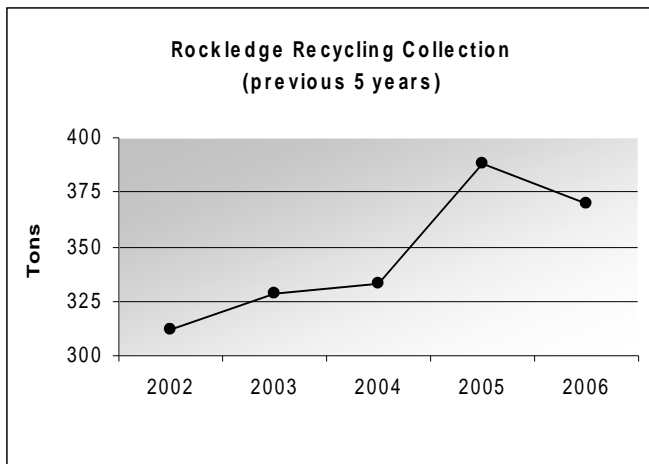


Rockledge Recycling Update

2006 Rockledge Recycling Report

2006 showed a slight decline in our recycling numbers after a very impressive increase in 2005. The Borough had a decrease of about 7% in commingled recycling and paper was down about 4% from our 2005 totals. At \$21.00 per ton for commingle the Borough cannot afford to continue this backward trend and even though the paper costs nothing to dispose of as recycling, if not separated from the household waste stream it will cost the Borough \$70.00 per ton to dispose of as trash. The chart below illustrates the slight drop off in 2006 compared to previous years and with a concerted effort on everyone's part we can get back on track in 2007.



Recycling Grants

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) awarded the Borough of Rockledge \$10,624.00 in grant money in September of 2006. This money was used to purchase eight new recycling stations that were recently installed in all of our parks. 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 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 Hatboro-Horsham High School, 899 Horsham Road on Saturday, May 26, 2007 9am-3pm 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!**

DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS



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PUBLIC INFORMATION

- The **Huntingdon Pike Revitalization (Streetscape) Project** is scheduled to begin this April and should be near or at completion by September of 2007.
- **St. Patrick's Day Beef-N-Beer** is Friday, March 16th at 8:00 p.m. for tickets call 215-379-8373
- **4th of July Association** The parade is in jeopardy. We are looking for one volunteer from each block to sell chances to meet our financial goal. If you would like to volunteer please contact Grace Metzinger at 315-379-8572 or gmetzinger@comcast.net. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at Rockledge Firehouse.

PARKS & RECREATION

Rockledge Basketball Camp is every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. @ the Borough Hall gym now thru March 25th, 2007.

Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2007 at Ciegelkowski Playground @ 10:00 a.m. Rain date will be Sunday April 1st, starting @ 1:00 p.m.

The Montgomery County Senior Games will be held May 7th to May 11th at the Montgomery County Community college in Blue Bell. Adults turning age fifty this year and older, who reside in Montgomery County, may register to compete. For more information log onto www.upperdublin.net, click on Parks and Recreation and then Seniors.

PERMITS/INSPECTIONS

A message from Borough Manager Mike Hartey

The Borough is in the process of reviewing our current permit procedures to improve the efficiency of the application process as well as improve the communication with the residents and contractors.

FINAL INSPECTIONS - It is the responsibility of the resident to schedule all final inspections of any and all permits issued by the Borough office.

STATE LAW prohibits the use of any alterations/additions etc. until a final inspection is completed and a certificate of occupancy and use is issued by our Building Code Inspector, Chris Bergen.

Rockledge Reporter is a quarterly newsletter published by Rockledge Borough 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 Grace Metzinger at: 215-379-8572

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DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS (cont'd.)

PUBLIC WORKS

Reminders from foreman Steve Ovack

The Public Works Department would like to give residents a few friendly reminders for the winter season. (and we will eventually have one...)

Snow Reminders.

- **DO NOT** throw snow back into the street after the plows have passed.
- Park in the driveway when snow is expected so we can clear the streets as wide as possible.
- **DO NOT** park too close to corners to allow the snow plows to negotiate turns safely.

Follow snow emergency procedures for parking:

- On odd numbered calendar days, park on the side of the street upon which odd numbered properties are located.
- On even numbered calendar days, park on the side of the street upon which even numbered properties are located.
- Where “no parking this side” areas exist, these take precedence and there is no need to comply with the above.

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.

FIRE

A message from Fire Marshal Russ Hellyer

Fire safety is something that should be practiced year round, and not just during fire prevention week. Here are a few things that all households should have.

- Smoke Detectors—there should be one on each floor and one in each sleeping area.
- CO Detector— Follow manufacturer instructions for placement.
- Fire extinguisher (ABC)- near cooking area
- Home Evacuation Plan—You should have two escape routes with a meeting place outside.

Manufacturers recommend that all detectors be replaced every five years. It is good practice to also replace your fire extinguisher at the same time.

A message from Fire Chief Gerry Morris

Upcoming Events

- St. Patrick’s Day Beef-n-Beer **Friday 3/16 8:00pm— 12:00**
Call 215-379-8373 for tickets

We are excited to announce the purchase of a new (slightly used) Heavy Rescue truck. This acquisition will allow 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. Please visit www.rockledgefireco.org for more news & information.

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

POLICE

A message from Chief James Leary

In 2006 the Rockledge Police Department revitalized our commitment to Community Safety through Community Policing. Several successful law enforcement initiatives were started or furthered. Our emergency response capabilities were enhanced and tested, and our programs for on-going training and education are both successful and progressive.

The Rockledge Police Department has united with other partner municipalities, including the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, to increase our criminal law enforcement efforts. As a result of these joint ventures, several criminals have been identified, investigated, arrested and successfully prosecuted. In 2006 our officers arrested: 38 offenders for serious crimes such as assaults, burglaries, etc.; 118 arrests—minor crimes; 17— drivers arrested and charged with DUI; 53 offenders were cited for violations of Borough Ordinances; 108 residents needed emergency medical assistance; 81 burglar alarms were investigated; 20 fire calls and 111 occasions Rockledge Officers worked with other police agencies.

The officers of our department respond to crimes, accidents and medical emergencies. Please keep in mind we also support the community and help to address and resolve many issues not often recognized as police functions. Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.



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A Letter from Council President Denelsbeck

Dear Neighbors,

As we enter the New Year we are proud of our accomplishments in 2006. The most important accomplishment was that the Borough did not raise taxes for 2007. We on council work very hard to get everything we can for your money.

While the Borough has not raised your taxes the school district did, and will continue to do so. If you have been following the news the school board is already talking about a tax increase of at least 3.4% for the next year. There is little we on council can do to prevent this, but you can. I encourage you to attend school board meetings and voice your opinion. If you think your taxes are too high you need to tell the board of school directors. If anyone is seriously interested in the schools there are five seats open for election this year. We on council are interested in supporting a Rockledge candidate for school board so our residents can have a voice. If you are interested in serving on the school board please contact me by e-mail at jdenelsbeck@rockledgeborough.org or by phone at 215-379-8748.

We also expect that the Huntingdon Pike renovations will begin this Spring. Please be patient, as the construction may interfere with traffic on Huntingdon Pike. The long term benefits to our community will certainly outweigh the short term inconvenience. I would also like to take this opportunity to ask you to consider serving your community, whether it be as a member of council, a commission or a service group like the 4th of July Association or Fire Company. Rockledge has always depended on its citizens' willingness to serve. If you are interested we have some openings, please contact me.

Respectfully,

Joseph L. Denelsbeck
President of Council