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AUTUMN IS A TIME FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING!

GIRLS CLUB - GREAT SEASON & NEW LEADERSHIP

Bob Hunt has stepped down from leading the Rutledge Girls Club. Many thanks to Bob for his many years of community service and leadership. Stepping into the position is Kevin Cunningham. He hopes to do as good a job as Bob has done. *Continued on Page 2*

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE HAS NEW CHAIRPERSON

Jennifer Flemming has stepped up as the new chairperson of the Rutledge 4th of July Committee. She hopes that everyone in our community can find time to volunteer for even just one event this year. With the Halloween Parade, Tree Lighting and Luminary yet to plan for this year, everyone's contributions will be much appreciated. *Continued on Page 2*

YARD SALE LEFTOVERS?

If you have leftover household items that did not sell in the Yard Sale earlier this month, there are a number of places that accept donations, as well as three are old standbys, the Purple Heart, Family Services, and Goodwill:

- Community Action of Delaware County
(Call for pick up.) 610-522-9611
- ARC of DELCO Thrift Store
19 S. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne
- The Ridley Library 610-583-0583
- Goodies Disc Exchange 610-532-3472
(They even pay you a few dollars.)
- Pathways (Families of Domestic Violence)
610-543-5022, near Austin's
- Wire hangers can be taken to dry cleaners.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 5th	Voter Registration Deadline
Oct 31st	Halloween Parade
Nov 3rd	Election Day
Dec 7th	Tree Lighting - Borough Hall
Dec 24th	Luminary Lighting



4th of July Parade, 2009



Veterans Saluting the Flag



Did you get your T-Shirt?

Many thanks to the 4th of July Committee for making this year's festivities happen!



NO PARKING
really does mean
"no parking".
The signs are
everywhere on
the south and
west sides of the
street. The police
will ticket you.
immediately.

NO PARKING
THIS
SIDE OF
STREET



TREE MANAGEMENT

Many of the borough trees have reached an age of wear and tear. Fall is a great time to check on the health of the trees on your property. If the insides are rotted or the branches are bare that there is a good likelihood that they will fall from wind or ice damage this season. Removing them now could prevent other property damage.

WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN ANYWAY?

Rain gardens are planted areas signed to soak up rain water which drains from a roof or other impervious surface. Rain gardens allow significantly more water to soak into the ground than conventional patches of lawn, and encourage homeowners to redirect storm water from hard surfaces. Collectively, individual homeowners can protect drinking water supplies and local streams and enhance biodiversity by installing rain gardens on their properties. Resources: <http://raingardens.org>

GIRLS CLUB NEWS *from page 1*

The 2009 season was a very good one for the Rutledge Big Red Machine. We had four teams this year and every team that was in a division that had playoffs got in.

The Pee Wee Farm Division, Coached by Irish Joe Flynn, had a good season with a bunch of good wins. The farm teams don't have playoffs. The Pee Wee C Division team, coached by John (Coach Dude) Martin, finished 2nd in their division during the regular season and had a good showing in their playoff series. The Midget C Division team, coached by Linda Armour, finished 1st in their division during the regular season and came in 2nd during the playoffs in a hard fought battle with Media.

The Intermediate C team, coached by Kevin Cunningham, fought their way into the playoffs with two crucial wins at the end of the season. The playoffs didn't go too well, but the girls had a great time and that's what it's about.

Information about sign-ups for the upcoming 2010 season will be forthcoming in January.

NEW CHAIRPERSON - 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE

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The committee operates on funds collected from the community and requests \$25 per year from each household. With collections down to an all time low, Jennifer hopes as members of our community we rely on the creativity of our neighbors. She asks that anyone who has housed items for the committee bring them to the next meeting. We need to get an inventory of the items out there and I would like them to all be housed at the community center.

Monthly meetings are held at the Borough hall on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 pm. If you cannot make the meeting but can help out please contact Jennifer at 610-960-4887, or moosesmama@rcn.com. We have had such great volunteers in the past and Jennifer looks forward to working with everyone.

Trina Coppick has retired from the 4th of July Committee, having served as chairperson for several years. The Borough Council and the whole community would like to thank Trina for her dedication and service. Her spirit, creativity, and dedication will be greatly missed. We wish Trina much success as she moves forward in her new ventures.

THE RUTLEDGE SHADE TREE COMMISSION was recently awarded a grant from the Pennsylvania Urban Community Forestry Council. These funds, along with donations and proceeds from our Spring Fundraiser, the Craft Fair and Flea Market, will be used to purchase *prunus okame* trees, the same flowering cherry tree that blooms each spring in Washington D.C. These trees will be planted on Sylvan Avenue to frame the entrance way to the Borough Hall. Volunteers are needed for tree transportation from nursery to planting sites on Sylvan Ave. and the actual planting. To volunteer or for more information please contact Karl Eilinsfeld at 610-328-1171 or e-mail keilinsfeld@verizon.net

MAYORS MESSAGE

What a bittersweet time to be a parent, the summer is over, but the kids are going back to school. As summer comes to a close I urge all the residents to be extra careful when driving in the Borough, especially near bus stops.

It is also Borough budget time and I will be working with the chairperson of the Finance Committee, Diane McGaughey, to develop a fiscally responsible budget that meets the needs of the residents.

Next year, as your Mayor, I will be the President of the Delaware County Association of Boroughs, which will position Rutledge to be able to seek much broader financial assistance and grants from the County and the State.

Additionally, the Mayor is responsible for public safety and all suspicious activity, including the congregation of our youth at night, must be reported to the police via 911. If there is request for the police to monitor an intersection for stop sign violators, or for any other traffic or safety concern, contact Mayor Shields at 610-864-0699 or sshields@aol.com for immediate assistance.



Council Notes

THE NEW RAIN GARDEN AT TRIANGLE PARK

As many of you may have noticed, a “rain garden” has been constructed at Triangle Park. You may have also noticed ongoing reconstruction since the dedication of the garden by local, county and state officials. This is due to errors made by the original contractor. We can thank our highway department employee, Bob Hunt, for ensuring that the work gets completed in accordance with the approved plans. Bob has kept a careful eye on the project and has assisted our Borough Engineer’s inspector with ensuring that the work gets completed properly.

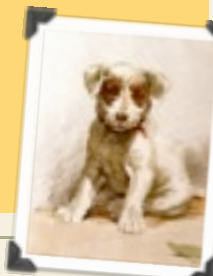
We are also investigating prices to enclose the rain garden with permanent fencing to protect both the plantings and small children who may be attracted to the gardens. Until the permanent fencing is installed, we ask for your cooperation in supervising your children in he are of the garden.

TRASH & RECYCLING The Council is currently entertaining bids for new trash & recycling collection services. We hope to have more information regarding recycling later in October. Watch the borough e-mail listerv updates.

COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITIES

It has also been brought to our attention that several property owners have been blowing their lawn clippings into the boroughs streets. Aside from the aesthetic issues, the grass clippings ultimately end up in the storm sewer system creating problems with the storm sewer system by impeding the flow of storm water, blocking or clogging the pipes and resulting in flooding. We ask for your cooperation in removing your yard clippings from the roads. If you have a contractor that takes care of your lawn, please instruct them on this matter.

Earlier this year, the Borough had the highway department employee clean the gutters of the streets in the Borough and remove any vegetation growing in front of the curbing. This was not only time consuming, but extremely laborious. We again ask that residents maintain the area in front of your curbing and remove all vegetation that is growing there. “Curb appeal” is more than the just the appearance of your home from the street.



Masonry Work at Community Center began on Sept 14th to include concrete and stone pointing. The focus of the work will be the front of the community center. Work will continue through 2010 and will hopefully be completed by year’s end. The three brass plaques will also be removed and refinished, and then returned to their proper placement.

Citizens are reminded that open burning fires and fireworks are not allowed in the borough. This includes patio fire pots and outdoor fire circles.

Fall-Winter Yard & Snow Help
The Borough Office is collecting contact information of borough youth who are available for leaf raking and snow shoveling. If you would like to be on the list, please mail or drop off a note with your name, phone number, and parent permission to the borough office. The list will be posted on the community bulletin board.

Please be reminded that dog barking is a nuisance late at night and earlier than 6 am and it is against borough ordinances. If your barking dog cannot be quieted, please bring it



When you look at the world in a narrow way, how narrow the world seems!
 When you look at it in a mean way, how mean it is!
 When you look at it in selfishly, how selfish it is!
 But when you look at it in a broad, generous, friendly spirit, what wonderful people you find in it.”
 ~ Horace Rutledge ~

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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- Oct 5th Voter Registration Deadline
- Oct 31st Halloween Parade
- Nov 3rd Election Day
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- Dec 24th Luminary Lighting

- 1st Mon, 7:30 p Borough Council Mtg.
- 2nd Mon, 7:30p Council Work Sessions
- 2nd Mon, 7:30p 4th of July Committee
- 2nd Wed, 7:00p Shade Tree Commission
 (Every other month.)

TRASH is collected on Monday mornings.
 PAPER Recycling on alternate Wednesdays.
 BOTTLES & CANS may be brought to the receptacles behind the Fire House

