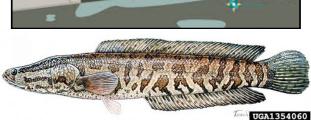# HULMEVILLE BOROUGH   WWW.HULMEVILLE-PA.GOV

Quarterly Newsletter

Featured Article

Stormwaters & Floodwaters: How they affect all of us in Hulmeville

Did you know that a large part of Hulmeville Borough is bordered by the Neshaminy Creek, and that water affects all in our community? With the inconsistent seasonal weather, it seems that rain comes even outside of the "April Showers" adage.   If you are one that lives in flood prone areas, you already know what water can do. But for those that might not have a creek, stream, or ravine by your property, you might not know how mighty water can be. An excerpt from the borough web site on stormwater:

"Stormwater management is concerned with the control of water that runs off the surface of the land. Stormwater runoff occurs when water from rain, snow, or ice melting flows over the ground. The stormwater travels across the ground, through drainage ditches, small streams, through our stormwater collection system, and eventually to the Neshaminy Creek. Stormwater becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants during its flow to the Creek. Since the stormwater is not treated, everything carried along with the water discharges into the Creek. In addition, stormwater runoff can cause flooding, erosion of stream banks, and other problems."

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is imposing strict floodplain regulations for all municipalities, including Hulmeville Borough. All residents, property owners, and businesses in the borough must comply with the FEMA Floodplain Regulations in order for our borough to be offered the option of securing flood insurance for all. Some of the concerns that must be met are outlined within the Stormwater Management section of this newsletter.

All residents who live along the Neshaminy are highly encouraged to attend the meeting on April 18th at 7:30 PM in which "Storm Water in Hulmeville Borough" will be discussed. As always, everyone in the borough is also welcome to attend. Please RSVP to hulmeville@comcast.net to help us reserve a location according to the group size.

Anyone who is interested in helping our borough to achieve the needed goals of the best management practices set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) , and FEMA are encouraged to contact the Stormwater Administrator at hulmeville@comcast.net.

E A R T H D A Y

Important Announcements

Check out our web-site www.hulmeville-pa.gov for more information on the following

- There are parking ordinance restrictions during snow emergencies; please comply with the signs
- Clear your sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow has stopped
- 2017 Earth Day Event at Core Creek Park, April 29 11:00 - 2:00
- Leash, curb and clean up after your dog
- Neshaminy tax assistance for seniors
- Trash & Recycle can be placed outside the **night before** our Wednesday trash/recycle collection day

Hulmeville Borough Police

Thefts from unlocked automobiles and even homes are unfortunately common in Lower Bucks County, including Hulmeville Borough. The Borough Police have provided a few suggestions to help safeguard your valuables. Go to our web page to learn how to better protect your property.

Code Enforcement

The Fire Marshal is responsible for enforcement of the Borough fire code. This includes conducting fire safety inspections of commercial properties, issuing open burn permits, and assisting the Borough Council with any fire safety related issues.

Open Burn Ordinance

Under Ordinance 201, open burning within Hulmeville Borough is not allowed. The use of a cooking device burning wood, charcoal, or other recognized solid or gaseous fuel to cook food is allowed. For specific instances, a burn permit can be obtained from the Fire Marshal that will allow burning of wood or other approved fuel in an approved burn area. A fee will apply. The burning must be done between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:30 pm. Go to the web site to obtain a burn permit application and additional details on the open burn permit requirements.

Zoning Information

The current version of the zoning ordinances were adopted by the Borough Council at their regular monthly meeting on August 6, 2012. The zoning ordinance is an extensive document, totaling over 200 pages. The borough web site links allow you to view, and save or print, the entire zoning ordinance section by section. Visit the web site www.hulmeville-pa.gov for more information.

Water Authority

Water Meter Replacement The Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority (BCWSA) is replacing broken water meters throughout the borough. If you have received a notice that they missed you, please follow up by calling the number on the notice.

Proper Sump Pump discharging Help reduce future fees to our borough by running any sump pump discharge line outside your home. If you have a line going into your utility sink, this is against code, and is an item that increases the fees accessed to our borough. So, stop discharging water into our sewers and legally release the water to have the it run over pervious ground (non-compacted soil in your yard) outside your home/business.

What is the name of the fish on the front page of this newsletter? Send your guess to hulmeville@comcast.net

Please recycle this newsletter

Water Fees

There is a rate increase that will take affect in the next billing cycle. This increase in the water rate only applies to water usage in excess of 5000 gallons. This water rate increase is necessary in order for Hulmeville to bring the water rate fee structure in line with the cost of purchasing our water from BCWSA.

Quantity used (per quarter)	Fee ($ per 1000 gallons)
First 5,000 gallons	$ 5.52
Over 5,000 gallons	$5.52 (an increase from $4.25)
Note, the minimum charge per quarter remains $27.60	

ACT 537 Plan Update

Act 537 (the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act) requires Hulmeville Borough to develop, implement, and maintain a comprehensive official sewage management plan. In order to meet the DEP required timelines for updating the Act 537 Plan, a series of meetings are planned by the Hulmeville Borough Council and Water Authority to prepare and adopt an up-to-date Plan. The public is welcome to attend the meetings and provide input (meetings are posted on the borough web site).

Safe Guard Program Did you know you are responsible for the cost of repairing pipes and laterals connecting the sewer main to your home or business? With the $afeGuard™ Maintenance Program (offered by BCWSA) you can offset this potentially costly, unforeseen expense for as little as $5.00 a month. To find out more go to their link of: http://www.bcwsa.net/safeguard-program/   or call 1-800-222-2068

Water or Sewer Bill Questions

If you pay your bill to Bucks County Water and Sewer, call 1-800-222-2068. If you pay your bill to Hulmeville Water Authority, call 215-757-6531 ext. 3.

Stormwater Management

Hulmeville Borough residents are required to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the "maximum extent practicable" (MEP); protect water quality; and satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. In an effort to attain those goals, there are some steps that the borough residents can take to avoid citations from the EPA:

  -Property in floodplain areas are no longer able to store items that could potentially float away like: woodpiles, above ground pools, sheds that are not secured, ATV's, trailers, RV's, etc
  -Property in floodplain areas must attain approval for any ground disturbance or property enhancements. There are no exceptions.
  -Property in floodplain areas are no longer able to have fences.
  -All residents must dispose of hazardous waste correctly. Check our web site for the local collection days and time.
  -When doing yard work or if you hire a professional, any lawn or tree debris is not to be blown into any roadway areas.

All property owners, renters, and businesses are encouraged to contact the zoning officer with any building or property concerns at zoning@hulmeville-pa.gov

William Penn Fire Company - Station 7 - Hulmeville

The William Penn Fire Company is 100% volunteer. Organized in August of 1832, there are currently two stations that protect Hulmeville Borough and a large section of Middletown Township. Visit www.wmpennfire.com for more information. Interested in volunteering? Contact joinwmpenn@wmpennfire.com or call 215-752-7740.

Boards & Committee Information

Hulmeville Borough has many committees that help to run our borough. If you are interested in helping with any of them, check out the web site for committee chair contact information.

Tax Collector

New hours are 4th Thursday of each month 6:30 - 8:00. No hours in January, February, or November. Additional hours are printed on your tax bill and if needed an appointment can be made by contacting: Nancy Mitchell n.mitchell@hulmeville-pa.gov or call 215-757-6531 ext. 2.

Community News

Hulmeville Historical Society

The purpose of the Society is to raise awareness of the history behind our lovely borough, help preserve our heritage, and organize and sponsor numerous community events.
The Historical Society mails out the Town Crier that highlights their events. Any questions can be sent to hulmevillehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Hulmeville Garden Club

The purpose of the Hulmeville Garden Club is to enhance and beautify our community, maintain our historic parks and recreation area, and to promote awareness of environmental issues.
The Hulmeville Garden Club has monthly meetings with fun and interesting programs. Check out their web site at www.hulmevillegardenclub.org

Congratulations to the 2016 youth volunteers for Hulmeville Borough!

Hulmeville Borough appreciates the contributions made to our Borough by youth volunteers and each December, honors them at a borough meeting. Pictured with council members are the youth volunteers for 2016 (l to r) front row: Sarah Omietanski, Stanley Omietanski, Daniel M. Mandolesi, & Joshua Paul Buffington. Back row Judy Coleman, Daniel Mandolesi, Dale Walton, Debbie Mahon, Mallory Menta, Nicholas Lodise & Tom Wheeler

Family

Safety

The riding of ATV's on borough & state roads is illegal. If you are riding one on your property, please be sure to wear a helmet!

Fun for Children

We will have a quarterly coloring contest for children under 10. The winner will have their art in our next newsletter. Submit your "Spring in Hulmeville" art work by April 1, 2017 to D.Mahon@hulmeville-pa.gov or mail to Hulmeville Borough, 321 Main Street, Hulmeville, PA 19047