



## Rockledge Recycling Update

### Recycling Grants

Because Rockledge is a community that recycles, we are eligible to receive money from the 902 and 904 grants that are sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection.

The 902 grant allows us to get funding for innovative ideas that will help our community to keep recycling successfully. In 2006 we received \$10,624 which funded the purchase of new recycling receptacles that were placed in all of our parks.

The 904 grant is based on annual recycling tonnage. Last year, we recycled over 365 tons, earning \$6,932. In short, community recycling allows Rockledge to put more money back into the community, saves the citizens money, and helps to keep our environment clean for years to come.

### Recycling & Refuse Reminders

Here are a few tips that will help Rockledge and its residents continue our strong recycling program:

#### 1) Yard Waste

- Pickup is every Monday. Please have your yard waste out by 7 a.m. Remember: Yard waste must be out in the brown paper yard waste bags available at Acker's or Siwek's Hardware. Plastic bags will not be collected.
- Yard waste bags must not exceed 35 pounds in weight. Sticks and tree limbs must be bundled together using string or twine. Keep branches and limbs less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter.
- There must be absolutely no stones, rocks, dirt, or trash in yard waste.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Montgomery County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program provides the opportunity to safely and properly dispose of these hazardous materials. Hazardous waste items include: automotive products including **car batteries**, motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, antifreeze, kerosene and gasoline; pesticides-herbicides; household products including drain and oven cleaners, spot remover, dry cleaning fluid, rug cleaner. Paint products including paint thinner or turpentine, paint re-

mover, oil based paint, furniture stripper and refinisher; and miscellaneous products including dyes, lighter fluids, concrete or asphalt sealers, swimming pool chemicals and mercury. They will not accept tires, propane tanks, items containing Freon or water base (latex) paints. Latex paints can be disposed of with your regular trash after it has been dried out and is a solid material. Our regions drop off sites are at Springfield High School in Flourtown from 9am to 3pm on August 2, 2008 (use 500 Haws Lane entrance), and at the Lower Merion Transfer Station, 1300 Woodbine Avenue, Narberth, PA on October 25, 2008, from 9am to 3pm. For more information or directions call 610-278-3618 or visit [www.wsaemc.org](http://www.wsaemc.org) and click on recycling/HHW link.

### Construction Materials

- The Borough reminds residents that trash collection is not intended for construction materials, and in fact creates additional cost for the residents of Rockledge. Contractors should be removing their own materials from the work site. If residents are performing the work themselves, then the materials must be hauled away separately, or a dumpster must be rented when substantial construction waste is generated.

### Battery Recycling

Don't throw away your old batteries! Bring them to the Borough Garage (27 S. Sylvania Ave) on Saturdays between 7am and 3pm. You can also drop them off at both Ackers Hardware and Siwek's Hardware Stores.

### Scheduled Pick-up Days

- Newspaper/Paper/Junk Mail - Mondays at 7 AM
- Yard Waste - Mondays at 7 AM
- Commingled Recycling - Tuesdays at 7 AM

**Help keep Rockledge beautiful,  
Promote recycling in your neighborhood.  
Rockledge Borough Thanks You!**



**SUMMER  
GREETINGS**  
*From the Borough  
of Rockledge*

**Rockledge Borough Council**

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Fran Casey  
Beth Kain  
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**Building Inspector**

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**Fire Marshal**

Russell Hellyer

**Fire Chief**

Gerry Morris

**Public Works Supervisor**

Clint Snyder

**Treasurer**

Albert Wartman

**Zoning Officer**

Bill Kern

**Borough Website**

[www.rockledgeborough.org](http://www.rockledgeborough.org)

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**Huntingdon Pike Revitalization (Streetscape) Project:**

Huntingdon Pike was recently repaved and crosswalks have been installed. Islands were installed at Church Road and Huntingdon Pike and at Sylvania Avenue and Huntingdon Pike. Signs were also installed on each of these islands so that motorists are aware of them. Flower baskets were recently hung on each of the new light poles on the Pike. The third phase of this project (Central Avenue to Shade Lane) is set to begin in Spring of 2009.

**Property Maintenance:**

There have been a few instances recently regarding property maintenance issues and a few citations have been issued. This is a quality of life issue and should be a high priority to every resident. This includes cutting your grass and keeping your property free of weeds, trash, etc., and disposing of trash properly. Do not allow trash to build up on your property. Trash day is every Wednesday and all trash should be placed in containers and placed at the curb no earlier than 8:00 p.m. Tuesday evening. Please keep in mind that the way we keep our properties also affects our neighbors.

**Tree Removal/Trimming:**

Please keep in mind trees clean the air, increase property values, save energy, and help manage storm water run off. If you have any questions regarding removal or trimming of any shade trees (located in the Borough right-of-way), please call the Borough Office.

**A message from Borough Manager Grace Metzinger  
Permits/Inspections:**

Please remember to check with the Borough Office before starting any home improvement projects to see if a permit is needed. When the work is complete, please call the Borough Office to schedule a final inspection. State law prohibits use of any alteration/addition, etc., until a final inspection is completed and a Certificate of Occupancy & Use is issued by our Building Inspector.

**Fourth of July Association:** A big “**THANK YOU**” goes out to everyone involved for another great parade!! If you missed block collection on your street, and would like to make a donation (donations are accepted all year long) you can send or drop your donation off at the Borough Office, c/o Fourth of July Association, 121 Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge, PA 19046. Please make checks payable to “Fourth of July Association.”

**Rockledge Reporter** is a quarterly newsletter published for the residents, civic and business leaders of the community. If you have any comments and/or suggestions concerning **Rockledge Reporter**, please contact Grace Metzinger or Joyce Hines at: 121 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA 19046 215-379-8572 [www.rockledgeborough.org](http://www.rockledgeborough.org)

# POLICE DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS

## POLICE

**A message from Chief James Leary and the Officers of the Rockledge Borough Police Department:**

### **Our Children's Safety:**

Another school year has come to a close and summer is here. We are reminded that the safety of our children remains one of our most important priorities. Please be aware that our children will be out and about playing in our streets and playgrounds. Also, please remind our young bicyclists ... wear your helmet! Approved and properly fitted helmets save lives, prevent or limit injuries ... and wearing a biker's helmet is the law.

### **Quality of life in our community:**

Rockledge has a broad range of architectural styles. Large colonials, spacious capes, and open ranchers line our streets. Almost everyone in Rockledge owns at least a little bit of lawn. Nearly every Rockledge resident can gaze out of their windows and see a welcoming neighborhood. Please help to maintain neighborhoods as both clean and safe. Let's have well kept lawns, neatly trimmed trees, sidewalks in good repair, and please let's properly discard our trash.

### **Contacting your Police Department:**

For police emergencies, please dial 911. Our 911 and 215-379-8800 lines are staffed 24/7 and are always your best methods to ensure a rapid police response.

If you wish to meet with or speak to an officer, please dial 215-379-8800.

If you wish to leave a message, dial 215-379-8801, but please be aware that 215-379-8801 is a voicemail system.

## Mayor's Office

**A message from Mayor Harold Praediger**  
*Please remember to mark your calendars for:*



**Rockledge Night Out and 2nd Annual Car Show**

**Sunday, September 7, 2008**

**4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Huntingdon Pike**

**Rockledge, PA**



***Fun and games for kids of all ages; public safety presentation, pet rescue and adoption fair, music, food, and vendors. Rain Date: Sunday, September 14, 2008. For more information: [www.rockledgenightout.org](http://www.rockledgenightout.org)***

# DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS (cont'd.)

## FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

### A message from Fire Marshal Russ Hellyer

Please keep in mind the following safety tips this Summer:

#### Barbecue Grills:

- Propane tanks should NOT be stored in the house or garage.
- Please be sure the valve on top of the tank is turned off when not in use.

#### Chimeneas (outdoor fireplaces):

- Please keep them a safe distance from combustibles and have an ABC fire extinguisher nearby when in use.
- Remember to follow manufacturer's safety guidelines at all times!

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### A message from Fire Chief Gerry Morris

As summer approaches, the Fire Company is experiencing an average volume of emergency calls. We would like to congratulate the residents of Rockledge as there have been no major fires within the Borough so far this year. Your attention to fire safety and prevention is exemplary. During a recent inspection, we were advised that Rockledge and the Rockledge Fire Company will be getting an improved ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating. This is good news for the residents and businesses in Rockledge.

We would like to remind you to continue to practice fire safety measures in and around your homes. Keep outside grills away from the home and flammable materials. Keep a hose or extinguisher nearby when using an outdoor fire-pit or chimenea and keep pool/spa chemicals in well-ventilated areas. For more news and information, please visit [www.rockledgefireco.org](http://www.rockledgefireco.org).

#### Upcoming Events:

**Operation EDITH (Exit Drill In The Home) is Wednesday 10/8/08.** We are still in need of a volunteer family/home. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you may be interested in helping your family, community and us.

**Fire Prevention Open House is Thursday 10/9/08 beginning @7:00 p.m.**

As always, we are continuously looking for new company members in addition to active firefighters. We are in need of men/women with business, accounting and/or computer/I.T. backgrounds as company members. Please contact me @ 267-228-7162 or stop-by the firehouse any Thursday evening at 7:30pm.

## Planning Commission

Members: John Wynne (Chairman), Mary Alice Wynne, Barbara Crossin, Joseph Costello, and William Diegel

In recent months the Planning Commission along with Matthew Kory (Montgomery County Planning Commission) have been working on some possible changes in the ROR (Retail, Office, Residential) Zoning for a Main Street District along Huntingdon Pike. These changes are intended as improvements that should reflect a shift towards a more walkable, pedestrian-friendly community. They would also help achieve the goals of the Rockledge Revitalization Plan. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:30 at the Borough Hall and as always, it is open to the public.

# DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS (cont'd.)

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Reminders from foreman Clint Snyder**

1. Please only deposit toilet tissue in the sewer system. Cleaning rags, handi-wipes, and diapers cause costly backups in the sanitary sewer system and should not be flushed down the toilet.
2. Please keep all pets out of the Borough playgrounds, parks, and open space. Also, when walking your dog, remember to pick up after them.
3. Please remember to make use of the trash/recycling stations in our parks as well as the trash receptacles stationed along Huntingdon Pike.
4. Keep grates free of leaves/trash debris as this helps with storm water run-off.

While maintaining your yard this summer:

-Please use brown paper yard waste bags. Yard waste that is not in the proper bag or contains dirt, stones or trash, construction debris or weighs over 35 lbs. **WILL NOT BE PICKED UP.**

-Yard waste bags must be placed at the curb no later than 7:00am Monday morning.

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

### **Reminders from Councilwoman Beth Kain**

#### **Trash**

Regular trash pickup occurs on Wednesday, and is handled by Allied Waste. If you have any questions or concerns about trash pick up or would like to schedule a bulk item pickup, please call Allied Waste Customer Service at 610-265-6337. Bulk items are picked up the first Wednesday of each month.

#### **Recyclable Pickup**

Paper recycling occurs on Mondays. Commingled recycling (glass, metal and plastic) occurs on Tuesdays.

For all trash and recycling please place on your curb after 8:00pm the day prior to collection, and remove your receptacle no later than midnight the day of collection.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

### **A message from Councilwoman Patti Kehoe**

The summer camp program is taking place **June 16<sup>th</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 3:00, Monday through Friday**. The camp is for children between the ages of 6 and 12 and it is for FREE. Camp will be held at Jarrett and S. Sylvania Avenue playgrounds. Your child can look forward to arts and crafts, games, and trips. We have a great director and counselors on hand. The director is Jessica Salicondro and the counselors are Erin Metzinger, Beth Crossin, Kristin Hector and Jessica Heinz. We really hope your children will be able to attend. This is something that the children of Rockledge look forward to every year and it is a huge success.

A **BIG** thank you to all who contributed to the Easter Egg Hunt. We really had a great turnout and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the businesses who contributed, we cannot do this without you!



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## A Letter from Council President Denelsbeck

Dear Neighbors,

As summer moves on I would like to update you on the events occurring in in your local government.

As you can see phase I and II of the Huntingdon Pike Revitalization Project is complete with the exception of the addition of some tree planters. We will be moving on to Phase III in the spring of 2009, with completion in the fall. The cost of all three phases of this project will be over 3 million dollars when completed and only \$20,000 dollars has come from borough funds.

Our next projects will be focused on the south side of Huntingdon Pike as we are set to redo the tennis courts at Cegiolkowski Park. It is most likely that the courts will be closed in the fall for a total makeover. This is in thanks to a grant secured by Representative George Kenney. The borough is also looking to acquire and complete a walking trail connecting Church Road to Cegiolkowski Park.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer!

Respectfully,

Joseph L. Denelsbeck  
President of Borough Council