



# PARKESBURG NEWS

Winter 2003



## Hey what happened to the Christmas lights?

I really like those new banners! Who decided to make these changes? You can't miss those snowmen!

The story is not too complicated, but here is how it goes. Last year the Parkesburg Borough decorating committee decided to test all the lights before they were hung. When this feat was accomplished the lights were put into place. A great deal of money (in excess of \$3,000.00) and effort were expended to keep them lit once in place.

The Borough decorating committee recommended that the lights not be used again and that the Borough consider buying banners.

In early November Borough manager Philip Cotter and councilman Bill Welsch found the banners that are now in place and showed them to the council and the decorating committee. The decorating committee approved of the banners and council approved the expenditure.

The Borough decorating committee meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Borough office. This year the committee will be co-chaired by Gail Fulmer and Karen Recci. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact the borough office.

## A Word From Councilman

Alan M. Wolfe

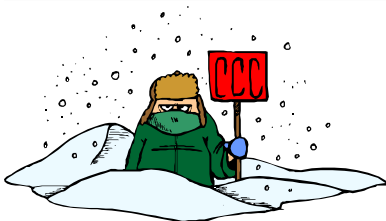


Parkesburg is where you want to be and I will tell you why right here and now. There are a lot of things going on in our town and I hope you get to experience some of it first hand.

The Parkesburg Point Youth Center had their grand opening on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success with over 140 young people coming in to check it out and have a good time. There were also a lot of parents and community supporters in attendance, which was great to see and very necessary for the success of the Point. They are open every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 pm to 8 pm. I stopped in the first Tuesday that they were open and the place was jumping with over 95 young citizens visiting throughout the evening. They do need more volunteers, so let's do what my Parkesburg family is best known for and that's CARING about our family.

Octorara Communities That Care is very busy with several projects going on at the same time. One of the most important programs is the Across the Ages, a mentoring program that involves our senior citizens. This program helps not only the students, but also the whole community.

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## Let it snow; let it snow; let it snow!

. . . well, maybe not.

Along with the snow comes a responsibility that many of us have not had to face in the past three years.

Borough Council at its January meeting voted to advertise a snow removal ordinance that will update the present one. The revised ordinance will be voted on at the February meeting.

If you have a sidewalk, residents are advised that the following will be in effect: Snow removal is the responsibility of the owner.

- A minimum of an 18" footpath must be cleared within 8 daylight hours after the cessation of a fall of snow, hail, or sleet.
- Penalties are \$50.00 to \$100.00 for each offense.
- The police department is responsible for enforcement.

Anyone who would like to address the ordinance should be at the February meeting.

## **Borough Officials**

### **Mayor**

John P. Hagan, II

### **Borough Council**

James B. Norton, III	President
Joseph Reali	Member
William D. Welsch	Member
Jeffrey Whitmer	Member
Alan M. Wolfe	Member
Virginia Miller	Member

### **Appointed Officials**

Philip W. Cotter	Borough Manager
Wendy A. Keegan	Borough Secretary
James Marlowe, II	Solicitor
Michael Schultz	Zoning Officer
Harold G. White	Treasurer
Jeffrey M. Hunt	Engineer
Brian C. Sheller	Police Chief
Richard Klingler, II	Fire Chief
Alan Manning	Emergency. Mgt. Dir.

### **Streets Department**

Lewis Taylor	David Clements
Harry Guest	David Brown

### **Planning Commission**

Timothy Goodall	Chairman
George Evans	Member
John Strong	Member
Tammy Rushton	Member
Todd Kentzel	Member

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Janet Crossan	Chairman
John Mitchell	Member
E. Craig Kalemjian	Solicitor

### **Tax Collector**

Berkheimer Associates

### **Meeting Schedule & Location**

Council: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30  
Work Session: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00  
Planning Commission: Last Thursday, 7:00  
Borough Hall, 329 West First Avenue

## **Community Calendar**

### **January**

- 1 New Year's Day—Office Closed
- 6 Work Session—7 p.m.
- 8 Communities that Care—9 a.m.
  
- 11 Cardboard/Paper Recycling
- 13 Council Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- 15 Fire Company—7 p.m.
- 20 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 p.m.
- 21 Revitalization Plan—7 p.m.
- 22 Park Meeting—7 p.m.
- 23 Zoning Hearing—7 p.m.
- 27 Fire Company—7 p.m.
- 28 Decorating Committee—7 p.m.
- 30 Planning Commission—7 p.m.

### **February**

- 3 Work Session—7 p.m.
- 5 Communities that Care—9 a.m.  
PABA—7 p.m.
- 8 Paper/Cardboard Recycling
- 10 Council Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- 12 Fire Company—7 p.m.
- 17 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 p.m.
- 18 Revitalization Plan—7 p.m.
- 24 Fire Company—7 p.m.
- 25 Decorating Committee—7 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission—7 p.m.

### **March**

- 3 Work Session—7 p.m.
- 5 Communities that Care—9 a.m.
- 10 Council Meeting—7:30 p.m.
- 12 Fire Company—7 p.m.
- 14 Paper/Cardboard Recycling
- 17 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 p.m.
- 18 Revitalization Plan—7 p.m.
- 27 Planning Commission—7 p.m.

### **Borough of Parkesburg**

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Website: [parkesburg.boroughs.org](http://parkesburg.boroughs.org)

### **Hours:**

**Monday-Friday**

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

# 2003 Borough Calendar

## ***Borough Holidays***

New Year's Day.....Wednesday, 1/1  
Memorial Day.....Monday, 5/26  
Fourth of July.....Friday, 7/4\*  
Labor Day.....Monday, 9/1  
Thanksgiving.....Thursday, 11/27\*  
Christmas Day.....Thursday, 12/25\*\*  
Day after Christmas.....Friday, 12/26\*\*

*\*These holidays will impact trash pick-up. If a holiday falls on a Thursday—South Side pick-up will be on Wednesday. If a holiday falls on a Friday, South Side pick-up will be on Wednesday and North Side pick-up will be on Thursday.*

*\*\*The week of December 22nd—recycling will be picked up Monday-22nd, South side trash will be picked up Tuesday-23rd and North side trash will be picked up Wednesday-24th. Thank you for your co-operation.*

## ***Borough Events***

Spring Yard Sale.....Saturday-5/3  
Bulk Trash Pick-Up.....Saturday-5/10  
Fire Company Circus.....Wednesday-6/11  
Fire Company Fair.....6/30—7/5  
Unity Day-POW/MIA Parade ... Saturday-9/20  
Fall Yard Sale.....Saturday-9/27  
Bulk Trash Pick-Up.....Saturday-10/4  
Halloween Parade.....Saturday-10/25  
Trick-or-Treat.....Friday-10/31

*These dates are subject to change. Please contact the Borough Office closer to the event date to make sure no changes have been made.*

## What Are Your Current Borough Taxes?



### ***Real Estate Tax***

The Real Estate Tax is collected by Berkheimer Associates. This tax is based on your real estate assessment. The rate is 6 mils. The bills are issued in the beginning of March. Installment payments may be arranged through the Borough Office.

### ***Earned Income Tax***

The Earned Income Tax is collected by the Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau. Any Borough resident who earns an income is required to pay this tax. The rate is 1% - which is shared equally with the Octorara Area School District.

### ***Per Capita/Occupancy Tax***

The Per Capita/Occupancy Tax is collected by Berkheimer Associates. All Borough residents over the age of 18 are required to pay these taxes. The Per Capita Tax is \$5.00 and the Occupancy Tax is \$10.00.

Please contact the Borough Office if you have any questions about these taxes.

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Another program that CTC sponsors is the Bullying Prevention Program at the Octorara Middle School, aimed to prevent bullying with the end result a better environment for the children to learn.

Octorara CTC will be having a "Donut Day" on February 28<sup>th</sup>, this is a fundraiser to support our efforts in all the programs that CTC sponsors and more. We do need more volunteers also and I know you won't let our family down.

Your Borough Council is busy also, working hard to provide for a future that will make Parkesburg even better. The Minch Park upgrade is one major example of Council and citizens working together.

PABA is another busy organization, they are planning a Clean Up Day for April 26<sup>th</sup> and the Blue Ribbon Awards for the top 5 improved business structures and residences will be awarded in September, let's get busy and make sure you support our local businesses.

This is just a snapshot of what is going on in Parkesburg, to find out more all you have to do is volunteer!!



# Spring Flower Flings



## *Philadelphia Flower Show*

*sponsored by the*

*Parkesburg Free Library*

*on*

*Monday, March 3rd*

**\$40.00** (includes ticket & transportation)

*Bus leaves the Library at 9:00 am*

*Returns at 4:30 p.m..*

*Call the Library at 610-857-5165  
for tickets & information*

*Plan ahead for the annual New York City trip  
on November 22nd*

## *Cherry Blossom Festival Washington, D.C.*

*sponsored by the*

*Octorara Community  
Recreation Commission*

*on*

*Saturday, March 29th*

**\$33.00**

*Bus leaves from the WalMart Parking Lot at  
7:00 a.m. — returns 6:30 p.m.*

*Call the Recreation Commission at  
610-593-5963 for tickets & information*

*Plan ahead for trips to Peddler's Village in May  
& Annapolis in November*



## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**You can bring your Christmas trees to  
Fourth Avenue in Minch Park for recycling.**



**Les Misérables  
School Edition**

The legendary musical now goes  
to the head of the class.

**AUDITIONS – APRIL 5, 2003**  
**MUST BE UNDER AGE 20**  
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