

# BOROUGH SERVICES SCHEDULE

## JANUARY ~ JUNE 2017

YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE. THE COST IS \$13 EACH FOR A 20 GALLON CONTAINER.

### YARDWASTE COLLECTION

Month	PLACE YARD WASTE CONTAINERS OUT BY 7AM ON MONDAY OF THE FOLLOWING WEEKS:
January 2017	23rd - weather permitting
February	20th - weather permitting
March	20th
April	24th
May	22nd
June	26th

#### Yard Waste Guidelines

- Different trucks collect various types of yard waste and not always at the same time. Therefore, yard waste must be placed in your regular refuse collection area by 7am on Monday morning to be collected sometime that week
- No bags or boxes will be accepted – only open containers not exceeding 33-gallons in size
- Yard waste containers may not have lids and must be marked with the complete word “yard waste” in large letters on all sides of the can.
- All yard waste containers must have drainage holes in the bottom of the can and handles of adequate strength for lifting.
- Limbs 1”-12” in diameter and in excess of 4 ft. must be neatly stacked in the regular refuse collection area with cut ends facing one direction towards the street or alley
- Plants, twigs, and any bush trimmings smaller than 1” diameter, must be

placed in open containers not exceeding 45-pounds, or, bound together in bundles not exceeding 4-feet in length or 45-pounds in weight using cotton or sisal twine only. **Bagged items and unbound loose piles will not be picked-up!**

- Tree stumps or branches larger than 12” in diameter may be placed for collection, but will be picked up separately from the other yard waste
- The Borough does not collect grass clippings
- Pumpkins, gourds, hay bales, and other vegetation used for seasonal decorations will be collected as yard waste.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any items not at the appropriate pick-up location by the described time will be missed.

### COLLECTION OF CHRISTMAS TREES & OTHER EVERGREEN DECORATIONS

All Christmas trees and other evergreen decorations will be collected the entire month of January on the scheduled refuse day (weather and equipment permitting). All materials (e.g., ribbons, decorations, tree stands, nails, wire, etc.) must be removed from the greens.

**STREET SWEEPING** ~ Begins the month of April and ends in October. Street sweeping will start the first weekday of every month for a one-week period of time.

### SPRING LEAF COLLECTION ~ MARCH 6 THROUGH 10 / APRIL 3 THROUGH 7

Leaves will not be collected from any alleys. No limbs, grass or yard waster may be mixed in with the leaves.

**RECYCLING COLLECTION ~ EVERY WEEK** ~ Place recycling cans out for collection not before dusk of the day before your collection and not after 7 AM of the day of collection.

#### Holiday Refuse/Recycling Schedule

(Subject to change)

Holiday on Monday = Tuesday is collection day

Holiday on Tuesday = Wednesday is collection day

Holiday on Wednesday = Thursday is collection day

Holiday on Thursday = Friday is collection day

Holiday on Friday = Thursday (prior to holiday) is collection day

#### The Borough office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, January 16  
Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 20  
President's Day

Monday, May 29, 2017  
Memorial Day

Winter 2017



*Working Together for a Common Cause - a Better Community!*

## Our Town News

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL APPROVES SMALL INCREASE TO SEWER RATE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017**

The waste water treatment agreement with North Londonderry Township requires the Borough to share a percentage of the operation costs as well as the debt financing for the project. Because operation costs continue to rise, the Borough needs to periodically reevaluate the current sewer rates to determine if a rate increase is necessary. According to the Borough's Sanitary Sewer Engineer the debt service payment combined with rising costs of treatment will require a rate increase. The 2015 audit of the Sewer Fund by Brown, Shultz, Sheridan & Fritz also confirmed that the Borough is not generating sufficient revenue to cover the annual sewer expenses.

Currently, a Borough resident pays a flat fee of \$70.00 per quarter for operation, maintenance, and treatment services. This rate will increase to a flat rate of \$73.00 per quarter beginning with the January 1, 2017 invoice.

Beginning January 1, 2017, commercial and industrial customers will pay \$73.00 per quarter for a minimum usage of 10,000 gallons per quarter or less. If water consumption is higher than the minimum, the usage is multiplied by a factor of \$7.30 for each additional 1000 gallons.

### **KEEP SERVICE COSTS DOWN BY PROMPTLY PAYING YOUR SEWER/REFUSE BILL**

The most important component to paying your sewer/refuse bill is to make your payment on time. Invoices are mailed to property owners at the beginning of every quarter (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct). Payment for the full amount is due 30 days from the billing date on the invoice. Property owners that do not make full payment prior to the thirty (30) days will incur a 1.5% penalty on the unpaid balance. All sewer/refuse balances not paid within sixty (60) days will incur a 6% penalty on the unpaid balance. The unpaid balance includes any balance remaining from previous billing periods.

All residents that are having difficulties in meeting their quarterly payments are advised to contact the Borough office to discuss payment arrangements. Borough Council has authorized one of the following steps in order to collect unpaid balances, 1) place municipal liens against delinquent properties, 2) shut off water service to delinquent properties, or 3) submit delinquent properties to the Sheriff's office for foreclosure proceedings. Residents will incur additional costs if the Borough takes any of these steps, so we encourage residents with a delinquent balance to call our office immediately to create a payment plan.

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#### Borough Council

- Mark Smith, President
- Beth Shearer, Vice President
- Brian Craig
- Carissa Mellinger
- Jane Quairol
- Joe Templin
- Ralph Watts

#### Mayor

- Fred Carpenter

#### Borough Management

- Roger Powl, Borough Mgr
- Brenda Pera, Asst Borough Mgr

#### Public Works

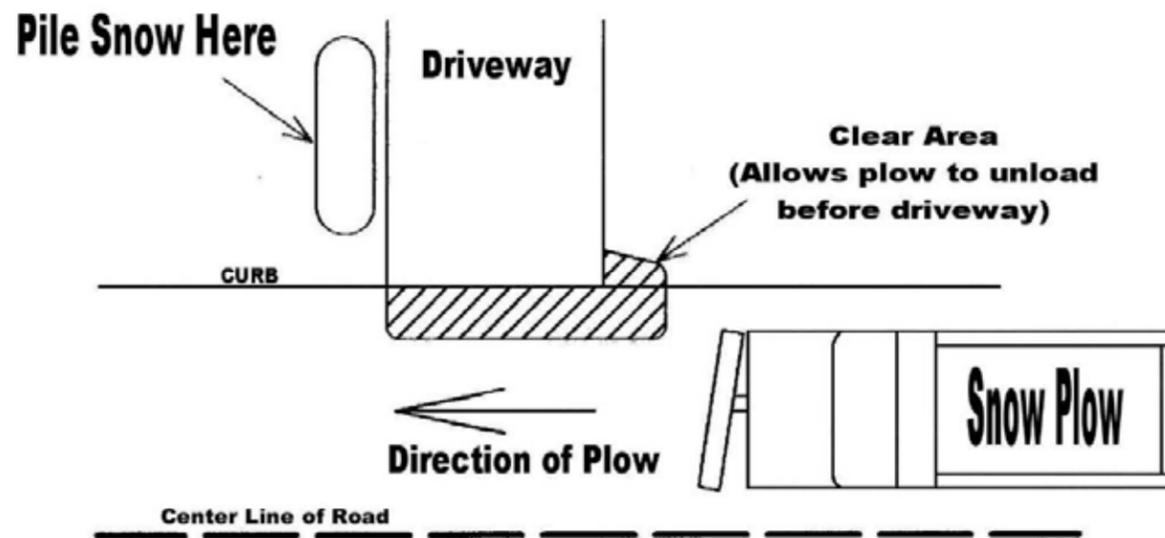
- Scott Plouse, Superintendent

#### Police

- Stan Jasinski, Police Chief



On Friday, November 11, 2016, Borough Council President **Cornelius "Pat" Hennessy** lost his fight against cancer. He was first elected to Council in 2007 and served as Vice President for many years before being chosen as President in January 2016. Pat served the community in many ways and was steadfast in his desire to make Palmyra a great place to live. His determination to do his best for Palmyra will be missed.



### ***RULES FOR THE REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE FROM SIDEWALKS***

There is no doubt that the winter months will bring winter weather. Before the next snow or ice event, please read and understand the rules for snow and ice removal from sidewalks. The requirements are as follows:

- The owner of any lot containing, fronting on or abutting on an improved sidewalk shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed and cleared away snow and/or ice from a path at least 36 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk as is within, in front of or abuts the lot.
- Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain.
- In the event snow and/or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal shall, within the 24 hours mentioned previously, cause enough sand or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe. Said person shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, clear or cause to be cleared a path in said sidewalk of at least 36 inches in width.
- The owner of any building or other structure shall remove and clear away, or cause to be removed and cleared away any accumulation of snow and/or ice on said building or other structure which is liable to fall on any sidewalk, street, highway or other public way. Such work shall be completed within a reasonable time, but not later than 24 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain.
- No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any snow or ice on to neighboring properties without the express consent of the neighboring property owner or immediately next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk, street or highway or loading or unloading areas of a public transportation system, except that snow or ice may be mounded by the Borough on public cart-ways incident to the cleaning thereof or mounded on curbs incident to the cleaning of sidewalks in the business district.

Borough Council has empowered the Code Enforcement Officer and/or the Palmyra Police Department with the enforcement of this ordinance. Any person who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$75 nor more than \$600 plus costs. Each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

### ***HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & STORMWATER***

**Why is it important to carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oils?** Because these household products may be dangerous, and improper storage and disposal associated with household hazardous waste can be harmful to us and jeopardize our environment.

**What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?** HHWs are common, everyday products we use in our homes that can present a threat or unreasonable risk to people or the environment. These items can be corrosive, ignitable, toxic, or reactive, and when we no longer have a need for them, they become hazardous waste that must be disposed of properly.

**Why is HHW a Concern?** When HHW is not correctly disposed, it can enter our storm sewers and waterways. Improperly disposing of these items into storm sewers, sanitary sewers, on-lot sewage systems, or by dumping them onto the ground allows storm water runoff to pick them up and carry them into our waterways. Once this waste enters our waterways, it causes water pollution that poses a threat to our health and can harm — and in some instances kill — animal and plant life.

**What Can You Do?** We need to do everything possible to protect and preserve the quality of our water. We can all make a difference by taking a few simple steps:

- Know what HHW is, and make sure to properly dispose of anything marked with the words "danger," "caution," "warning," or "toxic."
- Read labels and purchase nonhazardous options whenever possible.
- Create and use nonhazardous options whenever possible.
- Purchase only as much as you need, so that you do not need to dispose of excess materials.
- Never place toxic materials in your trash or dump them down sinks, storm drains, sanitary sewers, on-lot sewage, or on the ground; this is a dangerous and illegal practice.
- Check with Lebanon County for HHW drop-off locations and times.
- Help your municipality prevent dumping into storm sewers by volunteering to label storm water drains.

#### **Alternatives for an Eco-Friendly Environment**

- Clean your windows with a vinegar and water mixture.
- Scour pots and pans with baking soda, salt, or borax.
- Clean the toilet bowl with flat cola, borax, or baking soda.
- Prevent clogged drains by using a baking soda and vinegar mixture.
- Use low- or no-phosphate detergents.

#### **Examples of Acceptable HHW Materials** by the Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority (GLRA).

Adhesives / Aerosols / Art or hobby supplies / Automotive batteries / Automotive products / Cleaners / Compact fluorescent light bulbs / Degreaser / Flammables / Fluorescent tubes / Gasoline / Household batteries / Kerosene / Lawn or garden chemicals / Lubricants / Mercury thermometers / Mercury thermostats / Nail polish / Paint / Poisons / Polish remover / Rubbing alcohol / Spot remover / Stains or varnishes / Thinners / Waxes

***For more information on how to dispose of HHW Materials, contact GLRA at 1-800-449-7587.***