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MOHNTON BOROUGH NEW WEBSITE!

Our website has been hosted and supported by the County of Berks. As of 2023 the County is no longer supporting this service.

We are now working to create a new, improved site which will continue to provide: permit, trash and recycling, and ordinance information etc. We are looking forward to the new and improved design and structure. Resident feedback is always welcome!

Please take the time to visit and use our site. The site will be available by the end of 2022. The address remains the same:
www.mohntonboro.org



NAVIGATOR

2022 FALL/WINTER ISSUE

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Jon Davis, Council President

Our Borough continues to make improvements with the intent on delivering transparent communications, a cleaner and safer borough for all residents to live and businesses to operate within. We have celebrated the small wins throughout the year and are focused on continuous improvement in every area of operation and looking for efficiencies on making a small town thrive once again.

A very special thank you to our First Responders, Police, Streets Department, Office Staff and Volunteers that are helping galvanize a team dedicated to town improvement.



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO MOHNTON! DECEMBER 3rd



HO HO HO! The holiday season is fast approaching and as in the past, the Borough will continue to celebrate with a visit from Santa! Listen for Santa's arrival as he is driven through the borough by the Mohnton Fire Company.
Don't forget to come out and wave!

After his trip he will head to the Mohnton playground for the annual holiday tree lighting. Santa will arrive about 6:00 pm to greet children and their families.

Please join us! The tree lighting will begin with the singing of Christmas songs. Children are welcome to visit with Santa and share their Christmas wishes. *Complimentary hot chocolate will be served by the Mohnton Lions Club.*

In previous years, this event was held on Christmas Eve but our volunteers would like to enjoy this special night with family and friends.

After the holidays... trees may be dropped off at the borough hall behind the garage next to the cell tower. **Deadline: January 6th.**



For a small donation, The Mohnton Fire Company will also pick up your tree from your residence (place at curb). Forms must be submitted for this.

Mohnton Fire Dept tree form, available on our website: mohntonboro.org

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022

For voting locations and hours,
County of Berks Election Services
www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Elections
Phone: 610 478-6490





SIGN UP FOR CodeRED EMERGENCY ALERTS

When seconds count, be fully informed and continuously updated. Mohnton Borough officials are making strides to better protect you and your community with the CodeRED emergency notification system.

With CodeRED, state and local agencies can deliver geo-targeted, time-sensitive information to individuals who have registered to receive alerts. Notifications can be sent via email, SMS, voice, mobile app push notifications, IPAWS and more depending on the severity of the situation.

Mohnton Borough tries to limit the number of messages sent, and will only communicate announcements that are necessary. Examples of messages are: Snow emergencies, road closures and street sweeping etc.

Registration: Go to our website at Mohntonboro.org



CYBER SECURITY TIPS ON LINE SHOPPING



If you have **money** (*doesn't matter how much*), **data** (usernames, passwords, documents, emails, etc.), you may become a target. It's not personal, as cyber criminals automate most of their attacks.

Cyber Security Tip: Never do online shopping from a device that isn't yours or on a network you don't own. Your data could be copied and harvested by cyber criminals. Make sure you're the only one spending your money by:

- Only use safe networks. Never buy anything online that doesn't have SSL encryption installed.
- Be wary of anything that seems off, like colors that don't match the brand, or lots of typos or spelling errors.
- Create strong passwords.
- Never save your card details in an online account.
- Check your transactions regularly.



POLICE SPOTLIGHT

Civil Service Commission

The Borough is looking to fill the position of a full time Officer with the assistance of our Civil Service Commission.

The Civil Service Commission is a volunteer group of residents consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary and three (3) alternates. It is separate from Borough Council and provides compliance and governance for police officer new hires and promotions.

New Part time Officer

In 2022 the Borough hired another part-time Officer. James Demsko is a US Army veteran and recently retired from the Reading Police Department where he served as a criminal investigator and detective. He is currently a full time officer at a local college.

Officer 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
James Demsko



Report a crime or need to speak to an Officer?
Dial 610 655-4911

EMERGENCY: Dial 911
Non Emergency: Dial 610 655-4911
Please do not call Borough Office for Police issues.

BOROUGH PARKING

The majority of our Borough consists of parking that may prove at times to be limited. Please respect your neighbor and park within the parking stall lines. If one car parks over the stall lines, it creates a chain reaction making all parking more difficult. Vehicles parked over the stall lines or in no parking zones will be ticketed and may be towed.

HANDICAP PARKING: There are multiple handicap spaces marked throughout the Borough. Please note these are placed to assist all handicap persons. They are not designated for one individual.

PRIVATE PARKING: There is no parking on private property unless specifically authorized, i.e. private driveways and private parking lots. Vehicles parked on private property will be ticketed and towed at the property owner's request.

EXPIRED INSPECTION & REGISTRATION VEHICLES
Vehicles with out dated inspection stickers and registration are a violation. These vehicles must but reinspected or possible Police violations and fines will be issued.

NEW TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR 2023

Tax Collector Contact Information:

Aimee Long
21 North O'Neil Street
Mohnton, PA 19540

Email: ald5169@live.com



Aimee Long, Tax Collector

COUNTY REAL ESTATE/PROPERTY TAXES:

What are they and why do I have to pay them? County Real Estate/Property Taxes pay a portion to the Borough as well as to the County. If you own property in the Mohnton Borough, you will receive a tax bill that you are expected to pay.

When do we receive these bills the mail? They are mailed out with a bill date of **March 1st**. Per the tax collection law: Failure to receive the tax notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district, and such taxpayer shall be charged with his taxes as though he had received notice.

What is the discount period? March and April of that Tax Year.

What happens if they are not paid by a certain time period? If they are not paid by **December 31st of that Tax Year**, they will be turned over to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau and handled accordingly from there.

PER CAPITA TAXES:

What are they and why do I have to pay them? This tax is also known as the Head Tax. Each resident within the Governor Mifflin School District who is 18 years and older must pay this tax. There are no exceptions!

When do we receive these bills in the mail? Around July 1st of that Tax Year.

What is the discount period? July and August of that Tax Year.

What happens if they are not paid by a certain time period? If not paid by 12/31 of that Tax Year, they are turned over to GH Harris for collection with added interest and fees.

SCHOOL REAL ESTATE TAXES:

What are they and why do I have to pay them? If you own property in the Governor Mifflin School District, you will receive a School Real Estate Tax Bill. There is an exemption available for disabled veterans. That is applied for through the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs Office at (717)861-8910. Please contact this number directly, do not contact the school district for this.

When do we receive these bills in the mail? Around July 1st of that Tax Year.

What is the discount period? July and August of that Tax Year.

What happens if they are not paid by a certain time period? If they are not paid by **December 31st of that Tax Year**, they will be turned over to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau who will pursue payment plus additional fees.

Who do your tax payments get made out to?

County/Property Real Estate Bills: Checks are made payable to: **Mohnton Borough**
School Real Estate and Per Capita Bills: Checks are made payable to: **Aimee Long, Tax Collector**
Please note: checks are deposited relatively quickly so please do not postdate your check.

IMPORTANT — Upcoming Changes in 2023:

All tax bills **must** be paid via personal check, cashier's check, or money order. Cash **will NOT** be accepted and will be returned, if received.

P.O BOX In 2023:

A PO Box will be located at the Mohnton Post Office (328 East Wyomissing Avenue). Residents can drop off or mail their payments to this P.O. Box.

PLEASE NOTE—HOW TO PAY IN 2023:

Payments will no longer be accepted at the Borough Hall office window, or the black drop box outside of the Borough Hall Office Building. All tax related items (ONLY) must be mailed or dropped off at the PO Box located inside the Mohnton Post Office.

SITTING HOURS:

The Tax Collector will have sitting hours the last two weeks of the discount period (last two weeks of April and last two weeks of August) for both County and School Real Estate taxes. Sitting hours will be denoted on the bill itself with a day, date and time. All sitting hours will be at the Borough Hall Building. Per Capita bills may also be paid during this time.

WANT A RECEIPT?:

If you would like a receipt with your bill, please be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your bill and payment, otherwise, they will not be mailed out. The Tax Collector's contact information will be printed on the bill itself, if you have any questions or issues, please contact her.

TAX PAYMENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AT THE BOROUGH HALL.

How the PO Box will work?

Payments can be mailed directly to the PO Box at the Mohnton Post Office. The **lobby is open 24/7 to the public**; however, residents will not have direct access to the PO Box itself.

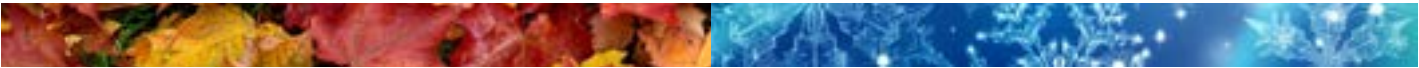


If you drop your payment in a regular mail slot, it will get routed to Harrisburg and back to Mohnton.

If you give your payment to the Post Office teller during normal business hours, it will be dropped in the PO Box. Otherwise, it will get routed to Harrisburg and back because they do not sit and sort everything out accordingly.

If you are dropping payment off right at the end of the discount period, please do so during normal business hours and not after hours. If it is dropped off to mail after hours, the postmark will not be until the following business day and would be considered late if you are doing it on the very last day of the discount period.

Please remember there are sitting hours but at the end of the discount period. If the receiving of a payment is a concern for you, please come to the Borough Hall during the designated sitting hours to ensure your payment is received before the discount deadline.



PUBLIC WORKS FOCUS

WELCOME NEW ROAD CREW FOREMAN!



L to R—Marty Werner, Road Crew Foreman, Jeff Nye and Bryan Weise.

In July of 2022, Mohnton Borough hired two new members for our Road Crew. We are pleased to announce the new hire of Marty Werner as Road Crew Foreman. Marty brings a wealth of knowledge to our Borough. Marty's excellent work ethic and human relationship skills are the attributes that will help move our Road Crew team forward. In addition to welcoming a new foreman, Mohnton Borough also hired Brian Weise as a member of the Road Crew team. Our crew is now a team of three, Marty Werner, Jeff Nye and Brian Weise. If you see our new members, please say Hi, they are interested in meeting the residents of Mohnton Borough.



STOP SIGN INSTALLATIONS

In an effort to increase traffic safety in our Borough, our Council and Police identified the need for additional stop signs. Our Public Works crew installed new stops signs at various locations throughout the Borough.

As always please respect our traffic rules.



LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf pick-up will begin in **October 1st and ends in December 15th.** Leaves should be raked to the street along the curb. Our road crew will be collecting at different times throughout the day, there is no daily schedule. We ask our residents to be patient with collection.

Please refrain from calling the office unless your leaves have not been picked up for many days.

Please make sure your vehicles are clear from blocking leaf collection.

As a continued service to the community you can paper bag your leaves and deposit them in the dumpster at 21 N. O'Neil Steet.



JOHN DEERE 310L PURCHASE

In August of 2022, the Borough purchased a new backhoe which was mainly funded by a recycling grant.

This piece of machinery will be used for snow removal and general maintenance for our roadways. The Borough continues to evaluate the condition of its fleet. We are working to replace and upgrade on an as needed basis.

Residents are advised to monitor local weather stations for information regarding snow emergency declarations. If you encounter a plow truck on the roadways please remember to maintain a safe distance.

Our crew does not want to plow in your driveway, please use this diagram as a guide to avoid this situation.



SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Borough residents have **24 hours** after the snow ends to shovel or receive a fine.

This means, sidewalks, fire hydrants, and handicap ramps. Be sure not to blow snow into the roadways!

Please make sure to cut your properties vegetation back from hanging over sidewalks and roadways.

Our plows need a clear path at all times to make efficient passes, please move vehicles to assist with our plowing.



STORMWATER MS4

Salt and other materials used during the winter months to melt ice and snow can run off into our waterways and contribute to stormwater runoff pollution.

Do not over salt! Salt takes time to work. Extra salt does not increase its time to work.

There are different choices you can make when buying salt for your property. Many de icers and salt have less negative environmental impact. Look for eco-friendly products that contain acetate, potassium chloride or magnesium chloride. Try to avoid products containing calcium chloride which can harm vegetation, wildlife, and pets.

Tip: The earlier you shovel, the less likely ice and snow will build up and you will not need as much salt.



Please be aware of the pollutants that you may be using on your property, these may end up in our storm drains. These drains are a direct path to our waterways.

TRASH AND RECYCLING

BILLING:

Trash and recycling bills are sent out to all residents at the beginning of each year.

Please make checks payable to Mohnton Borough. **(No cash payments will be accepted)** There are three billing periods noted on your bill. Discount/Flat/Penalty.

BILLING QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions regarding your bill or need to make name or address changes, please contact the Borough Office. Phone: 610 775-0660

TRASH COLLECTION:

If you have any questions regarding your trash collection please contact A.J. Blosenski. Phone: 610 942-2707

A Trash and Recycling information sheet is available on our website, or at the Borough Hall. This sheet highlights trash and recycling pickup dates, collection rules, and seasonal curbside recycling information.

www.mohntonboro.org



Note: It is mandatory for all residents to use our contracted vendor: A.J. Blosenski for their trash collection. Residents may not haul or use dumpsters for their trash disposal.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

Our residents frequently ask about how to dispose of Hazardous Waste/Electronics/Paper Shredding/Pharmaceutical Collections.

Please go to The Berks County Solid Waste Authority website for this information.. www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/SWA

The mission of the Berks County Solid Waste Authority is to manage solid waste and recyclable materials in an environmentally safe, reliable and efficient manner.

SWIMMING POOL AND SPA ORD.

An Ordinance of the Borough of Mohnton Adopting a Swimming Pool Ordinance which sets forth the definitions and use regulations of swimming pools within the Borough of Mohnton, establishes restrictions, and provides penalties for violations thereof.

Part of this ordinance states:

Drainage: All pools and spas, including portable pools, shall be drained into the sanitary sewer system. Furthermore, it shall be a violation of this ordinance for any person to drain a pool or spa so that the discharge flows onto an adjacent or neighboring property, or so that the discharge effects the riparian rights of adjacent or neighboring property owners.





PLAYGROUND RENTALS
Rentals for playground pavilions are closed as of October 15.
Opening April 15.

MOHNTON MEMORIAL PARK UPDATES

This summer Council members, volunteers and our Public Works Crew worked on repairs needed for the playground. Thank you and a job well done!

Park improvements this season included: paving the walking path, painting the large pavilion, tree and shrubbery trimming, repairs to some of the walkways, and replacement of several climbing activities. When playground activity slows for the season all the swing suspension and seats will be replaced.

The large pavilion kitchen has also been modernized to some extent. New purchases include: Blackstone griddle, microwave, and a four burner stove. When rentals are finished for the season a new exhaust system will be installed. *As always, please keep our park clean, and drug free!*



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**
(Recreation Programs)
- Brian Simmon—Council**
(Grants, Community Relations)
- 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
 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)



**MOHNTON-CUMRU LIONS CLUB
 PUMPKIN PARADE
 Saturday, October 15, 2022
 (No Rain Date) 7:00 PM**



For registration and information:
Mohntoncumrulions.com

MOHNTON BOROUGH

TRICK OR TREAT - NIGHT -

**MONDAY
OCT. 31** | **UNDER 18 YEARS CURFEW 10:00PM**