

Borough of
**Seven
Fields**



**February 2024
Newsletter**

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ouncil met on Tuesday, January 2nd and approved the following:



Resolution 2024-1 (Borough Manager/Secretary/Zoning Officer)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-01, reappointing Thomas B. Smith to the position of Seven Fields Borough Manager/Secretary, Open Records Officer, and Zoning Officer.

Resolution 2024-2 (Treasurer)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-2, reappointing Elaine Comunale to serve as the Treasurer for the Borough of Seven Fields.

Resolution 2024-3 (Solicitor)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-03, the reappointment of Megan M. Turnbull, Esquire as the Solicitor for the Borough of Seven Fields.

Resolution 2024-4 (Borough Engineer)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-04, reappointing ms consultants, inc. to the position of Consulting Engineer for the Borough of Seven Fields.

Resolution 2024-5 (Borough Traffic Engineer)-Borough council approved Resolution No, 2024-05, reappointing ms consultants, inc. to serve as the Consulting Traffic Engineer for the Borough of Seven Fields.

Resolution 2024-6 (Residential Building Inspector)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-06, reappointing Middle Department Inspection Agency, Inc. (MDIA) and it's agents to serve as the Borough of Seven Fields Residential Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

Resolution 2024-7 (Commercial Building Inspector)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-07, reappointing Middle Department Inspection Agency, Inc. (MDIA) and its agents to the position of Commercial Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer.

Resolution 2024-8 (Tax Collector & Commission)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-08, reappointing Patty Hohman to serve as the Borough's Local Tax Collector for the year 2024.

Resolution 2024-9 (Depository Accounts)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-09, appointing cfs Bank and First National Bank as the depository for the Borough's bank accounts.

Resolution 2024-10 (Official Newspaper/Legal Ads)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-10, establishing the Butler Eagle as the official newspaper of the Borough of Seven Fields for the purpose of all legal notifications.

Resolution 2024-11 (Assistant Secretary)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-11, reappointing David Kruse to the office of Assistant Secretary for the Borough of Seven Fields.

Resolution 2024-12 (Emergency Management Coordinator)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2024-12, reappointing Robert Womer to the position of Emergency Management Coordinator.



ouncil met on Monday, January 8th and approved the following:



Legal Ad-Amend Ordinance #64 (Termination of Water Service Notification)-Borough Council approved the legal advertisement to amend Ordinance No. 64, termination of water service via certified letter notification.

Legal Ad-Seven Fields Road Resurfacing Program-Borough Council authorized the advertising of the 2024 Seven Fields Road Resurfacing Request for Bids, Contract 2024-01.

Resolution No. 2024-13 (Disposition of Borough Records)-Borough Council authorized Resolution No. 2024-13, the disposal of municipal records. Utility and paid services receipts (water payment receipts), bank statements & reconciliation files, accounts payable and receivable files can be dispositioned after (7) years per Municipal Records Manual.

2024 Pyrotecnico Fireworks Display-Borough Council approved the quote provided by Pyrotecnico in the amount of \$12,500 for the 2024 Community Carnival Fireworks Display on Saturday, June 8th.

Winter Mailbox Damage

The Borough of Seven Fields will not repair or replace mailboxes or posts that are damaged or fall over from the force of plowed snow and are not hit directly by the plow.

Mailboxes and supporting posts must be strong enough and installed in such a way to withstand the weight and force of snow removal including the force of snow pushed from the streets onto the side of the road.

Contact the Borough Office at 724-776-3090 if you have a damaged mailbox and the Public Works Supervisor will investigate.



At the Monday, January 8th Seven Fields Borough Council Meeting, Council President Regan-Koch outlined the following 2024 State of the Borough...

2024 Seven Fields State of the Borough

- No tax increase in the millage rate for the 14th year.
- No increase in water rates or monthly service charges since 2020.
- The General Fund Budget average increase since 2018 has been 3.58% & Water Fund Budget average increase has been 2.39%.
- The Borough has a reserve fund of \$1,350,515.
- The Borough retired the Series A Bonds a year early, which saved approximately \$20,000 in interest.
- Seven Fields has a Moody's Bond Rating of AA because we have an excellent Annual Debt to Annual Revenues Ratio and Fund Balances. To put this into perspective, Cranberry Township, has an AAA; because they continue to grow, and Seven Fields is done.
- Four-year Police Services Agreement with Northern Regional Police Department
- 3-year Fire Services Agreement with Adams Area Fire District.
- 14-year Seven Fields Road Resurfacing Program, at an average annual spending of \$250,000 to maintain our streets.
- Spent \$68,668 on Phase I and \$90,534 on Phase II for renovation/upgrades at the Seven Fields Town Park Pool/Playground Restrooms.
- Received \$22,500 from Butler County Commissioners for the Butler County Park & Recreation Grant to upgrade Seven Fields parks & community pool three consecutive years.
- Received \$29,600 from the PA Recycling Performance Grant since 2018.
- Received a \$250,000 DCED-Local Share Account Reimbursement Grant for renovations at the Seven Fields Town Park Pool Complex from (filtration system, pool slide, concrete installation). This is Phase 3 of renovations at the Seven Fields Town Park Pool.
- Spent \$10,000 for Seven Fields Stormwater Maintenance.
- Spent \$14,912 for Installation of the Traffic Security Cameras at Seven Fields Intersections to Assist Local Enforcement.
- Spent \$24,336 in upgrading Water Meters to New Digital Technology.
- Upgrading of Northern and Southern Detention Ponds after 30 years using Borough Public Works staff and \$162,450 in grant money.
- Multiple Seven Fields Community events that bring residents and non-residents together, such as the Community Carnival, Beer, Wine, & Music Festival, Food Truck Nights & Seven Fields Light Up Night.

Borough Council Announces Traffic Safety Improvements at intersections along Castle Creek Drive & Highpointe Drive

To reduce driver roll-throughs and blow-throughs, the Borough of Seven Fields installed solar-powered LED flashing stop signs at Cumberland Drive, Warrick Drive, and Highpointe Drive intersections as part of the Seven Fields Traffic Calming Program. The public works staff have reduced the brightness of the lights to 75%, installed blinders to reduce glare, and lights are only operational from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. These flashing LED traffic signs are intended to grab drivers' attention to stop at stop signs. This is a continued commitment to improve the safety of motorists and pedestrians throughout the community. The Borough of Seven Fields will continue to review safety improvements and implement traffic calming options.





PA Law Mandates Fines for Not Clearing Snow & Ice From Vehicles

Cars and Trucks now must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of a snowstorm.

Drivers are now required to clear snow and ice from their vehicles within 24 hours of a snowstorm and before driving.

In July, Gov. Tom Wolf signed “Christine’s Law,” a bill named after Christine Lambert. She died while traveling on Christmas Day 2005 when an icy projectile dislodged from a tractor trailer, went through the windshield of her vehicle, and struck her in the head.

The new law says drivers must make “reasonable efforts to remove accumulated ice or snow from the motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle, including the hood, trunk and roof of the motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle, within 24 hours after the cessation of the falling snow or ice.”

Anyone found violating Christine’s Law faces a \$50 fine. However, if ice or snow left on a car or truck flies off and causes injury, fines could be as much as \$1,500. The bill strengthened previous ice and snow removal laws in which drivers could be penalized only if snow or ice falling from their vehicle resulted in serious bodily harm.

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2024 Dog Licensing Information!

2024 Dog Licenses can be purchased online at doglicenses.us, by mail, visit, or call the Treasurer's Office at 124 West Diamond Street, Butler, PA 16001, 724-284-5149.

As a reminder, **Seven Fields Borough Office** will no longer have licenses available.



OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR LEASE

2200 GARDEN DRIVE—SUITE 200A

*located on the second floor of the Seven Fields
Borough Building.*

Available for lease IMMEDIATELY,

*Rent is \$600 monthly (utilities included) office
space is 282sf*

*If interested, please contact the Borough Office
for more information.*



Seven Fields Planning Commission

If you are interested in volunteering, please submit a letter of interest and completed Application for Appointment (please see link below) to the Borough office ASAP.

The Planning Commission meets on an as-needed basis on the first Monday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the Borough office.





The Seven Fields Public Works Department has made great progress on maintenance work of the Seven Fields Community Center. They have installed a new fireplace with trim, patched walls and repainted, removed lights and cleaned, replaced broken light ballast, removed old mdf baseboard, resealed granite countertops, installed new transition strips. Installed new pine baseboard, painted doors and trim, relevel bricks at entryway, cleaned tile and grout floors, and stained trim around fireplace. Please call to reserve your date today!



Before



During



After



2024 - Waste and Recycling Collection Calendar

Waste Collection: Waste and Recycling Collection: Holiday:

January 2024							February 2024							March 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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April 2024							May 2024							June 2024						
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July 2024							August 2024							September 2024						
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October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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If your scheduled collection day falls **on or after a weekday holiday**, your collection will be one (1) day later that week.
 If your scheduled collection day falls **before a weekday holiday**, there will be **no change** in your pick up.
 Please look for messages on your bill, or at www.vogeldisposal.com for collection schedule updates during the holidays.



Pool Manager Needed

The Seven Fields Borough is currently accepting applications for the pool manager's position, (a seasonal position beginning in May through the beginning of September).

The pool manager oversees the day-to-day operations of the pool, including supervising the lifeguard staff, scheduling staff, ordering inventory for the concession stand, overseeing the monitoring of pool chemistry, cleanliness and equipment, etc.

This position is responsible for the marketing and operations of the pool.

The Borough is looking for a mature individual with excellent organizational skills, the ability to manage and motivate young people and the ability to communicate with the public. Applicants are required to have or obtain Red Cross Lifeguard Certification. This is a great opportunity for someone to enjoy some time in the sun while earning a paycheck this summer.

Lifeguards Wanted for 2024 Pool Season

If you're looking for a summer job, you're a strong swimmer and enjoy working with people, then lifeguarding at the Town Park Pool may be the job for you! 2024 rate is \$15.00.

Several lifeguard certification classes are scheduled to begin to provide potential lifeguards the training and skills they need to be lifeguards, including a Red Cross Lifeguard Certification, CPR for the Professional Rescuer Certificate and First Aid Certificate. For more class information please visit www.redcross.org or your local YMCA at www.ymca.net.

Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification Courses available at

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/lifeguarding>

Send employment application, resume & letter of interest to:

2200 Garden Drive, Suite 100

Seven Fields, PA 16046

boroughmanager@sevenfields.org

The Borough of Seven Fields is an equal opportunity employer.

Drip, drip, drip. Small drips can result in thousands of wasted gallons of fresh water

Water Saving Tips for Toilets

Toilet flushing is the single highest use of water in the average home, so it also presents a prime opportunity for water conservation. With the average person flushing five times a day, toilets make up about 31% of overall household water consumption. Check out these water and money-saving tips from our friends at Home Water Works at <https://home-water-works.org> or if you are going out of town for an extended period, please consider turning your water off at the meter.



2024 Water Meter Replacement Program

The Borough of Seven Fields Public Works Department will begin replacing older water meters throughout the Borough. Newer meters provide up to date technology functions. Residents affected will receive a letter from the Borough Office.

If you receive a letter, please call our office at 724-776-3090 Monday-Friday between 8:00am–5:00pm to schedule your appointment.

Replacements can be scheduled on weekdays. You must be home in order for the work to be done and it will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Please note that failure to have your water meter replaced could result in water service interruption or termination.



Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



NORTHERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

The December report provided to Council on Monday, January 10th indicated 10 incidents reported in Seven Fields.

Residents are reminded to call 911 for ALL police matters

ARMSTRONG®

A message from Armstrong...

Attention Seven Fields Residents, you may notice work in your area beginning December 4th, 2023.

Each year, we make substantial investments to enhance your home experience. In addition to these improvements, Armstrong has announced the largest network upgrade in company history. As part of this important project, your home will now have access to one of the most technologically advanced communications networks in the country! That is what our customers deserve and what Armstrong is going to deliver.

Our new FIBER-OPTIC network will offer many benefits to you including:

- Connection to the most reliable state-of-the-art technology available
- Faster symmetrical Zoom Internet speeds
- Enhanced Whole-Home Wi-Fi coverage
- Better gaming experiences
- And more!

Our next generation network will provide you the capabilities necessary to support all your connectivity and entertainment needs far into the future.

The construction phase in your neighborhood for this huge network upgrade will begin in the next few weeks. Armstrong will be replacing our current cable with fiber-optic cable. This is the first phase of our project. The majority of our work will be in the Road Right-Of-Way and will include work at our pedestal locations. Pedestals are the green metal boxes located in front of your home. The first sign of activity will be locating of existing utilities. Small flags identifying these locations will be placed in the Right-of-Way.

Questions about our activity can be directed to our crews onsite, or you may call our Construction Hotline 724-473-0592.

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Police Department



All Emergencies: Dial 911

Northern Regional Police
Department

Fire Department



All Emergencies: Dial 911

Adams Area Fire District
645 Route 228, P.O. Box 232
Mars, PA 16046

ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The on-street parking restriction between 2:00 to 6:00 am is not just for snow removal. The need for rapid responses to fires and other emergencies is crucial for saving lives and property. The space that emergency responders need can vary considerably, depending on the (1) kind of fire apparatus and other emergency response equipment required and chosen by the department, (2) the type of incident and (3) the design of the neighborhood's streets.

Illegally parked vehicles could potentially impede access for emergency vehicles and emergency personnel. In an emergency, a few seconds literally can mean the difference between life and death.

The Northern Regional Police Department will be actively enforcing the Borough Parking Ordinance #46 - Providing Rules and Regulations for Parking and Operation of Motor Vehicles in the Borough.

Noncompliance will result in a warning notice being issued along with a \$25 penalty in accordance with Ordinance 80.

Full Ordinances are available at the Borough Office or online at www.sevenfields.org.

Keep Seven Fields Safe and Accessible!

