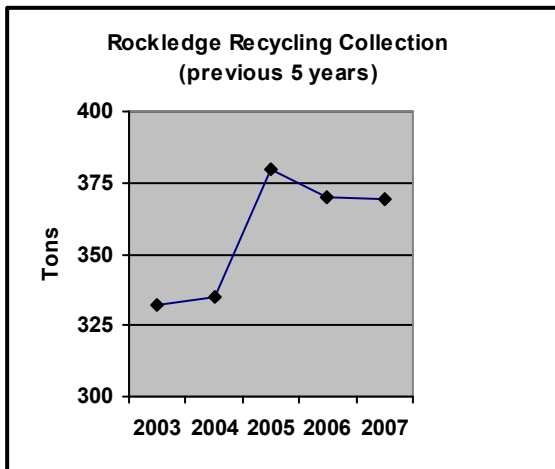




Rockledge Recycling Update

Rockledge Recycling Report

The final numbers for 2007 are in and it looks like we basically stayed the same. In 2006 there was 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; if not separated from the household waste stream it would cost the Borough \$70.00 per ton to dispose of as trash. The chart below illustrates the slight drop off in 2006 and 2007 compared to previous years and with a concerted effort on everyone's part we can get back on track in 2008.



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 flu-

ids, 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 site will be at Springfield High School in Flourtown from 9am to 3pm on August 2, 2008. Use 500 Haws Lane entrance. For more information or directions call 610-278-3618 or visit www.wsaemc.org and click on recycling/HHW link.

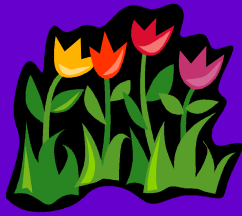
Construction Materials

• 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!**



SPRING- GREETINGS

*From the Borough
of Rockledge*

Rockledge Borough Council

Joseph Denelsbeck, *President*
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Robert Beady
Fran Casey
Beth Kain
William Kelleher
Patti Kehoe
Harold Praediger, Mayor

Borough Manager

Grace Metzinger

Borough Clerk

Joyce Hines

Police Chief

James P. Leary

Building Inspector

Frank Orfe

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

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- **Easter Egg Hunt**—Saturday March 15, 2008 10:00am SHARP!
- Rain Date Sunday March 16, 2008 at 1:00pm
- **St. Patrick's Beef-n-Beer** benefit for the Fire Company on Friday March 14, 2008 8:00pm—12:00. Please call 215-379-8373 for ticket information.
- **Election Day** Tuesday April 22, 2008 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

The Huntingdon Pike Revitalization (Streetscape) Project

The new street lamps have been completely installed and will be replacing the old lights which have been turned off and will eventually be taken down. New benches and trash receptacles have started to be installed as well. Decorative crosswalks and repaving of the road way will begin in April.

Montgomery County Senior Games

The 23rd Annual Montgomery County Senior Games will be held the week of May 12th to the 16th 2008. Events will be held throughout the week at various locations in Montgomery County. Montgomery County Senior games combines sports and recreation with fellowship among everyone involved.

Any Montgomery County resident 50 years or older is eligible to participate.

For more information please call Upper Dublin Parks and Recreation Department at 215-643-1600 ext. 3443

A message from former Borough Manager Mike Hartey

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens and business owners of Rockledge Borough for allowing me to serve this great community for the last year and eight months. It has been a valuable learning experience for me and I wish nothing but the best to all of the families and friends that I have been fortunate enough to meet during my tenure as Borough Manager. I would also like to thank the Council Members, the Mayor, the Police Chief, the Streets Crew, and especially Joyce Hines for all of the guidance, hard work and assistance that I have received throughout my time here in Rockledge.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hartey

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 Joyce Hines at: 121 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA 19046 215-379-8572

POLICE DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS

POLICE

A message from Chief James Leary

Community Traffic Safety

One of our community's greatest concerns is traffic safety. Rockledge is very much a home-owners community and most of our streets are completely residential. Speed limits and STOP intersections help to ensure our safety. Stay within the speed limits and stop – executing a full and complete stop -- at every stop sign.

The Rockledge Borough Police Officers are taking very assertive 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.

Our Children's' Safety:

As spring fast approaches, we are reminded that the safety of our children remains one of our most important priorities. Our school students will be sharing the roads with our motorists especially during peak traffic hours. School buses, bicyclists, pedestrians and our children will be competing for the same safe passage. Be courteous. Be safe and share the road.

A special reminder to our young bicyclists, helmets save lives... please wear your helmet! And wearing a bikers' helmet is the law.

Public Service and Law Enforcement in 2007:

The officers of the Rockledge Borough Police Department are committed to maintaining safety through law enforcement.

In 2007 our officers arrested 38 offenders for serious crimes such as assaults, burglaries, major thefts and narcotics violations, plus 94 arrests were made for minor crimes, 16 drivers were arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence, and our department investigated 104 ordinance violations complaints. Our officers also assisted at 135 medical emergencies, 80 burglar alarms were investigated and our officers assisted at the scene of 24 fire calls. On 101 occasions Rockledge Officers worked with other police agencies.

Rockledge Borough Police Department Officers investigated 140 traffic accidents, fortunately, most of them minor.

Contacting your Police Department:

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

The Rockledge Police would like to thank all who attended the 2007 Rockledge Night Out and Car Show. There were over 3000 people who attended this great event. We would like to remind everyone that the 2008 Night Out and Car Show will be Sunday September 14, 2008 from 4pm to 8pm. We are actively looking for volunteers and vendors, as well as participants at this great event. For more information you can call Officer Frank Weinberg at 215-379-8801, or check the web site at www.rockledgenightout.org

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. 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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A message from Fire Chief Gerry Morris

In 2007 our dedicated volunteers responded to more than 120 emergency calls. The fire company is experiencing a busier than normal start to the new year so far in 2008. We would like to thank the residents and their guests for a very successful Santa ride around town. Santa and his “firefighting” elves traveled the streets of Rockledge on Christmas eve to the delight of everyone.

In preparation for Fire Prevention Week 2008, we are looking for a volunteer Family/Home to host our annual Operation EDITH (Exit Drills In The Home) on October 8th. It is an excellent opportunity for a family and their neighbors to learn and participate with us to practice fire safety. Please see contact info below if you are interested.

We would like to welcome new member and Junior Firefighter Joseph Metzinger. For more news & information, please visit www.rockledgefireco.org.

Upcoming Events

- St. Patrick's Beef-n-Bier benefit for the Fire Company on **Friday March 14, 2008 8:00pm—12:00**. Please call 215-379-8373 for ticket information.

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.

Shade Tree Commission

Did you know that trees clean the air, increase property values, save energy, and help manage storm water run off?

- Shaded business districts generate 11% more business.
- Four trees planted around a house can save up to 30% on energy cost.
- One front yard tree will increase the sales value of a house by 1%.
- Forty trees remove eighty pounds of air pollutants annually.
- Trees are good for business. Research shows that consumers respond positively to shopping environments with healthy urban forests.

So before you remove a healthy tree think about all the good it does for all of us. Better yet plant a tree and add beauty to Rockledge. If you have any questions please call the Borough Manager or the Shade Tree Commission.

DEPARTMENTAL BRIEFS (cont'd.)

PUBLIC WORKS

Reminders from foreman Clint Snyder

The Public Works Department would like to give residents a few friendly reminders as the end of winter approaches and spring begins:

Snow Reminders :

- **DO NOT** throw snow back into the streets 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.

While starting your spring yard clean up remember:

- 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 BFI. If you have any questions or concerns about trash pick up or would like to schedule a bulk item pickup, please call BFI 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

Rockledge Basketball Camp

Basketball Camp has begun and will be open every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. @ the Borough Hall gym January 5, 2008 thru March 9, 2008. Participants must be at least 6 years of age or older to attend. Anyone wanting to attend, just stop by the gym at any time.

Easter Egg Hunt

The 38th Annual Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for March 15, 2008 starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. The rain date will be March 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. The Easter Egg Hunt is for children through the 6th Grade. Please attend it is lots of fun.

Summer camp

Plans are in the works for this years summer camp which will be starting at the end of June. More details to follow with the next newsletter.



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A Letter from Council President Denelsbeck

Dear Neighbors,

The winter is just about past and we have had little snow. We are headed into spring which is a time for us to clean up our properties and do those home improvements that we have put off for the winter. I beg you to contact the Building Inspector or Borough Office to check if you need a permit. I know many of you don't think we should require permits but we do and it's the law. Please remember many of our residents have moved here from the city, if we don't do certain things the Rockledge way then Rockledge just becomes part of the city which many of us moved out of. If you are doing work without a permit the fee's are doubled and fines are assessed so it's easier to check and see if you need a permit before starting the work.

The Rockledge Volunteer Fire Company has just finished their annual fund drive which less than half of us have supported. Our Volunteers risk their lives every time that whistle sounds and we need to support them. In the long run it is cheaper for the residents to provide the fire company a tax deductible contribution, than it is for the borough to raise taxes to help the men and women protect us. If you are a resident who has thrown that donation letter away please reconsider and send the men and women, your neighbors, a donation.

We hope you like the way Huntingdon Pike looks. Shortly, Penn Dot will be paving the street and adding the islands and cross walks. After that is completed we are scheduled to start the Central to Shady lane section. This section should be completed by next spring.

Thank you for your support of Borough Government and have a great spring!

Respectfully,

Joseph L. Denelsbeck