



NAVIGATOR

2024 FALL/WINTER ISSUE



Moving Forward!



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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO MOHNTON! SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th

After Santa's fire truck ride through Mohnton, he will head to the Mohnton playground for the annual holiday tree lighting. Santa will arrive about 6:00 pm.

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.*



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Jon Davis, Council President

Mohnton Residents

The fourth quarter is upon us, and we are closing out 2024 reflecting on improvements, projects and ongoing borough business. Many improvements/repairs/upgrades have been made to the borough's infrastructure, playgrounds and streets. We thank our residents for their patience during these projects as they may require our residents to experience traffic detours or delays.

As we move into the winter months, there is no doubt that we are due for a snowy season. We have had back-to-back mild years, and we are prepared for whatever mother nature throws at us. The borough has purchased a Case Skid Steer which is outfitted with a plow that will help us navigate narrow roads throughout town. When snow falls, our employees are instructed to clear curb to curb when plowing. Unfortunately, your driveways **will** be plowed in. There is no way to effectively remove snow without this happening. Shoveling or snow blowing snow back into the streets is prohibited and will be cited by police. Sidewalks must be cleared within 24hrs of a storm. Please sign up for CODE RED, a notification service which will provide the snow emergency information sent to your phone. To sign up, see information on our website.



Bring your retired American Flags to be respectfully disposed of, giving the symbol of freedom a proper resting place.

Collected for the **VFW Flag Retirement Ceremony** held annually in June by P.S.O of A. and Mohnton Boy Scouts.

Mail box container located at, 21 North O'Neil Street, Mohnton



NOVEMBER 5, 2024

District: Mohnton Borough—Precinct 1
Mifflin YMCA 140 Chestnut St.

For Voting questions: Berks County Election Services.
berkspa.gov

HOLIDAY TREE REMOVAL - After the holidays...trees may be dropped off at the borough hall parking lot. *Deadline: Jan. 5th.*





National Night Out Held August 6th 2024

THANK YOU to our residents who attended our 3rd annual National Night Out!

It was unfortunate that the weather was less than accommodating, but we still had a great time!

Special thanks to our sponsors, volunteers, road crew, administration and Council members that made it another successful event.

We could not have done this without YOU! See you next year!



Full Time Officer Deron Mandel!

Congratulations on being part of the team! Mohnton Borough welcomes Officer Mandel as a new full time Police Officer. We look forward to a successful journey with you! Welcome aboard!

Officer information:

Chief Eric Pistilli
epistilli@mohntonboro.org

Officer Tim Jones
tjones@mohntonboro.org

Officer James Plange
jpalange@mohntonboro.org

Officer Deron Mandel
dmandel@mohntonboro.org

Part time Officers:

Officer Shaun Yocum

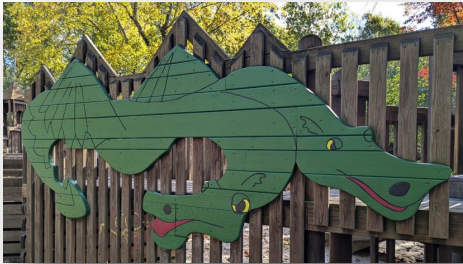
Officer Tom Focht

Officer James Demsko



Magic Dragon

Many key features set our unique playground apart, the Magic of Mohnton area, bordered by beautiful Wyomissing Creek and the dragon! The wooden dragon which has been a fixture at the playground for years was in much need of repair! Thank you staff for breathing new life into our dragon! Job well done and appreciated!



Story Walk Project—Paid by Grant!

Our borough partnered with the Governor Mifflin Library to install a new educational program at the Mohnton Playground. This new program is designed to inspire young as well as older participants to enjoy our park even more! This program was paid for by a grant, so.... no cost to our residents!



PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING HEARING BOARD

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

Zoning Board Member seat open!

Are you interested in becoming a Zoning Board Member? Please email to: info@mohntonboro.org

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission consists of members appointed by Borough Council. A Planning Commission are citizens that serve within local government, acting as an advisory group to Borough Council on issues and policies related to planning, land use regulation, and community development.

Zoning Hearing Board

The Zoning Hearing board renders decisions on specific types of land use appeals and applications. The primary purpose of the zoning hearing board is to help ensure fair application and administration of the zoning ordinances. Members of the zoning hearing board are appointed by the governing body.

Thank you to our hard working board members!



MOHNTON BOROUGH BLIGHTED PROPERTIES

Blighted properties can be inhabited, abandoned, foreclosed, or vacant lots. They can change the character of a neighborhood and lead to poor living conditions, which can impact the community, economy, and housing stock. This is known as systemic vacancy.

Mohnton Borough Council and its administration members continue to focus on the problem of blighted and vacant properties in our borough. The borough is taking aggressive steps to remedy this problem and are asking property owners to take the proactive steps needed to improve on their properties prior to receiving violation letters, and citations.

Please address the following, its your responsibility!

Unkept lawns: Address high weeds and grass.

Dead Trees: Remove dead trees which pose a threat to your property and possibly your neighbors property.

Structural Issues: Make repairs on windows, doors, siding, etc.

Sidewalks: Repair and maintain—Property owners are responsible for repairing and maintaining the sidewalks that border their properties. Clearing debris like leaves, dirt, snow and ice and fixing damaged sidewalks.

Vehicles: It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or allow to remain parked, on any street or public alley or any part of any street or public alley within the Borough of Mohnton any vehicle **without current valid registration plates.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, or allow to remain parked, on any street or public alley or any part of any street or public alley within the Borough of Mohnton any vehicle **without a current inspection sticker** unless the vehicle is legally parked in front of, or in close proximity to, an official state inspection station which identified said vehicle by work order specifying state inspection will be performed within 24 hours. Additional work orders beyond the initial 24 hours are prohibited.

Junk/Trash on premises: IPMC Section 302.1 reads: Exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition. The occupant shall keep that part of the exterior property that such occupant occupies or controls in a clean and sanitary condition.

**Please address these issues
before the Borough has to get involved!**

PERMITS

The Borough of Mohnton requires permits for certain kinds of work to your property, residential or commercial. Examples include, but are not limited to, roofs, decks, patios, sheds, fences, pools, driveways and sidewalks. Permits also are required for dumpsters, and solicitation in the Borough. When in doubt, please view the PERMIT section on our website.

All residential and commercial permit applications must be returned to the Borough office along with the non-refundable application fee, checks payable to Mohnton Borough. Permit fee balance is due when the permit is ready for pick up.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

Illicit discharge is any non-stormwater material that enters a storm drain, pipe or ditch. Illicit discharges are illegal and can be harmful to the environment and human health. If you see an illicit discharge please report it to the borough office immediately.



Libre's Law, signed by Governor Tom Wolf back in August 2017, includes a section regarding tethering or chaining dogs outdoors, which typically occurs in an owner's backyard. With this law, dogs are not allowed to be tethered outside for more than 30 minutes if the temperature is over 90 degrees or under 32 degrees.



The Humane Society of the United States considers long-term tethering inhumane. Not only can dogs suffer from hypothermia or heat exhaustion from being kept outside in extreme conditions, they can develop psychological issues from being isolated. Some chained dogs develop sores around their neck from ill-fitting collars and pulling on the tether. Specifications for a proper tether are "a type commonly used for the size and breed of dog and is at least three times the length of the dog as measured from the tip of its nose to the base of its tail or 10 feet, whichever is longer".



If you have a rental property in Mohnton Borough, you are required to register every year with the Borough. Inspections of rentals occur every other year. Additional information on Borough website.



PUBLIC WORKS FOCUS

LEAF COLLECTION

October 15th to 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 the path of leaf collection equipment.

BOROUGH PARKING LOT DUMPSTERS

The dumpsters at the borough parking lot are for residents of Mohnton Borough **ONLY!** This site is closely monitored. **Violators will be fined.**



ORGANIC WASTE and METAL WASTE
Emptied every Thursday.

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.



As you may remember, the borough purchased a new Skid Steer in the early part of 2024. This winter you may see it snow-plowing hard to maneuver alleyways and tight streets.

INCLEMENT WEATHER COMMUNICATIONS

The borough uses a service called CodeRed to communicate snow emergency information which is sent directly to your phone. Snow emergency information can also be found on our website:

Mohntonboro.org

If you would like this service please sign up on our website!



Don't forget to remove snow from around your fire hydrants!



SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING LOTS

In the event of a snow emergency, these parking areas are available to our residents during snow clearing hours.

DIAMOND STREET & ORANGE STREETS
Behind Borough Hall
(One side only ballfield side)

MOHNTON PLAYGROUND - SKATE PARK
(Front St. off of Lake St.)

MOHNTON PLAYGROUND
(at the foot of Walnut Street)

MOHNTON FIRE COMPANY PARKING LOT
(Summit & Mohn Streets)

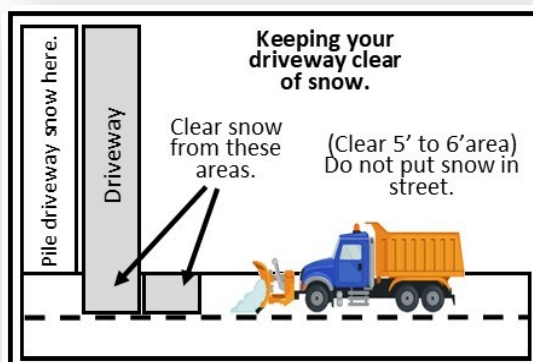
ZION CHURCH PARKING LOT
(Church & Summit St.)

PARKING LOT
(South Church Street)

WOODLAND AVE
(adjacent to W. Wyomissing Ave.)

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.



ORD 380—SIDEWALKS

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL



Partial Ordinance content—if you would like to read the entire Ordinance, it is available at mohntonboro.org (Borough Code)

The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside of any of the streets of the Borough of Mohnton is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed all snow and ice from all of the sidewalks.

302.3.1. Where sidewalks exist, the parties responsible for the sidewalks, as set forth in Section 301.2.1 of the code, shall have at least a **two-foot width path cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the cessation of the snowfall.** Exception: When more than 12 inches of snow has fallen, those parties responsible for the sidewalk shall have at least an eighteen-inch-wide path cleared of snow and ice within 48 hours of the cessation of the snowfall. Where fire hydrants exist, the abutting property owner shall be responsible for clearing a path to and around the hydrant.

Refusal to Comply: Violations and penalties may apply.

ORD 975—ANIMALS



**FARM ANIMALS
NOT ALLOWED
IN MOHNTON BOROUGH**

The Borough does not permit any non domesticated animals. A notice of violation can be issued with citations.



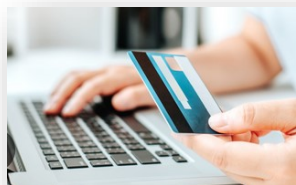
ORD 975—SOLID WASTE

CHANGES TO ORD. 975 PLEASE READ

DUMPSTERS Bulk containers shall be of sufficient size so that such container(s) are not filled beyond their rated capacity, taking into account the following factors (1) the type and quantity of waste being produced, (2) the equipment handling capabilities, and (3) the frequency of waste collection. Furthermore, such bulk containers **shall be enclosed in an area with a privacy fence**, so as not to create an eye-sore.

TRASH/RECYCLING PICKUP TIME: Refuse containers shall not be placed along the street or alley for collection more than 24 hours prior to the contractor's scheduled collection date and time.

CONTAINERS: Garbage shall be drained and stored in durable rust-resisting, non absorbent, watertight, easily washable containers, equipped with handles and tight fitting covers. The storage of all refuse by residents of the Borough of Mohnton shall be practiced so as to prevent the attraction, harborage or breeding of insects and/or rodents and to eliminate conditions harmful to public health or which create safety hazards, odors, unsightliness and public nuisances. **Residents use of bags for trash disposal has been eliminated.**



IF YOU PAY THE BOROUGH OF MOHNTON FOR YOUR SEWER & TRASH, REMEMBER YOU CAN PAY IT ONLINE AT:

2025 Trash and Recycling Pickup Schedule will be available on our website, or at the Borough Office by the end of December.





COUNCIL /ADMINISTRATION

- Eric Burgis—Mayor**
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- Jonathan Davis—President**
(Finance & Administration)
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- Alicia Bressler—Council**
(Health, Sanitation, Water & Sewer)
- Jason Kercher —Council**
(Streets & Lights)
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(Personnel & Public Safety)
- Kerry Hoffman—Council**
(Recreation Programs)
- Brian Simmon—Council**
(Grants, Community Relations)
- Loretta Imbody— Operations Manager**
- Kim Shrom—Finance Manager**
- Marty Werner—Public Works Foreman**

CODES ENFORCEMENT /ZONING

Technicon Enterprises Inc. II
SOLICITOR: Gross McGinley
SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
ENGINEER: Barry Isett & 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:

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)

New Council Member! Mohnton Council and employees welcome Lori Kruse to Mohnton Borough Council as Chair for Personnel and Public Safety. Thank you to Dan McDevitt who resigned from Council in 2024. Best Wishes and thank you for your service!

STAY AS A GROUP

ALWAYS CARRY A FLASHLIGHT

ALWAYS STAY ON SIDE WALKS

DO NOT ENTER HOMES

CHECK YOUR CHILDREN'S CANDY

VISIT WELL LIT HOMES

MOHNTON BOROUGH

TRICK OR TREAT!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

No rain date

Curfew: 13 years or younger 9PM

MOHNTON mohntonboro.org

