH IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AND OBTAIN A LICENSE

Any activity carried on or exercised for gain or profit within the Borough of Hatboro, including, but not limited to, any occupation, trade, profession, vending, leasing, business, vocation or other commercial activity is subject to the Borough Business Privilege Tax. Returns are filed on a calendar year and are due by April 30th of each year.

Forms may be obtained from the administrative offices of the Borough of Hatboro located at 414 S. York Road during regular business hours.

Any business displaying signs are required to have a permit and pay a \$15.00 sign fee per year for each sign located at their place of business each year.


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 HATBORO BOROUGH
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 contact hatboro300@gmail.com. To donate – checks payable to Hatboro Main Street at 120 S. York Road Suite 7, Hatboro, PA 19040. Please check out Facebook page – Hatboro Tri-Centennial



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2015 marks a momentous occasion in the history of the Enterprise Fire Company. It is 125 years of dedicated service to the residents, businesses and visitors of Hatboro Borough as well as continued support of our neighboring fire departments. We look forward to celebrating with our current and future members, the surrounding fire companies, our supporters and our community that we are honored to serve and protect. Throughout 2015 Enterprise Fire Company will hold various events inviting all of the Third District Fire Companies, additional surrounding fire companies, businesses and residents. We would be honored to have you join us to celebrate. These sponsorship levels are available to help the volunteers of Enterprise Fire Company celebrate 125 years of service to the community. Your business or family can be part of the celebrations by becoming a sponsor. For more information visit our website at www.efc95.com. Thank you.

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- June 20, 2015 – Hatboros's 1st Responder Picnic
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- August 15, 2015 – Fireman's Banquet
- September 19, 2015 – Muster/Flea Market
- October 10, 2015 – Fire Prevention Day
- December 19, 2015 – Holiday Party

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MEET OUR STAFF FIRE MARSHAL JOSEPH READING



Each newsletter, we'll profile a member of our Borough staff. This edition we introduce you to Fire Marshal Joe Reading.

Tell us about your background in the fire service.

The Reading names have been in Hatboro Fire Services since 1890 when the Enterprise Fire Company was founded. My great aunt Jane Reading donated the building on South York Road to the Borough where the Second Alarmers now are housed. My father F. Linwood Reading was a member back in the 1900's when they had the Bryn Athyn train wreck.

I joined as a junior member in 1962 and in January 2015 I will have 53 years in the fire service. My brother Walter and my son Jake are also members.

Many things have changed since 1962 in the fire services. Clothing (gear) that was worn back then has changed. We wore hip boots that when ashes fell into them, you would get a hose and put the water into the boot to put the ashes out. Today we wear leather calf boots inside of bunker pants.

The old coats were made of heavy canvas and were supposed to be approximately thigh length, but they seemed like trench coats. Presently they are finger-tip length and made of nomex. Helmets were made of metal back then without eye protection. Today, they are made of leather or heavy plastic resin material with eye protectors. In the old days we would eat smoke because there was not any breathing equipment. Today they have self-contained breathing equipment due to all the hazardous chemicals used in manufacturing items.

Old fire trucks had open cabs, were stick shift and double clutched and you rode on the back running board. Today, due to safety regulations, all fire fighters ride in an enclosed cab.

Tell us about the job

My job as Fire Marshal began in 1981 when my predecessor and dear friend Bob Stauch and I were appointed as Deputy Fire Marshals to assist then Fire Marshal Les Winner.

I have been trained by and attended numerous classes in fire investigating with the ATF, PA State Police, local police department and fellow fire marshals.

It has been a rewarding experience over the many years. I have met many men and women who I can call upon if I have questions and likewise they can call on me.

A typical day on the job is never the same. There are citizen fire complaints, fire calls to respond too (sometimes) and fire inspections of businesses in town. I visit our two elementary schools to make sure they are safe for our children, and deal with the public on a daily basis.

What is your favorite part of the job

My favorite part of the job is dealing with the public. Since I was a resident of Hatboro for 60 some years, I get to reminisce with the residents about the history of Hatboro. I am now considered a public servant for the Borough of Hatboro, and try to handle every ones concerns. I am especially concerned when I respond to a house fire when children are involved. My first act is to calm the children and their parents. Looking for the cause and origin of the fire becomes secondary.

LOCAL EMS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES STATE PEDIATRIC RECOGNITION

Willow Grove, Pennsylvania – The Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad of Montgomery County (SARS) has been awarded a certificate of recognition for achieving the Master Level requirements in the Pennsylvania EMSC Voluntary Recognition Program. The Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) program, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Health Bureau of Emergency Services, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council issues the Master Level recognition to agencies who go "beyond simply providing high quality and safe clinical care to children" and demonstrates excellence in pediatric care but also share a "responsibility to provide education, injury prevention initiatives and outreach within their community".

Other requirements for recognition include pediatric-specific equipment on ambulances. This includes equipment outside the standard pediatric equipment required for state licensure, such as an increased number of advance airway devices, basic splints and devices for safe transport of children of all ages. All employees and members have also completed a child abuse background check through the Pennsylvania Childline program.

Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad is one of the largest, non-profit, Emergency Medical Services providers in Montgomery County. SARS responds to over 11,000 emergency calls a year to provide medical and rescue related services to the residents of Abington, Upper Dublin, Upper Moreland and Whitpain Townships, as well as the Boroughs of Hatboro, Jenkintown, Rockledge and their surrounding communities.

More information can be found at <http://www.paemsc.org/current-projects.html>.

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