

The Shamrock

East Pittsburgh's Quarterly Newsletter



COVID-19—We are going to get through this

As a nation we have been actively tracking and modifying behavior for over 3 months. Here in East Pittsburgh we began social distancing and limiting municipal interactions 8 weeks ago. Today, we are doing well. The Allegheny County Health Department reports that we have only had 1 person test positive in the borough. This low rate is a testament to you, our residents, for doing what was asked by staying at home and not having gatherings.

On May 8th the Governor announced that Allegheny County will be moving to the “Yellow” phase on May 15th. This will allow more businesses to open—including retail, some child care locations and for small group gatherings of less than 25. Masks and social distancing are still in effect. Unfortunately, there are no changes for hair salons, nail salons, entertainment/athletics or for restaurant/bars.

Yellow Phase

Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions

- Telework Must Continue Where Feasible
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders
- Child Care Open Complying with Guidance
- Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place
- Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction

Social Restrictions

- Stay at Home Order Lifted for Aggressive Mitigation
- Large Gatherings of More Than 25 Prohibited
- In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable
- Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities and Personal Care Services (such as gyms, spas, hair salons, nail salons and other entities that provide massage therapy), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed
- Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only.

Important Contacts

State Police Emergency—911

Non Emergency/Dispatch—
(412) 299-1607

Borough Offices—(412) 823-7124

Code Enforcement -
(412) 823-5473

Tax Collector— (412) 823-3155

Garbage Pickup—
(724) 379-4331

Water— (412)243 -6200

Electricity— (412) 393-7100
Report Power Outages—
(412) 393-7000

Gas— (800) 764-0111

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Stacey Simon—Vice President

Paul Borkowski

Earnest Frazier

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Borough Manager:

Seth Abrams

From the Manager:

I think we have all heard the jokes and lost track of the day or the month. Maybe even the year. It's still 2020, and there is still a primary election on June 2nd. Please remember to vote!

We may not know what "Yellow" and "Green" really mean in our daily lives or when we can get a haircut. We do know that life goes on, our lawns need to be cut, kids need to play and we all want a sense of normalcy.

Here in the Borough Offices we will be opening back up for business with regular hours starting May 18th. Please continue to wear a mask if you visit us.

Our job and our commitment is to you—so be on the lookout for changes in status, upcoming paving projects and many of the other signs of spring and summer.

As always, I welcome your comments, so please don't hesitate to reach out and speak with any of the Borough staff.

Regards,
Seth Abrams
Borough Manager

Council Meetings

Thanks to Act 15 of 2020, Borough Council continues to meet in a virtual setting to conduct necessary business during the COVID-19 pandemic. Meetings are announced on the website, Facebook and in the Valley Mirror. Agenda's are made public via the website, Facebook and posting at the Borough Office and at the Senior Center at 700 Grandview Ave. Anyone wishing to make public comment is welcome to email the Borough Manager at epabrams@eastpittsburghboro.com, send comments via US mail or drop off written comments at the Borough Offices. All items submitted for public comment will be read at the meeting and will become a part of the record.

It is our sincere hope that we will be able to resume face-to-face meetings in the near future. Until that time though, know that we continue to work for you, and join us online.

Boy Scout Troop 61

We are currently trying to recruit boys, between the ages of 11 and 18, to join the troop.

Troop meetings are on Monday nights at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Brinton Road, Braddock Hills, PA. The meetings are held from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.

We can be reached at , steelcitytroop61.org or by calling Joe Hudak at 412-335-8757



The Pennsylvania Primary Election is on June 2, 2020. Allegheny County is allowing and promoting mail in ballots.

Visit <https://alleghenyvotes.com/> to apply online or download the forms.

The Borough Offices can print the forms for you as well.

If you wish to vote in person, our polls will be open at the Community Center at 506 Bessemer Ave.

Help for Those in Need

Eileen Navish, our Borough Tax Collector has made us aware of an additional resource for assistance.

<https://highmark.auntbertha.com/> There is also

<http://pa211sw.org/> or you may call 211. Of

course you may also call us here at the Borough Offices and we will do our best to assist you in locating the assistance you need.

Meet your Department of Public Works



We are grateful to have such a new and caring crew to ensure our borough remains safe to travel during all conditions—snow/ice, litter on the streets , pot holes or keeping our playgrounds and fields in good condition.

Russ Yocca, Supervisor

Russ directs and is an active part of the crew that keeps our borough clean, patches the streets and mows or grass among all of the other activities.

Start Date: 2/14/19

What is your favorite part of the job?

I enjoy just being in the outdoors

What is your favorite food? Lori's ham & bean soup, Julie's homemade blackberry pie , and Kennywood fries.

Favorite movie and/or book? Porky's and Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

What do you do when you are not working? I enjoy woodworking and hunting.

Tell us something we should know about you. Russ said that he is an honest and hard working person.

Gene Berezanich

Gene is our resident "fix-it" guy. If we break it, he can usually put it back together.

Start Date: 6/3/19

What is your favorite part of the job?

Repairing things, cutting the grass, keeping the Boro clean and using the new dump truck.

What is your favorite food? Anything Italian or Slovak.

Favorite movie and/or book? Kingmen, Any Westerns or Clint Eastwood.

My favorite book is Out of the Furnace by Thomas Bell.

What do you do when you are not working? I enjoy fixing lawnmowers and weed whackers, serving as a Sergeant with the Forest Hill Auxiliary Police, and fishing.

Tell us something we should know about you. Gene said that he is an easy going person.

Eddie Peake

Eddie is our all-rounder. Give him a task and he will get it done. You will also see him on the streets marking utilities before someone digs.

Start Date: 3/28/19

What is your favorite part of the job?

Cutting the grass.

What is your favorite food? Pizza and salad.

Favorite movie and/or book? The film 13 hours and the book series The 39 Clues.

What do you do when you are not working? Playing basketball or football, also fishing, hunting and working on cars.

Tell us something we should know about you. Eddie tries his hardest to do the best job he can.

Woodland Hill Metro Basketball Program

By Bridgett Creach

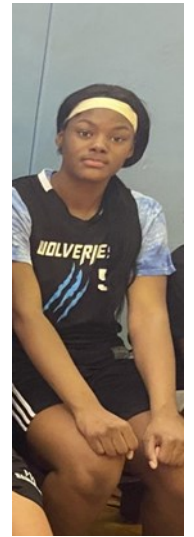
Since 2015, Woodland Hills Metro Basketball has engaged youth at a formative age to instill character, discipline, leadership, and sportsmanship that will make them champions on the court and in life. This year growth was shown on multiple levels and the strength of a feeder program was evident. The Woodland Hills Girls Varsity team (13-1, WPIAL 5A Section 3 Champs), Woodland Hills Metro 7A Girls (8-2) and Metro 8A Girls (11-1, Division Champs). All three teams ended their regular season as the number one seed in their respective divisions.



Congratulations to our local Metro athletes on an outstanding season:



Atiyah Walker, point guard. Tia, as her teammates call her, a strong player who led the team in assists. London Creach, shooting guard averaged 21 points/game, 83% at the foul line. Their 7th grade team finished the season. Hope Hawkins, forward, averaged an impressive double/double. She and her 8th grade team finished 11-1 winning the Championship game.



Construction Projects -

The following projects will be occurring in May and beyond:

- Milling and repaving Rt. 30 from Forest Hills to intersection of Rt. 48 (now through December)
- Milling and paving of Christina Alley from Grandview Ave to Main St.
- Milling and paving of Wood Alley from Western to Draper
- Milling and paving of Franklin Ave from Grandview Ave. to Main St.
- Milling and paving of the 100-200 blocks of Bessemer Ave from the gas line replacement
- Urgent repairs to the steps leading from Grandview Ave, under Rt 30 and to Linden Ave.
- Urgent repairs to the steps leading from Prospect Ave to Braddock Ave.



Code Enforcement and Public Safety

PLEASE BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBOR. The sun is out, the sky is less gray and the weather is warmer. It feels like it's time to plant, play and enjoy the late spring with our neighbors. Unfortunately, the pandemic is preventing all of us from doing what we want to do. As the weather gets better, our tensions and frustrations may increase. Our tolerance gets worse. **PLEASE BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.** You don't know what stresses they have. Maybe they lost a job, have an "essential" job and place themselves at risk daily, or are having a case of cabin fever. **PLEASE BE KIND TO YOUR NEIGHBOR.** Try to be mindful of your noise, trash, pets and general courtesy now and in the future. Your neighbor will thank you. The Borough thanks you.

Trash Reminders

Section 58.2 of the Borough Code (Ord. 735, amended Ord. 826) states that all garbage and rubbish is required to be stored in an approved garbage container with a properly fitted lid. Lids are required to keep out rodents and other foraging pests away from our homes – an open trash can is an invitation for food.

No garbage or rubbish is permitted to be stored outside unless it is in the garbage containers (this will help keep down the rodent population). (Section 58.66.4.1)

No garbage containers are permitted to be placed along the roadway or alley until the night before garbage pick up, which is Wednesday evening after 6:00pm. (Section 58.1) The only time this changes is during a Holiday, which will back garbage pick up one day.

Vegetation

We are now in prime growing season. Residents are still responsible for the maintenance of their properties. Please keep your grass mowed and your other plants, trees and vegetation within the bounds of your property so as not to obstruct sidewalks, streets or alleyways.

If you have any questions, please contact David J Miller, Code Enforcement Officer at 412-823-5473 or

firemarshal@eastpittsburghboro.com



Advertising Opportunities—reach the residents of East Pittsburgh

Beginning with the February 2020 edition of The Shamrock, we will be offering advertising space for purchase.

The pricing is per issue, and as follows:

1/2 page: \$100

1/8 page: \$40

1/4 page: \$70

1/16 page : \$25

Advertisements must be submitted in one of the following formats for publication:

MS Word, pdf or JPEG/TIFF/PNG

Please Contact Seth Abrams for more information at epabrams@eastpittsburghboro.com or 412-823-7124



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Property Tax Extensions

In recognition of the financial hardships that are being placed on our society at this time, and in response to new authorities granted by Act 15, which was signed into law on April 20, 2020 Borough Council took the following action:

On Wednesday, April 22nd, Borough Council voted unanimously to extend the discount period for local property taxes. The 2% discount rate is extended until August 31, 2020. In the same resolution Council also removed the penalty for 2020 property taxes that are paid in full by December 31, 2020.

School Taxes are under a different law, so please contact Eileen Navish or Maggie Lydic in the Tax Collector's office if you have

any questions. They can be reached on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at 412-823-3155.

Found—contact the Boro Office

Small pink change purse with the word "SUMMER" printed on it.

