

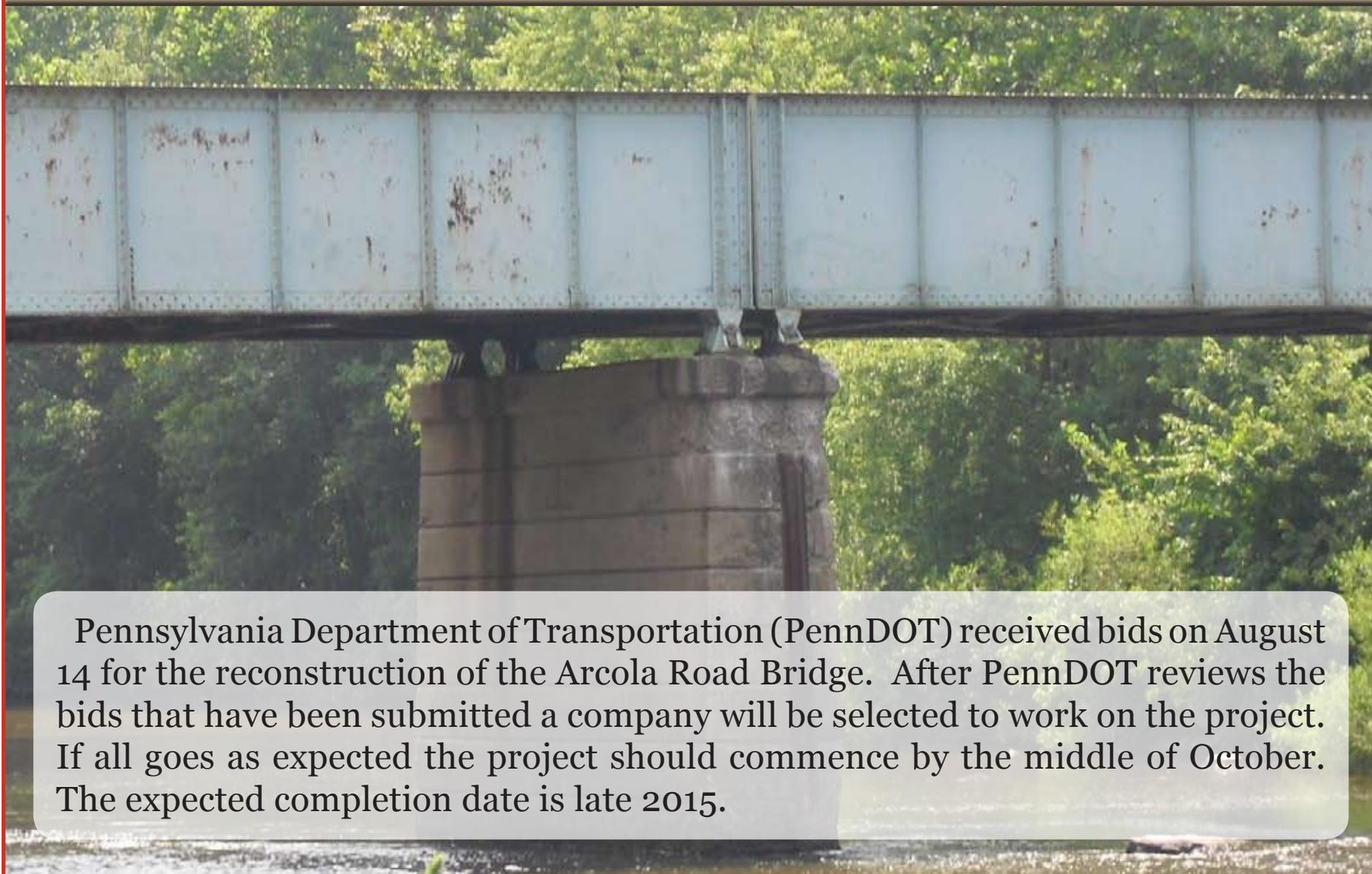
Borough of

Collegeville

NEWSLETTER

Fall/Winter 2014

Arcola Road Bridge Update



Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) received bids on August 14 for the reconstruction of the Arcola Road Bridge. After PennDOT reviews the bids that have been submitted a company will be selected to work on the project. If all goes as expected the project should commence by the middle of October. The expected completion date is late 2015.

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Meetings:

- Borough Council meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. All residents are welcome to attend and participate.
- The Planning Commission meets on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. All residents are welcome to attend and participate.
- Collegeville/Trappe Municipal Authority and Public Works meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Collegeville or Trappe Municipal Building. All residents are welcome to attend and participate.
- Zoning Hearing Board is scheduled on an as needed basis.

The Collegeville Police Department

The Collegeville Police Department has eight (8) full-time officers led by Police Chief Barton Bucher. Residents of the entire Collegeville Borough can reach the police by calling 610.489.9332. The phone is manned by dispatchers at the Montgomery County Emergency Dispatch Service in Eagleville. The service is friendly, professional and ready to handle any call. If a CPD officer is not available, they can send one from another department – an arrangement known as an “assist”. Of course, call 911 for police, fire or ambulance emergencies.

The Collegeville Fire Company

The Collegeville Fire Company provides fire and rescue services to the Borough. They are a 100% volunteer fire and rescue service located at 29 E. Fifth Avenue. This is directly across the street from the Collegeville Municipal Building. The Fire Company serves the Borough of Collegeville and a portion of Upper Providence Township. The Company also provides mutual aid to other fire companies in the Collegeville Region. For more information on the Collegeville Fire Company, check out their website at www.collegevillefire.org.

A Reminder that the Collegeville Farmers' Market Remains Open Through Nov. 22nd!

As the seasons change from summer to fall, the Collegeville Farmers' Market remains open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the DaVinci Pub parking lot, 217 E. Main St. The last market of the season is the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Our market is a producer-only market, which means that the vendors must grow or make all their products themselves.

The produce in the market changes with the seasons; in Pennsylvania, fall markets mainly carry apples and pears, watermelons, lima beans, beets, broccoli, cantaloupe, carrots, cauliflower, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, melons, kale, lettuce, onions, peppers, potatoes, squash, Swiss Chard, tomatoes, turnips and pumpkins. The Market is also well stocked with year-round products, including pastured poultry, eggs, meats, artisan pasta and sauces, homemade sausages and charcuterie; cheeses, organic milk and baked goods, including ICED by Betsy cupcakes, The Hearth Baker artisan bread, MacDougall's Irish Victory Cakes, and our new cookie baker, Lavinia's Cookies. We also carry artisan coffees and teas, local wines and many homemade and home-prepared food products, including organic granola, stuffed peppers, olive oils, jams, jellies, pickles, gourmet dog treats, crafts and much more.



The first Saturday of each month, breakfast is served at the market. The second Saturday is always "Sample Saturday," when shoppers can enjoy samples from almost all the vendors.

The Collegeville Market features local live entertainment each week, is dog-friendly, and is a great place to bring kids. Parking is available on site in the DaVinci and Power House parking lots. The market is also handicapped accessible. DaVinci's Pub is on site, and is open from 11 a.m. on for a delicious lunch.

If you don't already receive the market newsletter with weekly information on our vendors and all the market's upcoming offerings and events, sign up at www.collegevillefarmersmarket.org. Individuals can friend the market at www.facebook.com/CollegevilleFarmersMarket.

For more information, contact Cathy Kernen, Co-chair of the Collegeville Farmers' Market Committee, at catherine.kernen@comcast.net or call her at 610 409 0370.

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Don't Miss These Fun Collegeville Holiday Events!

Join Your Neighbors on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6th, for Collegeville's Tree Lighting, 5K Jingle Jog, Food, Fun, Santa and More! -This year's **Holiday event** offers tons of fun for Collegeville-area families!



At **3 p.m. The Jingle Jog 5K Race** speeds off the starting line at Collegeville Station on W. Third Ave., then meanders through the streets of Collegeville and the Perkiomen Trail. Registration for the race begins at 2 p.m. Awards will be given to the top three overall male and female finishers and to males and females in the following

age groups: Under 19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over (overall winners not eligible for age group awards). Tee-shirts will be given to all participants who register while supplies last. Details and registration will be available closer to the date at www.collegevilledevelopment.org

Meanwhile in the trail parking lot on E. Third Ave. next to DaVinci's Pub, the **Holiday Bazaar** opens. Non-racers can enjoy searching for unique gifts and partake of the hot mid-afternoon barbeque and hot and cold refreshments served up by the volunteers of the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation.

From **4 to 6 p.m.** those attending can enjoy carol singing and the gifted performers of **The Community Music School** and **The Dance Depot**, along with other local musical talent. Those attending can also show off their wild and wacky pitching skills in the fun **Snowball Throw Contest** in the trail parking lot, and take part in holiday-themed competitions.

From **5 to 5:15 p.m.** magically, **Santa Arrives** down Main Street in his sleigh from the North Pole!

At 5:30 p.m. Santa lights the Collegeville Tree!

And there's more! Following the festivities, **everyone is invited to warm up at DaVinci's Pub** next to the trail parking lot, where those over age 21 can enjoy a reception featuring complimentary beer and wine.

This event is organized for the community by the non-profit Collegeville Economic Development Corporation (CEDC); for information, visit www.collegevilledevelopment.org closer to the date or contact Rachael Morrison at manager@collegevilledevelopment.org or telephone 610 454 1050.

Sponsors of the event are **DaVinci's Pub, Cake Art by Amy, Edward Jones, Fashionista's Salon, Gymboree Play & Music of Collegeville, Miller Turetsky Rule & McLennan, TR Insurance, Valley Forge Running Company, and Whitby Jewelers. Thank you for helping us bring this event to the Collegeville community!**

On the Evening of Dec. 6th, Celebrate the Opening of the Holiday Season at Ursinus College's Glorious Messiah Concert! -Area residents won't want to miss Ursinus College's annual performances of George Frideric Handel's Messiah, which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 6 at

7:30 p.m. and Sunday, and Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Bomberger Auditorium on the campus. The piece will be sung by the College Choir and Meistersingers, and conducted by Professor John French, holder of the Heefner Chair of Music.

The Messiah, which is sung in English, is known as one of the most sublime of all choral works. The style of the work is a distinctive combination of baroque, sacred music and opera.

Online registration is available closer to the date at www.ursinus.edu/messiah. Tickets are \$10 each online and at the door. For online registration, there is the option of paying by check or credit card. Checks can be made payable to Ursinus College, and sent to Music Department, Ursinus College, Box 1000, Collegeville, PA 19426-1000. Tickets will be mailed (if time allows) or held at the door. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. For mail orders please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for tickets.

For more information contact the Ursinus Box Office at www.ursinus.edu/tickets or 610 409 3030.

Residents are Invited to Enter Collegeville's Second Home Decorating Contest "Deck the Homes!" -Individuals have until 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11th to enter Collegeville Holiday Home Decorating Contest, "Deck the Homes!" Residents can enter in three categories: 1) Best use of lights, 2) Most extravagant, or 3) Most traditional. Each house will be judged on creativity, appearance and effort put into the displays. For more information and/or to register closer to the date, go to www.collegevilledevelopment.org

The CEDC Announces its Third "Tis the Season" Business Holiday Decorating Contest! The CEDC is inviting local business owners to show off their holiday spirit by entering the third annual "Tis the Season" Holiday Business Decorating Contest sponsored by Susquehanna Bank. There is no cost to enter the contest, which is open to all businesses within the Collegeville.zip code. Businesses can decorate inside and/or outside. A panel of judges will decide the winners of the contest; a trophy and a Susquehanna \$100 Visa card will be awarded to the first place winner.

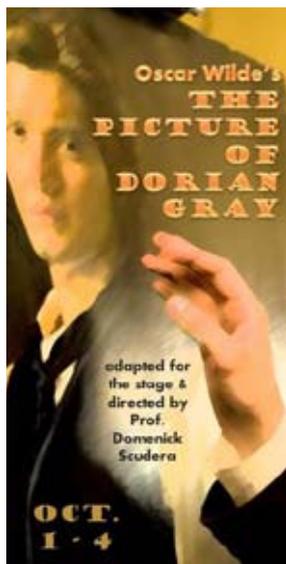
Businesses will be judged on originality/creativity, attractiveness and design/theme. Businesses can apply at www.collegevilledevelopment.org; the deadline to submit applications is Thursday,

Dec. 11, by 5 p.m.

Businesses who have questions or want more information about the contest can contact Rachael Morrison, CEDC Executive Director, at manager@collegevilledevelopment.org or 610 454 1050.

Friday, Dec. 19th at 6 p.m. Our Annual Holiday Happy Hour Begins for the Collegeville Community! -Last year's first Open House sponsored by My Friends Tavern was such a big hit with the residents and businesses who attended, that the CEDC has decided to make it an annual event. Families enjoyed wine, beer, soft drinks and appetizers while applauding the presentation of the holiday decorating awards to the winning businesses and homeowners. Location TBD.

Dinner & a Show - “The Picture of Dorian Gray”



Ursinus College has again teamed up with the Collegeville Economic Development Corp. (CEDC) to offer an entertaining and enjoyable “Dinner and a Show” promotion – a fun night out for Collegeville area residents without the hassle of Center City traffic.

Local restaurants are offering dinner specials to individuals attending the Ursinus Theater Department’s performance of “The Picture of Dorian Gray” at the Lenfest Theater on Wednesday, October 1st, Thursday, October 2nd, Friday, October 3rd or Saturday, October 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Oscar Wilde explores youth, beauty, desire, obsession and much more in his controversial story first published in 1891. This new stage adaptation is written and directed by Ursinus Professor of Theater Domenick Scudera.

Theatergoers can choose from among 15 local restaurants for dinner the evening of the performance and enjoy 10% off their bill or a free appetizer. You will find the listing of the restaurants and their specials on the CEDC website, www.collegevilledevelopment.org by mid-September. Theatergoers who would like to take advantage of the “Dinner & a Show” specials should order tickets from the same CEDC website.

Tickets are only \$5.00 each and \$2.00 for students and seniors age 65 and over. Individuals can reserve their tickets online through the site, and they will be issued a receipt which they should show at the restaurant on the day of the performance to get the dinner special. They will also need the receipt to give to the Ursinus Box Office in order to pay for and pick up their tickets. Theatergoers should arrive at the box office at least 15 minutes before the show begins.



The Lenfest Theater is located within the College’s Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center. Those attending the play should park in the College’s West parking lot; enter from Ninth Avenue. The Kaleidoscope Building which houses the Lenfest Theater is to the side of the parking lot. For a printable map of the campus, click here: <http://www.ursinus.edu/netcommunity/page.aspx?pid=383>

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Saturdays 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Wednesdays 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

WINTER HOURS

January 3, 2015 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
January 10, 2015 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
February 4, 2015 – 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM hours will
resume on March 7, 2015

Wednesday 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM hours
will resume on April 8, 2015



Trash and Recyclables

Collegeville Borough's trash hauler is Quality Disposal. Our trash and recyclables are picked up once each week on Tuesdays. Trash and recyclables should be placed curbside Monday evening for early morning Tuesday pick-up.

The Borough requires that residents provide watertight containers, each having a maximum capacity of thirty (30) gallons, or plastic bags intended for the same use. There shall be a maximum of three (3) bags or containers per dwelling/business unit per week with a maximum of four (4) units per building. Commercial and industrial properties must provide their own trash removal. No yard waste will be collected.

Recycling is mandatory for residential households by Borough Ordinance. All recyclable items can be placed in one container. Containers up to 32 gallons marked "recycle" may be used. Recycle stickers may be picked up at Borough Hall for no charge.

Replacement recycle bins can be picked up at Borough Hall; the cost is \$10.00.

**Any questions, call
Borough Hall at 610.489.9208.**

Bulk Item Collection

Bulk items will be collected on an as needed basis. Residents are required to arrange pick-up and payment of bulk items by contacting Quality Disposal directly. The contact number for bulk item fees and pick-up scheduling is 610.286.5172.

Leaf Collection

Collegeville Borough will be collecting leaves on Saturday, November 22nd. Leaves are required to be placed in paper yard waste bags and placed along the curb. Leaves placed in any other type of bag or container will not be collected. Only leaves will be collected; grass clippings, twigs and/or other yard waste will not be collected. Collection will begin at 6AM on November 22nd. If you have any questions, please call the Borough Office at 610.489.9208.

Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees will be picked up by Quality Disposal, our Borough trash hauler. To find out the date of the pick-up or if you have any questions, please call the Borough Office at 610.489.9208.

Voting Reminder

Tuesday, November 4, 2014 is the General Election. Please remember to vote! Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm.

Discount Movie Tickets!

The Borough offers two types of discount movie tickets.

The Premier Super Saver tickets are available for a price of \$8.50. They are valid at all Regal, Edwards and United Artists theaters nationwide. Tickets are valid for all show times and all movies. Surcharge fees apply to all IMAX, Large Format and 3D films.



Movie Tavern tickets are available for the cost of \$8.00 per ticket. These are valid for all show times at the Movie Tavern, located at the Providence Town Center. There is an additional surcharge for 3D films.



Snow Removal in Collegeville Borough



Why Some Streets Are Cleared Before Others As snow begins to accumulate, the Borough concentrates on certain streets. The first streets that receive attention are the Snow Emergency Routes. As long as the snow keeps falling, the Borough's first priority is to keep the snow emergency routes open and passable. As soon as all the snow emergency routes are clear, equipment is immediately moved into other areas. The Borough snow emergency routes in Collegeville are Clahor Avenue, West Eighth Avenue, Fifth Avenue, East Ninth Avenue, and Park Avenue.



State Roads State roads and highways are cleared by state snow removal crews. The state roads in Collegeville are Main Street, Second Avenue and East First Avenue (Route 29).

Salting and Plowing There are two aspects to a snow removal operation. The first being salting and the second, snowplowing. When roads start to freeze from falling precipitation, salting operations begin on snow emergency routes and continue until all streets are salted or until salt is no longer effective due to the depth of the snow. The more traffic on a street, the more effective the salt. As a result, sometimes residential streets with small amounts of traffic may appear unsalted.

Please keep in mind that as the temperature drops, the salt becomes less effective. Once the temperature drops below 20 degrees, salt becomes ineffective.

Fire Hydrants If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please clear the snow from around the hydrant. This will assist fire crews in the event of an emergency.

Clearing Sidewalk & Handicap Ramps Residents are required to clear snow or ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours after a storm ends. Sidewalks should be cleared to a minimum of three feet wide. This includes sidewalk ramps on your property. Please do not throw the snow on the roadways.



Child Safety Please educate your children on the dangers of snow removal and make sure they play safely. Remind them to:

- Never build tunnels or snow banks near the street. Plows can collapse

tunnels and harm the child.

- Keep sleds and toys out of the street and away from the edge of the road. Snow banks make it difficult to see children.
- Stay away from the plow – children should stay back at least 20 feet or more from the road.

Motorist Safety Motorists should use caution around plows. Reduce your speed, keep your distance and don't pass snow removal equipment while it is plowing and salting. Their visibility is very restricted to the rear of the vehicle.



Clearing Your Driveway As salting and plowing are difficult operations to perform, residents are requested to park in their driveway or off the street if possible. Please keep in mind that it is almost impossible to keep snow from being deposited at your driveway during plowing, as the plow cannot be lifted or

stopped at each driveway as it passes.

If you clear your driveway before the street is plowed, here is a tip that will minimize the amount of snow left in front of your driveway. When your driveway is cleared, clear an area to the left of the driveway entrance (standing in the driveway facing the street). When your street is plowed, the snow from the plow can be unloaded in this area instead of your driveway. Plows sometimes find it necessary to make several passes, in order to clear snow all the way to the curb to allow for proper drainage.

Please do not empty snow from your driveway into the street. This slows the overall plowing operation. Also, if snow that is placed in the street freezes, it can create a traffic hazard.

Mailboxes Checking your mailbox now will keep you worry-free all winter when snow plows pass by. Please ensure your mailbox is secure and does not lean over the curb-line. Mailboxes that lean over the curb-line are more likely to get hit by a snowplow. Mailboxes and mailbox posts that are loose, rotten or in generally poor condition can be knocked over by heavy snow. Mailboxes will not be repaired or replaced if damaged by heavy snow.

Basketball Stands During the winter months please move basketball stands back from the roadway. Snowplows are taller vehicles and may hit basketball stands that extend over the roadway.

PLEASE BE PATIENT As we have not yet figured out how to stop snow from falling in Collegeville during the winter months, snowplowing will be necessary. Snow removal is a difficult and time consuming job. Since snow removal crews need many hours to complete snow clearing operations, please try to limit your travel during and immediately following a snowfall. If travel is absolutely necessary, be prepared to be delayed. The less traffic on the streets during snow clearing operations, the quicker the job can be accomplished.

PRESENTS FROM SANTA!



Collegeville Borough is once again sponsoring a special program this holiday season for Borough residents.

Bring a wrapped gift for YOUR child, with your child's name, address, and phone number on the gift to Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Saturday, December 20th, starting at 8:00 a.m., Santa will be traveling around the Borough, with the help of the Police Department and the Fire Department and will bring your gift to your child!

Imagine the excitement when Santa hand delivers a present into your child's hands! There is no cost for this program. It is simply for the enjoyment of the children.

**YOU MUST BE A BOROUGH RESIDENT
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.**

Questions? Call Borough Hall at 610.489.9208.



CALLING ALL WITCHES AND GOBLINS!



The Collegeville Rotary Club announced that the annual Halloween Parade will be held on Wednesday, October 29th. There is no rain date. Groups marching in the parade can gather at the parking lot behind the Schrader's Service Station at 454 E. Main Street in Collegeville by 6:00 p.m. Judging will be from 6:00 p.m. until 6:20 p.m. The parade march will begin at 6:30 p.m. The parade route will turn right out of the parking lot and finish in front of Philly Soft Pretzel Factory. The parade will conclude around 7:30 p.m.

Children, families and anyone who enjoys Halloween is invited to march in the parade. There is no admission fee. There will be a costume contest, with prizes going to the winners in various age groups. No formal registration is required for participation in the parade.

Please do not park in the parking lot because a large number of children and their families will be assembling. There will not be enough room for people marching in the parade to gather and for parked cars. Please park on a side street.

Families, local clubs, groups, businesses and other organizations are encouraged to support the parade through participation or sponsorship. For more information, call Joe Greenwald at 610.220.6454.



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Protecting Water Quality from **URBAN RUNOFF**

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In urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.

How Urbanized Areas Affect Water Quality

Increased Runoff

The porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like forests, wetlands, and grasslands traps rainwater and snowmelt and allows them to filter slowly into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces like roads, parking lots, and rooftops prevent rain and snowmelt from infiltrating, or soaking, into the ground. Most of the rainfall

The most recent National Water Quality Inventory reports that runoff from urbanized areas is the leading source of water quality impairments to surveyed estuaries and the third-largest source of impairments to surveyed lakes.

Did you know that because of impervious surfaces like pavement and rooftops, a typical city block generates more than 5 times more runoff than a woodland area of the same size?

and snowmelt remains above the surface, where it runs off rapidly in unnaturally large amounts.

Storm sewer systems concentrate runoff into smooth, straight conduits. This runoff gathers speed and erosional power as it travels underground. When this runoff leaves the storm drains and empties into a stream, its excessive volume and power blast out streambanks, damaging streamside vegetation and wiping out aquatic habitat. These increased storm flows carry sediment loads from construction sites and other denuded surfaces and eroded streambanks. They often carry higher water temperatures from streets, roof tops, and parking lots, which are harmful to the health and reproduction of aquatic life.

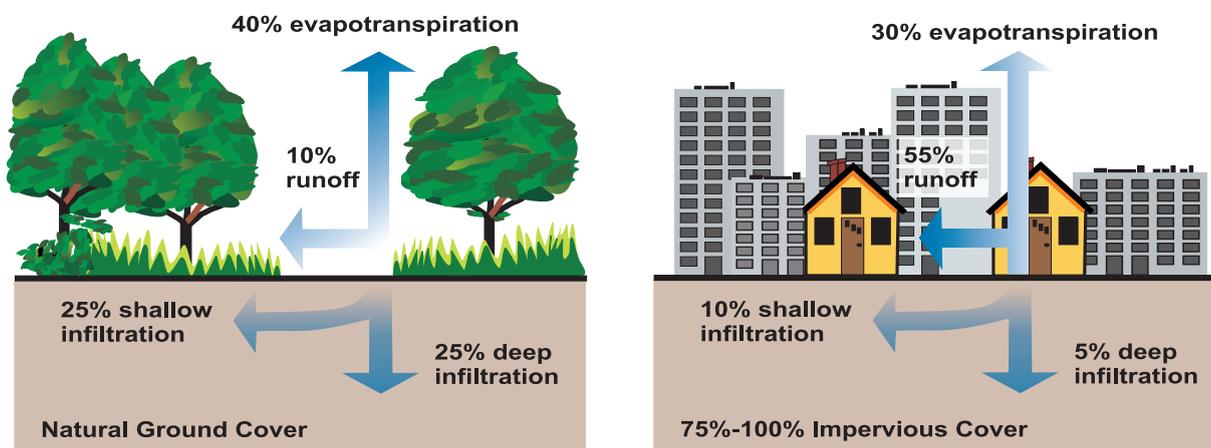
The loss of infiltration from urbanization may also cause profound groundwater changes. Although urbanization leads to great increases in flooding during and immediately after wet weather, in many instances it results in lower stream flows during dry weather. Many native fish and other aquatic life cannot survive when these conditions prevail.

Increased Pollutant Loads

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers, and lakes. The pollutants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease, and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens
- Viruses, bacteria, and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems
- Road salts
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles, and other sources
- Thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as streets and rooftops

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.



Relationship between impervious cover and surface runoff. Impervious cover in a watershed results in increased surface runoff. As little as 10 percent impervious cover in a watershed can result in stream degradation.

Managing Urban Runoff What Homeowners Can Do

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides.

In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycle their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff (e.g., detergents, grime, etc.) by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff. Households served by septic systems should have them professionally inspected

and pumped every 3 to 5 years. They should also practice water conservation measures to extend the life of their septic systems.

Controlling Impacts from New Development

Developers and city planners should attempt to control the volume of runoff from new development by using low impact development, structural controls, and pollution prevention strategies. Low impact development includes measures that conserve natural areas (particularly sensitive hydrologic areas like riparian buffers and infiltrable soils); reduce development impacts; and reduce site runoff rates by maximizing surface roughness, infiltration opportunities, and flow paths.

Controlling Impacts from Existing Development

Controlling runoff from existing urban areas is often more costly than controlling runoff from new developments. Economic efficiencies are often realized through approaches that target “hot spots” of runoff pollution or have multiple benefits, such as high-efficiency street sweeping (which addresses aesthetics, road safety,

and water quality). Urban planners and others responsible for managing urban and suburban areas can first identify and implement pollution prevention strategies and examine source control opportunities. They should seek out priority pollutant reduction opportunities, then protect natural areas that help control runoff, and finally begin ecological restoration and retrofit activities to clean up degraded water bodies. Local governments are encouraged to take lead roles in public education efforts through public signage, storm drain marking, pollution prevention outreach campaigns, and partnerships with citizen groups and businesses. Citizens can help prioritize the clean-up strategies, volunteer to become involved in restoration efforts, and mark storm drains with approved “don’t dump” messages.



Related Publications

Turn Your Home into a Stormwater Pollution Solution!

www.epa.gov/nps

This web site links to an EPA homeowner’s guide to healthy habits for clean water that provides tips for better vehicle and garage care, lawn and garden techniques, home improvement, pet care, and more.

National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Urban Areas

www.epa.gov/owow/nps/urbanmm

This technical guidance and reference document is useful to local, state, and tribal managers in implementing management programs for polluted runoff. Contains information on the best available, economically achievable means of reducing pollution of surface waters and groundwater from urban areas.

Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Resources

www.epa.gov/owm/onsite

This web site contains the latest brochures and other resources from EPA for managing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) such as conventional septic systems and alternative decentralized systems. These resources provide basic information to help individual homeowners, as well as detailed, up-to-date technical guidance of interest to local and state health departments.

Low Impact Development Center

www.lowimpactdevelopment.org

This center provides information on protecting the environment and water resources through integrated site design techniques that are intended to replicate preexisting hydrologic site conditions.

Stormwater Manager’s Resource Center (SMRC)

www.stormwatercenter.net

Created and maintained by the Center for Watershed Protection, this resource center is designed specifically for stormwater practitioners, local government officials, and others that need technical assistance on stormwater management issues.

Strategies: Community Responses to Runoff Pollution

www.nrdc.org/water/pollution/storm/stoinx.asp

The Natural Resources Defense Council developed this interactive web document to explore some of the most effective strategies that communities are using around the nation to control urban runoff pollution. The document is also available in print form and as an interactive CD-ROM.

For More Information

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Nonpoint Source Control Branch (4503T)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

www.epa.gov/nps



On December 7th, You are Cordially Invited to Visit Collegeville's Most Unique and Interesting Homes!

The non-profit Collegeville Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) is organizing **Collegeville's Third Annual Holiday House Tour** on Sunday, December 7th from noon until 4 p.m. You will be welcomed into eight of the Collegeville area's most distinctive homes to see each home's unique architectural and interior design style. As in the previous two years, this year's tour will contain a selection of historic properties, remodels, and new builds. Your Holiday House Tour invitation includes touring the homes, taking away holiday decorating ideas for your own home, enjoying the hospitality of the homeowners along with the gracious spirit of the season, and participating in the House Tour Reception.

At 4 p.m., the **House Tour Reception** begins at the Brandywine Adult Community of Upper Providence at the corner of Black Rock Road and Route 29. Brandywine Adult Community asked to sponsor this event in order to welcome tour goers to an Open House at their brand new facility. There you can warm up and meet your neighbors, tour this independent living facility if you wish, and enjoy heavy appetizers, drink a selection of wine, beer and soft drinks and enjoy a silent auction.

The time of the house tour was moved up one hour this year to take advantage of the daylight. You can visit the homes in any order between noon and 4 p.m.; cost of the tour and reception is only \$30.00 per person. More information and forms to register for the event will be available close to the date at <http://collegevilledevelopment.com/> or call Rachael Morrison at 610.454.1050 or email her at manager@collegevilledevelopment.org

If you would like to join the Holiday House Tour Committee, assist us with your holiday decorating skills, and/or would like to include your home in the House Tour, please contact Rachael Morrison.



CEDC'S Second Annual "Farmer and the Chef" Food Tasting Event!

The event is a fundraiser for the Collegeville Farmer's Market

For the second year, chefs of the area's most sought –after restaurants and gourmet food providers will be teaming up on Tuesday, September 23rd to provide an evening of amazing cuisine for Collegeville area residents. The event, which is scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m., features a leisurely evening of appetizers, main courses and desserts paired with fine wines and artisan beers accompanied by great music at the classic SunnyBrook Ballroom in Pottstown. The event is sponsored by the Collegeville Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) as a fundraiser for the Collegeville Farmer's Market.

The cost is \$50.00 per person, which includes unlimited fine food, wine, beer and soft drinks. There will also be a silent auction. For a list of the participating restaurants, more information and to register for "The Farmer and the Chef", visit www.collegevilledevelopment.org or call Rachael Morrison, Collegeville Economic Development Corporation's Executive Director at 610.454.1050.

"This prestigious culinary event showcases both high-end and little known, but outstanding, restaurants and gourmet food providers," said Rachael Morrison, CEDC Executive Director.

For this year's food tastings dinner, the organizers are bringing back the chefs voted "The Best of the Evening" from last year's event and also adding new chefs and restaurants which the CEDC Event Committee nominated as being exceptional.

Last year was the first year for this event, and over 200 area residents enjoyed a welcome glass of champagne at the door, followed by as many food courses as they had room for. Word spread about the terrific food choices available and the success of the event, and as a result, the organizers expect a significant increase in participation this year.

"Individuals who attend our "Farmer and the Chef" fundraiser will not only enjoy a memorable evening of great food, wines and artisan beers, but their participation will be instrumental in offsetting the cost of running the farmers market to the CEDC, and for that we are grateful," stated Cathy Kernen. "The market's goal is to continue to provide great local produce and products to our community, while being self-sustaining."



FROM COLLEGEVILLE BOROUGH'S FIRE MARSHAL WINTER FIRES – SAFETY TIPS FOR THE HOME



The high cost of home heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and manmade logs.

All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are, however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

KEROSENE HEATERS

- Be sure that kerosene heaters are legal in your area.
- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon build-up. Be sure the heater has an emergency shut off in case the heater is tipped over.
- Never use fuel burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal, kerosene, or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- Use **ONLY** the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. **NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type of fuel.**
- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids, stored in approved metal containers, in well-ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.
- **NEVER** fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When re-fueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling.
- Re-fueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors). Keep young children away from space heaters – especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.
- When using a fuel burning appliance in the bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a build-up of carbon monoxide.

WOOD STOVES

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard.

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces and proper floor support and protection.
- Wood stoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be laboratory tested.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned, if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote build-up.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by over-building the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.

- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. **NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace.** A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. **NEVER** break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

FURNACE HEATING

- It is important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.
- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shut-offs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.
 - Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported and free of holes and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
 - Is the chimney solid, with cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
 - Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

OTHER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry an amp load. **TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.**
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space. Use hot water or a laboratory tested device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow, so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

FINALLY...

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety.

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