



## Rockledge Recycling Update

### Recycling Update

Our 2008 recycling totals reflected an increase from 2007. We went from a total of 369.24 tons in 2007 (newspaper & commingled) to 378.24 tons in 2008. Although there was a slight decrease in our newspaper recycling, our commingled totals jumped from 112.54 tons in 2007 to 126.28 tons in 2008. This increase will reflect well in our Department of Environmental Protection 904 Grant as this is based on our recycling performance. Thank you for your continued recycling efforts—this allows us to put more money back into the community! Besides saving citizens money, recycling also helps to keep our environment clean for years to come. Remember to encourage our youth to recycle also; for more ideas on ways that our kids can become involved, check out the PA Department of Environmental Protection website at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) and click on “Just for Kids.”

### Recycling & Refuse Reminders

Please keep in mind the following tips:

#### 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 bags.

#### 2) Recycling

- Newspapers and Cardboard are picked up every Monday. Place at the curb by 7 a.m.
- Commingled (glass, aluminum, #1&2 plastic) is picked up every Tuesday. Place at the curb by 7 a.m.

### 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.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Montgomery County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program provides the opportunity to safely and properly dispose of the following hazardous materials: 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 remover, 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: Montgomery County Community College on June 13; SpringFord School District on July 11; and Abington High School on August 8. The hours at each of these sites are 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.

### 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

James Caffrey, *President*  
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Joseph Denelsbeck  
William Kelleher  
Patti Kehoe  
Beth Kain  
Jason Showmaker  
Harold Praediger, Mayor

## Borough Manager

Grace Metzinger

## Borough Clerk

Joyce Hines

## Police Chief

James P. Leary

## Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator

Matthew Reinhardt

## Building Inspector

Charlie Pluguez

## Fire Marshal

Russell Hellyer

## Fire Chief

Jerry Morris

## Public Works Supervisor

Clint Snyder

## Treasurer

Albert Wartman

## Zoning Officer

Building Inspection Underwriters

## Borough Website

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

## PUBLIC INFORMATION

**Huntingdon Pike Revitalization (Streetscape) Project:** Rockledge has separated from the City of Philadelphia for Phase III of our Streetscape Project (Central Ave. to Shady Lane). The plans are now under PennDot review. Bid advertisement and awarding of the job should take place in July and August with work to begin in September.

**Property Maintenance:** This is the time of the year when property maintenance issues begin to arise. Please keep in mind that maintaining your property includes cutting the 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—place your trash and recycling out every week. This is a quality of life issue, as the way we keep our properties also affects our neighbors—Help Keep Rockledge Beautiful!

**Fourth of July Parade:** The 79th annual parade starts at 9:00 am sharp on July 4. Committee members will be out doing block collection and distributing parade books during the month of June. Your generosity with your donations to the parade is greatly appreciated. Should you miss block collection, your donation can be sent to the Borough Office c/o The 4th of July Association.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE PARADE!!**

**Tax Collector Hours (School Taxes):** During the last 2 weeks of the discount period (Sept. 1-15th), Albert Wartman will have office hours to allow residents to pay school taxes in person. Office hours will be every Wed, Thurs, and Friday (9/2, 9/3, 9/4 and 9/9, 9/10, and 9/11) from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Saturday hours (9/5 and 9/12) will be held from 9:00 to 10:30 am. The tax collector's office is located at 121 Huntingdon Pike (Robbins Ave. entrance) in the basement. Please note: other times and dates can be accommodated by calling the tax line at 215-379-3615.

## A message from Borough Manager Grace Metzinger

**Permits/Inspections:** Please check with the Borough Office before starting any home improvement projects to see if a permit is needed. Keep in mind that zoning approval must be obtained for fences, walls, decks, and additions. 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. Beginning July 1, all contractors must register with the Office of Attorney General.

**Dog Walking Reminders:** Many complaints have been received recently regarding dog waste on sidewalks and private property. Please remember to clean up after your dogs and keep them on leashes when out for a walk. Also, keep dogs off of private property (out of the playgrounds, parks, and open space). Along with property maintenance, this is another quality of life issue; let's respect everyone's property.

**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:**

Spring has arrived! As the days become longer and warmer, our children will be out and at play. Bicyclists, pedestrians, and our children will be competing with our motorists for the same safe passage in our neighborhoods. Please be courteous. Please share the road ... and most importantly, let's all be safe.

Rockledge is very much a community of residents and most of our streets are completely lined with private homes. In these homes are the families who truly define Rockledge. We all want our families to be secure in our homes and to be safe in our neighborhoods. Probably the greatest risk of injury we may face comes from traffic accidents. Speed limits and STOP intersections help us to avoid accidents. Stay within the speed limits and stop—a full and complete stop—at every STOP sign. The Rockledge Borough Police Officers are taking very assertive traffic enforcement actions, citing and even arresting those who violate the traffic laws. Our officers will be very visible, extremely vigilant, and very enforcement oriented especially in our residential neighborhoods.

Now is the time we all finish our “spring cleaning” and begin our yard maintenance projects. As you gather your trash and discards, please be considerate of your neighbors. Please check the calendar for the trash pickup schedule and please put the trash to the curb on the assigned pickup days. Rockledge has several trash ordinances along with lawn and shrub maintenance ordinances. All of these help to maintain and protect our community. As always, the officers of the police department hope for voluntary compliance instead of citations issued to our residents.

### **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 3rd Annual Car Show**

**Sunday, September 13, 2009**

**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 all day. Rain Date: Sunday, September 20, 2009. For more information to go: [www.rockledgenightout.org](http://www.rockledgenightout.org)***

**Friendly reminder:** Huntingdon Pike along with some unit blocks of our side streets will be posted with **NO PARKING** for the day of the car show. Also starting at 1 pm until 9 pm all the streets leading to Huntingdon Pike along with Huntingdon Pike itself will be closed to all vehicle traffic.

# 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!

**Please note:** Open burning is prohibited by Rockledge Borough Ordinance and by the International Fire Code.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### A message from Fire Chief Jerry Morris

It's finally Spring! The flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping, the days are getting longer and "UGH" it's time for spring cleaning. Please take a moment to look in the garage or the basement for those cans and containers of "STUFF" - those almost empty cans of paint, that old car battery, pesticides, or used oil. In other words, it's time to get rid of the things we would not want the kids getting into or spilling on the floor. If you can't use them, dispose of them correctly. Take the battery to the auto store; you may get a couple of "bucks for the core."

After the chores are done and the yard looks great, there is the mandatory cookout on the grill. Check it out. Is the bottom going to fall out? Are the grills in one piece? If you use charcoal for the grill, try the easy light type. They work and you don't need to use lighter fluid. If you use propane, check out the grill before you start. Is everything in good repair and tight? Remember, propane is heavier than air and will float on the ground. You may not smell it or know there is a problem until there is a big one. Please, never grill indoors or on the porch.

Finally, as always, we are continuously looking for new company members in addition to active firefighters. If you have any questions about the duties, don't hesitate to call me or stop by the firehouse. 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.

**Reminder:** If you haven't dropped a fund drive donation in the mail, please take a minute to do so. We are feeling the economic pinch too!

Have a safe and fun-filled summer!!

## Rockledge Student Achievements

### Congratulations to a few Borough students ...

Teresa Regan, graduate of St. Basil's and currently enrolled in Temple University, recently was awarded the C.A.P.T. Scholarship (Citizens and Police Together) in the amount of \$500.00!

Erin Metzinger, currently a senior at Abington High School, recently received the Bob Bagans Unsung Hero Award for her work in the Abington Senior High Key Club!

GOOD LUCK to all of our seniors in the Borough who will be graduating next month; best wishes for your future success!

# DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS (cont'd.)

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **Reminders from foreman Clint Snyder regarding Storm Water Management**

Please keep in mind the following important information regarding the management of storm water:

Storm water runoff comes mainly from snow/ice melting or rain water. The water goes down the street into an inlet (either a grate in the road or a covered inlet in the sidewalk). The water then goes through the storm water sewer system (not the sanitary sewer) and into a local wildlife waterway. This information is very important, because if you spill oil, grease, chemicals or anything else that is not water it is going into our natural waterways and can do extreme harm to our wildlife. It is illegal to dump chemicals, trash, and dog waste into a storm sewer. If you see someone dumping in a storm sewer inlet, you should report this to either the Police Department or the Borough Office. Also, should you have a storm water inlet by your house, please keep it clear from debris so the storm water can flow properly and not create a hazard. More information regarding storm water management can be found on the borough website; from the homepage click on the link "Stormwater Management" under Police & Emergency Services.

**\*\*Avoid costly sewer backups by only depositing toilet tissue in the sanitary sewer system\*\***

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

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

#### **Trash**

Regular trash pickup occurs on Wednesday, and is handled by Allied Waste. Please place all trash in containers with a tight-fitting lid. If you have any questions or concerns about trash pick up, please call Allied Waste Customer Service at 610-265-6337.

#### **Bulk Pickup.**

Bulk items such as furniture, mattresses, rugs, etc., are picked up the first Wednesday of the month. These items can be placed at the curb without the need to schedule pickup. You do need to schedule pickup for white goods such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, ovens, etc. To schedule a pickup for a white good, call 610-265-6337.

Please do not place any of the above items (including recycling and yard waste) out for pickup before 8:00pm the day prior to collection, and remember to remove your receptacle no later than midnight the day of collection.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

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

The summer camp program will run from **June 29<sup>th</sup> through August 7<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 FREE. Camp will be held at Jarrett and S. Sylvania Avenue playgrounds. Your child can look forward to arts and crafts, games, and trips. Jessica Salicondro will serve as director again this summer and there will be two counselors present at each playground. 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. For further details, please call the Borough Office at 215-379-8572.

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 Caffrey**

Dear Neighbors,

Spring has arrived! It's time to get out and enjoy the warmer weather, fresh air, and sunshine. I'd like to update you on several projects mentioned in our last newsletter.

Plans for the new tennis courts have been approved and construction is underway and is expected to be completed by the end of June. I'm happy to report that we received a grant from the State to construct a new baseball field at Cegielkowski Playground. This project will begin this summer. Unfortunately, the Revitalization Project has been postponed until September due to unforeseen issues with PennDot. Lastly, this year's street paving project will be Church Road, from Huntingdon Pike to Chandler Street. This should be starting before the end of May.

It is with regret that Borough Council recently accepted the resignation of Council Member Bob Beady. Bob has been a member of Council since 2003. Thank you Bob for your service to Rockledge. We wish you and your family all the best.

Jason Showmaker has been appointed to fill Bob's Council position. He is a life-long Borough resident and a graduate of La-Salle University with a degree in finance. Jason will surely be an asset to Council and the community. Welcome Jason!

Lastly, we have enacted several new ordinances regarding construction and the use of dumpsters and PODS within the Borough. If you are planning any projects or if you have any questions, please call the Borough Office before work begins.

Enjoy the Spring and have a safe and relaxing Summer!

Respectfully,

James J. Caffrey, President  
Rockledge Borough Council