

# NAVIGATOR

2022 SPRING/SUMMER ISSUE



*Moving Forward!*



FINANCIALS



INFRASTRUCTURE



POLICE & FIRE



COMMUNITY

*As we Move Forward!, we are asking every resident to do their part. Our goal is to make Mohnton Borough a safe, clean, and prosperous place to live!*

*How can you be a part of the progress?*

*If you see a crime, report it.  
Emergency call: 911  
Non emergency:  
610 655-4911*

*Dog walkers, please clean up after your pet.*

*Keep your property clean and well maintained.*

*Recycle! Information guidelines are on our website.*

*Respect our ordinances—many are listed on our website. [Mohntonboro.org](http://Mohntonboro.org)*



## HELLO RESIDENTS!

As you may know, as of 2022 we are a new administration and we are ready to work for you! By delivering complete transparency, our main focus is to serve the citizens of Mohnton Borough by inviting dialog between our residents and our Council. We want to hear from you! We are working on this by opening several channels of communication which include:

**General and Workshop Meetings -** (Open to the public). These meetings are a great way for our residents to voice their concerns as well as add new and creative ways to improve our Borough. Please consider attending these meetings—our attendance is growing! Times are posted on the back of this newsletter.

**Navigator Newsletter** is back and we hope this publication will serve as a useful tool for our residents. We realize not everyone utilizes the internet/social media for information. As our budget allows, we hope to publish this newsletter twice a year.

**Mohnton Website** ([mohntonboro.org](http://mohntonboro.org)) is also being populated with information such as: Trash and recycling, permit procedures, local events, ordinances, contact information and much more.

**Social Media**—as time allows we will post information on Nextdoor and Facebook.

**CODERED**— CodeRED delivers geotargeted, urgent and general messages through text and voice messages. If interested receiving these messages from the borough, you may sign up on our website [mohntonboro.org](http://mohntonboro.org).

**Mohnton Borough Hall**—we are happy to report, we are open! Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 am to 4pm. A drop box located in front of the building is also available for payments. Address: 21 N. O'Neil Street.

## We are working to inform our residents with information such as:

- Financials/Budget
- Infrastructure Improvements
- Trash and Recycling
- Police and Fire Safety
- Recreational Events
- Voting and Elections
- Stormwater Awareness
- Ordinances and Resolutions
- Water and Sewer Projects
- Water Conservation
- Permits and Violations
- Tax Collections

## Introducing 2022 Council/ Administration/Public Works:

- Eric Burgis—Mayor
- Jonathan Davis—President
- Gary Hafer—Vice President
- Alicia Bressler—Council
- Kerry Hoffman—Council
- Brian Simmon—Council
- Jason Kercher —Council
- Daniel McDevitt —Council

- Loretta Imbody—Operations Manager
- Veronica Henry—Financial Manager
- Marty Werner—Public Works
- Aimee Long—Tax Collector

### ORD. 500

**Mowing**—Do not blow your grass into the street, this is dangerous for drivers of—automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles. After rainfall, the debris may also clog storm drains leading to increased maintenance for our road crew. Storm drain water drains to streams and bodies of water and the grass clippings are high in nutrients which are harmful to these waterways.





## Presidents Message

*Jonathan Davis, Council President*

We are a little over 6 months into serving the residents of Mohnton Borough, and I am encouraged to see all of the progress that's been made considering the majority of the Administration, Public Works and Council members are new. We have worked hard to ensure the borough is operating in an efficient manner while being fiscally responsible. Thank you for being patient with us as we tackle new projects and procedures with the goal of making our Borough a clean and safe place to live. We will continuously develop Organizational Excellence principles in every aspect of the boroughs business, LEAN management concepts and strategic goals for the place we all call home.

Some of the key areas we have addressed:

**Reed Street Sewer Project**—this project will upgrade and fix antiquated infrastructure. It is currently underway and should be completed by 12/1/22.

**Playground Entrance Sinkhole**— The large sinkhole is fixed and a new sewer pipe has been installed.

**Seasonal Snow Removal and Street Sweeping**—This past winter, our residents reported that our snow removal efforts were met with high marks. The street sweeping was done with a hired vendor, this decision was made to greatly reduce the costs associated with this function. Both are incredibly important tasks, striving for clean safe streets is one of our major priorities meant to keep our residents safe.

**Grant Projects**—our administration is actively pursuing various grant opportunities which will offset the burden to our budget and helping our taxpayers save money.

**Events**—Look to our website for new playground events. We encourage our residents to take part, and if possible reach out to us by volunteering to help.

**New Mohnton Borough Logo**—A new, fresh look and image for the Borough was needed. The design incorporates the nautical feel which reflects the light hearted “Naval Yard” reference used by a lot of our longtime residents. The goal is to use this design on future signage, documents and vehicles. The slogan *Moving Forward!* delivers a positive, progressive and engaging message which our Borough deserves. The design and slogan was created in-house with no added expense.

**Navigator**—We are excited to relaunch the Navigator newsletter, delivering a new logo as well as new content. What happens in the Borough is important to us and we want to share it with all of our residents and businesses. We need your help too...please help us by keeping our Borough clean and free of crime.

## Police Spotlight



### Civil Service Commission—Hiring Full Time Police Officer

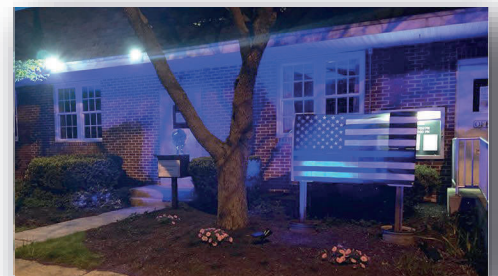
The Commission has been working hard to deliver the correct hiring process for a new full time Officer. Full time applications have been received, evaluated, and are in the next stage of the hiring process. Our Police Force is growing!

### New Part Time Hire

Welcome part- time Officer Tom Focht. Tom has 35 years experience as a Police Officer, currently a full time Municipal Police Officer, and a retired State Trooper. Welcome aboard Tom!

### New Vests

Mohnton Council recently approved the purchase of new and updated vests for our Officers to replace expired and outdated gear.



**Boro in Blue!** In honor of Police week, which is in the month of May, we showed our support for our Mohnton Officers and fallen Officers nationwide by decorating our Borough Hall. For more information search Police month on the internet. Thank you for your service!

### Full time Officer email information:

Chief Eric Pistilli - epistilli@mohntonboro.org  
 Officer Tim Jones - tjones@mohntonboro.org  
 Officer James Plange - palange@mohntonboro.org

### Part time Officers:

Shaun Yocum  
 Tom Focht

*We are encouraged by the way our Police Force is evolving. We have analyzed procedures and coverage for our Borough. Our goal is to decrease the number of calls currently directed to the State Police. Our Police are a top priority and of paramount importance.*

*Thank you for supporting our Officers!*

**- Mayor, Eric Burgis**

# Keeping our Borough Clean and Safe *Lets Work Together!*



## TRASH AND RECYCLING

### New Recycling Containers

Recently we distributed new recycling containers to our residents. Thank you Public Works members, Officer Jones who volunteered on his time off, and the Blosenski team for your help!

If you do not want your old container, the old container may be put out on TRASH pickup day which falls on a WEDNESDAY. Please clearly label container:

**PLEASE REMOVE.**

*These containers have been paid by a D.E.P. grant.*

For further detailed information on trash and recycling guidelines, please see our website at: [mohnton-boro.org](http://mohnton-boro.org) or stop by the Borough Hall for a trash and recycling flyer.

**Note:** When using the Mohnton playground, please use the recycling and trash receptacles. We have had problems with littering as well as graffiti, this will not be tolerated and violators will be fined.

### Yard Waste Recycling Program

Mohnton Borough continues to provide yard waste curbside collection by our Public works crew.

**Beginning April to the end of September.**  
**Every Monday (Tuesday following a holiday)**  
**ALL YARD WASTE MUST BE CURBSIDE BY 7:30AM.**

Items must be in paper bags or bundled, **no larger than 4 foot lengths**. Do not use tape to close your bags. Bags cannot weigh more than 50 lbs. Over-weight bags will be left at curbside.

**ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS** – Grass/bush clippings, discarded plants, leaves, small branches and twigs.

**NO** plastic, glass, or metal.

**NO** wire or chains are to be used for bundles.

During these months, no grass clippings or other yard waste will be allowed in regular trash.

Outside of this timeframe all yard waste must be brought to the Borough Hall recycling facility. *Only yard waste in brown paper bags are permitted in the yard waste dumpster.*

## Building Permits

Permit applications are required for various home improvement projects. Applications are available at the Borough Hall or visit our website at [mohntonboro.org](http://mohntonboro.org). Submit applications at the Borough Hall.

### Common Permits:

Residential or Com. Bldg.	Pool, Spa, Hot Tub
Fence	Demolition
Sidewalk	Alternative Energy
Sheds	Manufactured Home

**Fees:** Non-refundable application fee (check please).

**Residential**—\$50

**Commercial**—\$150

## Grass and Weed Violation



It is a violation to allow grass and weeds to grow in excess of six inches. Please make sure your property is well maintained and your grass cut to code.

## Sidewalks

The constructing and repairing of sidewalks, curbs and driveway entrances along the streets shall be done by the owners of the lot or lots.



## Dumpster Permits

Dumpster/POD permits are required in Mohnton Borough.

If you are placing these containers for use, please visit the Borough Hall for an application or visit [mohnton-boro.org](http://mohnton-boro.org) for an application.

## Rentals in the Borough

Our Borough requires inspections for rentals. If you are a landlord, please visit the Borough Hall for the correct forms. We will help you with this process.

## Feral Cats

A feral cat problem is a hard problem to fix and unfortunately most townships and boroughs have this issue. Feral cats that roam free are mostly not neutered, are known to spread disease, and can prove problematic to your neighborhood. Feral cats anchor to any food source. You can deter these cat colonies by blocking food sources and nesting sites. Keep trash tightly covered, and as hard as it may be, do not feed them. Humane Societies and cat shelters are very familiar with feral cats and can help in a many ways. Often they will lend special traps that you can use to catch cats in a humane way. These societies should be able to guide you in the rehoming of these cats.





**MOHNTON BOROUGH HALL**  
21 North O'Neil Street  
Mohnton, PA 19540

**COUNCIL /ADMINISTRATION**

- Eric Burgis—Mayor**  
(Police & Fire)
- Jonathan Davis—President**  
(Personnel & Public Safety)
- Gary Hafer—Vice President**  
(Building, Grounds & Zoning)
- Alicia Bressler—Council**  
(Health, Sanitation, Water & Sewer)
- Jason Kercher —Council**  
(Streets & Lights)
- Daniel McDevitt —Council**  
(Finance & Administration)
- Kerry Hoffman—Council**  
(Grants, Community Relations)
- Brian Simmon—Council**  
(Recreation Programs)
- Loretta Imbody— Operations Manager**
- Veronica Henry—Finance Manager**

**CODES ENFORCEMENT /ZONING**

Technicon Enterprises Inc. II  
**SOLICITOR:** Gross McGinley  
**SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:**  
**ENGINEER:** Berks Envirotech Inc.

**MOHNTON BOROUGH HALL**

21 North O'Neil Street  
Mohnton, PA 19540  
**Phone:** 610 775-0660  
**Fax:** 610 775-4419  
Mohntonboro.org

**Police Emergency:** Dial 911  
**Police Non-Emergency Phone:**  
610 655-4911

**NAVIGATOR:**

**Loretta Imbody— Design and Editor**  
**Veronica Henry— Assistant Editor**

**MEETINGS:**

7PM (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)  
**Workshop:** 1ST Weds. of the month  
**General:** 2ND Weds. of the month  
**Zoning Board:** As needed  
**Planning Commission:**  
4TH Monday (6:30pm)



**BERKS COUNTY MUSIC FEST!**

**Saturday, September 10 ,2022**

12pm until 7pm—Mohnton Playground  
Buy advance tickets until 8/20/22 \$15.00  
Day of event: \$20.00  
For more information: [mohntoncumrulions.com](http://mohntoncumrulions.com)



**MOHNTON BOROUGH**  
SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 | 8AM TO 2PM  
**MOHNTON PLAYGROUND**

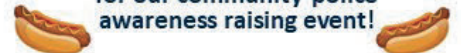
**\$15 PER SPACE AT**  
**MOHNTON PLAYGROUND**

**PAY AT ENTRY TO PARK**  
**(MUST BRING YOUR OWN TABLE)**  
**SET UP AT HOME FOR FREE OR**  
**JOIN US AT THE PLAYGROUND!**



TUESDAY AUGUST 2, 2022 - 6PM TO 9PM  
**MOHNTON PLAYGROUND**

Come out and join us  
for our community-police  
awareness raising event!



**DJ MUSIC! | DUNK TANK! | PIE EATING CONTEST**

