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Borough/Sewer Manager's "State of the Borough"

Sunbury Street Lighting Installation Wrapping Up

Greetings all! I'm hoping this edition of the *Miners' Journal* finds you all healthy and safe. Spring has sprung and summer is just around the corner. As always, I want to take this opportunity to give all an update on Borough happenings.

Streetscape project

The installation of the streetscape lights has commenced. Over the next couple weeks, you will see activity on Sunbury Street from Delaware Avenue to 4th Street.

The initial phase involves sidewalk cutouts where the lights will be placed. With no unexpected or unforeseen delays, the anticipated installation completion is mid-to-late May. After that, you may see additional streetscape improvements in the project area. This will be determined by the availability of funds remaining from the grant the Borough received.

Grant money not utilized must be returned. Thus, we will do our very best to utilize all the funding.

Grant money, however, is project specific ... not able to be used for anything else in the Borough. Total grant funding for this project was \$1,581,236. There was no Borough share required ... your taxes and fees were not used.

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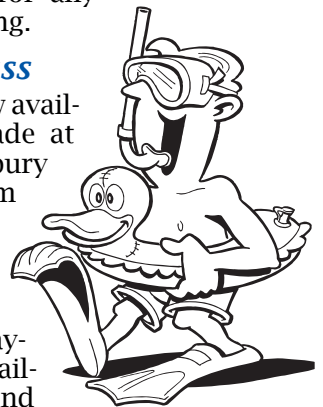
Everyone in the Pool!

The Minersville Community Pool, located at the Fourth Street Recreation Complex, is scheduled to open on a daily basis from noon to 7 p.m. beginning Sat., June 3.

Check the Borough website or call the Borough Office near the end of May for any changes in the planned opening.

Get your season pool pass

Season pool passes are now available. Applications can be made at the Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury St. or by downloading the form on the website minersvillepa.gov (click on the Community Pool tab). Complete the form and mail or enter it at the Borough Office along with payment. Season tickets are available at the Borough Office and will be available at the Minersville Community Pool once it opens and throughout the summer. All applications will be verified before tickets are issued. Fraudulent information voids the pass. A season pass for Minersville Borough residents costs \$70 for a Student, \$80 for an Adult, \$55 for a



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COMMUNITY YARD SALE

To register your household for the community-wide yard sale June 3, complete this newsletter Entry Form and return it to:

Minersville Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury Street, no later than June 1. Make checks payable to the "Minersville Recreation Committee" in the amount of \$5 per map location. Minersville Borough Homes only. This is an all-weather event.

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Yard Sale 7 to 11 a.m.

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Minersville Borough Council meets the First and Second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Water Authority Building on North Delaware Avenue. Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session takes place on the First Tuesday. The Business Meeting is then held on the Second Tuesday.

2023 OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Minersville Borough offices will be closed in 2023 in observance of the stated holidays - Presidents Day, Feb. 20; Good Friday (half day, close at 11 a.m.), April 7; Memorial Day, May 29; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 4; Columbus Day, Oct. 9; Veterans Day, Nov. 10 (observed); Thanksgiving and day after, Nov. 23 and 24; Christmas, Dec. 22 (half day, close at 11 a.m.) and Dec. 25; New Year's, Dec. 29 (half day, close at 11 a.m.), Jan. 1, 2023.

Let's Make a Splash!

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Senior Citizen, and \$140 for a Family (up to five) plus \$30 for each additional.

Non-resident season passes will be: \$85 for a Student, \$100 for an Adult, \$75 for a Senior Citizen, and \$170 for a Family, up to five, plus \$40 for each additional.

A "Family" consists of parents, or a couple, and up to three children, all permanent residents of the same household and same immediate family ... or one adult and up to four children. A separate pass is required for any adult, 18 or older, residing in the household (adult children, grandparents, aunts, uncles). If a babysitter is listed on the pass, that individual will only be admitted when with the children listed on the pass. Also, the babysitter certification form must be completed.

Daily admission prices this year: \$3 for a Pre-School child and Senior Citizens, \$4 for Student (age four through 17), \$6 for Adult (age 18 and over); Evening admission from 5 to 7 p.m. will be 50% off the daily rate.

Pre-School is a child, age three or younger. Senior Citizens must be age 55 or older.

Children under age 10 must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years of age or older. Without a responsible adult, children under 10 will be denied admission to the pool. There is no non-swimmer discount; all patrons entering the pool are required to pay the appropriate fee.

Resident pass rates are for Borough residents only. School district residents that reside in the townships must pay the non-resident rates.

The Borough reserves the right to seek proof of familial relationship and residency. Passes will not be issued if fraudulent information is provided. Pool passes are non-refundable.

Refunds are not given if the facility closes for weather events. It is the responsibility of the patron to check the weather prior to entry to the facility.

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Streets maintenance

A legal advertisement has been placed seeking bids on this year's planned street paving. The project will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.



Bob Mahalchick
Borough Manager

The Street Department will continue to address potholes. If you are aware of a missed pothole, please contact the Borough Office and a work order will be generated. In addition, the street department will be sealing areas where the road has developed spiderweb cracks. The sealing is done to extend the life of the roadway. Please abide temporary signage and/or personnel regarding traffic, etc. in the area of road

maintenance projects.

Street sweeping for the year will resume. Residents will be informed via the Borough website homepage, Facebook, and street postings in advance of street sweeping in their area. Vehicles must be removed from the roadway in order to sweep away winter's grime quickly and efficiently.

Street personnel have removed the old benches at the recreation complex and installed new ones pur-



chased by the Borough. In addition, they have started preparing the community pool for the 2023 season.

With the winter over and spring/summer months upon us, I want to remind you to follow all property maintenance ordinances regarding grass, weeds, etc. Our Code Enforcement Officer will be strictly enforcing the ordinance. It is your responsibility to maintain your property so as not to negatively impact the quality of life of your neighbors.

Sewer Authority news

Major projects continue to be in full swing at our sewer plant on the Pottsville/Minersville Highway. The projects involve necessary replacement and upgrades to vital equipment - some there since the plant opened in 1975. The last time major upgrades and updates to the plant occurred was in 2010. This year, another project is scheduled to repair and replace storm lines and inlets on N. Delaware Avenue between River Street and Cottage.

Last year, the Sewer and Water Authority worked jointly to complete a project that involved the replacement of existing storm, sanitary and water lines on Pine Street between 3rd and 4th streets along with full width restoration of the street. In addition, the Sewer Authority replaced lines on Laurel Street between St. Francis and South streets. The project involved installing about 1,000 feet of sanitary sewer line and 1,000 feet of lateral lines to homes in the 200 block of Laurel Street.

Making our town the best it can be

In closing, I want to kindly ask all to team with our Borough Council, Mayor, myself, and our employees to tap the vast potential our hometown presents. Together, we will aggressively pursue opportunities to improve the quality of life for all our residents and make Minersville the best it can be.

I wish you and your families a healthy, safe, happy, and enjoyable spring and summer.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and provide this update on the State of OUR Borough.

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Lots Happening at the Minersville Public Library

Be A Rockhound! Find Hidden Gems This Summer

A Junior Rockhounding Program - complete with learning activities and a rock hunt - is planned this summer at your Minersville Public Library, 220 S. Fourth Street. Once all of the supplies arrive sometime after school dismissal for the summer, the program dates will be posted at the Library, on the Library's website, and Facebook page.



Rocks, quartz crystals, and fossils that can be found in Schuylkill County will be displayed, learning activities will be held, and youngsters will be provided a tote bag and will

be able to hunt for rocks and fossils ... all contained in the environment of the Library.

If there is enough interest, more than one program will be scheduled and children divided into age groups.

Summer Reading Program

To encourage reading throughout the summer, the Library will hold a summer reading program geared for Elementary School students and those going into seventh and eighth grades. Readers must register at the Library, and borrow and read 15 books.

If they complete the required reading, they will be invited to a Free Ice Cream Sundae Party to be held at the Library before they return to school in the fall.

How does your garden grow?

New this year, the Library is planting a garden, complete with flowers and some vegetables. Everyone will learn what to plant and how to attract butterflies, hummingbirds, etc. to the garden. All ages are encouraged to participate.



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Community yard sale

A Minersville Borough community-wide yard sale will be held Saturday, June 3. Sponsored by the Minersville Recreation Committee, the sale will take place from 7 to 11 a.m. Residents are asked to be a part of this gigantic, all-weather sale. A \$5 registration fee will get your Minersville Borough house location marked on the yard sale map.

Complete the yard sale registration shown on the front page of this newsletter and send to the Minersville Borough Office for receipt by the June 1 deadline. Maps will be available for pickup June 2.

MYFA Football & Cheer sign-ups

The Minersville Youth Football Association will hold player and cheerleader registration for the upcoming season at the Mountaineer Hose Co., S. Third Street, Minersville on three upcoming dates.



An Early Bird registration will be held on Tuesday, May 9 from 6 to 7 p.m. A reduced registration fee of \$45 for the first child in a household and \$35 for each additional child will be collected at that time.

Two additional registration dates will be held on Tuesday, June 13 and Tuesday, July 11 from 6 to 7

p.m. At these later sign-up dates, the sign-up cost is \$50 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child per household.

Children must reach 5 years of age by August 1, 2023. A parent or guardian must register for each child and provide a copy of each birth certificate. Additional cheerleader fees will apply.

For additional information, you can follow on Facebook at Minersville Youth Football Association or online at myfainc.teampages.com.

Seeking affordable internet?

There is a statewide program available that helps eligible households access affordable internet service.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we learned just how important internet access is. But unfortunately, not everyone is able to access it - whether it be because they cannot afford it or that they have poor (or no) broadband coverage.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) provides eligible households \$30 per month off their internet bills. ACP-eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.

The Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce Infrastructure Committee is working on community outreach efforts to notify as many Schuylkill County

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residents as possible about the program. For additional information, including fact sheets, guidance videos and more, go online to www.schuylkillchamber.com and search for "Affordable Connectivity Program."

Pool pavilion available for rent

The swimming pool pavilion, dedicated to the memory of Catrina Williams and Carianna Kroh, is an ideal place to hold your summer birthday and swim party. Two party-size rental options are available, each with a damage/cleaning fee of \$50 in addition to the rental cost. Full payment is required two weeks in advance.



Option 1 is for a group of up to 20 guests with a maximum of 15 children for a set cost of \$200. Additional guests in excess of 20 cost \$10 each.

Option 2 covers 35 to 50 guests with a maximum

of 40 children for \$350. Attendees in excess of 50 will cost \$10 additional.

Two time slots per day are available ... 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Pool admission for all guests is included along with food and drink menu options.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-544-2149 to reserve your date and time. Additional information can be found on www.minersvillepa.gov.

Recreation complex rules

With warmer weather now upon us, please adhere to the following ordinance and rules at the Borough recreation complex:

- No dogs
- No riding of skateboards, bicycles, scooters, and rollerblades
- No forms of tobacco
- Playground is closed from dusk to dawn. Police will use judgement during Little League season.
- Age maximum for playground use is 12 years old. Exemptions are made for those supervising their children.

The complex is under camera surveillance and monitored by police.

Borough Office holidays

The Minersville Borough offices and employee operations will be closed in observance of the following upcoming holidays: Monday, May 29 (Memorial

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Day); Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day); and Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day).

Fire safety is important all year

As a reminder to residents, the community fire alarm will be tested each month and will sound at precisely 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday.

Fire Prevention Week is observed during October each year, but personal safety is something to be practiced throughout the year. To be fire safe, residents should install at least one smoke alarm on every level of your home. Test those smoke alarms monthly and replace batteries when necessary.

Develop an emergency escape plan for your residence and discuss what to do with all family members. Practice the plan at least twice each year.

Trash, recycling and yardwaste

The N. Delaware Ave. complex is available for disposal of compostable (vegetative) yardwaste only. Recycling drop-off is no longer available. Access is strictly for residential properties by using a Borough-issued card to activate the gate. Facility hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. spring through fall.

This complex is under 24/7 high-definition video surveillance. Ashes and salt located at the site are for Borough use only. Anyone caught dumping; vandalizing; trespassing and/or stealing within the complex will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Recyclable items are now strictly by curbside pick-up as a means of disposal. A limited number of blue bins are available at the Borough Office (one per household). If you need more than one, you can use any plastic container; but, it must have holes for water drainage and be 25 gallons or less (a laundry basket works best).

The entire Borough - both North Side and South Side, denoted by Sunbury Street - receives sanitation services every Tuesday. All waste should be placed curbside between 6 p.m. and midnight the night before pick-up. Garbage containers must be removed from the sidewalk area after sanitation collection is completed.

The collector will pick up a limit of five 30-gallon bags - each not exceeding 40 lbs. for a maximum 200 lbs. per location. All containers must be secured and bags properly tied.

One large item is allowed per week along with your trash. Any mattress placed curbside for pickup must be wrapped in plastic. No appliances (washers, refrigerator, stove, sinks, etc.) or Freon-bearing appliances will be collected.

Recyclable materials must not be placed in the trash. Violators may be prosecuted as per Borough ordinance.

Approved recyclables will be collected curbside per the following schedule - North Side on the first

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and third Wednesday each month; South Side on the second and fourth Wednesday each month. There is no collection when there is a fifth Wednesday.

Additional information for both recycling and compost regulations can be found on the Borough website - minersvillepa.gov - by selecting the "services" tab.

What to do in an emergency?

In any emergency, call 9-1-1. This will connect you to the Schuylkill County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with trained staff and cutting edge communications to dispatch the necessary medical, fire or police services quickly and efficiently.

If there is a non-emergency need to contact the Minersville Police Department, call 570-544-2333 or the office at 570-544-6212.

If a fire should occur in your home ... GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

Emergency contact info needed

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates that all municipal authorities

R&J TOURS – 2023

DAY TOURS

June 10 – Phillies vs LA Dodgers	\$92
June 13 – Resorts Casino; \$15 FSP	\$69
June 17 – 911 Memorial and Museum	**\$89
June 17 – Cape May Free Day	\$68
June 17 – Washington DC Free Day	\$62
June 22 – The Jersey Tenors @ Tropicana; \$25 FSP	\$95
June 24 – Elvis The Musical @ DADT	**\$99
June 24 – Phillies vs New York Mets.....	\$98
July 6 – Grease @ Fulton & Bird-in-Hand.....	**\$113
July 8 – Ocean City, NJ Free Day.....	\$59
July 9 – Finger Lakes Wine Festival.....	\$92
July 12 – National Zoo	\$62
July 13 – Tribute to Carpenters @ Wind Creek; \$30 FSP	\$81
July 15 – NYC Free Day	\$59

OVERNIGHT TRIPS (Per Person Based on Double Occupancy)

July 30-July 2 – Marriott Marquis, NY	\$479
July 23-26 – Cleveland and Put-in-Bay	\$760
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Customers must choose their preferred method of contact from the following:

- Phone Method – Complete the form, shown above, and mail it to the Borough Office, 2 E. Sunbury Street, Minersville PA 17954; or,
- E-mail Method – Send an e-mail with your name and address to minerswateremergency@comcast.net. Also, add this address to your contact list so you are sure to receive the notifications.

Contact the Minersville Municipal Water Authority office at 570-544-2200 during office hours Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Landlords must register

The Residential Rental Ordinance requires landlords to register their properties with the Borough yearly, providing insurance information, and designating a property management agent if the landlord lives outside a 10 mile air radius of the Borough.

The ordinance also calls for the inspection of each unit every two years and re-inspection prior to any change of occupancy. A one-time fee is required for each occupant of a rental property for the length of tenancy.

Failure for either the landlord or occupants to abide by this new ordinance will result in citations being issued by the Borough. Rental inspection costs \$50 for the first unit plus \$20 for each additional unit in the building. Reinspection costs \$30. Rental registration costs \$10 per year.

The occupancy permit costs \$10 per person with the fee waived for persons age 65 and older.

Contact the Borough Office for registration/permits and with questions concerning this ordinance.

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Be pet responsible!

Borough Ordinance 324 requires dog owners to keep the dog confined to their own property. When taking the dog for a walk, the animal must be on a leash and the person walking the dog is responsible to clean up any fecal matter discharged by the dog. On the pet owner's property, fecal matter must be removed within twenty-four hours to prevent the accumulation from becoming a danger to public health.

Attention contractors

Minersville Borough maintains a list of contractors for the Borough's Housing Rehabilitation Program funded with Community Development Block Grant money. Interested contractors can obtain eligibility requirements and an application by contacting the Borough's Grant Consultant at 570-875-7320 (TDD users 7-1-1 PA Telecommunications Relay Center).

Minority (MBE) and women owned (WBE) businesses are encouraged to participate. Applicants will not be discriminated against, on the basis of race, color, religion, handicap, disability, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, or familial status.

From PPL Electric Utilities

It's spring cleaning time. Ditch your inefficient fridge or freezer, save money and energy, and even pick up some spendable cash.

That old fridge you have running in your garage or basement could be costing you an extra \$150 a year in electricity. Through PPL's energy-efficiency programs, you get free pick-up of your old, working refrigerator or freezer, and a \$50 check. As an added bonus, if you recycle an old room air conditioner or dehumidifier at the same time, you'll receive another \$10.

The refrigerator or freezer must be in working condition, between 10 and 30 cubic feet in size, and be clean, empty and defrosted. Visit ppllectric.com/ recycle for more program details and call 1-877-486-9204 to schedule your free pick-up.

Recycling your old appliance is good for the environment. Under PPL's appliance recycling program, up to 95 percent of your appliance's components are re-used.

Ash collection

Curbside ash collection in the Borough occurs every Tuesday during the spring, summer, and fall months. All ashes created, accumulated or produced shall be deposited in one bushel (15 gallon) steel tubs. Any tub in excess of one bushel must not contain more than the maximum 15 gallons of ashes in that tub. In addition, all ash containers must be free of holes or rust and have safe (smooth) handles. Tubs in poor condition will not be emptied/handled.

Place your ash tubs curbside after 6 p.m. on the evening before collection.

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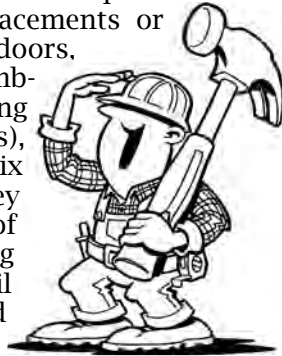
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Repairs and improvements

When planning your spring and summer projects, remember to contact the Borough Office regarding Building Permits. Permits are required for all new construction and all replacements or alterations to roofs, windows, doors, garage doors, electrical, plumbing, heating systems (including supplemental heating units), sidewalks, curbing, fencing (six feet maximum height), chimney replacement, or installation of liners, foundations, swimming pool and hot tub installation, oil storage tanks, subflooring, and interior renovations.



Adding to your existing structure (i.e. new decks or enclosing decks) requires a building permit and a zoning permit. Zoning permits are administered by the Schuylkill County Zoning Office; call 570-628-1415.

If you are replacing windows, all windows installed in this area must have a U-factor of .30 or lower. This number has been established under the 2018 Uniform Construction Code, adopted by the State of Pennsylvania and enforced throughout the state. If your replacement windows don't have the proper U-factor, they will not pass code inspection.

Also, be aware a permit (\$25 fee) is required

before placing a dumpster on the street for demolition/construction debris disposal.

If you plan to install a new driveway, there is a preliminary driveway application that must be approved by the Borough Council before committing to the driveway.

Outside burning ordinance

Below is information regarding outside burn pits. The full text of the ordinance can be downloaded at www.minersvillepa.gov/code-enforcement/.

Only manufactured fire pits, chimineas or fire-place kits with an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label are permissible. Burn containers must have sides and a cover and must be installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer installation instructions. Burn units must not be allowed to deteriorate to the point where they contain holes or missing surfaces in the structure.

Portable outdoor grills fired by propane or charcoal and designed for food preparation are excluded from the provisions of this Ordinance.

Burn container cover must be a metal screen with openings not exceeding one-half (1/2) square inch, or other comparable material that covers the entire area above the burn opening. Such screen shall be maintained in good order as to prevent large particles from escaping the burn container during operation. The cover shall not be allowed to deteriorate to any point whereby it loses its maximum efficiency.

It shall be illegal to burn any materials that give off any acrid, obnoxious, or toxic odors, or emit heavy smoke.

Burning shall be permitted only between the hours of 8 a.m. to 12 midnight. Fires must be fully extinguished and not be allowed to smolder after midnight.

- Burn containers must always be attended by a responsible resident, 18 years or older, of the property.
- The use of gasoline or other accelerants cannot be used to start fires in burn containers.
- All burning in the containers must be done in a way as to not cause excess flames or be used in a way that will cause property damage or bodily harm.
- Burn containers must be kept a minimum of ten (10) feet from any combustible structure. No burning container shall be used within five (5) feet of any property line or public sidewalk area. No burning container can be used for any other purpose.

Borough police officers, code enforcement officers, and/or the Borough Fire Chief are hereby granted the authority to inspect outside burn containers for compliance and are hereby charged with the responsibility of issuing warnings or citations, as merited, for all violations of this Ordinance.

Any condition that is deemed unsafe, causing annoyance, or alarm to neighbors will authorize the officer to require immediate extinguishing.

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Nonprofit and community organizations within the borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received at the borough office three weeks prior to the publication date. Simply E-mail info to minersnewsletter@hotmail.com or call 570-544-2149.

Advertising

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Minersville Compost Site Is for Resident Use

Key Card Required to Access the Facility

Minersville's Compost Site, located at the northern end of N. Delaware Avenue, has restricted access, requiring property owners to apply for and receive an activation card to access the gated lot.

Application forms are available by download from the Borough website at minersvillepa.gov/?p=54 or get one in-person at the Borough Office. Proof of residency or property ownership is required. Adding additional users on the access/activation card requires a copy of each person's drivers license with photo and number on the form.

Security measures needed to curb abuse

The complex has 24/7 high-definition video surveillance monitored by the Minersville Police Department. Gate activation will be granted only during facility hours - 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during spring through fall seasons.

Cardholders are to notify the Borough immediately if their card is lost or stolen and will be charged \$25 for card replacement. The original cardholder is fully responsible for any additional authorized users.

The compost facility is for residential properties. Contractors are not permitted to dump compost materials. If a cardholder sells his/her property or moves from the Borough, the card must be returned to the Borough within five days for deactivation or risk a \$25 charge.



Anyone found violating the regulations can have their access cards made inactive and could face criminal charges for illegal dumping.

Access card instructions

Stop/park your vehicle in front of the gate. You will need to get out of the vehicle and place the card in front of the card reader box.

The gate will begin to open. Return to your vehicle and drive into the gated area. The gate will close after you are in the compost/recycling area.

On the way out, there is a sensor that will automatically open the gate to allow you to exit and then close behind you.

Note: the gate is on a timer for opening and closing, but it will not close if it senses a vehicle in its path.



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