

NAVIGATOR

2024 SPRING/SUMMER ISSUE



Moving Forward!



FINANCIALS



INFRASTRUCTURE



POLICE & FIRE



COMMUNITY

PETTING ZOO!



APRIL
27

Mohnton Memorial Park

TIME: 10AM to 11:30AM

Band shell area of park.

Mifflin Community Library & Swartz's Roadside Stand will have miniature goats, ducks, rabbits, and chickens for the children to hold and pet.



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Jon Davis, Council President

LOTS AND LOTS OF WINS!!!

2024 is going to be a year of progress for major project completions. Recently, a \$315,000 grant was awarded to Mohnton borough which will be used to repair a Stormwater Channel/Stabilization issue. It will renovate/improve a major erosion problem within the borough. Additionally, a large bid package has been submitted for extensive roadwork improvements. Weather worn streets will be repaired throughout the borough. If you see the white lines around potholes or rough roadways, these are areas marked for the bid.



New Skid Steer

The Borough has partnered with Barry Isett Co. They are now the Borough's secondary engineer in case of a conflict, as well as filling the role of wastewater engineer. Barry Isett Co. capabilities include grant writing on projects within their scope of expertise, this includes parks, playgrounds & waterways. You will see various work trucks inspecting sanitary sewer and storm drains throughout the borough. Broken lines are a detriment to roadways, undermining roadway stability and life span. Sanitary sewer breaks contaminate the soil as well as push heavy rain water into the sanitary sewer system which cause rate increases. These inspections and repairs will ensure that we aren't paying more than we should for our towns water treatment.



GRANT AWARDED!
\$315K grant was awarded to the Borough to repair a Stormwater Channel.

The Borough has made a large capital investment in purchasing a new Skid Steer. This tool will be used for many small to mid-sized jobs. Plowing, snow removal, mulching, street cleaning, drilling, and milling for street repairs. This crucial unit will be used heavily throughout the borough.

It's spring time resulting in increased activity, such as, people walking throughout town and our playgrounds. Please teach our young drivers to be aware of their surroundings and speed limits. I understand the propensity to turn up the music and drive a little faster when the weather is good. Our streets are narrow and have very bad lines of sight even at the posted speeds, let alone above them. Our Police Department will be actively enforcing speed limits throughout the Borough, please slow down, be safe and enjoy the drive.

Lastly, code enforcement. Our homes are one of our largest investments and our investments are protected by taking care of the homes we live in. We ask that you follow our lawn care ordinances. Ord.500 - Grass is to be kept mowed, and never discharge clippings into the roadways. Keep your home clear of trash, debris and exterior hoarding. The Borough has it's fair share of dilapidated properties and unsightly dwellings. We are using every legal action available to get these property owners to clean up their dwellings, ensuring that their neglected properties don't affect their neighbors property values or quality of life. As you can imagine, this is a huge undertaking. Borough Council has assembled a Blighted property committee. As part of the property mitigation it will be working in conjunction with the County to expedite the process once problematic properties are identified. The Boroughs continued focus is to clean up the neighborhood, and get rid of vacant dwellings that detract from homeowners that take pride in their homes/land.



NOTICE TO VOTERS—CHANGE OF POLLING PLACE
District: Mohnton Borough—Precinct 1
New location: Mifflin Area YMCA 140 Chestnut St.
For Voting questions: Please contact Berks County Election Services. berkspa.gov

BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

RETAINS MORE WATER



Compost helps strengthen soil's ability to retain water. This causes plants to not need to be watered as frequently.

REDUCES SOIL EROSION



Erosion occurs when top soil is blown or washed away causing infertile topsoil. Compost can restore topsoil and build stable soil structure.

HELPS CARBON SEQUESTRATION



Carbon is stored in the top 3 feet of soil and is released into the atmosphere when soil structure is poor. Applied compost helps improve soil structure to combat against this.

REDUCES LANDFILL WASTE



Composting helps divert materials from going to the landfills, minimizing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere and lengthening the capacity of landfills.

REDUCES NEED FOR SYNTHETIC FERTILIZERS



Compost sufficiently supplies soil with nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen. This reduces the need for additional fertilizer because compost naturally provides the necessary nutrients for the soil.



APPLICATIONS:

PERMIT APPLICATIONS ONLINE

- ✓ Residential Building Application
- ✓ Commercial Building Application
- ✓ Commercial Application Instructions
- ✓ Fence Application
- ✓ Sidewalk Application
- ✓ Sidewalk Spec. Sheet
- ✓ Shed Application
- ✓ Pool Spa Hot Tub Application
- ✓ Patio and Deck Application
- ✓ Demolition Application
- ✓ Alternative Energy Application
- ✓ Manufactured Home Application
- ✓ MEP Application
- ✓ Use and Occupancy
- ✓ Dumpster Permit Application

DO NOT FEED FERAL CATS *Why shouldn't I feed feral cats?*

Feeding stray cats poses risks not just for the cats but from other wildlife such as raccoons, skunks, and foxes that may be drawn to the feeding stations. Once the population gets out of hand, it is very hard to correct. Your neighbors will have unwanted populations of cats invading their properties. The borough receives multiple calls about this issue. If you are feeding them, you are contributing to a major neighborhood problem.



NO SOLICITATION ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT

Solicitation permits are required in the borough. Please see website for an application, or visit the borough hall.

Permit applications must be submitted with three copies of any plans and supporting documentation. **Residential process time:** 15 working days, **commercial process time:** 30 working days. Submit applications to the Mohnton Borough Hall. Additional information: mohntonboro.org

TRASH AND RECYCLING

- ✗ **No garbage/recyclables and cans may be placed at the curb prior to 24 hours before scheduled pickup;** garbage and recyclable containers and unclaimed items must be removed from the curb within 24 hours after scheduled pickup.
- ✗ **No excessive trash** at the curb.
- ✗ **No Hazardous waste** and certain items such as; large appliances, concrete, electronic waste or large construction debris.



Additional Information about trash and recycling can be found at: mohntonboro.org

Violations will be addressed by the Police Department and the borough.

For special waste disposal and County events: berkspa.gov/departments/solid-waste-authority



BULK ITEM COLLECTION

One bulk item may be collected the **2nd Weds of each month.** Mattresses must be contained in a plastic mattress bag.

Accepted bulk item examples: Bicycles, carpeting (up to 12x12 rolled/cut), indoor and outdoor furniture, grills (must remove propane tanks), microwaves, mirrors (must be wrapped in plastic or taped), push mowers (must empty liquids), vacuums.

If you have a bulk item in question, please call AJ Blosenski 610 942-2707





MOHNTON BOROUGH DEAD TREE REMOVAL E. WYOMISSING AVENUE
 JANUARY 2024: THANK YOU TO OUR ROAD CREW TEAM AND TREE REMOVAL EXPERTS



STREET SWEEPING
 - MAY 6 to MAY 10

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. LINE PAINTING WILL BE CONDUCTED VARIOUS TIME THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.



ORGANIC YARD WASTE COLLECTION

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

Beginning: April 1
Ending: October 28

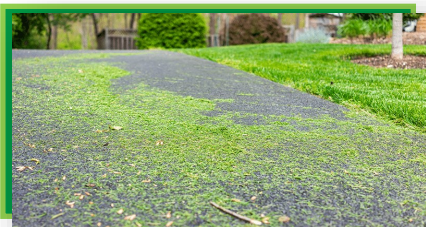
Every Monday
(Tuesday following a holiday)

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 and non bundled items 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 parking lot. **Mohnton residents only.** Dumpster—Emptied on Thursdays.



NO GRASS IN ROADWAYS!

- Grass Clippings Can Be Deadly -
 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.



PLEASE DO YOUR PART

Keeping our community clean is not only the responsibility of the borough, but also its residents. Citizens should refrain from littering in public spaces. Simple acts, such as disposing of wrappers in trash cans and refraining from throwing waste onto streets, sidewalks, or parks, go a long way in maintaining a clean and attractive town. Please take pride in your town.

Don't Risk It!

Nearly two in five U.S. homeowners will put themselves and their communities at risk this year by digging without calling 811 beforehand.*

*CGA 2021 Omnibus Study

Always contact 811 before digging to avoid service disruptions caused by damaging buried utilities.

811

ONLINE PAYMENTS

Kim Shrom, Finance Manager

I would like to thank everyone for their extreme patience during the transition of our changing the 3rd party utility billing vendor. I have worked very hard over the last few months to come to this point. Now our residents have more than one option to pay their bill.

While there were some glitches along the way, we are forging ahead into a clearer, better billing system both internally as well as to make it better for our residents.

Many of you have requested the ability to pay online, and I am happy to report we have implemented this for both sewer and trash/refuse payments. Just a reminder when going onto the portal to pay, please only input **EITHER** the account number (example 843-0001234) **OR** your address (example 123 Main) not both.

Thank you all again for your understanding and willingness to help keep Mohnton Borough...*Moving Forward.*

TAX INFORMATION

Contact Information: Aimee Long ALD5169@live.com PH: 610 914-8398
Mailing Address for 2024 County Real Estate Taxes is:
Mohnton Borough PO Box 97 Mohnton, PA 19540-0097

2024 County Real Estate Tax payments are made payable to: *Mohnton Borough*.
Check and money order **only**. Cash is **not** accepted.
Taxes are not accepted at the Mohnton Borough Office or the drop box.

You should have received your 2024 County Real Estate Tax bills in the mail by now!
If you have not received a copy, please contact the tax collector.

Discount period is March 1-April 30, 2024. Payments **must** be postmarked on or before April 30, 2024 for the discount amount to be honored.

Flat/Face period is May 1- June 30, 2024. Payments **must** be postmarked on or before June 30, 2024 for the flat/face amount to be honored.

Penalty period is July 1-December 31, 2024. Payments **must** be postmarked on or before December 31, 2024 for the penalty amount to be honored.

After December 31, 2024,

All outstanding payments unless postmarked December 31st or prior will be turned over to the [Berks County Tax Claim Bureau](#).

At such time, you will need to contact them for payment details and questions.

2024 County Real Estate Sitting Hours at Mohnton Borough Hall

Weds., **April 17th** 6:00PM-7:00PM, Thurs., **April 18th** 6:00PM-7:00PM

Mon., **April 22nd** 6:00PM-7:00PM, Weds., **April 24th** 6:00PM-7:00PM

Sat., **April 27th** 9:00AM-10:00AM, Tues., **April 30th** 6:00PM-7:00PM

PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE - Go to, mohntonboro.org > Tax Collector section of the homepage. Link: >>> PAY REAL ESTATE TAX ONLINE <<<

Please note: The Tax Collector does not have an office or regular business hours at the borough hall. In-person payments for 2024 County Real Estate tax payments can only be made at the times above.

If you are not able to make the sitting hours listed, please drop your payment in the mail or hand to a teller at the Mohnton Post Office during normal business hours. Please be sure to address the envelope appropriately with a stamp; otherwise, it will not be accepted and delivered correctly.

Important Contact Numbers:

Berks County Tax Claim Bureau: 610-478-6625

Berks County Assessment Office: 610-478-6262

Governor Mifflin School District Administration Building: 610-775-1461

2024 School Real Estate and Per Capita Tax Bills:

2024 School Real Estate and Per Capita bills will be mailed out on July 1st, 2024.

Payments are accepted at the Governor Mifflin School District Administration Building during the hours listed on the tax bill. Please do not mail payments to the Tax Collector or Mohnton Borough Hall, they will be returned!

REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Fill out email form located on website:
mohntonboro.org

Or
Contact the Borough
Hall Office:
610 775-0660

If possible, find the pole number and report this with your request.



RENTING A DUMPSTER?

Dumpster permits are required. Please go to our website for an application, once filled out submit to the Borough office.



METAL AND ORGANIC WASTE DISPOSAL

DUMPSTERS AT BOROUGH

For residents only:

Dumpsters are available at the Borough Hall parking lot.

Accepts: 1st Dumpster:
Organic waste only.

2nd Dumpster: All types of metal.

Clothing Drop off box:
Located rear of parking lot.



The Boroughs trash and recycling contract with A.J. Blosenski will end December 31, 2024.

The Borough is currently working on the new bid. This may result in a new trash hauler for 2025.

Stay tuned for updates.

Mohntonboro.org



MOHNTON MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND RENTALS

Our playground is a crime & drug free environment,
with safety as our top priority.



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.

mohntonboro.org

Reservations: Call the borough to check for date availability.
Submit reservation forms and (check) payments at the borough.
Borough Hall hours: (Mon-Thurs. 1pm to 3pm Fri. 9am to 12pm).
Please have your forms filled out, and checks made payable to
Mohnton Borough.

Required: (Two checks)

- 1. Security check** (never deposited, returned after passed inspection.)
- 2. Rental and insurance fee check.**
Insurance is required for rentals, see forms for details.

Please help us keep our park free of graffiti and trash. Trash and recycled materials must be deposited in the containers provided.



PLAYGROUND RENTALS

Rental booking for
playground pavilions:
April 15 to October 15.

Mohnton Memorial Park *Events!* Mohnton Memorial Park

APRIL 20	Yard Sale Mohnton Fire Dept.	TIME: 8AM to 12PM 100 E. Summit Street, Mohnton. Vendors wanted call: 610 780-6135. To donate to the yard sale call 484 256-5967 Proceeds benefit the Friendship Fire Co. #2.
APRIL 21	5K Walk/Run	TIME: Registration - 7:45AM race start 9AM. \$25 per runner. 2nd annual event in recognition of National Crime Victim's Rights Week. All are welcome to the stroller friendly course in and around Mohnton Park. Awards, county services informational tables, and complimentary light snacks and drinks.
APRIL 27	Petting ZOO	TIME: 10AM to 11:30AM Mifflin Community Library & Swartz's Roadside Stand will have miniature goats, ducks, rabbits, and chickens for the children to hold and pet. Band shell area of park.
MAY 18	Mohnton Yard Sale	TIME: 8AM to 1PM Community yard sale, set up at home for free, or at the playground for \$15.00.
MAY 27	Memorial Day Parade	TIME: 830AM to 2PM Parade starts at the VFW on Wyomissing Ave., and proceeds to Walnut to Church and end at the Mohnton Cemetery. A memorial service will be held at the cemetery followed by a concert at the park. Concert by the Buccaneers.
JUNE 10	VFW Flag Retirement	TIME: TBD VFW/P.O.S of A. participate in a 'Flag Retirement Ceremony' held by the Mohnton Boy Scouts. Demonstrating correct way to retire our national flags. This is a very informative ceremony that should be witnessed by every American at least one time.
AUG 6	National Night Out	TIME: 6PM to 9PM Don't miss our annual NNO event, designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness and generate support for local Police, Fire and first responders. Activities for adults and children! Lot's to eat/drink!
SEPT 7,8	Music Fest & Makers Market	TIME: Sept 7th (10AM to 6PM) Sept 8th (10AM to 5PM). FREE EVENT: Music Fest: Enjoy hours of music from a verity of bands. Makers Market: Local artisans selling handmade items. Food Trucks: Beer and wine sales. Cornhole Tournament for adults. Magic in Mohnton's playground area, bouncy house, face painting. See, mohntoncumrulions.com

BINGO! Mohnton Fire Company—First Sunday of the month. Doors open at 11:30AM Bingo starts at 1PM.
100 Summit Street, Mohnton. \$30 at the door. \$25 for 20 Games. April 7th and May 5th. Raffles, Special Games, Great Food.
Mohntonboro.org (Park is located at Walnut and Wyomissing Streets. GPS 198 E Wyomissing, Mohnton)



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL EVENT!
PA PIT STOP held a doggie Easter Egg Hunt Event at the Mohnton Memorial Park on March 24th. This is the 2nd year Mohnton was involved with this event. What a great turnout!
Thank you, PA PIT STOP!



VOLUNTEERS are needed for our National Night Out event.
The event is growing and we need helping hands. If you would like to get involved, or if you would like to make a donation to this event please contact Alicia Bressler.
email: aliciab.mohnton@gmail.com



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**
- Kim Shrom—Finance Manager**
- Marty Werner—Public Works Foreman**
- Eric Pistilli—Chief of Police**



CODES ENFORCEMENT/ZONING

Technicon Enterprises Inc. II
SOLICITOR: Gross McGinley
SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
ENGINEER: Barry Isset & Assoc.. 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 NEWSLETTER:
Loretta Imbody— Design and 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)



Saturday
MAY 18th

Set up begins 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

3rd ANNUAL EVENT
2024

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
PROMOTING POLICE &
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

TUESDAY AUGUST 6, 2024

— Mohnton Playground —
 6pm to 9pm