

NAVIGATOR

2023 SPRING/SUMMER ISSUE



Moving Forward!



FINANCIALS



INFRASTRUCTURE



POLICE & FIRE



COMMUNITY

MOHNTON BOROUGH RESIDENTS



A **Drop box** is available for payments. The drop box is located outside of the borough office. (Continually monitored by our security cameras.)

Trash payments accepted
Sewer payments accepted
(Sewer residents—only use this box if you receive your sewer bill from Mohnton borough, not Shillington Borough. Please include your phone number on your checks.)

If you need a receipt, enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope.

- **NO CASH ACCEPTED** -
- **NO TAX PAYMENTS** -

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Davis, Council President

Folks, thankfully we had a very mild winter and very little snow or ice to contend with. Our Public Works team has kept busy making improvements around the Borough. Extensive tree work at Mohnton Memorial Park, re-seeding, taking care of low-lying areas in walking paths, updating and rebuilding worn out park equipment. Cleaning out storm drains and rebuilding broken catch basins to ensure run off water makes its way into storm systems efficiently. Every rule of continuous improvement is in place and I'm hopeful if you walk or drive through town you are starting to see areas of improvement. Our Public Works team is motivated on getting problems identified and then quickly resolved.

Mayor Burgis, the Civil Service Commission, and Council were able to follow through with a promise, getting another Full-Time Officer on board. This will help diminish the amount of time the Borough's Police service went out to the State Police. We have a solid team of rejuvenated individuals that are on board for the right reasons and all focused To Serve and Protect our residents.

With nicer weather, I ask you to be aware of more people out walking, biking and running. The warmer months bring on the propensity to drive a little faster than the norm, so please be aware and obey the speed limits.

CARE OF PROPERTIES - Technicon and our Police will be strictly enforcing codes:

- **Broken Sidewalks - Ord. 478 Chp 21.** See ordinance description on website.
- **Grass Clippings in Roadways - Ord. 500** It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or any agent thereof to place, throw, accumulate or discharge, or cause to be placed, thrown, accumulated or discharged upon any street, alley, highway, storm sewer or stream located in the Borough of Mohnton.
- **Grass Height - Ord. 648** Please maintain grass at a height of no more than six inches or violations may be issued. Remember to cut grass at street curb line.
- **Abandoned/Blighted Properties - Ord. 957** See ordinance description on website.

Previous offenders will go directly to citation process. These costs become very burdensome to repay so please, make every effort to get your property within the borough guidelines.

And Lastly, thank you all the volunteers that make things happen. You are the people helping us make great strides forward!!!

TAX PAYMENTS—IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Changes for 2023 School Real Estate & Per Capita Tax Bills:

- **Governor Mifflin school district** will be processing 2023 RE tax/Per Capita Taxes. The bills will be issued in July.
- **Mail payments to:** Fulton Bank. Mailing address listed on Tax bill. No in person payments at branch locations.
- **Make checks payable to:** Governor Mifflin School District. Please write your phone number on the check. Cash is not accepted. If you would like a receipt—include a self addressed stamped envelope.
- **No sitting hours** for School RE and Per Capita taxes.
- **Mohnton Tax Collector and Mohnton Borough Hall** will no longer accept School RE and Per Capita bills. If mailed to PO Box 97, or the Borough Hall - payments will be returned to you.
- **Tax Questions:** Please call the school district (610)775-1461.

----- In person payments can be made at Gov. Mifflin Education Center -----
10 South Waverly Street, Shillington
Check tax bill for hours.



MOHNTONBORO.ORG

POLICE SPOTLIGHT

Police Department is Growing!

Welcome aboard James Demsko! Mohnton Borough is pleased to announce our newly hired full time officer.

Thank you to our hard working Civil Service Commission, their dedication and hard work resulted in the hiring of a new officer in an expedient amount of time.



Officer information:

Chief Eric Pistilli
epistilli@mohntonboro.org
Officer Tim Jones
tjones@mohntonboro.org
Officer James Palange
jpalange@mohntonboro.org
Officer James Demsko
jdemsko@mohntonboro.org
Part time Officers:
Officer Shaun Yocum
Officer Tom Focht

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 REMINDERS:

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.



PARKING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED: Vehicles will be ticketed.

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 be reinspected or Police violations and fines may be issued.



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MOVING FORWARD

A Small Borough promoting a clean, safe environment, focused on delivering transparent communications to our residents.

Talk to Us



NEW WEBSITE - mohntonboro.org

Our new site is active and ready to serve our residents. Information includes:

Finance/Budgets
Current News
Playground rentals
Permits
Meeting times
Compliant reporting
Trash/Recycling
MS4

Contact information
Events
Tax Information
Ordinances
Meeting minutes
Police/Fire
Infrastructure
and more!

MOHNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT



Our Fire Department continues to serve our residents with the highest level of dedication.

If you are interested in getting involved...please do, volunteer Fire Fighters, Fire Police, EMS and people for fundraising are always needed. Contact: 610 777-6479

Note: You can stop by training nights for more information: Tuesdays—between 6:30PM and 9:00PM.

Mohnton Borough Social Hall is a fun place to be. A great place to meet with old friends and new. Raffles, great food and conversation...join today!

SUNDAY BREAKFAST—Buffet.
Remaining dates for the season.
May 21 and June 18.

BINGO! SUN. MAY 7th
Mohnton Fire Company, 100 Summit Street
Doors open at 12:00, Bingo starts at 1:00
\$25.00 for 20 Games/\$30 at the door
Raffles/Special Games/Food



Owners of pools/spas:

Please respect your neighbors property, illegal drainage of water can negatively affect adjacent properties. Draining into a neighbors yard is illegal and you will be fined.

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.

ORD. | 948



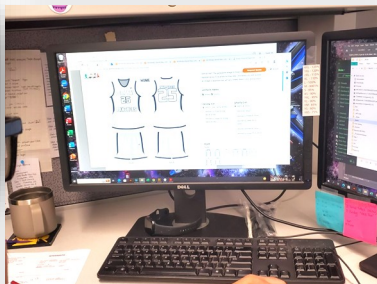
LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT Brute Apparel

The Borough of Mohnton would like to extend a very warm welcome to Brute Apparel. Brute is a local manufacturer of sublimated sports team apparel, and as of February of 2023 relocated their operations to 4 Front Street Plaza.

Brute specializes in custom made men and women's team apparel for sports such as wrestling, basketball, football, baseball, softball, warm up gear and the list goes on and on.

You can learn more about this company at: www.brute.com

The Navigator will spotlight a local business in each issue. If your business is interested in being spotlighted in the Navigator, please email: info@mohntonboro.org
The Navigator is published twice a year.



PERMIT REQUIRED:

BUILDING
DUMPSTER
SOLICITATION
FENCES
POOLS AND SPAS
SOLAR PANELS

Permit applications and instructions are available our web-site.

Zoning is needed for sheds, accessory structures and fences.

ORD. 500

Grass and Weeds Ordinance:

Please maintain grass at a height of no more than six inches or violations may be issued. Remember to cut grass at street curb line.



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. Blowing grass in the street is a violation, and properties will be fined.

SIDEWALK REPAIRS

Mohnton Borough Council is asking all of our residents inspect your sidewalk. It is your responsibility to keep sidewalks in good condition.

The borough will be sending notifications to residents whose sidewalks are in need of repair.



RENTALS IN THE BOROUGH

Our Borough requires registration and inspections for rentals. If you are a landlord, please see mohntonboro.org for forms.

Rental registration fees are paid annually, inspections fees are paid every other year. If you live in the residence that is not owned by you, it is technically considered a rental regardless if you pay rent.



PROPERTIES IN NEED OF REPAIR

We all want to live a beautiful borough. Properties that are marked for violations will be notified. These violations include: vegetation overgrowth, trash, uninspected vehicles, broken windows, stagnant pools or spas, etc. Please look over your property and work to keep repairs and improvements up to code.

The mission of Code Enforcement Services is to promote safe and healthy living environments while helping to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Addressing property violations is an important step to keeping our borough moving in the right direction.

PUBLIC WORKS FOCUS



ORGANIC YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Mohnton Borough provides yard waste curbside collection by our Public works crew.

Beginning: April 3
Ending: September 25

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. Overweight bags will be left at curbside.

If you believe your waste was missed at pickup, please be patient, our crew will get to you.

You may also deposit yard waste in the dumpster at 21 N. O'Neil Street.

METAL WASTE RECYCLING DUMPSTER

A metal dumpster is also available for borough residents at the borough hall.

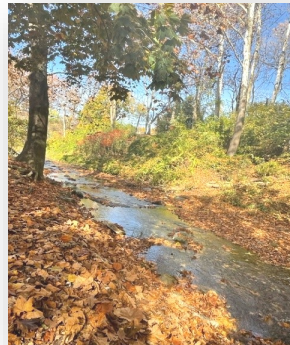
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Appliances accepted
No Freon appliances



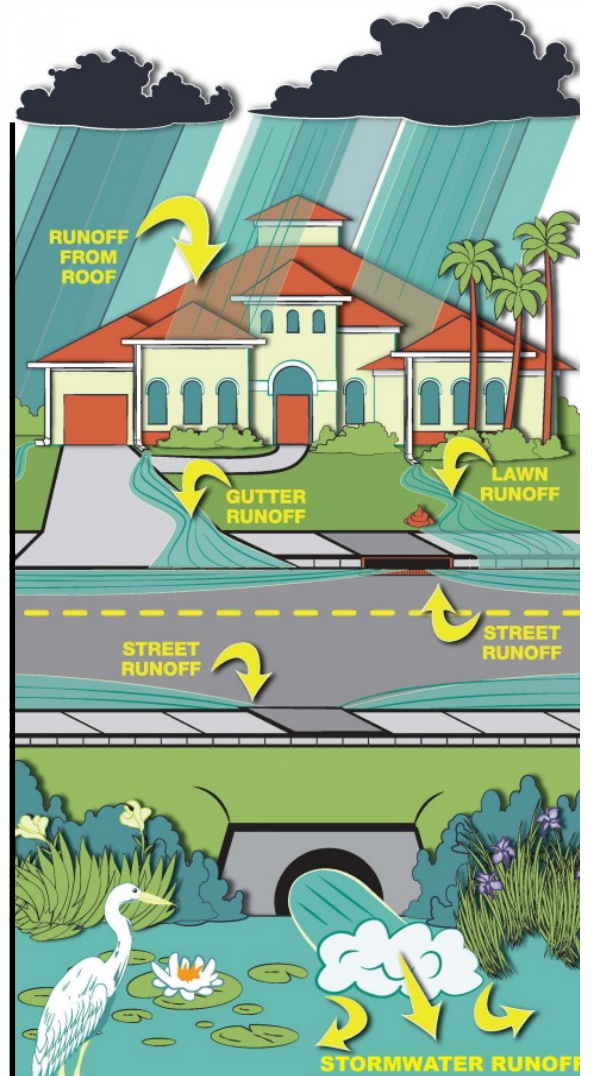
10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Pollution in Stormwater Runoff

- ☞ Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters.
- ☞ Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- ☞ Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- ☞ Compost your yard waste
- ☞ Use least toxic pesticides follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- ☞ Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- ☞ Take our car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- ☞ Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- ☞ Pick up after your pet
- ☞ Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

Wyomissing Creek



Lets keep our beautiful Wyomissing creek free of toxic chemicals ...



Information on MS4 and how to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution is available on our website, mohntonboro.org and at the Mohnton Borough Hall.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

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

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



STREET SWEEPING

- MAY 15 to May 19

DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE AND NEXTDOOR.

STREET SIGNS WILL BE POSTED CLOSER TO THE DATES.

OUR PUBIC WORKS CREW WILL BE CONDUCTING THIS PROCEDURE.

STREETS WILL BE CLEANED OF DEBRIS AND STORM BASINS WILL BE EMPTIED.

PLEASE REMOVE VEHICLES FROM ROADWAYS. REMIND YOUR NEIGHBORS, IF NEEDED.

EVENTS



Please see our website for event details or changes. mohntonboro.org

MAY

SUN/7th BINGO! MB Fire Company Social Quarters

Time: Doors open at 12:00, Bingo starts at 1:00

Sponsored: Mohnton Fire Company

SAT/13th YARD SALE Boro-wide! MB Plg. & Homes

Time: 7am to 1pm - Set up brings at 6am.

Sponsored: MB Council

MON/29th MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Route info. to come.

Buccaneers Concert following parade.

Time: 9am, departure 12 noon

Sponsored: Patriotic Sons of America

JUNE

SUN/11th CAR SHOW & BBQ

Time: 7am to 3pm

Sponsored: Lions Club

MB Playground

JULY

SUN/30th 100th Year Anniv. Concert

Time: 3pm to 5pm

Sponsored: Wyomissing Band

MB Playground

AUGUST

TUES/1st NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Time: 6pm—9pm

Sponsored: MB Council

MB Playground

SEPTEMBER

SAT/9th MUSIC FEST

Time: tba

Sponsored: Lions Club

MB Playground

SAT/16th YARD SALE Boro-wide!

Time: 7am to 1pm - Set up brings at 6am.

Sponsored: MB Council

MB Plgd. & Homes

OCTOBER

SAT/21st HALLOWEEN PARADE

Time: 3pm to 9pm

Sponsored: Lions Club

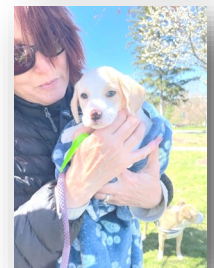
Route information to come.

DECEMBER

SANTA VISIT TO THE BOROUGH! Details — tba



Sunday April 2, PA PIT STOP held a doggie Easter Egg Hunt Event at the M.B. Hall Park. The event was well attended, residents and furry friends had a great time!



Thank you, PA PIT STOP!

MAGIC

IN MOHNTON

- PLAYGROUND OF MEMORIES -

Magic in Mohnton



PLAYGROUND RENTALS

If you would like to rent a pavilion or the bandshell for an event, please see our website for details and rental forms.

Reservations: Call the borough to check for date availability. Submit reservation forms and (check) payments at the borough. Borough Hall hours: (M-TH. 1pm to 4pm). Please have your forms filled out, and checks made payable to Mohnton Borough.

Required: (Two checks)

- Security check,
- Rental and insurance fee check.
- Insurance is required for rentals, see forms for details.

Our Public Works team and wonderful volunteers are continually working on repairs at our park. Please help us keep our park free of graffiti and trash. Trash and recycled materials must be deposited in the containers provided.



Small Pavilion



Large Pavilion with Kitchen



Bandshell





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**



CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING:

Technicon Enterprises Inc. II
SOLICITOR: Gross McGinley

MOHNTON BOROUGH HALL

21 North O’Neil Street
Phone: 610 775-0660
Fax: 610 775-4419
Mohntonboro.org

Office Hours:
Mon.—Thurs. 1pm –4pm
If you need an appointment please call:
610 775-0660

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

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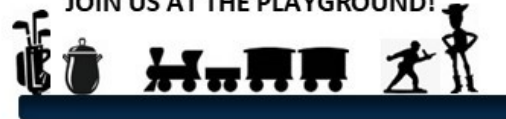
MEETINGS:
7PM (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
Workshop: 1ST Weds. of the month
General: 2ND Weds. of the month
Zoning Board: As needed
Planning Commission, as needed
4TH Monday (6:30pm)



MAY
Saturday, 13th
SEPTEMBER
Saturday, 16th
Times: 7am to 1pm
Set up brings at 6am.

\$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!



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

MOHNTON BOROUGH

ANNUAL EVENT
2023 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
PROMOTING POLICE &
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

TUESDAY AUGUST 1, 2023
— Mohnton Playground —
6pm to 9pm