

BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS NEWSLETTER



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2016 Proposed Budget Highlights

- ◆ Seven Fields Property Tax will remain at 7 mils
- ◆ No increases in other municipal fee(s), i.e., Town Park Pool Memberships, Seven Fields Community Center Rental, etc.
- ◆ Phase 2 of upgrading the playground surface to rubberized material at playground areas.
- ◆ 2016 Road Resurfacing Program
- ◆ Repairs to Seven Fields Town Park Pool Floor
- ◆ Replacement of 54 Commercial Water & Fire Meters
- ◆ Purchase of Spraying Equipment for Park & Field Maintenance
- ◆ ADA Sidewalk Conversions (Approximately 30)

Full text of the budget(s) are available for inspection at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8am-5pm. Any comments and/or questions should be directed to the Borough Manager, Thomas Smith, at boroughmanager@sevenfields.org or 724-776-3090.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, November 1st:

- * Daylight Savings Time Ends

Monday, November 2nd:

- * Planning Commission Meeting at 6:00pm in Council Chambers (Tentative)

Tuesday, November 3rd:

- * Election Day

Monday, November 9th:

- * Council Meeting at 6:30pm in Council Chambers

Wednesday, November 11th:

- * Veteran's Day—Borough Office Closed

Monday, November 16th:

- * Evans City/Seven Fields Regional Police Commission Meeting at 5:15pm in Seven Fields

Monday, November 23rd:

- * Evans City/Seven Fields Regional Police Commission Meeting at 5:15pm in Seven Fields
- * Council Meeting at 6:30pm in Council Chambers (tentative)

Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th:

- * Thanksgiving Holiday—Borough Office Closed



**Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, November 1st
Set clocks back 1 hour.**

Borough Office Closed:

Wednesday,

November 11, 2015

In observance of Veteran's Day



Thursday & Friday,

November 26 & 27, 2015

in observance of Thanksgiving



Notary Services will not be available on Thursday & Friday, November 19 & 20, 2015.

*Please call for appointment,
724-776-3090, Monday-Friday
between 8am-5pm.*

COUNCIL NEWS

Council met on Monday, October 12, 2015 and approved the following:

- 2016 Borough-Observed Holidays
- Resolution 2015-19 (\$22,859.01 was received as Volunteer Fire Relief Association State Aid. The Borough forwarded to Adams Area Fire District)
- Resolution 2015-20 (\$19,604.17 was received as General Municipal Pension System State Aid to help defray the costs associated with the Borough Non-Uniformed Pension Plan)
- 3rd Quarter Budget Analysis; General Fund has \$260,000 surplus, Water Fund has \$165,000 surplus
- 2015 Town Park Pool Analysis; \$4,600 loss which is \$700 better than last year
- 2016 Liquid Fuels Allocation (Estimated \$79,466.51)
- 2016 Health Insurance Renewal Rates; 3% increase in the employee health insurance
- Evans City/Seven Fields Regional Police Department 2016 Budget (Approximately \$355,000)



EVANS CITY/SEVEN FIELDS REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The September months-end report provided to Council at the meeting on Monday, October 12th revealed 117 calls and 25 citations written within Seven Fields Borough.

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**VOLUNTEER NEEDED
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

The Borough is currently seeking a volunteer to serve as the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC). The responsibilities and functions of the EMC are listed below and require actions which are common to all types of major emergencies or disasters, (i.e. dangerous storms, hazardous materials accidents, nuclear incidents).

- A. Prepare, maintain and keep current a disaster emergency operations plan for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by a major emergency or disaster, prompt and effective response to a major emergency or disaster and emergency relief and recovery in consonance with the Butler County Emergency Management Plan.
- B. Initiate and maintain coordination and cooperation with the Butler County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA), and provide prompt information as requested.
- C. Identify hazards that may affect the municipality. In coordination with the Butler County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) and based upon its Hazards Vulnerability Analysis, determine what hazards could potentially impact upon the Borough.
- D. Identify resources within the municipality that can be used to respond in a major emergency or disaster situation and report "unmet" needs. This should include both public and private resources and mass care facilities.
- E. Develop and maintain an emergency management organization and a trained staff appropriate for the needs and resources of Seven Fields Borough. The staff must be capable of maintaining 24 hour operations.
- F. Mobilize, direct and coordinate the emergency management staff during an emergency.
- G. Develop standard operating procedures (SOP) in coordination with the staff to carry out their responsibilities and functions and the functions of the Emergency Operations Center.

Anyone interested should submit a letter of interest to the Borough Manager.

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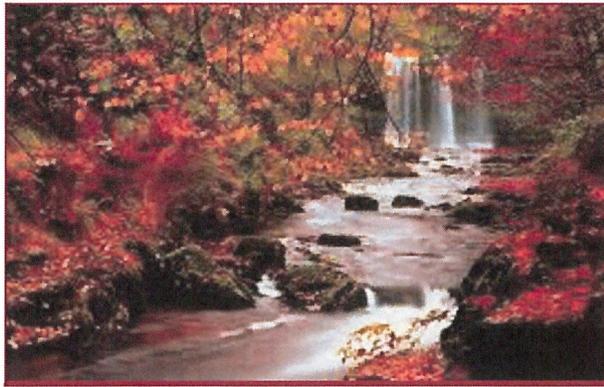
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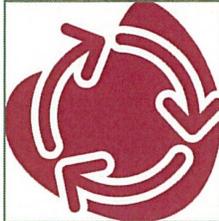


**Butler County Department of Recycling
& Waste Management**

NEWS



Fall 2015



4 Tips for Composting Fall Leaves

A yard of fallen leaves may seem like a mess. But hidden in all that decomposing foliage is the perfect organic matter for a great pile of compost.

1. The size of a leaf pile makes a big difference in how fast leaves decompose. Each pile should be about 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet and will provide enough material for a healthy compost. Site the pile is in a shaded area with good air flow and decent cover. If you have a lot of leaves to compost, make additional piles as needed.

2. Composting leaves in fall is especially easy, as there is a mix of fresh and dying material to balance the nutrient content. You can achieve this balance by simply adding freshly fallen leaves to a pile of older ones

in equal layers. You can also add fresh material like food waste, grass clippings, and branches to supplement the dead leaves as needed. If possible, try to use equal parts fresh and dead material. Never add plants that have been sprayed with weed killers.

3. Creating a proper enclosure for your pile of leaves isn't strictly necessary, but can help to expedite decomposition, maintain heat, provide protection from the elements, and promote a healthy compost. You can buy an enclosure or make a simple box frame out of wood (many plans are available on the internet). At the very least, putting a tarp over the pile can be a quick fix for the compost. Just make sure to air it out.

4. Maintenance of the pile will ensure that it becomes a great pile of compost. It should be moist but not soaked and warm but not hot. Turn the pile to aerate it and mix it occasionally to encourage all parts to decompose. After a few weeks, add less fresh material to allow it to finish its cycle. It should be ready by late spring.



Source: Adapted from <http://blogs.sierraclub.org/greenlife/2013/10/4-tips-for-composting-fall-leaves.html>

SEARCH TIP:
For more internet information, search for "fall leaf composting" or "composting fall leaves"



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Recycling Equipment Grants Now Available

A state grant round is now open that will reimburse municipalities 90% of eligible recycling program development and implementation costs. This can include things like recycling education or social media programs, leasing or purchasing vehicles for

recycling collection, processing equipment and recycling carts. A pre-application conference with our regional DEP representative is required. **Application deadline: Nov. 20, 2015** If you are interested in this program call Regina Schweinsberg at DEP in

Meadville at:

814.332.6945

If you need assistance with completing your application, please call Sheryl at the Butler Co. Recycling & WM Dept. at : **724.284.5305**



Solid Waste Plan Near Completion



Final details are being made to the non-substantial revision of Butler County's Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan and will soon be released for public comment for a period of ninety (90) days. There will also be a public hearing during that time. A copy of the draft plan

will be sent to all municipalities in Butler County and comments would be greatly appreciated.

Following the comment period, all comments received will be reviewed by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and could be used to make changes

to the draft plan. A final copy will then be sent to the Department of Environmental Protection for their review and eventual approval.

Questions about the Plan the process can be directed to the Recycling & WM Dept. at 724.284.5305.

Legislation Introduced to Restrict Trash Flow from Other States

U.S. Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) has introduced legislation, the TRASH Act, to restrict the flow of out-of-state trash into Pennsylvania. The legislation would give states the ability to leverage their own solid waste management plans to create higher standards thereby restricting interstate waste imports. The bill would also allow states to impose higher fees on out of state waste.

The TRASH Act would affect interstate shipment of municipal solid waste by:

1.) allowing a State, through its State solid waste management plan, to restrict interstate waste imports by setting higher standards for waste handling within the State. For example, if a State or local municipality requires certain amounts of recycling, composting, or waste reduction measures, that State would be able to restrict out-of-State waste unless the exporting State complies with the same or higher standards.

2.) Allowing a State, through its solid waste management plan, to impose a higher fee on out-of-State waste (regardless of the exporter's compliance with in-State waste handling and reduction measures). The fee would be called a community benefit fee, which a State may provide to an affected community. States would be allowed to differentiate the fee on waste disposed of at a landfill versus at an incinerator or waste-to-energy facility.

Municipal waste is generated by 12 million Pennsylvania citizens, businesses and institutions. According to DEP, since 2006:

The annual quantity of municipal waste from Pennsylvania managed at Pennsylvania's landfills and resource recovery facilities has decreased from 10.3 million tons to 8.5 million tons in 2013.

The per capita disposal of municipal waste in Pa. decreased from 4.53 pounds/person/day to 3.7 pounds/person/day in 2013.

Out of state waste decreased from 9.2 million tons/year to 6.4 millions tons/year in 2013.

Pennsylvania is a top waste importing state. In 2014, out-of-state waste (including MSW, residual, construction waste, etc.) came from:

New Jersey – 3,516,904 tons

New York – 2,682,977 tons

Maryland – 593,230 tons

West Virginia – 170,903 tons

DC – 75,110 tons

Delaware – 64,452 tons

Connecticut – 43,123 tons

Ohio – 38,545 tons

Virginia – 4,590 tons

Massachusetts – 1,809 tons

Puerto Rico – 1,646 tons

North Carolina – 1,254

California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin – minimal amounts (under 300 tons)

A Note from Running Candidate for Borough Council



Dawn Servello

I have been a resident of Seven Fields since 1998 residing on the northern side. My family and I have enjoyed the small community feeling that Seven Fields has provided us with for 17 years. My children attend Haine Middle School and the Seneca Valley Intermediate School and I currently work at Haine Elementary. I was the PTA President at Rowan Elementary for 2 years and prior to that I was actively involved in all aspects of the PTA including running all fundraising for the school. My goal, as a member of the Borough Council is to have a common sense approach to keeping taxes low and help continue to keep Seven Fields property values high. Seven Fields is a great place to raise a family and I would like the opportunity to become more involved in our community as a member of the Borough Council.

A Note from Running Candidate for Borough Council



Jennifer Sikora

This past March I celebrated 20 years living and volunteering in the Borough of Seven Fields. I moved onto Woodhaven Drive right out of college, met and married my husband a few years later. We then built and moved into our current home on the North side of Seven Fields, where we are raising our family. It is a great community to live in with low taxes, our own fire station and now our own police force. We've met many wonderful people while living here and look forward to the next 20 years.

I've always had a strong belief that if you care about something you should be involved. It is for that reason why I am running for another term on Borough Council. I still enjoy hearing ideas from residents and seeing improvement throughout the community. The last several years were very busy getting ready for the new police force. I don't get tired of seeing the cruiser with the Seven Fields name on it, driving down our streets. It was a lot of hard work and more meetings than I care to mention, to make it happen. I am very proud of what we were able to accomplish. I believe in volunteering for the good of the community and not to satisfy a personal agenda. I hope you believe the same.....

Some ideas of what I'd like to see in the future include an upgraded community center, to make it more inviting and functional for the Boroughs needs. I'd like to see more lighting on our monument signs, to help improve safety and visibility throughout the community. And lastly I'd like the taxes to stay right where they are, with no increase. Our rate has held steady even through the recession, and for that I'm proud to have been a part of the past councils.

I'd appreciate your vote in November and look forward to more positive changes in Seven Fields.

Borough Council Candidate Joseph Scalamogna did not respond to request to include a message.

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2nd Floor of the Borough Building
2200 Garden Drive, Suite 200E

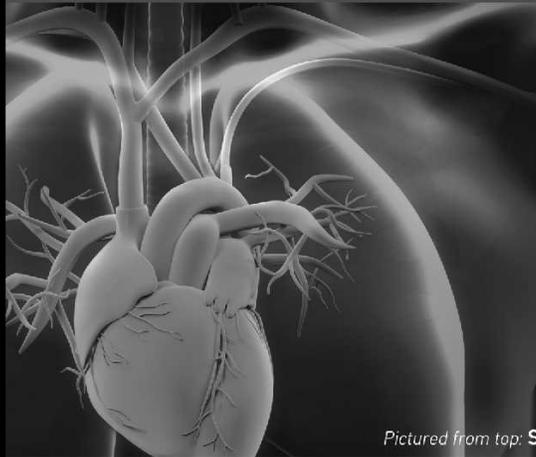
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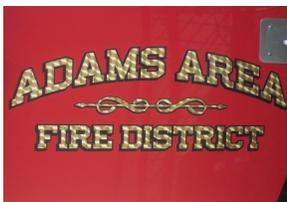
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