



Borough of Mechanicsburg Newsletter



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TOWN HALL MEETING!

The Borough of Mechanicsburg will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on October 15, 2014 at 7 PM at the Elmwood Elementary/Mechanicsburg School District Administrative office meeting room. This is the second Town Hall Meeting hosted by Borough Council. The Borough hopes that a change in meeting venue will allow more residents to come, participate as well as provide feedback on the important topics being discussed.

Two extremely important topics have been selected by the Municipal and Community Outreach Committee. The first will be a presentation by Landmark Homes about the proposed land development plan on the Hess Farm. This development will include close to 700 new homes, as well as a commercial component that will be constructed parallel to Rt. 114. The new development will be called Legacy Park. Landmark Homes will submit an application for this land development project in the coming months. This presentation is a great opportunity for residents to be able to ask questions to representatives from Landmark Homes.

The second topic will be a presentation by Borough Manager, Patrick Dennis and Engineer Rogalski on the state of the Borough's infrastructure. This portion of the meeting will focus on improvements that will need to be made in order to be compliant with state and federal regulations. Engineer Rogalski will explain the new requirements that the Borough must comply with related to storm water mitigation. Engineer Rogalski and Manager Dennis will take resident questions, following their presentation.

Borough Council hopes residents will take the time to come and out and learn about your community. In addition to the Town Hall meetings, join Borough Council every first and third Tuesday, at 7:30 PM when Borough Council holds their regularly scheduled meetings.

Hope to see everyone there!

Fall and Winter Highway Department Services

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Leaf collection time is here. The Borough of Mechanicsburg Highway Department will begin collecting leaves on October 6th; the first full week in October, and will continue until the end of November or the first snowfall; when plows are placed on the vehicles for the winter. The Highway Department would like residents to help make this process go smoothly. Please do not deposit tree limbs, branches, garden waste or grass in leaf piles. Remove hard objects such as bottles, cans or stones from the curbside collection area. Be sure to place leaves along the streets and do not place BAGS of leaves out for collection. Also, do not park vehicles over leaf piles. The Annual Report provides information to Borough residents in regards to when their street is scheduled for leaf pick up. On these days, residents are asked to please move their vehicles so the leaf machines can pick up leaves without any obstruction.

REMEMBER: Leaf collection may sometimes fall behind schedule, but your leaves will be collected. Please have leaves ready for collection at all times. In case of bad weather, mechanical failure or holiday, the schedule will resume where interrupted.

The tentative schedule for leaf pickup is as follows:

MONDAY – Area east of Market, south of Simpson, west of Allendale, north of Alison.

TUESDAY – Area west of Market, south of Simpson, east of Allendale Road.

WEDNESDAY – Area west of York, south of Simpson, George Street vicinity and Valley Stream Estates.

THURSDAY – Area between and including all of Simpson and Main Streets.

FRIDAY – All streets north of Main Street.

Please remember that the Borough Compost Site is open for drop off of your yard waste year around. The last curb side collection date for yard waste is October 29th. After October 29th, you can still drop material off at the site located at 842 West Church Road. A compost access pass is required, available at the Borough office for \$10.

Christmas Tree collection will take place from January 5th through January 16th. Please place your tree curbside for collection and composting on your regular refuse day. If you miss the collection days, you can always drop your tree off for composting at the Joint Compost facility.



Snow Removal

The Borough of Mechanicsburg Highway Department staff asks residents to please remove their vehicles during snow storms and to plan accordingly during the winter months when snow is in the forecast. The Borough of Mechanicsburg Highway Department continues to experience difficulties with residents not moving their vehicles, creating an inefficient environment for the snow to be removed.

Borough Staff will continue to strive to be cost effective and will continue to minimize overtime costs. Cooperation is needed from residents on this issue and Borough Staff is hopeful that we can all work together to help minimize operating costs and provide a more efficient work environment for Borough employees.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends:
Don't forget to turn back your
clocks on November 2nd!**

**This is a good time of year to check the
batteries in your smoke detectors.**

The Borough Office will be closed:

November 28th & 29th— Thanksgiving (Columbus Day)

December 25th & 26th— Christmas (Veterans Day)

January 1st—New Year's Day

PennDOT to Pave in 2015

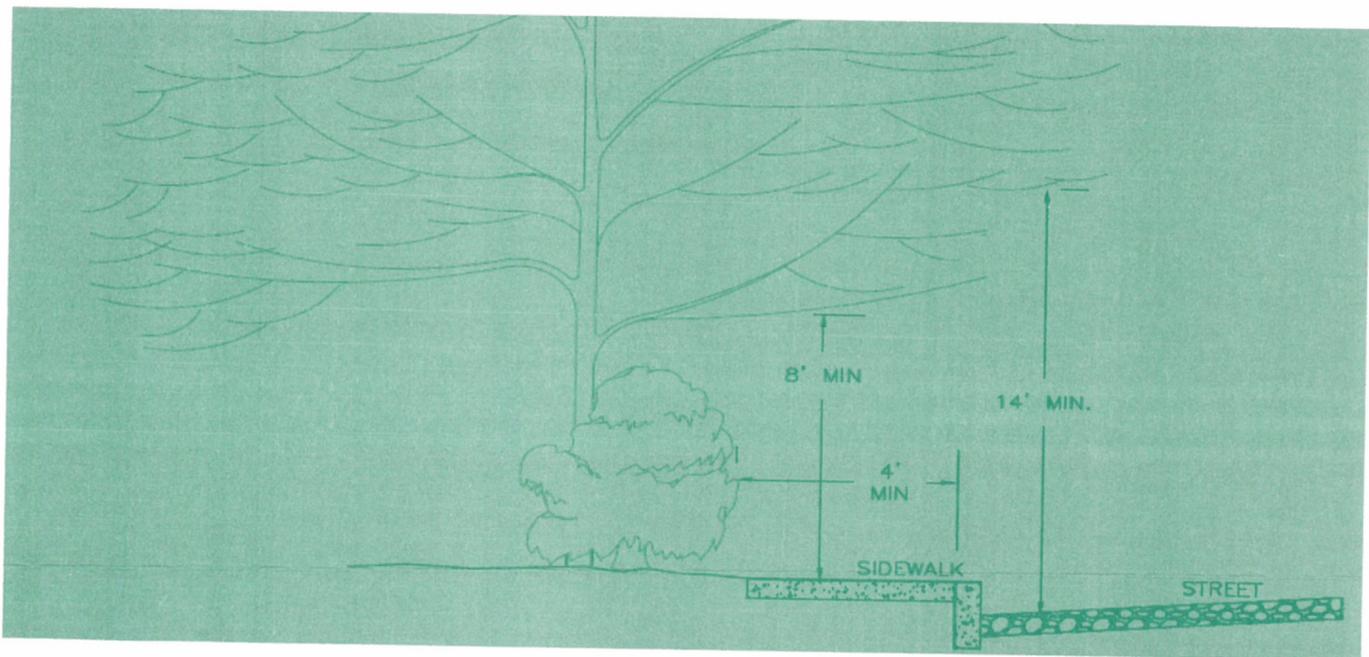
The Borough is working with representatives from PennDOT on the 2015 PennDOT paving program which will include some streets within the Borough. In April of 2015, PennDOT will go out to bid for resurfacing of Shepherdstown Road from Simpson to Market Streets and South York Street from West Main Street to the Borough line. The Borough Codes Officer will be contacting residents throughout the coming months to discuss the condition of their sidewalk and curb along these streets. Residents will need to make any necessary repairs prior to the paving of the roadway. Please do not make any repairs to your curb or sidewalk without contacting the Codes Officer to insure your contractor is using the proper specifications to complete any sidewalk or curb repairs. A permit is required for this type of work.

Holiday Gift Ideas for the Entire Family

The Mechanicsburg Area Recreation Office has some great gift ideas the whole family can enjoy. Stop by their office at the Environmental Center, 1731 South York Street and pick up a 2015 Pool Pass at the early bird rate. They bring a little sunshine to your holiday season. The Recreation Office also offers gift certificates for their Recreation Programs. A great gift for the young and the young at heart! You can visit the Recreation Office on the web at www.mbgasd.org. For more information call the Recreation office at 691-4572.

SIDEWALK CLEAR PATH REQUIREMENTS

Most of the time you hear about moving snow off the sidewalk in the winter. In the summer the obstacles come from the top such as tree branches and from the side by bushes or shrubs planted next to the sidewalk. Below is a sketch of the clear space required and the code section that regulates it.



Mechanicsburg Borough Code requires the following clearance for the sidewalk and street:

Chapter 25, Part 1 §25-105. General Regulations

Paragraph 5 Property owners shall trim or prune branches from any shade trees overhanging public streets and highways of the Borough so that they will not obstruct the light from any streetlight and so that there shall be a clear height of 14 feet above the surface of the street and eight feet over the sidewalk. If, upon notice in writing from the Borough, any property owner shall neglect or refuse to trim or prune any shade tree within the time limits specified in such notice, the Borough may cause such trimming or pruning to be done at the expense of the owner.

The Federal Americans with Disabilities Act requires a 4'-0" clear pedestrian walkway.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Borough Codes Office (717) 691-3315 or email me at rciecierski@mechanicsburgborough.org.

Calendar of Events

Meeting Schedule

Date	Event	Time
October 14	Halloween Parade	7 PM to 9 PM
October 18	Streets for Treats	10 AM to 2 PM
October 30	Trick or Treat	6 PM to 8 PM
November 7	First Friday in the Central Business District	6 PM to 9 PM
November 28	Tree Lighting on the Square	5:30 PM
November 29	Washington Fire Company 100th Annual Children's Christmas Party	12 PM to 2 PM
December 5	First Friday in the Central Business District	6 PM to 9 PM
December 7	Joseph T. Simpson Library Holly House Tour	12:30 PM to 5 PM
December 13	Citizen's Fire Company Breakfast with Santa	7:30 AM to 11 AM
December 31	Wrench Drop on E. Main	10:30 PM to 12:30 AM

Date	Meeting	Time
October 15	Recreation Commission	7 PM
October 21	Borough Council	7:30 PM
October 17	Planning Commission	6:30 PM
November 3	Historic Architectural Review Board (2nd floor conference room)	6:30 PM
	Budget Hearing - Borough Council Meeting to follow	7 PM
November 11	Recycling Committee	2 PM
	Environmental Advisory Board (2nd floor conference room)	6:30 PM
	Recreation Board	7 PM
November 13	Shade Tree Commission	7 PM
November 18	Borough Council	7:30 PM
November 24	Planning Commission	6:30 PM
December 1	Historic Architectural Review Board	6:30 PM
December 2	Borough Council	7:30 PM
December 16	Borough Council	7:30 PM
January 7	Borough Council	7:30 PM

All meetings are held in the Council Chambers unless otherwise noted.

As the seasons give way to change,

Make your change to...



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