

# THE RUTLEDGE REVIEW

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 4/Feb 1/Mar 1: Borough Council 7:30 p

Jan 6: WEDNESDAY RECYCLING STARTS!

Jan 13/Feb 10/ Mar 10: Tree Commission, 7:30 p

Jan 18/ Feb 15/ Mar 15: 4th of July Com Mtg 7:30 p

Jan 18/ Feb 15/ Mar 15: Council Work Mtg 7:30 p



## WORKING & CELEBRATING TOGETHER!

### HALLOWEEN PARADE!

Many thanks to Borough Council, Fire Company, the Strath haven High School Marching Band and Rutledge Citizens for coming out to the Annual Halloween Parade, in the rain!

### TREE PLANTING A SUCCESS!

Karl Eilinsfeld, Chairperson of the Rutledge Tree Commission would like to thank all of the community volunteers who showed up Nov 21st for the Fall Tree Planting on the first block of Sylvan Ave. Many people came out, both young and older. It was a great success.

### HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING!

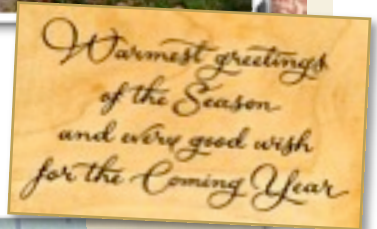
This year, the Holiday Tree Lighting brought many of our Citizens and their families out to spend time with their neighbors. A short reception was held in the Borough Hall where children made decorations for the tree and everyone enjoyed refreshments provided by the Fourth of July Committee. Thanks also to Santa who stopped in to light the tree.

### ANNUAL LUMINARY!

This year's luminary lighting could not have happened without the help of so many borough citizens and their families. Well before the luminary lighting, there were people folding and filling bags, storing then distributing them all around town, and then finally lighting them and cleaning up afterwards! It takes a village to make a miracle and that is what we did this year. Luckily the weather was beautiful and all of this hard work was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the 4th of July Committee for organizing this event and all of the volunteers who helped out.



*Eleven prunius okame flowering cherry trees were planted on Sylvan Avenue. The Rutledge Tree Commission will meet on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm, at the Borough Hall. All are welcome.*



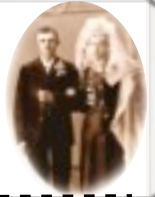
### YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Community activities sponsored by the 4th of July Committee depend on your annual donations, which have recently dwindled. Please send your annual donation so that we may continue to provide these events. You may send a check to Marie Governicci at 221 E. Sylvan Ave, or drop it at the Borough Office and we'll see that it is delivered.

Join the Borough Listerv and receive regular announcements and updated information in between newsletters! E-mail [RutledgeBorough@gmail.com](mailto:RutledgeBorough@gmail.com) to subscribe.

**Effective immediately! Borough Hall Rental prices are:  
DOWNSTAIRS – \$275.00, UPSTAIRS – \$425.00**

Call 610-544-1028 to book a space for your graduation party or other special event!



### Winter Snow Help Network

The Borough Office is collecting contact information of borough youth who are available for 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 outside the borough office.

**Volunteers are being sought to work with the Communications Committee, and Zoning Hearing Board. If you have an interest in serving contact the Borough Office ASAP.**

### The Delaware County 4-H Dog Club Invites New Members

If you would you like to learn about dogs and participate in fun field-trips and activities? The new Delaware Country Dog Club invites children and youth ages 8 to 18 to it's first meeting of the Delaware County 4-H Dog Club on Monday January 11th at 7:30 pm at The Farm, 395 Bishop Hollow Road in Newtown Square. Participants will learn about dog breeds, dog behavior, grooming, health care, and the benefits of proper training. Dog ownership is not required. A parent or guardian must accompany prospective members to the first meeting. For more information call Helaine Brown at (610) 690-7665.

**Registration is now open for the spring semester at Delaware County Community College (DCCC).** The Spring semester begins on January 11th. For more information about spring classes or a complete schedule of courses, call (610) 359-5050 or visit [www.dccc.edu](http://www.dccc.edu). Note: The Rutledge Borough contributes financially to the DCCC budget through your Wallingford-Swarthmore School District taxes, making us a sponsoring borough. As a Rutledge resident, your DCCC tuition is only \$92 per credit hour, one half of what other state residents pay. If you are looking to further your education take advantage of your discount! What a great holiday gift to yourself that would be!

**Coch Weisfeld of the Rutledge Girls Softball Team, thanks Rutledge for providing the port-a-potty at the Triangle Park during the season.**

### FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Clean & vacuum your smoke alarms
- Test smoke alarms weekly. Change smoke alarm batteries when you change your clocks
- Make and practice your family's home escape plan.
- Keep basement, attic & garage storage areas clean & neat.
- Never use or store gasoline or other chemicals indoors.

### NEW RESIDENTIAL (Single-Family Dwelling) INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS :

#### EXTERIOR

- Building properly identified with numbers (min. 4") and visible from street.
- Curbing, sidewalks and aprons in good condition with no tripping hazards.
- Exterior property areas properly maintained.
- Downspouts not connected to sanitary sewer system and in good condition.
- Handrails on all steps that have more than four (4) risers.
- GFCI receptacles at all exterior outlets.
- Guardrail systems installed at all elevated landings, porches, decks and balconies that are more than 30" above grade.

#### INTERIOR – COMMON AREAS

- Smoke detector in operable condition on each habitable level, including basement.
- All hot water heaters and boilers have the pressure relief valve extended to 6" from floor.
- GFCI receptacles at kitchen counters and in all bathrooms.
- All sump pumps are not to be connected to sanitary sewer, but must discharge to exterior.
- Handrails on all steps that have more than four (4) risers.
- Guardrail systems installed along the open side of landings and along open sides of stairways that have four (4) or more risers.

### The Winter Potluck

The 4th of July Committee is planning a Winter Potluck, or possibly a BBQ Fundraiser. The event will be held at the end of February. Watch for a flyer with details, and come to the January 18th meeting to share your ideas. If you would like to help please call Jeniffer Fleming at 610-960-4887, or e-mail at: [moosesmama@rcn.com](mailto:moosesmama@rcn.com).



# The REAL DEAL on the Trash & RECYCLING PROGRAM

## **New Trash Contract with SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING!**

Rutledge Borough is moving to same-stream, also known as single stream, recycling & once per week trash pick-up! The Rutledge Borough Council awarded the 2010 Trash Collection bid to Suburban Waste Services, Inc., at a cost of \$39,000.00. Starting in the new year, trash will be collected on Mondays throughout the year, and recycling will be collected every Wednesday. There will be no more Thursday trash pick-up in the summer due to the prohibitive cost.

Single Stream Recycling will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010. The Borough has provide each residence with two green recycling stickers that are to be placed on the resident's recycling containers. Stickers were be delivered to all households and additional stickers may be obtained at the Borough office which is open 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Thursday.

## **Why the change? We already have glass and can recycling vessels behind the Firehouse & Borough Hall and we have paper picked up?**

One reason is public demand. Residents of Rutledge have been asking the council to move to curbside recycling for years. As recycling services have become more accessible to smaller communities, it is time to honor this request.

Our regular trash services will be costing us more from now on. The cost and fees have gone up significantly. By reducing the amount of trash we have hauled away, and diverting it to the recycling program, we bring those overall costs down. The recycling service does factor into the cost of our contract, but the combined effect is an overall reduced cost. The more we recycle, the less trash we haul away the lesser our fees are.

## **If everyone follows though and recycles, won't we have to pay more and more for our recycling service?**

No. Unlike the trash fees which are based on tonnage, the recycling fee is a fixed fee, set by the hauling service. If we produce more recyclables than they expect, they cannot up our fees during this contract period.

## **Is the borough going to make any money recycling?**

No, we will not make money recycling. The recycling center charges the waste management service to bring our recycling to them. They charge us a flat fee for the service that includes the Blue Mountain fee and their overhead.

We will save money by reducing our overall trash load, which is payed by the ton, by how much trash we have hauled away every year.

## **Our family has been recycling for years, already reducing our trash load. Why do we need to change the way we are doing things?**

That's great! Won't it be even greater when everyone in the neighborhood is doing the same thing? By bringing same stream curbside recycling available in the borough, we make it easy for everyone to participate without making spacial trips to drop off sites. The new program is so simple, there really is not reason not to participate.

## **Who is our trash & recycling contract with?**

Our contract is with Suburban Waste Services Inc., of Wilmington Delaware. They will come and collect Trash on Mondays and Same Stream Recyclables on Wednesdays.

## **Where do the trash & recyclables go from there?**

The trash is transported to DELCO Solid Waste Authority, (Offices in Rose Tree, PA) to one of their two Transfer Stations in Chester or Marple. From there is goes to a Covanta waste energy facility where it is burned as fuel to create energy. The ash from this burn is then sent to a landfill space.

## **Where does the Recyclable Material Go?**

The Recyclables are transported to Blue Mountain Recycling Processing Center in Philadelphia where it is filtered and sorted and then processed in various ways into carious products that are re-sold to various industries for use in new product production.

## **What is the difference between Same Stream Recycling & Co-Mingled Recycling? Which are we and how should present it on the curb?**

"Co-Mingled" Recycling is when glass, plastics & metals are binned together, and paper products are separate. The truck is divided into two parts, hence the need to have paper separate.

We have contracted for "**Same Stream**" Recycling pick-up. Same Stream means that you can toss it all into the same bin, and the truck has one large compartment for everything.

**"Same Stream" is also known as "Single Stream".**



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# RECYCLING DO'S & DON'TS

## What CAN/CANNOT be recycled?

### PLASTICS:

We are recycling plastics #1 & #2 only, lids removed.

# 1: Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE)

# 2: High Density Polyethylene (HDPE)

**Narrow neck soda & beverage bottles, cooking oil & salad dressing bottles, peanut butter & other food jars, mouthwash bottles, clear produce containers labeled #1 or #2, liquid detergent bottles, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, juice containers.**

**Exclusions:** *tetra packs, Microwave trays, motor oil or cooking oil bottles, Pesticide, herbicide, solvent, paint or adhesive containers, styrofoam or microwave containers, medical containers, caps or lids, plastic bags, antifreeze bottles. Plastic labeled # 3-7, toys, sporting goods.*

### GLASS:

Green, brown, blue & clear food & beverage containers, lids removed.

**Exclusions:** *lids & caps, light bulbs, mirrors, drinking glasses, crystal, plate glass, ceramic, clay, ovenware, opaque glass, lab glass, window or windshield glass.*

### METALS:

**Aluminum:** Soda, beer & pet food cans.

**Bio-Metal/Ferrous:** Tin, steel, & ribbed cans – anything that a magnet sticks to, like soup, vegetable, & juicy juice cans, empty aerosol cans)

**Exclusions:** *scrap metal, hangers, toys, sporting goods, garden & household tools, wire fencing, paint cans, pots & pans, car parts, nails, screws, metal rods, small appliances.*

### PAPER:

**Office paper, Newspapers and Sunday inserts, magazines, catalogues, all cardboard, broken down boxes, phone books, envelopes, cardboard egg cartons, cardboard vegetable trays, CLEAN pizza boxes, soft cover books, & telephone books (covers separated), paper rolls.**

**Exclusions:** *wax coated papers, facile tissue, bathroom waste paper, food contaminated napkins & paper towels, photographs, shiny label backing papers.*

**Note:** *It is not necessary to remove labels from recyclables. All lids must however be removed.*

## Do newspapers and other paper products have to go into a separate container?

Although "Same Stream" Recycling is collected in the same compartment of the truck, for sanitary reasons, to keep the recycling stream clean, your bins clean, and to make it easier for everyone involved, we are asked to separate out paper products from the glass, plastic, and metals, placing the paper products in a separate container or in bags or bundles along side the recycling container.

Another reason for this practice, is, "habit forming". If for some reason down the road, our recycling provider changes practice and reverts to co-mingling, then we will already be in the habit of separating out our paper products.

*\* Please wrap paper/cardboard items with twine or put in brown paper bags and place on top of the other items in your receptacle. \*\* Please clean out all containers weekly.*

**Please separate your paper products, and place them in an alternate container marked "paper", or in bags or boxes along side of your mixed recycling containers.**

## Is there a limit on the size of the recycling can or container? Can we put out more than one container?

Just as with your Monday trash pick-up, you may put as many containers out as you wish. As with trash, they may not weigh more than 50 lbs. Please use a additional container if necessary. Also, please rinse out your containers weekly.

***Please label your recycling container with the green recycling stickers that were delivered to your door. More stickers are available at the borough office.***

## Items NOT allowed in General Waste/ Trash Containers or Recycling Containers include:

Oil Rags & Oil Filters, Tires, Yard Waste, Appliances- Refrigerators, Microwaves, Hazardous Waste, Bio-hazardous waste, Needles, Syringes, Liquid Waste, Industrial Waste, Chemical Products, all Light Bulbs, Computer/ TV Monitors & Computers, Paint Thinner, Herbicides & Pesticides, Radioactive Materials, Batteries except for Alkaline Batteries.

***Hazardous Waste items can be disposed of at special hazardous waste collection facilities on special dates. Watch the newspaper, newsletter and e-mail listerv for announcements about these dates.***

**Together we can make a change!**

## WHY BOTHER RECYCLING?

Simply put, it's our civic duty to recycle. Our earth's resources are finite, our environment is fragile, and our population continues to grow creating a waste problem beyond what our earth can handle naturally. We have to change the way we all live and use our resources if we want future generations to enjoy life as we do.

What are the uses for recycled materials and benefits of recycling?

### PLASTICS:

- *Recycled plastic can be made into plastic lumber, which is more durable*
- *Reduces greenhouse gas emissions*
- *Can be used to make toys, park benches, car parts, drainage pipes and more*
- *For every 7 trucks it takes to deliver paper bags, it only take 1 truck to deliver plastic bags*
- *Recycled soda bottles can be reused to make filling for pillows and jackets*
- *The plastic recycling business creates over 200,000 jobs in the U.S.*

### GLASS:

- *Glass can be recycled over again and never lose its quality or quantity*
- *Creates 20% less air pollution*
- *Reduces water pollution by 50%*
- *Saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for hours*
- *It reduces that amount of landfill space that is used.*

### METALS:

- *You can go to scrap metal recycling facilities and get paid for what you bring*
- *Reduces greenhouse gas emissions*
- *Aluminum and steel can be recycled over and over again*
- *Decreases environmental damage caused by mining*
- *Less land and water pollution*



## NOVEMBER ELECTION WINNERS!

The Rutledge Borough's election results are:

- Daniel Warner**, Auditor - 205 Votes
- Randall Poe**, Tax Collector - 175 Votes
- C. Scott Shields**, Mayor - - 182 Votes
- Gregory C. Lebold**, Council - - 187 votes
- Thomas B. Kopp**, Council - - 166 Votes
- Brian G. Costello**, Council - - 156
- David Waltz**, Council - - 143 Votes
- James Crawford**, Constable - - 201 Votes
- Suzanne Keer**, Judge of Election - - 211 Votes
- Juli Kroon**, Inspector of Election - - 189 Votes

**The swearing in ceremony was on Jan 4th.**

## MAYORS MESSAGE

As the year winds down, Council is finishing the budget process and looking for ways to save on expenses in light of increased police contract costs and new paving projects that must be completed.

As some residents may already know, there was a day time burglary where the perpetrator kicked in a residents' door. We believe that this is a very isolated incident, but I am requesting that any resident that sees anything suspicious call 911 immediately. Do not delay! As more information is developed I will update the residents and council at the public meetings and via email.

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. Additionally, if there is request for the police to monitor an intersection for stop sign violators, or for any other traffic or public safety concern, contact Mayor Shields at 610-864-0699 or [sshields@aol.com](mailto:sshields@aol.com) for immediate assistance.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Rutledge residents are reminded that after a winter snow, snow must be removed from sidewalks and walkways within 24 hours. If you are having difficulty with snow removal please call the Borough Office, or Mayor Scott Shields as soon as possible. Together we will find someone to assist you.





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**BULK RATE**  
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 Morton, PA 19070

**Arthur Weisfeld, Senior Community Services**, thanks Rutledge for their continued support of the Schoolhouse Senior Center. In 1977, Rutledge was the first municipality to send a check in support of the center. Mr. Weisfeld stated that when everyone donates a little, it adds up, with last year's municipal donations totaled \$55,000.00.

**Commander Mark Hines, Harold Paul Saks AMVETS Post 118, Morton** would thank the Rutledge Borough for their generous donations over the past two years, supporting our troops overseas. The many letters received by them, thanking them for our homeland support have been outstanding. Harry Mirra continues to be in touch with many of our returning troops. Call (610) 543-2082, for information on continuing your support.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January							February							March						
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### IMPORTANT DATES

- 1st Mon, 7:30p      Borough Council Mtg.
- 2nd Wed, 7:00p      Shade Tree Commission ( Every other month.)
- 3rd Mon, 7:30p      Council Work Sessions
- 3rd Mon, 7:30p      4th of July Committee
- 4th Mon, 7:30p      Council Work Sessions

- TRASH** is collected **Mondays**.
- RECYCLING** collected **Wednesdays**.
- February      Girls Softball Sign-Ups, TBA
- February      Winter Potluck/Fundraiser, TBA