



# BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

## Seven Fields 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Borough Officials have been actively preparing the 2024 Seven Fields Budgets. As an update, to keep residents apprised of the upcoming 2024 Budget, here are the preliminary highlights:

- **No tax increase in the millage rate for the 14<sup>th</sup> year.**
- **General Fund Budget increased 5% & Water Fund Budget increased 1.5% from 2023.**
- **The 2023 General Fund budget is at breakeven, and the Water Fund surplus is at \$128,307.**
- **No increase in water rates/monthly service charges.**
- **4% COLA for all eligible staff.**
- **Police Services Agreement with Northern Regional Police Department for an Annual Contribution of \$650K.**
- **Fire Services Agreement with Adams Area Fire District for an Annual Contribution of \$67,580.**
- **Proposed spending \$250K for Seven Fields Road Resurfacing Program (Highpoint Drive).**
- **\$250K renovations at the Seven Fields Town Park Pool Complex from the DCED LSA Reimbursement Grant (filtration system, pool slide, concrete installation).**
- **Proposed flat rate for Community Center Rentals. Non-Profit Rates-\$65hr, Resident-\$65hr weekdays & \$75hr weekends. Non-Resident Rates-\$90hr weekdays & \$100hr weekends.**
- **Proposed spending of \$200K (split equally between General & Water Funds) for Replacement of Original Windows at Seven Fields Borough Building.**
- **Proposed Spending \$9,500 for GIS Mapping Seven Fields Water Distribution System as Part of a Phase I.**
- **Proposed Spending \$10K for Stormwater Maintenance of the Covington Court & Cumberland Drive Swales.**
- **Proposed Spending \$15K for Installation of the Traffic Cameras at Seven Fields Boulevard/State Route 228 Intersection to Assist Northern Regional Police Department.**
- **Proposed spending \$25K in Phase II of Replacing 150 of 350 Water Meters to New Digital Technology.**
- **Proposed spending of \$100k for the installation of Sidewalk & Retaining Wall along Cumberland Drive.**



# Meet Your

## LOCAL CANDIDATES

### *Dawn Servello-Four Year Term*



In July, my family and I celebrated 25 years living in Seven Fields. We have seen our small borough transform into a vibrant modern family community with an abundance of activities. I am proud to say that as Vice President of Borough Council, we have continued to keep our local property taxes low and have not had a tax increase in 13 years by remaining fiscally responsible. We have been able to provide residents with modern improvements to the community center, pool house, pool area, and new monument signs while also making improvements to the playgrounds and road resurfacing. I have also listened closely to residents concerns about speeding on Mars Crider and Sycamore Roads and have been a proponent of speed plateaus to protect our neighbors, children, and pets.

As a Council, we established the Annual Wine, Beer & Music Fest, Food Truck Nights in the summer along with fireworks and the Carnival. These events have been very popular, and we look forward to adding additional events in the future. I have enjoyed hearing from residents and seeing all the improvements in our Borough. I love seeing neighbors become more involved and participating in our community events such as Light Up Night in December, Trunk or Treat in October and the Easter Egg Hunt in the Spring. I am proud of the work that we have accomplished and believe that with continued strong leadership from Borough Council and invaluable input from the community, Seven Fields will continue to thrive for many years. I look forward to serving Seven Fields for another term and being a part of this great community and would appreciate your vote.

### **Seven Fields Town Park Community Center**

**380 Castle Creek Drive**

**Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

***TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th***



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## *Morgan Hardesty-Four Year Term*

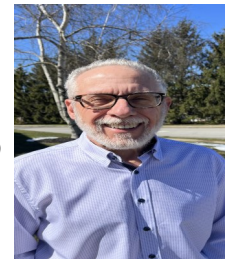
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I have lived in Seven Fields with my wife and two sons for over three years. We love this community from the events we attend such as Food Truck nights, the carnival, and light up night to the neighbors and great friends we have made in our short time here. It has been my esteemed privilege to serve on council since my appointment in October 2021. If elected to council I will continue to be a successful steward for this community. Maintaining fiscal responsibility and accountability is of high importance. Also, overseeing responsible growth within our great community while maintaining impeccable safety standards. I will also listen to our residents' concerns and provide honesty and accountability as a councilman.

I hope to continue my role serving this great community on our borough council. I hope you will consider voting for me for Seven Fields Borough Council.

## *Louis Borghi-Two Year Term*



My name is Louis Borghi and I'm running as a council member of Seven Fields Borough. As a resident of Butler County since 1987 and of Seven Fields for the last 9 years, I have seen change take place in many areas within and surrounding the Cranberry Twp area. The community of Seven Fields provides activities and events throughout the year that I've had the pleasure of attending! Although I believe the parks could be held at a higher standard for sports and recreational swimming, the events are successful and well attended! Some of the activities I've been privy to include the Yearly Carnival, Wednesday Food Trucks to conclude Summer and Light Up Night to start the holiday season! My interests to serve on council is to maintain our community, its growth potential and aesthetics in this competitive housing development. If elected to council, transparency, accountability and community awareness of budgetary responsibilities will be a high priority of mine. I will continue to encourage residents to have an active roll in those areas through council meetings to provide proactive ideas and solutions towards maintaining and bettering our community.

I thank you for your support and consideration for me in casting your vote to be elected to the Seven Fields Borough Council.



## COUNCIL NEWS / BRIEF

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ouncil met on Monday, October 9th and approved the following:

***Stormwater Retention Pond Remediation Project***-Borough Council awarded Contract No. 2023-03 to W. M. Aiken & Sons in the amount of \$110,200.00 to perform the work on the Stormwater Retention Pond.

***Resolution No. 2024-17 (2023 Volunteer Fire Relief Association State Aid)***-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2023-17, 2023 Volunteer Fire Relief Association State Aid to the Adams Are Firemen's Association.

***Resolution No. 2024-18 (2023 Municipal Pension State Aid)***-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2023-18, contribution to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan in the amount of \$24,878.53.

***Resolution No. 2023-19 (Disposition of Borough Property)***-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2023-19, disposing of old soccer goals to be scrapped due to missing components for assembly.

***Seven Fields Public Works/Water Company (Concrete & Debris Removal)***-Borough Council approved the quote from Geyer Construction & Development, Inc. in the amount of \$1,840.00 for the removal of concrete and debris from behind the borough building from various public works & water projects.

***Seven Fields Public Works/Water Company (Case Backhoe Repairs)***-Borough Council approved repairs to the public works backhoe in the amount of \$5,116.96 to Highway Equipment.

***Seven Fields Public Works (Roadway Delineator Post)***-Borough Council approved quote from U.S. Municipal in the amount of \$974.40 for a delineator posts for the roadway along Castle Creek Drive between 7-11 & FNB Bank & Seven Fields Boulevard.

***Seven Fields Lease Agreement Extension 220D (Steve Martinelli)***-Borough Council approved a (2) year lease agreement extension with Steve Martinelli for office space 200D.

***Seven Fields Lease Agreement Extension 220E (Wuenschell Accounting)***-Borough Council approved a (2) year lease agreement extension with Joseph A. Wuenschell Accounting for office space 200E.

***2024 Seven Fields Employee Healthcare***-Borough Council approved the 2024 Seven Fields Employee Healthcare with an annual increase of 5%.

***2024 Seven Fields Borough Office Holiday Schedule***-Borough Council approved the 2024 Borough Office closure for observed holidays.



## COUNCIL NEWS / BRIEF

**C**ouncil met on Monday, October 23rd and approved the following:

**Ordinance No. 105 (All-Terrain Vehicles)**-Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. 105, permitting Public Works Employees to operate the ATV on our roadways.

**2024 Seven Fields Cranberry Township Library Allocation**-Borough Council approved the 2024 Seven Fields Cranberry Township Library Allocation of \$14,545.

**Legal Ad-2024 Seven Fields Budgets**-Borough Council approved the legal advertising of the 2024 Budgets to allow residents the mandatory 10-day public budget review.

**Seven Fields Resolution No. 90-15 (Amendment-Road Opening Permit Fee)**-Borough Council approved amending Resolution No. 90-15 to include a fee for Road Opening Permits.

**Seven Fields Water Company Fire Hydrant Repair** –Borough Council approved the quote by LB Waters in the amount of \$2,572.28 for the fire hydrant parts needed for the Enclave Drive and Hillvue Drive.

**Seven Fields Borough Building Retaining Wall**-Borough Council approved the quote from Gibson Landscaping in the amount of \$8,500, to be split between the General Fund & Water Company Budgets, for the installation of a retaining wall behind the Borough Building.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, November 10th**

*Office Closure for Veterans Day*

**Monday, November 13th**

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

**Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th**

*Office Closure for Thanksgiving Holiday*





YOU ARE INVITED TO REP. SCIALABBA'S

# Ribbon Pinning CEREMONY

FRIDAY, NOV. 10, 2 P.M.  
SCHOLL AUDITORIUM—PASSAVANT HOME  
106 BURGESS DRIVE  
ZELIENOPLE, PA 16063

Are you a World War II, Vietnam or Korean War veteran from Adams, Cranberry or Jackson townships, or from Callery, Evans City, Harmony, Mars, Seven Fields, Valencia or Zelenople boroughs?

I am teaming up with Lutheran Senior Life Passavant Community to host a ribbon pinning ceremony where we honor those who sacrificed everything to defend our freedoms.

Eligible veterans may bring one spouse or family member.

**Please confirm your attendance as space is limited. In order to reserve a spot, please contact my district office at 724-772-3110 and ask for Julia Desantes. She will provide you with more information.**

RepScialabba.com | Facebook.com/StateRepSS





**IT WAS A SCARY GOOD TIME AT THE**

# Seven Fields Spooktacular Stroll!

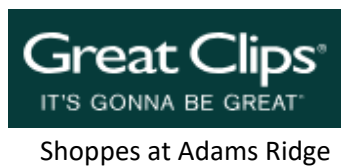
Thank you to our inflatable obstacle course sponsor:



Thank you to our pumpkin patch sponsors:



Thank you to our treat stop sponsors and volunteers:



TROOP 20545  
Alexa and  
Pam Agnew



TROOP 6405  
Midnight and  
Michael Braun







# 2024 SPOOKTACULAR STROLL



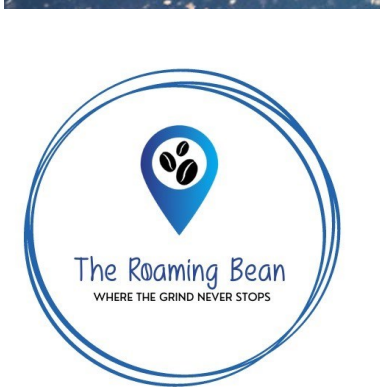
*Thank you Parks & Recreation Committee*





# Seven Fields Light-Up Night 2023

*Borough Council & Mayor Galitsis are pleased to be hosting the  
2023 "Light-up Night" at the Seven Fields Community Center*



*Join Borough Council & Mayor Galitsis in the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree. Carlucci's Pizza will be selling your favorite slices & The Roaming Bean will be serving up holiday hot beverages, while listening to holiday carols from The Seneca Valley Madrigal Singers.*



Light Up Night  
Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm



**Seven Fields Residents** are invited to join **Santa and Mrs. Claus** for a jolly morning filled with delicious food, Christmas cheer, crafts, and games!

**Date:** December 2nd, 2023

**Time:** 8:30 - 10:00am or 10:30-12:00pm

**Location:** Seven Fields Community Center

*This event is for Seven Fields residents only*

*To register, scan the QR code →  
or search Eventbrite for  
Seven Fields Breakfast with Santa*







**November 5**  
**TIME TO FALL BACK**  
*Daylight Saving Time*



**TOYS FOR TOTS** 

November 14<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Seven Fields Borough Building, 2200 Garden Drive #100



**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**



Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:30 am and 10:30 am

Registration Required • 380 Castle Creek Drive (by the pool)

*Light Up Night*

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**SEVENFIELDS.ORG or FACEBOOK for MORE INFO**

~ Thanksgiving Holiday ~

**Waste and Recycling Collection**

Please note that Vogel Disposal Service will be collecting trash and recyclables one day later due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The week of Thanksgiving, collection day is on:

**Saturday, November 25th, 2023**



**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)*

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

## FALL REMINDER

It's that time of year to...



- » Check the operation of your smoke detectors, and change the batteries. Install additional detectors if needed.
- » Inspect and ready your heating system. Empty the ashes, and clean the soot from your fireplace.
- » Check the weather-stripping around doors and windows, and replace those that are worn.

Community Notification System is

provided by CodeRED.

**Keeping Citizens Informed**

Receive information related to emergencies affecting the Borough such as water line breaks, power outages and/or general information related to upcoming activities within the Borough by signing up at [www.sevenfields.org](http://www.sevenfields.org) and click on **CodeRED** or call 866-939-0911.

**CODE RED**

Keeping citizens informed.

## Residential Lighting Standards



To ensure Borough resident and visitor safety, all residential lots on which a dwelling is erected shall be required to have an exterior light pole emitting a minimum equivalent of sixty (60) watts of light from dawn to dusk.

*Ordinance 86, Article VIII,*

*Section 804, G*

\*If your lamp post is not working, please contact a plumber or contractor of your choice for service.

\*Each individual Covenant may have their own specification requirements.



**NOTICE: Effective 12/1/2023, the sale of dog licenses at the Seven Fields Borough Office & other satellite locations will be discontinued.**



2024 dog license sales will be either online, by mail or in person at the County Treasurer's Office.

ARE YOU ABOUT TO **BLOW IT** AND NOT EVEN KNOW IT?

STORM DRAINS are not TRASH CANS for FALL LEAVES.

Leaves **CLOG** storm drains which causes **FLOODING**.  
 And if not removed, **ROTTING** leaves cause **ALGAE BLOOMS** THAT HARM local fish and crab populations.

SO

- RAKE 'EM
- BAG 'EM
- MULCH 'EM
- COMPOST 'EM

However you get rid of fall leaves, make sure you **KEEP THEM OUT OF THE STORM DRAIN.**



November 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## **DROP BY DROP: USE WATER WISELY**

Water is an important natural resource. It is used every day at home and at work in so many ways that many take it for granted. This fact sheet is about water conservation and what can be done to reduce water use.

In 1900, each of the six million people living in Pennsylvania used about five gallons of water per day. Since then, the population has doubled to over 12 million people and water consumption has increased to an average of 62 gallons per day.

Part of this 900 percent increase in water use is due to the many modern water-using conveniences, such as automatic dishwashers, clothes washers, garbage disposals, and home water treatment systems. A significant change in water use occurred when the bathroom was moved indoors.

Water resources are not unlimited. They are affected every day by precipitation, population growth, economic development, and pollution. Because water is a resource that must be shared, competition for its use is an ever-increasing management problem. In the past, supply problems were solved by constructing storage facilities and developing new resources such as wells and reservoirs. However, these measures can be both economically and environmentally costly.

A more cost-effective way to protect water resources is through sound management and conservation.

### **Average Daily Water Use**

Be aware of personal water use! Awareness is the first step in conservation.

#### *– Metered Water*

If the water use is metered, review the water bill. Divide water usage by the number of days in the billing period and then by the number of people in the household. If the bill measures water in cubic feet, convert to gallons by multiplying by 7.48.

#### *– Unmetered Water*

If water use is not metered, determine water use for each fixture. Flow rates for showers and faucets can be measured by using a container and a watch to measure the amount of water discharged through the fitting in a minute. Toilet use per flush can be approximated by measuring the volume of water inside the toilet tank (width x length x height) and dividing by 231. (There are 231 cubic inches in a gallon of water.) After the water use has been determined for each fixture, record the number of uses and the length of time each fixture is used to determine the average daily water use. Remember to estimate the amount of water used by appliances such as clothes washers and dishwashers as well as home water treatment systems.

After determining average daily water use, compare it to the statewide residential/water use average of 62 gallons per person per day (GPCD). Is the water use average more or less than 62 GPCD? If the water use averages more than 62 GPCD, consider the suggestions contained in this fact sheet.

### **Water Savings**

Water-saving plumbing fixtures and appliances are cost effective, providing permanent long-term economic advantages. Low-flow toilets, showerheads, and faucet aerators save valuable water and energy used to heat water without requiring a change in personal use habits.

### **Repair All Leaks**

A dripping faucet is more than annoying; it's expensive. Even small leaks can waste significant amounts of water. Hot water leaks are not only a waste of water, but also of the energy needed to heat the water.

Leaks inside a toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day. Toilet leaks can be detected by adding a few drops of food coloring to water in the toilet tank. If the colored water appears in the bowl, the tank is leaking. Repair leaking faucets and toilets.



## Use Water-Saving Plumbing Fixtures/Appliances

### – Bathroom

- The Federal Energy Act of January 1994 limited all new manufactured toilets to 1.6 gallons per flush. If the toilet was manufactured before 1994, place a plastic gallon container in the toilet tank to save water with each flush.
- Install low-flow showerheads that use no more than 2.5 gallons per minute at maximum flow.
- Install low-flow faucets that use no more than 2.2 gallons per minute at maximum flow.

### – Kitchen/Laundry

- Replace the more common, less efficient, top loading clothes washer with a high-efficiency, front-loading washer that uses about 30 percent less water and 40 to 50 percent less energy.
- Operate the clothes washer and dishwasher only when they are fully loaded.
- Install low-flow aerators on all faucets.

## Change Water Use Habits

### – Water Saving Tips Inside the Home

- Turn the faucet off while brushing teeth. Use a glass of water for rinsing teeth.
- When shaving, use a sink filled with rinse water. Do not let the faucet flow.
- Take short showers instead of baths and consider bathing small children together.
- Do not use the toilet as a trash can.
- If the shower has a single hand control or shut off valve, turn off the flow while soaping or shampooing.
- Refrigerate a bottle of drinking water instead of letting a faucet flow until the water is cold enough to drink.
- Turn the faucet off while cleaning vegetables. Rinse them in the sink with the drain closed or in a pan.
- When washing dishes by hand, do not leave the faucet flowing for rinsing. Instead, use a dish rack and spray device to rinse them. If there are two sinks, fill one with soapy water and one with rinse water.
- Fill the sink with water to prerinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher.

### – Water Saving Tips Outside the Home

- Use a broom, not a hose, to clean driveways, steps, and sidewalks.
- Wash the car with water from a bucket. If a hose is used, control the flow with an automatic shut off nozzle.
- Water the lawn only when needed. If grass does not spring back after walking on it, it probably needs water.
- Water the lawn or garden during the coolest part of the day. Do not water on windy days.
- Set sprinklers to water the lawn or garden only. Do not water the street or sidewalk.
- Use soaker hoses and trickle irrigation systems to reduce the amount of water used by 20 to 50 percent.
- Mulch around shrubs and garden plants to reduce evaporation from the soil and inhibit weeds.
- In landscaping, use native plants that require less care and water than ornamental varieties.
- Cover the swimming pool to prevent evaporation.
- Adjust the lawn mower to a higher setting to provide natural ground shade and to promote water retention by the soil.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Bureau of Safe Drinking Water  
Permits Division  
P.O. Box 8467  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8467  
Telephone: 717-787-9633

For more information, visit [www.dep.pa.gov](http://www.dep.pa.gov).



## Remove Snow Safely!

- If you have any heart attack symptoms, like pain in your chest or shortness of breath, **STOP shoveling and CALL 9-1-1.**
- Shovel in shifts instead of all at once.
- Take breaks and drink water to prevent dehydration.
- Push snow instead of lifting it – if you must lift, bend your legs and not your back.
- Avoid twisting motions that can stress your back.
- If using a snow blower, follow all safety instructions and stay aware of others who may be nearby.



### How to find help shoveling snow this winter...

Keeping up with snow removal can be a challenge for anyone.

For a list of neighborhood teens that can do the job for you, call the

Borough Office at 724-776-3090.

**Snow Shovelers Wanted**

We are seeking additional individuals to help with snow shoveling for the 2020-2021 winter season. If you are interested in assisting residents with shoveling sidewalks and driveways, please contact the Borough Office at

724-776-3090.



## SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Be prepared for everything winter throws your way.

Working together, we can keep our community safe.

We urge residents to comply with Section II of Ordinance No. 66, which states, in part, *“The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or located alongside any street in the Borough of Seven Fields is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all the sidewalks abutting upon such property, all snow or ice thereon fallen or formed within twenty-four (24) hours after the same shall have ceased to fallen or formed. Snow and ice removed from the sidewalk shall not be dumped or piled onto any public street or alley to the extent that it interferes with vehicular traffic..”*



Borough of Seven Fields  
2200 Garden Drive, Suite 100  
Seven Fields, PA 16046

Tel: 724-776-3090  
Fax: 724-776-3082

**Borough of Seven Fields**

**Mayor:**

Dean Galitsis

**Council Members:**

Kim Regan-Koch  
Dawn Servello  
Morgan Hardesty  
Michael Trotta, MD  
Jeff Smouse

**Borough Manager**

Thomas B. Smith



**Fire Department**



All Emergencies: Dial 911  
Adams Area Fire District  
645 Route 228, P.O. Box 232  
Mars, PA 16046

# In observance of Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served  
we will be closed Friday, November 10th.



## *Welcome to the Borough*

If you have purchased a new home, are moving into a rental home or are a landlord with a new tenant within the Borough, you will need to complete the following forms:

- ◆ Application for Residential Water Service
- ◆ Application for Residency Permit-\$35 Fee
- ◆ Earned Income Tax (EIT) Information



Please understand that it is very important for all of the proper paperwork to be submitted in a timely fashion to the Borough Office. Failure to do so may result in an interruption of water service.

All forms can be found at [www.sevenfields.org](http://www.sevenfields.org)

The Borough Office will be closed the following days in  
observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday:

Thursday, November 23rd

Friday, November 24th