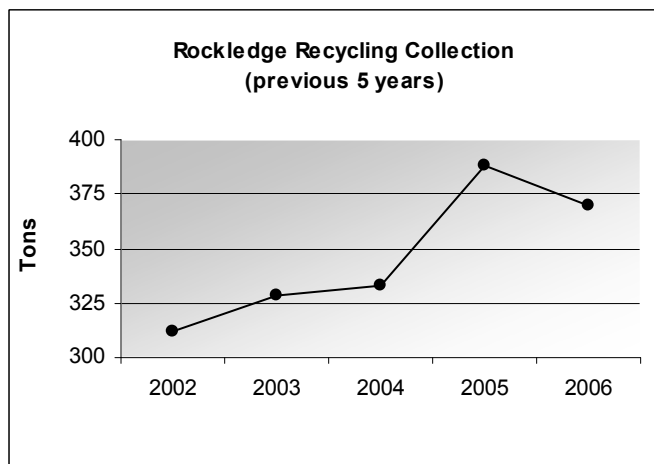




Rockledge Recycling Update

Rockledge Recycling Report

The recycling numbers for the first three quarters of 2007 are showing an improvement from a disappointing 2006. The Borough is on pace for a 5 to 8 % increase for 2007 after having a slight decline in our recycling numbers in 2006 as compared to a very impressive increase in 2005. The Borough had a decrease of about 7% in commingled recycling and paper was down about 4% in 2006 compared to our 2005 totals, which increased about 18% from our recycling numbers in 2004. The chart below illustrates the slight drop off in 2006 compared to previous years and with our continuing efforts we can finish out the year in the right direction.



Recycling Grants

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved the Borough's Act 101, Recycling Program Performance Grant in the amount of \$6932.00. This grant reflects the 388.15 tons of residential and commercial materials recycled by our citizens and businesses in the calendar year 2005. The Borough receives grant money every year from the DEP based on our annual recycling tonnages, which allows the Borough to put more money back into the community, saves money for the citizens and business owners of Rockledge and assists us in our efforts to keep the environment clean and safe for years to come.

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 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 region's drop-off site will be at Lower Merion Transfer Station. The address is 1300 Woodbine Ave. Penn Valley, PA and the day is October 27, 2007 or call 610-278-3618 for other locations.

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!**



AUTUMN GREETINGS

*From the Borough
of Rockledge*

Rockledge Borough Council

Joseph Denelsbeck, *President*

Joyce Walz, *Vice-President*

Robert Beady

James Caffrey

Fran Casey

William Kelleher

Patti Kehoe

Harold Praediger, *Mayor*

Borough Manager

Michael J. Hartey

Borough Clerk

Joyce Hines

Police Chief

James P. Leary

Building Inspector

Frank Orfe

Fire Marshal

Russell Hellyer

Fire Chief

Gerry Morris

Public Works Foreman

Clint Snyder

Treasurer

Albert Wartman

Zoning Officer

Bill Kern

Borough Website

www.rockledgeborough.org

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- We would like to welcome our new **Mayor, Harold Praediger**. Mr. Ken Costello stepped down and we are grateful that Harold stepped up to the plate. Good Luck Harold!!
- **Fire Co. Pancake Breakfast** is Sunday, October 21st from 8:00am. to 12:00 pm. For tickets call 215-379-8373 or purchase them at the door. ALL YOU CAN EAT!
- **Kids Halloween Party** will be held October 20th, 2007 from 2:00 pm. to 4:00 pm. at Holy Nativity Church.
- **Election Day** Tuesday November 6, 2007 -7:00 am to 8:00 pm
- **Support our troops: 10/15/07—11/6/07**. To show our support we will be collecting items such as: baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, sunscreen, chapstick with spf, deodorant, silly string and letters of support and encouragement to send abroad. Monetary donations will be used for the purchase of specialty items. Drop off locations are: Ackers Hardware, Coldwell Banker Diamond Realtors & the Borough Office. Donations are also welcome at the Rockledge Fire Company on Election Day (11/6/07). For more information contact Meredith Meehan 215-663-9401.

A message from Borough Manager Mike Hartey

Please join me in WELCOMING **Joyce Hines** as the new Borough Administrative Assistant. Joyce is a long-time resident of the Borough and has done a splendid job since coming on board in May of this year. We wish her good luck in her new position. The Borough would also like to THANK **Grace Metzinger** once again for all of her hard work and dedication to the Borough office over the last few years.

The **Huntingdon Pike Revitalization (Streetscape) Project** is moving along as planned and the north-side sidewalk of the Pike should be re-opened by the second week of October. The south side sidewalk will then be under construction through November. PennDOT hopes to have the sidewalks completed and the decorative light poles installed by Thanksgiving. The decorative crosswalks and re-paving of the roadway is scheduled for December, but may need to be pushed back until the spring if the weather does not cooperate.

Rockledge Reporter is a quarterly newsletter published for the residents, civic and business leaders of the community. If you have any comments or suggestions concerning **Rockledge Reporter**, please contact Mike Hartey or Joyce Hines at: 121 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA 19046 215-379-8572

POLICE DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS

POLICE

A message from Chief James Leary

As we begin the Fall Season please be mindful of our children traveling to and from school. Bus, bike and pedestrian traffic will all be competing for the same lanes. As the school year starts, our officers are extraordinarily vigilant as they patrol the school bus routes, and every year several residents are cited for inappropriately passing school buses. Many of these violators are heavily fined; some suffer the suspension of their license.

Parents, during our patrols, officers have noticed several of our youngsters fail to wear appropriate protective equipment while riding bikes, roller blades, scooters and skateboards. We encourage all parents and children alike to wear their bike helmets and any protective equipment necessary as it will prevent a serious injury to your child in the event of a fall or accident. Please also be reminded it's the law.

We hold safety as our priority; voluntary compliance as our goal, and education and enforcement are our tools. Please help us to make our streets safe for our children.

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

Mayor's Office

A message from Mayor Harold Praediger

On September 9, 2007 the Rockledge Police Department hosted its annual Crime Night Out. For all who attended you may have noticed that this was a different Crime Night Out then in previous years, and it has been renamed to Rockledge Night Out. This year's event included a car show and an animal rescue and adoption fair. The Rockledge Night Out was a tremendous success. There were 176 cars in the car show, several animal rescues, numerous public safety agencies and approximately 3,000 people attended the event. The Rockledge Police Department would like to thank all who attended Rockledge Night Out and Car Show. We would also like to thank **Carl Siwek** and his family for all the hard work they did in planning the Car Show.

ROCKLEDGE CRIME NIGHT OUT SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Siwek's Hardware, J.L Ash and Sons, Berben Insignia, Wetzels and Sons, Acker's Hardware, Quality Stamp, Weiss Realty, Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation, Barbin and O'Connell Attorneys, Friends of George Kenney, Gabby's Gifts, Joshua Murawski, Mr. Greg Smith, and The Rotary Club of Cheltenham/Rockledge.

We are already planning next years Rockledge Night Out and Car Show, and hope to see everyone there.

DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS (cont'd.)

FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

A message from Fire Marshal Russ Hellyer

Fire safety is something that should be practiced year round, and not just during fire prevention week. With fall quickly approaching I would like to remind you that Borough Ordinance prohibits any open burning in a public or private place. When using any outdoor fireplace such as a chimnea, please follow the manufacturer's safety guidelines. Ensure that a safe distance is maintained from anything that may be combustibile. Replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. You should have one smoke detector on each floor and one in each sleeping area. Manufacturers recommend that all detectors and fire extinguishers be replaced every five years. When placing carbon monoxide detectors follow the manufacturer guidelines. You should have an ABC type fire extinguisher near-by. Have your heater serviced and please make sure you have two fire escape routes out of your home or building and a specified meeting place away from the building.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A message from Fire Chief Gerry Morris

As fall approaches, the fire company is experiencing another busy year and will exceed more than 100 emergency calls. We would like to congratulate the residents of Rockledge as there have been no major fires within the borough. Your attention to fire safety and prevention is exemplary. We are excited to announce our new Heavy Rescue truck has now been placed into service. This acquisition allows us to expand our current compliment of tools to better serve our communities and creates a safer environment to transport our firefighters in an enclosed cab. We would also like to welcome new members; **Kati Maldonado, Brian Donath, Kaitlin Condon, Joe Disher, and Jason Showmaker.** Please visit www.rockledgefireco.org for more news & information.

Upcoming Events

- Fire prevention week is the week of **October 7th thru October 14th.**
- RFC will again participate in the Cheltenham Township annual Firefighters Challenge on **10/7/07.**
- Operation EDITH is **Wednesday, 10/10/07.** We need a volunteer family/home. Please contact me.
- Fire Prevention Open house **Thursday, 10/11/07 beginning @ 7:00pm.**
- Pancake Breakfast is **Sunday, 10/21/07 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.** Please join us for breakfast.
- Beef-n-Ber benefit for the firehouse **Saturday, 10/27/07 from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.** Please call 215-379-8373 for ticket information.

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

Shade Tree Commission

Thanks to **Mrs. Pat Treacy** of Jarrett Ave., Rockledge residents will now be able to enjoy the beauty and environmental benefits of a new red maple tree planted in the Jarrett Ave. playground. Mrs. Treacy donated the tree after she noticed that an older tree that she always admired had to be cut down. She said the donation was to help maintain the park's beauty. With the help of the borough crew and the expertise and labor of **Brian Corrigan** of Loney Street, the 20 foot tree was planted and is flourishing nicely.

The **Rockledge Shade Tree Commission** welcomes anyone who would like to contribute to the beautification of the Borough. If your interest is in planting, planning or gardening feel free to call the Borough Manager, Mike Hartey and he'll give you further details on how to help.

DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS (cont'd.)

PUBLIC WORKS

After many years of service, **Steve Ovack** decided to pass the torch and relinquish his leadership role for the Public Works Department. The Borough would like to extend many THANKS to Steve for all his dedication and hard work! Under Steve's leadership, two new dump trucks, our back-hoe and a new mini tractor have been added to the Public Works fleet and many winter storms have proven Steve was an outstanding leader for the department and an asset to our community. The Borough would like to introduce and welcome **Clint Snyder** as our new Streets Foreman. Clint has been on our crew since 2004 and we wish him the best of luck.

Fall weather brings rain and fallen leaves on the roadway. Wet leaves create a dangerous driving surface, which can cause braking, steering and acceleration problems to occur during a rainstorm. A hot engine or vehicle exhaust parked atop dry leaves is also dangerous and can be a formula for fire. Drive and park your car carefully - don't contribute to a tragedy. Leaf collection in the Borough is a time consuming process. As a resident, you can help make our efforts much more efficient by bagging your leaves and placing the bags at the curb. The purpose of the leaf vacuum is to remove the leaves that fall into the street to keep the curb lines clean for rain water run-off. The practice of raking yard leaves in the street decreases the crews' productivity and causes residents to lose parking, so **please do not rake leaves in the street**. With the assistance and cooperation of the residents bagging yard waste and leaves, the streets crew can vacuum the entire borough more efficiently. We thank you in advance for your help in making this year's and future leaf collection more efficient and productive for everyone.

Reminders — The Public Works Department would like to give residents a few friendly reminders for the fall season.

- Please use the brown paper yard waste bags. Yard waste that is not in the proper bag or contains stones, dirt, 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 7:00 a.m. Monday morning.
- Due to the large volume of bags we collect during the fall, the streets crew may not be able to complete collection in one day. All remaining bags will be picked up the next available day.

Please be reminded, only deposit toilet tissue in the sewer system. Cleaning rags, wipes, and diapers cause costly backups in the sanitary sewer system and should not be flushed down the toilet.

PARKS & RECREATION

A message from Councilwoman Joyce Walz

Rockledge Basketball Camp will run from **January 5th, 2008 thru March 9th, 2008**, every Saturday and Sunday afternoon from 1:00 pm. to 6:00 pm. at the Borough Hall gymnasium.

Summer camp ran for six weeks this summer. The children enjoyed a fun summer with trips to: Dorney Park, the Aquarium, miniature golf and Rita's Water Ice. Other activities included: kickball, softball, basketball, bingo, costume party and Rockledge Idol. This year the program was under the leadership of our new camp supervisor **Jessica Salicondro** who did an outstanding job and will be back next year. The camp counselors: **Alyssa Cerminara**, **Nicole Corrigan**, **Beth Crossin** and **Erin Metzinger** did a wonderful job with the children. Thank you all for a job well done. Thanks to the children who participated in camp this year.

The **Parks Advisory Committee** has been established and is in need of members. If you would like more details or if you are interested to join, please contact Borough Manager, Mike Hartey.



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A Letter from Council President Denelsbeck

Dear Neighbors,

As fall approaches there is much to celebrate in Rockledge. We have begun work on the Pike. The sidewalks, light posts, benches etc. should be substantially complete by Thanksgiving. Paving work is due to be completed this spring. The area of Central Avenue to Shady Lane is now in the planning stages and it is our goal to start work on this phase of the project in the spring of 2008 .

The Rockledge Volunteer Fire Company has just placed into service a new piece of fire fighting apparatus. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the men and women who serve as volunteers in the Fire Company. All residents are encouraged to provide as much financial support to the Fire Company as possible. This dedicated group of 100% volunteers do a great job at a fraction of the cost of what a paid fire company would cost the Borough.

The Borough will be submitting plans to the county open space for the development of the parks on Jarrett Avenue and Robbins Avenue. Our plan is to add walking trails in both parks similar to the path at Rockledge Park. We will connect all three parks with a greenway on Jarrett Avenue. This will include tree plantings and decorative crosswalks to designate the green trail. This project is outlined in our open space plan that was completed in 2005. It is also our hope that we will also be purchasing some ground to link Church Road with Ciegelkowski Park as well.

As a public servant, we often only hear complaints or negative comments. We always enjoy when we hear good things and compliments. I would like to thank Kathy Ward, Mary Alice Wynne and the entire 4th of July committee for continuing with our traditional Fourth of July Parade. I would also like to thank the Police Officers, crew members and Administration of the Borough for all of the hard work they do in service to the people of Rockledge throughout the year.

Happy Fall and God Bless America!

Respectfully,

Joseph L. Denelsbeck
President of Borough Council