



THE RUTLEDGE REVIEW

NEWS FROM THE BOROUGH OF RUTLEDGE

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SHADE TREE COMMISSION NEWS

The Rutledge Shade Tree Commission would like to thank all who contributed to the success of our Spring Fundraiser - the Craft Fair & Flea Market held this past March. Both floors of our Community Center were filled to capacity with a unique collection of artists, crafters and vendors. Community involvement was truly overwhelming, as evidenced by the assortment of tasty treats donated to our bake goods table, where some families donated 3 or 4 items. Chambers Memorial Presbyterian Church members sold spring décor and flowers and generously donated all proceeds. Vendors Cindy Tuttle of Tastefully Simple and Leah Maley of Tupperware donated 15% of their proceeds through bookings from this event. Jack Anderson of President Avenue won the 50-50; Denise Pettite won the Tupperware gift, and Marty Spiegel of Swarthmore Borough won the gorgeous Spring planter created by the Ridley High School Horticultural Class. Total funds raised to date from this event are \$900. Thank you all for your generosity

Additionally, the Shade Tree Commission received a \$1500 municipal challenge grant from the PA Community Forest Program to support planning of trees down the unity block of Sylvan Ave this fall, creating a tree-lined entry to the Borough Hall.

Residents who are interested in tree planting are welcome at our monthly meetings. The next meeting will be held on July 8th in the Borough hall at 7 pm. Contact Karl Eilinsfeld, Chairperson at 610-328-1171, or e-mail keilinsfeld@verivon.net for more information.

CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY WITH US!

Hosted by the Rutledge 4th of July Committee,
the Fourth of July Festivities include the morning
parade with costumes, decorated bikes, & family floats!

Refreshments and games for all ages
follow at Triangle Park!

Bring your families & friends,
all are welcome and encouraged to attend!

*NEW volunteers are needed this year to make this
event happen, especially for the games, set up and
clean up. We cannot make it happen without you!*

~ The Fourth of July Committee ~

IT TAKES A VILLAGE! GET INVOLVED!

4th of July Celebration Planning

Call the Borough Office to help out!

Shade Tree Commission

July 8th, Aug 12th & Sep 9th
7 pm at Borough Hall

A "GREEN" RIBBON CUTTING

THURSDAY, JULY 16 AT 4:30 PM

YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE
RUTLEDGE BOROUGH'S TRIANGLE PARK
STORMWATER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT'S
GREEN RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY!

LOCATION: TRIANGLE PARK
(SWARTHMORE & RUTLEDGE AVE'S)

Join the PA Environmental Council and its project partners and funders, including Delaware County, PA Department of Environmental Protection, Philadelphia Water Department, & PECO to recognize Rutledge Borough for its use of stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) at Triangle Park. New stormwater practices at the park will better control water overflow during rain storms, help reduce flooding and protect Darby and Cobbs Creeks from damaging effects of urban stormwater runoff. The basketball court Porous Pavement BMP also means more court time for the players and the Rain Garden BMP means more attractive landscape for residents and patrons to enjoy.

Join us to as we
Congratulate the Borough
for its initiative protecting
Stoney Creek, a tributary of
the Darby Creek!

SHOOT SOME HOOPS
TO TEST OUT THE
NEW POROUS PAVEMENT
BASKETBALL COURTS!



Rutledge is Rolling in Grant Money!

This spring the Borough received a \$5,000 grant provided by Senator Erikson through the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development for new curbing at the Triangle Park. State Representative Bryan Lentz provided a \$6500 grant for further development of Triangle Park. Additionally, refusing to accept any of the bids for the Rain Garden project last fall really paid off for us. We recently approved a much lower bid for the work. The project is fully funded now with \$20,000 from the PEC (Pennsylvania Environmental Council) and an additional \$10,000 from PECO's Growing Greener Grant funding. The borough paid for the initial Engineering design.

The Rain Garden will work in concert with a storm water retention basin under the basketball court that will capture most of the runoff from the ball field, reducing runoff to the local streams and keeping pollutants out of our rivers and bays. The Rain Garden will be a centerpiece and provide some much needed aesthetic improvement to the park.

Volunteers will be needed in near future to maintain the garden to get it established and to keep it healthy and vital in the future. The two projects together will be used by the donors for public education and tours to show as a model for other municipalities to copy.

New Fire Equipment! – Congratulations to the Rutledge Fire Company having recently received a grant for \$45,000 to purchase updated fire equipment. Annual fire company donations are down this year, some \$3500 to \$8000 more is needed to balance their overhead budget. Please consider a small donation. If we all give something, it adds up!



Local Girl Scout Troop # 5860 was honored at May's Borough Council meeting for their service to our community. They were presented a plaque for their work designing and painting the Triangle Park benches and tables.

NEW DELCO PROGRAMS SUPPORT SENIORS

The Delaware County Council is extending outreach to senior citizens to help them navigate today's challenging economic climate. The following county programs are a good resource for seniors:

COSA: Provides information on services including health insurance counseling, crime victim services, legal services, volunteer opportunities, nursing home eligibility and community-based services, in-home supports and help with paperwork often involved in changing insurance or accessing services. Call (610) 490-1300. www.delcosa.org.

Consumer Affairs: This is the watchdog for all consumers regarding major purchases and transactions related to home repairs, credit issues and tenant/landlord agreements. Call (610) 891-4865.

Veterans Affairs: Helps veterans and their families acquire special benefits and services from state and federal governments include federal pensions for veterans or their widows, real estate tax exemptions, Veterans Administration hospitals, treatment programs and applications for burial and headstones. Call (610) 891-4646.

Treasurer's Tax Claim Bureau: Collects delinquent taxes for school districts, municipalities and the county, helping seniors understand the collection process and the on-account payment agreements that are offered to people with financial hardships. Call (610) 891-4284.

District Attorney's Office, Senior Exploitation Unit: Educates seniors about crimes such as identity theft, fiduciary theft, credit card theft or misuse, and financial or physical abuse. Call (610) 891-5249.

COMMUNICATIONS QUESTIONS?

Website: The new Rutledge Borough Web site has been launched at www.rutledgepa.org. The site provides easy access to Council Meeting Minutes, borough ordinances, and other official information about the borough. The latest news, events, and a bit of borough history are also featured. The site was built and is maintained by community volunteers. Submissions for the website may be sent to the web team via e-mail at: WebRuts@googlegroups.com or left at the Borough Office.

Borough E-Mail Announcements: To subscribe to the Borough E-mail Announcement List send an e-mail with your name, address & E-Mail address to: RutledgeBorough@gmail.com.

E-Newsletter?: Consideration is being given to offering the newsletter via e-mail to save on production and environmental costs. Residents without e-mail access would still receive a hard copy in the mail. We are looking for your feedback on this idea. Please send feedback to: RutledgeBorough@gmail.com or drop a note in the Borough.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2009!

Congratulations to graduating seniors Rachel Aslaksen, Michael Breslin, Emily Garrity, Shane Garrity, Noimon Goulden, Matthew Hanser, Kelli Henry, Nasia Jamil, Sarabeth Kinney, Lloyd Maslin, Bethany Morrison, Gregory Todaro, & David Werner.

We wish you an exciting and successful future!

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE NEWS

The Easter Egg Hunt was held on the rain date in triangle park and was well attended. A good time was had by all, with plenty of eggs to go around. Thank you to all the residents and council members who faithfully participate and support our events.

Planning is now in progress for the Annual 4th of July Parade & Games. Please attend our next meeting on June 15th, 8pm in the Borough Hall if you can volunteer or would like to participate with this great celebration.

4th of July is also the time of year when the Committee requests a donation from each household in Rutledge. The letter has gone out requesting a \$25.00 donation. Your yearly donation funds the Winter Pot Luck Dinner, the Easter Egg Hunt, all of the 4th of July Events, the Halloween Parade, the Tree Lighting and Luminary. Without a strong response to our fund-drive, the Committee will have to consider which events to cancel.

The 4th of July is still in need of new members. Several positions are available with varying time commitments. It takes an incredible amount of work, both in planning and hosting these events to make them memorable for everyone in our community.

As always our meetings are the 3rd Mondays of each month 8pm in the Borough Hall. Please come out and become a part of our community. Simply put, without funds and volunteers the 4th of July Committee and all the events it sponsors in Rutledge, will cease to exist.

~ The 4th of July Committee ~

FROM YOUR MAYOR - SCOTT SHIELDS

Spring is here and our children are outside playing, enjoying the upcoming end of the school year. I urge everyone to exercise extreme caution when driving within the Borough and that you obey all of our traffic laws including the stop signs.

Also, there has been an increase in the usage of the Triangle Park basketball court along with an increase in the amount of trash that is left on the grass. We have installed an additional trash can under the Rules and Regulations sign, and I am hopeful that will be used to dispose of the trash.

Repair of Unity Terrace between Linden and President Avenue is completed. The repaving resulted in little or no cost to the Borough residents largely as a result of the effective usage of our gas fund dollars and because your Council members and the Mayor volunteer our time to reduce overall costs to the residents.

For the past several months there has been an increase in thefts from unlocked cars. I urge all of the residents and visitors to lock your car doors at all times.

Additionally, this Fourth of July, there will be a dunk tank fundraiser to benefit the Fourth of July Committee. Come to the Triangle Park and see if you can dunk the Mayor or the President of Council.

Lastly, as your Mayor, I am responsible for the health and safety of our community and I urge you to call me on my cell phone, 610-864-0699, or email me at sshields@aol.com, if you have any questions or concerns about any issue concerning our Borough. In case of a police emergency, dial 911.

FIRE COMPANIES MERGING!

The Rutledge Fire Company and the Morton Fire Company are merging. We believe that it is imperative to take action on this issue now. We are optimistic that some time in the future the Swarthmore Fire Company may merge with us, further strengthening our forces. We sincerely believe that this is in the best interest of the two communities and will provide a cost effective, fully staffed, and highly qualified fire, rescue and emergency medical service that you the residents deserve.

Some residents may not be aware of the fact that the Morton and Rutledge Fire Companies are entirely volunteer organizations. Traditional fire protection, and the role of fire services, has expanded over the years to include vehicle rescue, emergency medical services, weather related emergencies and hazardous material management. The volunteers also share the responsibility of fund raising, station and equipment management and administrative duties. These services have been referred to as the best public service bargain for taxpayers and local governments ever devised.

Changing demographics and lifestyles along with increased training requirements are resulting in fewer volunteers. It is to the point where fire services are having trouble responding to calls with adequate numbers of qualified personnel. In addition to the decline of volunteers, there is the problem of the high cost of trucks and equipment. Neighboring fire companies are experiencing the same problems. For the last several years, the two fire companies along with the Swarthmore Fire Company have been conducting joint training and have developed a set of Standard Operating Procedures which should increase professionalism and improve fire fighting operations.

Please stop in and visit your fire company any Monday evening. They are on site every week, working on their equipment, training, and are ready to answer questions.

~ The Rutledge Fire Company ~

DELCO to Collect Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

The Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection, is offering a free collection program for recycling compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) which last longer than traditional light bulbs and cut electricity costs by up to 75%. CFLs are accepted at any of the county's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events. Additionally, CFLs may be dropped off Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority's Office located in Rose Tree Park - Hunt Club, 1521 N. Providence Road (Route #252), Media, PA.

THE "BARK" STOPS WITH YOU!

Due to numerous residents' complaints, it should be noted that Section 2-107, "Dog Nuisances" states that it is unlawful for an owner or custodian to permit dog barking of such intensity or duration as to annoy persons of ordinary sensibility in the enjoyment of their property or as to interfere with their sleep.

www.rutledgepa.org

We're on the worldwide web at:

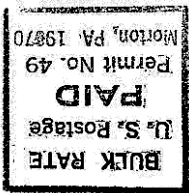
The Swarthmore Farmer's
Open for the Season!
Saturdays 10am to 2pm
- Park & Dartmouth -
Local produce, meats, dairy,
farm and hand made products.

PUMP UP YOUR "CURB APPEAL"!
MAINTAIN ALL AREAS OF YOUR PROPERTY
TO INCLUDE SHEDS, GARAGES AND FENCES.
ALL ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN GOOD CONDI-
TION, PARTICULARLY FENCES.

Lawn Mowers Needed!
Senior residents are looking for
High School age youth to cut their
lawns. Seniors & Youth interested
in connecting may call the Rutledge
Borough at 610-544-1028

SEND YOUR BBQ INVITATIONS EARLY!
SPEND THE 4TH OF JULY IN RUTLEDGE!

Borough Resident Rutledge, PA. 19070



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LEGEND

Trash - M & Th, thru Sep 30th

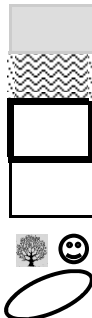
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Borough Council: 7:30 pm

Work Meeting: 7:30 pm

Committee Meetings

Special Events!



COMMITTEE MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY 4th

8:45-9:30 am
9:45 am
1:00 pm
6 pm

Parade Registration & Judging

4TH OF JULY PARADE!

FAMILY GAMES AT TRIANGLE PARK

Adult Softball Game (16 yrs+)

July 8th, 7 pm

Shade Tree Commission Meeting (Also Aug 12th)

July 16th, 4:30 pm

TRIANGLE PARK - GREEN RIBBON CUTTING!

June 20th, 8 pm

4th of July Committee Meeting (Also Aug 17th)

Sept 12th

RUTLEDGE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE!

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS: AUG 15th Send "copy" to NewsRuts@googlegroups.com or the Borough Office.