#### **Fall/Winter 2020-21**

# CONSHOHOCKEN Newsletter

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#### **AUBREY COLLINS MEMORIAL PARK RENOVATIONS**



Changes are coming to Aubrey Collins Memorial Park! Our residents can look forward to a newly renovated park, which is expected to reopen this September. The park improvements were developed with specific needs of the community in mind, which will satisfy the Borough's functional, environmental and safety needs. The renovations will also offer more enjoyment and wellness opportunities to our residents.

Construction began this past February with the removal of all playground equipment. The park will now feature a new pavilion, all new playground equipment suitable for children of various ages, as well as new safety surfacing, ADA compliant play apparatuses, and new zip-line. The restoration of Aubrey Collins Park is another large accomplishment for the Borough of Conshohocken.

This marks the fourth park to be completely renovated within the last three years. It also supports Borough Council's overall initiative to upgrade our parks system and improve access to public health and wellness among our community.

We look forward to seeing our residents and community enjoying all that the new park has to offer! Lastly, many thanks to the Department of Public Services for all of their work in restoring another park for the Borough of Conshohocken.













# **ELECTION**

ELECTION DAY Tuesday, November 3, 2020 VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Monday, October 19, 2020

ABSENTEE BALLOT
APPLICATION DEADLINE

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

**REGISTER ONLINE:** Visit: https://www.votespa.com/Register-to-Vote

#### **APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLINE:**

https://www.votespa.com/Voting-in-PA/Pages/Voting-by-Absentee-Ballot.aspx

#### KNOW YOUR WARD! Do you know where you're going to vote?

#### Conshohocken Borough has 7 voting wards and 6 different polling locations:

- WARD 1: Marshall Lee Towers, 1 W. 3rd Avenue, Conshohocken, PA 19428
- WARD 2 & 3: Conshohocken Community Center at the Fellowship House, 515 Harry St, Conshohocken, PA 19428
- WARD 4: United Methodist Church, 20 W. 6th Avenue, Conshohocken, PA 19428
- WARD 5: Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2: 819 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428
- WARD 6: Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428
- WARD 7: A.A. Garthwaite Stadium (A-Field), E. 11th Avenue & Harry Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

#### Borough Of Conshohocken Council Members



WARD 1
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1 West 3rd Avenue



WARD 2

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515 Harry Street



WARD 3
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East 11th Avenue & Harry Street

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- Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

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- Solicitor Joshua Stein, Phone: 610-278-3033
- Public Safety Tom Sullivan, Phone: 610-631-6500
- Health & Human Services Tara Gaudin, Phone: 610-278-5800
- Voter Services Lee Soltysiak, Phone: 610-278-3280
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



This past spring and summer, our community had to endure a truly historic and difficult quarantine due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was certainly one of the most heartbreaking periods that I have experienced while in office with widespread fear and concern sweeping through our community. The seriousness of response that came from our emergency services personnel and our amazing residents from day one, made this incredibly painful time more manageable.

In the interest of safety, the Borough of Conshohocken had to close down its Community Center, rope off our parks and playgrounds, hold virtual council meetings and cancel or postpone many of our treasured community events. While our community and businesses followed Governor Wolf's stay-at-home orders and CDC's guidelines and, although restrictions have eased, there remains plenty of social distancing and mask wearing. I urge all of you to stay strong, keep positive, and maintain all health and safety guidelines issued by the Governor and CDC. Please continue to support our incredible businesses as well as our local food and clothing pantry, Colonial Neighborhood Council (107 E. 4th Avenue, 610-828-6595).

You may also consider giving to the MontCoPA COVID-19 Response Fund (http://www.mcfoundationinc.org.), which assists community safety-net organizations impacted by the current public health crisis such as those serving low-income and food-insecure residents, senior citizens, veterans, and homeless and homebound individuals. Another option to support and donate to this fund is through ordering a #MontCoStrong t-shirt. Visit https://www.valleyforge.org/montco-strong-t-shirts order a shirt online. All t-shirt sale proceeds go directly to the MontCoPA COVID-19 Response Fund.

We will emerge from this pandemic changed but better, because we are #ConshyStrong.

Please keep in touch by joining me on social media, reaching out via email or stopping by during my office hours when they resume. I hope to see you in the neighborhood!





#### SPEAK WITH THE MAYOR

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE 3rd Saturday of each month: 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM 4th Wednesday of each month: 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

# BOROUGH ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION



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#### CONSHOHOCKEN POLICE STATION

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#### **COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE FELLOWSHIP HOUSE**

515 Harry Street • Conshohocken, PA 19428 Phone: 610-828-3266 Website: conshohockenrsp.recdesk.com Like us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/CommunityCenterattheFel

#### OFFICE OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER

- Borough Manager: Stephanie Cecco
- Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager: Brittany Rogers
- · Communications Manager: Kate Kosmin
- Monday Friday: 8:30 AM 4:30 PM

The Borough Manager is the Chief Administrative Officer of the Borough and is responsible to Council for the administration of Borough affairs. All departments, offices, and agencies of the Borough are directed and supervised by the Borough Manager. She manages the day-to-day operations, administration, and execution of policies and objectives set by Borough Council. This department also oversees Borough Boards & Commissions, Right to Know Requests, Communication and Borough Special Events.

#### **ADMINISTRATION SERVICES**

· Director of Administrative Services: Angela Orr

Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

The Department of Administrative Services focuses on delivering quality, reliable, customer-oriented services to Borough residents. The Director of Administrative Services manages administrative and financial services; including human resources, and pension matters; finance records and transactions, insurance and records management. This Department is also responsible for the administration of all insurances, coordination and upkeep of all benefit contracts, and managing constituent and customer services.

#### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAMS

- Community Development Officer: Christine Stetler
- Monday- Friday: 8:30 AM 4:30 PM

The Community Development Officer oversees Conshohocken's Housing Rehabilitation Programs, which assists low and moderate-income homeowners in bringing their homes up to code conformance in order to enable more comfortable and safe living.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Superintendent of Police: George Metz
- Office Hours (non-emergencies) Monday Friday: 8:00 AM 4:00 PM

The Conshohocken Police Department is committed to providing protection and services within the Borough on a 24-hour-a-day basis, with a strong emphasis on public safety and community awareness. The Police Department also hosts several community outreach initiatives to benefit Conshohocken residents.

#### **RECREATION SERVICES**

- · Director of Recreation Services: Lauren Irizarry
- Visit conshohockenrsp.recdesk.com for hours of operation and daily schedule of activities

The Recreation Services Department is responsible for the daily operations of the Community Center at the Fellowship House. It also provides a wide range of recreational activities, programs, events, fitness and wellness opportunities for all ages. These activities are made available to the public at the Borough's many parks and recreational facilities.

#### PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Executive Director of Operations, Emergency Management Coordinator, BCO: Ray Sokolowski
- · Administrative Assistance, Operations: Bobbi Jo Myrsiades

The Department of Public Services delivers community services through four divisions: Emergency Management, Fire Services, Licenses & Inspections and Public Works.

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Emergency Management Coordinator: Ray Sokolowski
- Monday Friday: 8:30 AM 4:30 PM

Emergency Management develops and maintains the Borough's emergency operation plans and standard operating procedures. **FIRE SERVICES** 

- Fire Chief & Fire Marshal: Timothy Gunning
- Monday Friday: 8:30 AM 4:30 PM

Fire Services performs annual fire inspections on fire alarms, sprinkler and suppression systems in commercial buildings throughout the Borough. Washington Fire Company No. 1 and Conshohocken Fire Company No. 2 provide volunteer firefighting services to Conshohocken Borough. Emergency Medical Services are provided by Narberth Ambulance, Medic 313.

#### LICENSES & INSPECTIONS

- Building Code Official (BCO): Ray Sokolowski
- Monday Friday: 8:30 AM 4:30 PM

Licenses & Inspections is responsible for regulating various business activities through permits, licenses, certificates, and inspections to facilitate code enforcement and compliance, and decrease code violations.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Monday - Friday: 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Public Works operates as four divisions: Buildings; Parks, Landscaping & Grounds; Sanitation and Recycling; and Streets. To learn more about what each division does, visit the Borough's website.

#### SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

- Stephanie Cecco, Borough Manager
- Brittany Rogers, Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager
- Gilmore & Associates: Karen M. MacNair, P.E., Borough Engineer
- Monday Friday: 8:30 AM 4:30 PM

Subdivision and Land Development ensures the orderly, efficient and harmonious development of the Borough, including buildings, streets and open space. In doing so, the Borough can plan for the needs of the community while safeguarding natural resources and historic places.

#### **ZONING SERVICES**

- Eric Johnson, Pennoni
- Monday- Friday: 8:30 AM 4:30 PM

Zoning regulates development and helps implement the goals of our Comprehensive Plan. Particularly, zoning refers to the division of the Borough into various districts, in accordance with the official Zoning Map. Rules for each zoning district are outlined in the Zoning Ordinance, which includes regulations governing off-street parking, landscaping, signs, fences and accessory structures.



# Stay Connected



#### **Conshohocken Borough E-News Articles**



#### www.conshohockenpa.gov

Visit the Borough's website and sign up to receive Borough News directly to your email.

#### **CodeRED Alert Notifications**

#### www.conshohockenpa.gov/CodeRED

CodeRED We highly encourage all residents, businesses, visitors and employees working within the Borough of Conshohocken to create an account and register online to receive notifications. These alerts include critical information on both emergency and non-emergency related incidents relevant to Conshohocken Borough only. All messaging that comes from CodeRED is initiated directly from Conshohocken Borough's Administration. Sign up by visiting the above web address.

#### **Conshohocken Borough TV Channel**



Stay up to date on news and announcements, or catch the latest Council Meeting recording from your TV. Go to Verizon channel 20, or Comcast channel 965.

#### **Conshohocken Borough (Facebook)**

@ConshohockenBorough Like and follow the Borough's Facebook Page to see notices, meeting announcements, agendas, community events, trash and recycling updates, holiday closures and more!

#### **Conshohocken Borough (Twitter)**



#### @ConshyBorough

Follow the Borough's twitter page for news and announcements.

#### **Conshohocken Police Department (Facebook)**

@Conshohocken Police Department Like and follow the Conshohocken Police Department Facebook page for police events, news, and updates!

#### Conshohocken Community Center at the Fellowship House (Facebook)





## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

#### Thank you to our 2019 Platinum Funfest Sponsors!

Conshohocken Funfest will return in 2021! Be sure to check the Borough's website at www.conshohockenfunfest.org for further updates and details.

#### **2019 PLATINUM SPONSORS**













# **ENGINEERING**

#### **Keep Your Soil At Home**

Believe it or not, one of the biggest threats to our water quality is dirt washing into our rivers from lawns, roads, driveways, and construction sites. The topsoil is an important resource for your yard. However, when the soil is lost through erosion it becomes a pollutant called "sediment." Water flowing from your yard during rain or snow melt carries sediment, and the other pollutants that attach to sediments, to our local streams.

#### What's Wrong with Sediment?

Sediment clouds and reduces sunlight for stream plants that provide habitat and oxygen for fish. Sediments fill in the spaces between rocks in stream bottoms and take away habitats for fish and other critters that live on the bottom. Sediment also carries other pollutants such as nutrients, oil, and grease. Excess nutrients in water lead to nuisance algae growth.



#### **Signs of Erosion Include:**

- Exposed tree roots, stones, and rocks
- Formation of small gullies
- Buildup of soil in low areas
- Widening or depending stream channels

#### What can you do to prevent erosion?

- Seed or mulch any bare soil on your property. Plant roots guard soil from rain drops and prevent erosion.
- Choose native plants that thrive in our climate. Native plants can grow deeper roots systems that protect soil from erosion. Check with a local nursery for information.
- Cover gardens with mulch or leaves over winter to protect plants and reduce erosion when snow melts.
- If you observe erosion at construction sites, contact Borough Administration at 610-828-1092.

For more information, please visit the Borough's Stormwater Management webpage at: http://www.conshohockenpa.gov/information/stormwater-management.aspx





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# **ZONING SERVICES**

#### What Residents Should Know About Zoning Permits

There are certain types of property improvements, which do not require a Building Permit, but do require a Zoning Permit. The Zoning Ordinance regulates the installation of residential fences; retaining walls; the installation of sheds, and the installation of parking pads, patios, driveways, and sidewalks within residential lots. Some of the requirements to be aware of are as follows.

**Residential fences** may not exceed 6 feet in height; must be set back 2 feet from an alley; and may not be located between the front wall of a dwelling and the street it faces.

Residential storage sheds may be located in the rear yard of properties. The shed must be set back 3 feet from property lines unless there is an alley, in which case it must be set back 5 feet from the alley. A shed must be 10 feet from the residence. Sheds not greater than 125 square feet are not considered in the permitted built area or impervious coverage on a lot. If a shed is larger than 125 square feet, it may not increase the area of buildings on the lot beyond 35% of the lot's area; or 60% of the impervious coverage (areas that water cannot go through including buildings, sidewalks, parking pads, etc.) on a lot.



Patios, parking pads, and sidewalks other than the public sidewalk may not cause the impervious coverage on the lot to exceed 60%. Should the owner of a property choose to use porous pavers or other porous material; only half of the area to be covered will be counted as impervious.

The application for a Zoning Permit can be found on the Borough's web site, www.conshohockenpa.gov. A site plan showing the location of a fence, or the location and measurements of buildings and other impervious areas must be submitted with the Permit application. The permit fee is a flat fee of \$50.00; and permits require one to two weeks to process. For other questions regarding Zoning Permits, contact the Borough Zoning Officer at 610-828-1092.

# HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM



The Borough of Conshohocken's Housing Rehabilitation Program has recently received funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development HOME Program and Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program has been in existence for over four decades and has assisted hundreds of Conshohocken homeowners bring their homes into code conformance enabling them to live more comfortably and safely. Roof repair, window and door replacement, electrical upgrades, sidewalk repair, as well as handicap

accessibility, are some of the items the Program can provide to eligible single-family homeowners.

The Program is now a four-year Deferred Loan Program, which declines by twenty-five percent each year. Please know that there is no cost to the homeowner unless the home is sold within the four years.

If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Program, you may contact Ms. Christine M. Stetler, the Borough's Community Development Coordinator at 610-828-1092, or Nancy R. Nugent, the Program's Intake Coordinator at 610-246-3979.

#### **Housing Rehabilitation Income Guidelines**

Your income must be below the following limits and includes salary, pension, Social Security, child support, and interest on assets (see chart at right):

#### Other Requirements:

- You must be a Borough of Conshohocken resident.
- You must own and occupy a single-family residence.
- Your taxes and sewer fees must be current.
- You cannot be a Borough of Conshohocken employee.

There are further increases in income limits based on additional family members. The Housing Rehabilitation Program provides one-time assistance only. If the program has provided services in the past, additional work on the same property is not permitted.

#### Number of Persons in Household

- 1 Person Household.... \$50,500.00
- 2 Person Household..... \$57,700.00
- 3 Person Household.... \$64,900.00
- 4 Person Household.....\$72,100.00
- 5 Person Household.....\$77,900.00
- 6 Person Household.....\$83,650.00
- 7 Person Household.....\$89,450.00
- 8 Person Household.... \$95,200.00

There are additional increases in the maximum permitted income for larger sized households.

## **POLICE SERVICES**

CONSHOHOCKEN POLICE STATION: 400 Fayette Street, Suite 100 (1st floor), Conshohocken, PA 19428

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday | 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Phone:** 610-828-4032 | **Fax:** 610-828-5243 | **Emergency:** 911



I am outraged. Like you, I watched the nightmare of inhumanity unfold in front of my eyes on a screen and the death of man in custody of the Minneapolis police. For the life of me I do not understand why an officer could lack the basic humanity

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Tow release: ........... \$25.00 plus tow operator fee Finger prints: ........... \$10.00 by appointment only

that should live in all of us. He was not trained this way. We are not trained this way. Allowing a handcuffed man, who is pleading for help, to die while kneeling on his neck is more the act of a sociopath than a police officer. If you wear a badge and you are ok with this you are the problem. If you wear a badge and you stand by and allow this, you are the problem. If a rogue, un-empathetic, brutal, racist or undisciplined officer appeared in the ranks of your department, I promise you I would use my authority to get them out.

#### FREE

#### COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENT

Hosted by the Conshohocken Police Department
Saturday, September 12, 2020
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Coldwell Banker Preferred Parking Lot
1207 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428

Unwanted medications and small amounts of documents for shredding can be dropped off to the police lobby during normal business hours.

I can assure you that this department has rigorous policies in place regarding the use of force. Our officers are equipped with the latest less than lethal technology and we train consistently to those policies and equipment. We have all received training in sensitivity and empathy practices, commonly known as "de-escalation." We have also trained to deal with those with mental disabilities, all in an effort to minimize the use of force or otherwise negative encounters.

In an effort to maintain a positive relationship with this community, we have actively offered programs and events to establish and maintain a face-to-face relationship with residents. Examples of some of our public, community-based events include: A Bike and Trail Safety Workshop, identity theft crime prevention, CPR classes, Coffee With A Cop, National Night Out,

participation in suicide prevention panels and discussions, our annual document shredding event, and regular outreach to our youth through the public schools.

I am blessed, as is our community, to be served by great people. I send officers out on the street everyday who chose to do a sometimes very difficult job. These officers are a direct reflection of me and carry with them my expectations, which are to make every encounter with the public a positive one. In cases where that is not possible and an arrest has to be made, it occurs within the law and our department's policies where only appropriate force is to be used.

Our authority and effectiveness as a law enforcement agency begins and ends with the support offered by our community. That relationship is a fragile existence and can be taken away with one negative incident. In other words: "we can do a thousand things right and one thing wrong and we have to begin again." Losing that faith is what keeps me awake at night. I am open to finding ways to be better and maybe that could start with you. Please know that I hear your concerns, and that we are committed to being a model of positive, professional policing.

I encourage our residents to contact me directly so I can hear your thoughts and concerns. As a 34-year veteran of this police force I take the mission of this department, and our place within this community, as a moral imperative. We will continue to strive to do better and that starts with honest dialogue and constant reflection. I promise that the Conshohocken Police Department will be a leader on both fronts.

George Metz, Chief of Police





# **FIRE SERVICES**

#### October is Fire Prevention Month!

#### Avoid potential fires by following these safety tips

#### Frequently monitor electric and appliance usage

- Misuse of power strips watch out for overloading outlets
- Clean the lint from your dryer after every use.
- Remember generators are not meant for indoor use.

#### **Test Smoke Alarms**

• Your smoke alarm is working if it makes a noise when you press the "TEST" button

#### **Test Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

#### Thanksgiving Holiday Safety

#### Home Cooking Fires Peak on Thanksgiving Day

Home cooking fires are three times more likely to occur on Thanksgiving Day than any other day of the year. It's easy to get wrapped up with guests; however it is imperative that cooking never be left unattended. Keep a three-foot "kid free" zone around all cooking appliances and never hold children while cooking. Turn all handles toward the inside of the stove. Avoid wearing any loose



#### 2020 FIRE PREVENTION DEMO TO BE DETERMINED

Be sure to check the Borough's website and social media pages for further details and updates regarding the event.

clothing that could ignite. Keep all combustible items away from the stove and clean the stovetop of food and grease. The popularity of turkey fryers has increased as well as the number of fires and injuries from them. Fryers can easily tip over, overflow, overheat and ignite if they are overfilled. Follow all manufacturers' directions and safety instructions.

# NARBERTH AMBULANCE

#### Why Should You Support Narberth Ambulance?

For over 75 years Narberth Ambulance has been dedicated to keeping the communities of Lower Merion, Narberth, Haverford, Conshohocken and West Conshohocken safe. Despite our name, we are your local ambulance company. Our Conshohocken Station is located in the borough at 500 E. Hector Street.

At the start of 2020, the 313-11 unit became the dedicated Conshohocken Ambulance for 911 Calls. This new unit has upgrades for safer operations for both crew and patient and has both a powered stretcher and a powered patient loading system. Thank you to the Borough for their support in this effort.

Since we formed in 1944, our expertly trained volunteers and career staff have stood prepared to respond to any emergency within a moment's notice. We



operate 365 days a year, 24 hours a day for the 123,000 residents and 11,000 businesses in our region. It costs money to obtain this degree of service and life-saving medicine. Thanks to your membership support, in 2019 alone, our staff of 31 full-time, 21 part-time employees and over 70 volunteers responded to over 10,000 calls for help.

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we rely on your generous donations in order to provide the highest quality pre-hospital emergency care and medical transportation to the ill and injured. We are not funded through taxpayer dollars, and only 1% of our annual operating expenses are provided through grants from the municipalities we serve. That's why we need your help.

As we continue our fund drive, please consider becoming a subscriber or renewing your membership with Narberth Ambulance. Our membership is designed to assist you in controlling your healthcare costs while also supporting the efforts of our dedicated volunteers and career staff. We hope we can count on your support as we continue to deliver the clinical excellence and state-of-the-art urgent response you trust will always be there.

For full details on becoming a subscriber, volunteer, or any general question about our service, please visit *www.NarberthAmbulance. org* or call 610-645-7770.

# **PUBLIC SERVICES**

#### 2020-2021 Holiday Solid Waste & Recycle Collection Schedule

When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, it is observed on the following Monday. When your trash and recycle collection day falls on a holiday, your recyclables will be collected on Wednesday and your trash will be collected on your next scheduled collection day.

LABOR DAY Monday, September 7, 2020	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVINGFriday, November 27, 2020
COLUMBUS DAY Monday, October 12, 2020	CHRISTMAS DAYFriday, December 25, 2020
VETERANS DAY, observed Monday, November 9, 2020	NEW YEAR'S DAYFriday, January 1, 2021
THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, November 26, 2020	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAYMonday, February 15, 2021

Stickers for trash cart lids are now being distributed. Public Services will work to place stickers on Borough issued cart lids while collecting trash. Each parcel of land will receive (1) sticker only.

#### **Trash & Recycling Cart Updates**

Only approved containers must be used for all residential trash and recycling, unless other arrangements have been made, and approved, by the Public Services Department. Trash and recycling cans must have 2 wheels, a metal life bar and attached lid. Unapproved containers will be tagged for no future pickups until the residence comes into compliance.

#### Trash Collection Rules and Regulations

- There is a limit of four (4) cans/bags per household per pick-up (200 pounds maximum)
- Each can/bag is not to be heavier than 50 pounds.
- Needles, syringes, lances and other sharp objects should be placed in a metal container with a secure lid so as not to be a hazard.
- Please place your cans/bags at curbside on your property no earlier than 5:00 PM the night before and your cans must be removed from curbside no later than 7:00 PM the day of collection.
- No clean-outs or move-outs unless prearranged 24 hours in advance. Please call (610) 828-1092.
- No construction debris or carpet unless prearranged 24 hours in advance. Please call (610) 828-1092.
- Trash will be left curbside and 'red tagged' if deemed to be too heavy, improperly placed, or in an unapproved container. Trash that is left should be returned to the property before 7:00 PM.

#### Conshohocken Is Single Stream Recycling

Single stream recycling allows all of your recyclable materials to be placed into one recycling container. The best part is you don't have to separate them! Hence we get the term 'Single Stream Recycling.' Residents will see trash trucks collecting recyclables. Rest assured recycled materials will go to the recycling facility, NOT the trashto-steam plant. Recycling carts should be left out before 7:00 AM on collection day, at the front edge of your property or nominated collection point.



For information on proper disposal of hazardous household waste, please visit: https://www.montcopa.org/637/Recycling-Information

# PUBLIC SERVICES CONTINUED

#### Yard Waste Collection Rules and Regulations

Yard waste stickers are available at the Borough office to convert your old blue recycle bin into a container for yard waste disposal.

All residences must participate in the Borough's recycling programs by separating their recyclable material from their regular trash. Yard waste is recyclable, therefore the separation and collection of this material is mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Conshohocken Borough.

- Weeds, leaves, brush and plants should be placed in biodegradable paper composting bags. Please no trash in these bags.
- Each bag should not to be heavier than 50 pounds.
- Tree branches under five (5") in diameter, not exceeding five (5') length, are to be securely tied into bundles and should not be heaver then 50 pounds.
- Christmas trees. No decorations, tree stands or plastic tree bags.
- Please place your bags, and/or bundles at curbside on your property no earlier than 5:00 PM the night before.

# GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED WITH YARD WASTE COLLECTION

There are several options for recycling your grass clippings, here are a few ideas:

- Leave on your lawn to act as a natural fertilizer.
- Use them to fill raised vegetable gardens or flower beds.
- Spread them as mulch around the base of trees, shrubs, or potting soil.
- dd them to your compost pile as a source of "green" high nitrogen material.



#### **Fall Leaf Collection**

This season the Borough of Conshohocken will begin utilizing our new Swaploader for leaf collection. The addition of this new vehicle means a significant improvement to the Borough's leaf and yard waste recycling program. Along with a leaf vacuum chassis, it includes a commercial wood-chipper attachment that will eliminate the need to rent equipment for fallen trees or limbs. It can also be used for snow plowing and salting, clearing out storm water inlets, and aiding in potential emergency type situations.

Public Works collects fall leaves beginning in October and ending in December. The fall leaf collection schedule will be posted on the Borough's website just prior to the start of collection.

#### **Leaf Collection Rules and Regulations:**

- Leaf pile may extend along the length of your entire property. Please rake your piles to the curb but not into the street.
- Do not mix limbs, brush, and other debris in the leaf piles. This may result in damage to equipment and injuries to employees.
- Adverse weather conditions may cause delays on posted leaf collection dates.
- Once the leaf-collecting machine passes it will NOT return.
- · Leaves will not be collected in the trash. Trash with leaves commingled will not be collected.
- · Motorists should obey the posted 'no parking' signs and be cautious on all roads during leaf collection season.

#### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

Public Works will begin collecting and recycling Christmas trees with yard waste on Wednesday, December 30, 2020. Please put used Christmas trees out on Tuesday night before Wednesday yard waste pick-up. All tree bags, ornaments, lights and stands must be removed. Collected trees are chipped and composted.

#### **Snow Removal**

When it snows it is our goal is to clear all Borough and state roads within six to 10 hours after snow has stopped falling. Please refrain from parking on the street if you have off-street parking available. This allows Public Works to clear more snow from the road. Residents should clear their sidewalks after plowing has been completed. A three-foot-wide path on the sidewalk must be cleared on your property within 24 hours after the snow has stopped. Don't forget your crosswalks, handicapped ramps, and alley crossing. The Borough does not plow snow in alleys.

It is illegal to shovel, throw or plow snow from sidewalks onto street parking, driveways, allies and into the street or right-of way. Dumping snow or ice on Borough property, or plowing snow across a street is also prohibited. When the Mayor declares a Snow Emergency, remember to remove your vehicle from any posted "Snow Emergency Routes." Vehicles must be removed until after the parking lanes have been completely cleared.

## **LICENSES & INSPECTIONS**

The Licenses & Inspections Department personnel work diligently to preserve and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public throughout all facets of property ownership, residency, development, construction and business operation within Conshohocken Borough.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Do I need a permit for...?** Any work beyond a basic repair or a non-structural alteration may require a building permit issued by the Borough's Building Code Official for both residential and commercial properties. The best course of action is to contact the Borough at (610) 828-1092, and ask a building inspector if a permit is required for your project. Be prepared to provide a detailed scope of work for the project, and identify the property as residential or commercial. Change in use may require zoning approval.

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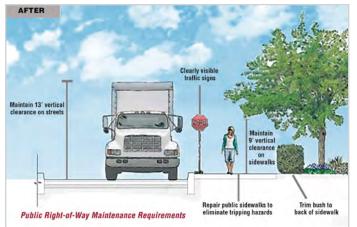
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Am I responsible for maintaining the alley behind my house? Yes. Typically, the property owners on each side of an alley are responsible to maintain to the center of the alley for the width of each respective property. This includes the alley pavement surface (e.g. potholes), as well as grass, weeds, trash, etc., that may be found in an alley, regardless of how it ended up there. Weeds on the other side of your fence along the alley are still part of your property, and therefore your responsibility to trim and/or spray. The Borough does not plow snow in alleys.

Why does the Borough need to inspect the home I'm selling? Borough Ordinance Chapter 11, Part 1 governs Transfer of Real Estate and Real Estate Certification. Per §11-111, anyone selling a property in the Borough is responsible to certify that there are no uncorrected violations of any housing, building, zoning, and safety or fire codes. The Borough performs an inspection based on a Real Estate Certification Checklist, which was adopted by Borough Council and records any apparent violations. It is required that all violations be corrected prior to settlement, or the responsibility to correct said violations may be transferred to the buyer, who will have 12 months to complete the work. The terms of such a transfer are private and fall outside of the Borough's authority.

Where exactly is my property line? Absent physically apparent monuments or property corner pins, the Borough cannot independently verify property lines on behalf of private property owners. Property owners are encouraged to engage a Professional Land Surveyor to prepare a site plan and physically set corner markers. This information is useful for locating potential property improvements such as fences and garages, laying out additions to the primary structure, and to satisfy property line disputes, if necessary. Plans for newer homes may be available at the Borough office. File a Right-to-Know Request, and the Borough staff will search the archives.



How do I register a new rental property? Borough Ordinance Chapter 11, Part 2 governs Residential Rental License Permits. Visit the Borough website and download the Rental Packet for New Rentals from the "Forms" list under the Permits & Licenses section.

#### **Property Maintenance & Safety**

As a property owner, you are responsible for mowing, trimming and spraying, as necessary to keep your property, as well as the public street frontage, clean and safe. The illustration below highlights some of the requirements for private maintenance of public rights-of-way.

For more information related to services provided by the Borough of Conshohocken Department of Public Services please visit our website: www.conshohockenpa.gov.

#### REAR HOUSE NUMBER ORDINANCE

Residential rental properties in the Borough of Conshohocken are now required to have house numbers installed and maintained on the front and rear of dwelling structures used for residential rental unit(s). The ordinance requires separate identification of each unit for structures with separate entrances for multiple units, and requires placement of the applicable house number on structures blocking visibility of the rear entrance, where applicable. The house numbers required by the ordinance must be installed before a residential rental license may be issued or renewed.

# FRIENDS OF CONSHOHOCKEN PARKS



Now more than ever our community parks are a valuable resource to our physical and mental health. The Friends of Conshohocken Parks is working hard to find creative and safe ways to advocate for our parks. As we move forward through the COVID-19 pandemic, we hope to resume safe, community engagement opportunities. Over the spring and summer months our team began collaborating on a new design for a t-shirt fundraiser campaign. A limited

number of t-shirts will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go towards preserving and protecting our parks for this and future generations. For more information on purchasing a t-shirt please email us at friendsofconshohockenparks@gmail.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram @friendsofconshohockenparks.

The Friends of Conshohocken Parks was established as an official nonprofit organization to help raise funds for all eight (8) of the public parks in the Borough of Conshohocken. If you would like to make a donation to one of our parks, you can find us on Venmo at friendsofconshohockenparks@gmail.com or by check. Checks

must be payable to Friends of Conshohocken Parks and mailed to Borough Hall, 400 Fayette Street, Suite 200, Conshohocken, PA 19428.



#### THANK YOU TO THE BUSINESSES!

The Borough Council and Administration thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and recognize each as supporters of our community. For it is with their participation that this newsletter has been published at no cost to our residents.



#### Youth and Adult Lessons, Individuals and Groups, 1-on-1 Instruction

Conshohocken Rowing Center provides programming for athletes of all ages and experience levels. Due to current regulations and restrictions we are offering limited programming for the fall and winter. Check our website for updates and program offerings. *Go CRC!* 

Be sure to ask about Conshohocken Resident Discounts!







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# RECREATION SERVICES

# Live, Work & Play!

# Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programming!

Welcome to the Department of Recreation Services. Our Department's mission is to "enhance the quality of life for all residents through physical, mental, cultural, social and environmental development."

What a year 2020 has turned out to be so far! As we move into the fall and winter season, there will be new guidelines and procedures for programs, rentals, and access to the Community Center at the Fel. Information on COVID-19 is ever- changing and we will adjust as need be. Please check the Borough's website for any operational



updates as it pertains to COVID-19 and the use of recreational facilities and programming. All programs, events, and offerings will be contingent on the aforementioned. Our main goal is to keep our patrons safe. We will continue to monitor the information that is being released and make our decisions based on what is best for the entire community.

The Recreation Services Department asks for your patience and understanding during this time. We are eager to get back to our regularly scheduled programs!

#### **Recreational Facilities**

Looking for a location for your next event? Check out our facilities available for rent. For a complete fee schedule and list of available buildings, parks and amenities please visit us at **www.conshohockenpa.gov.** 

- The Community Center at the Fellowship House
- Mary Wood Park House
- · Mary Wood Park

- Sutcliffe Park
- · A-Field
- Aubrey Collins Park
- · B-Field
- 2nd Avenue Meadows

#### Conshohocken Riverside Dog Park



- Located at 300 Washington St. along the Schuylkill River behind the Londonbury Apartments.
- Features one large fenced area.
- Registration for memberships will be taken at the Conshohocken Community Center at the Fel or you can register online at www.conshohockenrsp.recdesk.com/Community/Membership. Dog Park Handbooks are available online or at the Community Center at the Fellowship House. Payment can be made by check, cash, or credit card. Once all necessary forms and documents are received you will be issued an access code. Memberships will begin January 1st and will expire December 31st.

#### **Parties & Event**

Hold your next party or event at the Conshohocken Community Center at the Fellowship House! Book now or check out available birthday party packages. Space is limited so call today! For rental fees and polices contact 610-828-3266 or email RecServices@conshohockenpa.gov.

#### **Memberships**

Daily, monthly and annual passes are available. SIGN UP NOW! Purchase or renew a Community Center at the Fel membership today! For memberships and pricing, visit www.conshohockenpa.gov or contact us directly at 610-828-3266.



#### **Open Gym**

The Community Center has open gym times based off the daily schedule. For information on the daily schedule you can contact the Community Center at the Fel at 610-828-3266 or you can view it at <a href="https://conshohockenrsp.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar">https://conshohockenrsp.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar</a>. Please note that some reservations may be private and not included on the schedule.



#### Silver Sneakers and Prime

The Community Center at the Fel is a participating member of Silver Sneakers and Prime. Take advantage of this great opportunity and sign up today!



# RECREATION SERVICES CONTINUED

#### **Discount Tickets**

The Recreation Services Department in conjunction with Pennsylvania Parks & Recreation Society (PRPS) will be selling discount ski tickets for the winter season (mid-December to early March). Tickets will include Blue Mountain, Big Boulder/Jack Frost, Bear Creek etc. Limited amusement park tickets will be sold until December. Call today to check on availability!

## 2020-2021 Recreation Services Special Events

Make sure you mark your calendar for these Recreation Services special events!



#### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

October 11, 2020 | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

#### **MEDICARE SEMINAR**

October 14, 2020 | 6:30 PM October 15, 2020 | 10:30 AM

#### HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PAINTING

October 17, 2020 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### THANKSGIVING SENIOR LUNCHEON

November 11, 2020 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### **HOLIDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON**

December 9, 2020 | 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

#### WINTER WONDERLAND

December 12, 2020 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

#### GEORGE SNEAR GIRLS HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT







Call the Community Center at the Fellowship House for more information or check the Fall/Winter Recreation Services Activity Guide.



# HERE'S HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES, PROGRAMS & EVENTS!

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#### **REGISTER ONLINE**

Go to https://conshohockenrsp. recdesk.com. To register online, a credit card is needed. Prior to registering for any activity you must first create a customer account through the RecDesk Community Portal.



# REGISTER OVER THE PHONE

Call us at 610-828-3266. To register over the phone, a credit card is needed. If you do not already have an online account, one will be created for you.



#### **REGISTER IN PERSON**

Visit us at the Community Center at the Fellowship House, located at 515 Harry Street, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Cash checks, and credit cards are accepted in person. If you do not already have an online account, one will be created for you.

Questions? Give us a call at 610-828-3266. Cash, credit cards, & checks accepted.

# RECREATION SERVICES CONTINUED

# **GROUP FITNESS**

#### The following are **FREE** with a Community Center Membership.

Registration is not required. Classes are ongoing throughout the year.

- Senior Aerobics (62+) Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
- H.I.I.T with Eileen (18+) Wednesdays
- Cardio & Core (18+) Fridays

The following group fitness programs are offered at an additional cost. Registration is required. Please check the Recreation Services Activity Guide or website for session dates, times, costs.

- Body Blast
- Boot Camp
- Kick + Core
- Krav Maga
- Low Impact Zumba
- Yoga with Yoga Home



#### PROGRAMMING







Below is a general listing of fall and winter programs, however, due to COVID19, these are subject to change. For full program details including location, price, time, age group and min/max enrollment, please visit us at http://conshohockenrsp.recdesk.com or check our fall/winter activity guide. Our friendly front desk staff is also happy to assist you with registration or any questions pertaining to our facilities and programs.

#### Active Older Adults (62+)

- Bingo Hosted by the St. Matthew's Seniors
- Active Fitness
- Card Games Open Card Games

#### Adults

- Corporate Lunch Time Basketball
- Sunday Morning Basketball
- Fall/Winter Men's Basketball League
- · Paint in the Park
- Pickleball
- Infant CPR Training

Program dates may be subject to change. Programs will only run if the minimum enrollment figure is satisfied. Cancellations will occur 5 days prior to the scheduled start date if applicable. A full refund will only be given when the Borough of Conshohocken cancels a program. A refund request made at least ten (10) business days prior to the program beginning, will receive a refund less 5%. No refunds will otherwise be given.

#### Youth

- Baseball Clinic *Hosted by Conshohocken Little League* (Ages 4-12)
- · Before and After School Care with A Child's Place
- Friday Night Dodgeball (Ages 7-17)
- Kid's Yoga (Ages 4-9)
- Little Dribblers by Obvious Choice Sports (Ages 3-4, 5-7)
- Mad Science Workshop (6-12)
- Obvious Choice Sports Days Off Programs
- Paint in the Park with Couleur Fuzion (Ages 2-4, 5-10)
- Park Explorers
- Playing for Smiles Special Needs (Ages 7-19)
- Purposeful Play (Ages 6 mo-4)
- Reds Camp (Ages 8-13)
- Storytime Yoga (Ages 2-5)
- Soccer Shots (Ages 2-6)
- Theatre Horizon (Ages 7-12)
- · Tiny Tots Open Play
- Young Rembrandts Drawing (Ages 4-14)

# RECREATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT CONTINUED

#### **SUMMER CAMP**

# Summer Day Camp

The Borough of Conshohocken Summer Day Camp is back for its 3rd season of summer fun! Designed for campers ages 6-12 years old, the Conshohocken Summer Day Camp engages campers in a wide variety of recreational activities. Offering eight one-week sessions each with a unique theme, campers will participate in weekly field trips, swimming, arts and crafts, traditional camp games, and more! Camp is housed at the Community Center at the Fellowship House, which features a recreational facility and an outdoor play area at Mary Wood Park. **Regular camp hours are from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, with an option for extended day available with registration.** 

#### 2021 Camp Dates: June 21 - August 13







**Registration will begin December 15, 2020.** Register prior to March 1, 2021 for an early bird discount. Call to inquire about our payment plan option at 610-828-3266.





# WHEN YOU'RE WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER YOU'RE NOT JUST WASHING YOUR CAR IN THE DRIVEWAY.



All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb. Then into the storm drain and directly into our lakes, streams and into coastal waters including the Chesapeake Bay. And that causes pollution which is unhealthy for fish. So how do you avoid this whole mess? Easy. Wash your car on grass or gravel instead of the street. Or better yet, take it to a car wash where the water gets treated and recycled.

If you have questions regarding storm water, please contact your municipality or Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's Regional Office. For general questions, you may also contact DEP's Bureau of Water Management at (717) 772-5661 or visit www.dep.state.pa.us. Thanks to the Washington State Water Consortium for permission to adapt and use this poster















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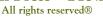
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