



Borough of Topton

Summer Newsletter

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July 2022

UPCOMING DATES

July 24th	Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods & Car Cruise
Aug 2nd	National Night Out showing of "The Goonies TM "
Aug 20th	Fireworks and Kinda Sorta Maybe
Sept 5th	Borough Office Closed
Oct 8th	TCOC Halloween Parade

IMPORTANT REMINDERS & INFO

Borough Office Hours—Our office hours recently changed. The office is now closed to the public Wednesday afternoons 12-4pm.

Branch Pick Up—Branch pick up is the last Tuesday of the month through September.

Clean Up After Your Pets—Please remember to clean up after your pets

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Happy Summer!

I hope you were able to be a part of our second annual Party in the Park to kick off a great summer! There was something for everyone from bouncy houses, to a basketball tournament and ending with a nostalgic performance by The Large Flowerheads.

There are many exciting things happening in our town this year. I would encourage you to take a look at the Topton Borough website, which has recently been updated and uploaded with all of the happenings and events in town. You can find all of the factual information and studies that have been done in regards to the Topton Memorial Pool and other projects around town. In regards to the many upcoming projects, we will be looking for input from all residents including the youngest generation, who will be growing up here.

Public Relations and Special Events, Environmental and Quality of Life, Personnel and Policy, Public Safety, Streets and Property, Parks and Recreation, and Finance and Utilities are the current council committees we have. These committees are made up of both council members and members of the community. I encourage community members to get involved in these committees and be part of creating and enhancing our town to enable us to continue to make Topton a great place to live. Please contact the Borough office or come to a council meeting to express your interest in joining a committee. I hope to see you all at one of our many community events remaining this summer!

Sincerely,
Michelle Lorah
Council President

WAYS TO PAY YOUR WATER & SEWER BILL

Bills are due August 21, 2022

- Pay online at toptonborough.com (There is a \$4.75 fee to pay online with a card.)
- Pay at the office with cash or check, or with a card. (There is no fee to pay with a card in the office.)

www.toptonborough.com

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

TASA PROJECT

In 2018 we were awarded a PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside project. The TASA work recently started on W. Weis Street and S. Callowhill Street. This project will create a path to connect the borough's neighborhoods and business district to W. Weis Street by closing sidewalk gaps and providing access to the elementary and intermediate/middle schools.

DOG PARK—WYLE'S RUN



Recently the new dog park opened! We are excited to have a place for our furry friends to play off-leash. When using this area, remember to follow all of the posted rules. If you and your furry friend haven't had a chance to visit yet, the new park is located on Cherry Alley by the new t-ball field.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join us around 8:30pm at the Topton Community Park for a showing of *"The Goonies_{TM}"*! Bring a blanket or chair to sit on in the park. Redeemer Bible Fellowship Church will be providing snacks and other activities. The Topton Ambulance and Fire Companies will also be in attendance.



CAR CRUISE

The Annual Flamin' Dick and The Hot Rods concert and the Car Cruise is Sunday, July 24th at 5pm! Join us in Topton Community Park for a night of good music and even better looking cars!

TOPTON COMMUNITY PARK SURVEY

Enclosed is a survey for the community to complete and return to the Borough Office. Please keep in mind we will not consider any responses that are impolite or contain profane language. Thanks you, and we look forward to hearing your responses.

BRANDYWINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Ocean of Possibilities Summer Fun runs through August 6th for all ages, even adults! Children and teens can read books or participate in activities to earn raffles, library money, or to purchase prizes from the 'store'. Adults can also earn prizes and enter raffles by reading books.

You can use the library WiFi and computers, you can borrow books, DVDs, magazines, board games, passes for exciting summer places, and even household items from the new *Library of Things*. Or feel free to swing by and take a selfie with Sheldon, the library's 34 year-old Greek Tortoise!

Visit www.berkslibraries.org/branch/brandywine or find us on Facebook to learn more.



TOPTON BOROUGH MINI MUSEUM

10TH ANNIVERSARY

44 W. Keller Street

The 10th anniversary of the Topton Mini Museum will be held September 10th from 9am-2pm. Join museum curator, Larry Werst for light refreshments and a day of learning the history of Topton! Each year the museum honors an individual and a business or group within the community. This year they will be honoring Mr. Troy Fairchild and Fegely Signs at the celebration.

The museum was established in 2012 through an agreement with the Borough and Larry himself. The museum has flourished through the years, but it had a rough start. With the help of Dennis Arndt, Craig Werst, and many others, the mini museum has become a staple in the community. Before establishing the museum, Mr. Werst served for 29 years as the Mayor of Topton. Many of his other accomplishments throughout the community include serving for 50 years at Topton Community Cemetery and writing a book on the 100th anniversary of the Trinity Church building. Thank you, Mr. Werst, for your dedication to the Borough of Topton!





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Preventing Lyme Disease: Check for Ticks

By State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Berks/Lehigh)

As you spend time outdoors this summer, it is important to check yourself, loved ones, and pets for ticks and be aware of the symptoms of Lyme disease and related illnesses, including the rare but dangerous Deer Tick Virus, that has been found in ticks at high levels for the first time in multiple locations around Pennsylvania. There are no vaccines or medicines for this type of virus, so prevention is the best way to reduce risk of infection and disease.

The first line of defense against Lyme and other tick-related ailments is to take precautions in the outdoors by treating clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin, using insect repellent, and avoiding wooded and brushy areas with high grass or leaf litter. When you return indoors, check your clothing, gear, and pets for ticks; shower as soon as possible after being outdoors; and check your body for ticks, particularly under the arms, in and around the ears, back of the knees, and other similar areas.

If bitten by a tick, an individual should monitor the area for the appearance of a bull's eye rash, though the rash does not develop in all cases. Early symptoms of Lyme disease include fever, fatigue, headache, and muscle aches. However, symptoms may progress to arthritic, neurologic, and cardiac issues if not treated.

If you pull a tick from yourself, a loved one or your pet, you can have it tested to determine if it carries Lyme or other tick-borne diseases. Free tick testing is available at the Pennsylvania Tick Lab at East Stroudsburg University. Learn more about the lab at www.ticklab.org.

Additional information about Lyme disease symptoms, treatment and prevention is available at www.health.pa.gov.

PLEASE HELP PROTECT OUR WATER!

Most people are aware that chemicals are bad for our wildlife and water. Please review the following chart to learn other items that are bad for our water. (Remember, stormwater can wash these pollutants into storm drains and into our water.)

Stormwater Pollutants

Category	Examples
Metals	Zinc, Cadmium, Copper, Chromium, Arsenic, Lead
Organic Chemicals	Pesticides, Oil, Gasoline, Grease
Pathogens	Viruses, Bacteria, Protozoa
Nutrients	Nitrogen, Phosphorus
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	Grass clippings, Fallen Leaves, Hydrocarbons, human and animal waste
Sediment	Sand, Soils, Silts
Salts	Sodium Chloride, Calcium Chloride