



# Borough of Tipton

## Fall Newsletter

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### LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

October already! Another year is flying by, bringing another changing season that never seems to last long enough.

Too often I believe people don't look at all the things that have been done, but instead look at the things that did not get done, should have been done, or were not done the way they think it should have.

Have you walked or driven around town and seen the new colorful crosswalks that the public works crew painted? This project was done in collaboration with BHASD to create a safe walking path through town to school, and even painted BHASD colors! The school zones have been revised and signage has been added. I also know everyone has seen the TASA (Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside) project, which many of you have been commenting on as well. TASA is not a Borough project, it is a PennDOT planned and funded project, which unfortunately had to have some revisions causing a delay in the work. The goal of all of these projects is to provide a safe place for walking for students and residents alike.

The newly paved Oak Alley behind the park was done by our own Public Works Department, with the help of neighboring municipalities, to access the park and softball field. Public works also painted curbs by the railroad tracks to prevent cars from parking too close to the railroad tracks. While we know this is frustrating to some, who live near the railroad tracks, we needed to remind drivers of this state law (that was passed in 1979) to prevent an accident from happening and for the safety of residents.

Many of the things that have been done can be seen around town, but some projects are not so easy to see. The Public Works crew switched out over 120 old water meters that were not working around town. The crew has also been continuously maintaining springs that provide drinking water to town and cleaning reed beds that help to maintain the sewer plant operations.

We know there are many other things around town that need replacing or upgrading. To accomplish that, not only time and planning are necessary. funding is always the key. How our funds are spent is what our budget process is all about. Our October 24th meeting is just the beginning of this process. The budget process will continue through December when it must be approved.

Now, Bring on the Snow!

- Michelle Lorah, Council President

### WATER BILLS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 21, 2022

- Pay online at [toptonborough.com](http://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.)
- Pay with a check in the drop box in the office door or by mail.
- A fee of \$25 will be charged for each 30-day late notice and each 48 hour final notice

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## UPCOMING DATES

Trunk or Treat	Monday, Oct. 31
Trick or Treat	Monday, Oct. 31
Tree Lighting	Sunday, Dec. 4

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS & INFO

**Leaf Collection** - Leaf pick up starts this month. Please see below for schedule and details.

**Office Closed** - The office will be closed November 24-25th

**Tree Pickup** - Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

## LEAF COLLECTION

Borough leaf collection will begin Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and continue through Wednesday, November 23<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

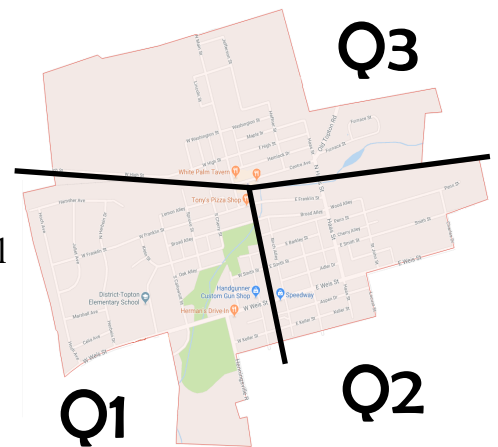
Residents should rake leaves into the street along the curb line the night prior to your scheduled pick up without blocking or clogging storm drains. Residents should park vehicles away from the piled leaves. The Public Works crew will follow a specific route throughout the leaf collection period. Leaves will not be permitted to be placed in the street after the final day of leaf collection.

The borough will not pick up leaves if brush, sticks, twigs, weeds, grass, or animal waste is included in the piles.

**Mondays:** West Side of Home Avenue **Q1**

**Wednesdays :** East Side of Home Avenue **Q2**

**Thursdays:** North Side of Railroad Tracks **Q3**

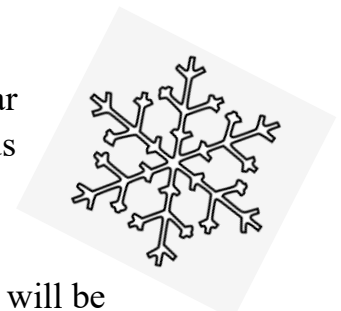


## SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

The Borough's main priority, once a snow emergency is declared, will be to clear snow emergency routes first, other streets second, and alleys last. After the roads are made passable, we will start to clear curb to curb. Depending on the storms severity, this process may take a few days.

Remember that cars **MUST** be removed from Snow Emergency Routes, or they will be towed at the owners expense. If a severe storm is expected, don't wait for the Snow Emergency to be declared to move your car—move it early. (Ordinance 2-2011)

**Snow Emergency Routes:** Home Avenue, Centre Avenue, West High Street, Main Street, Callowhill Street, Weis Street, West Franklin Street, Hoch Avenue, Haas Street



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROJECTS

### Trick-or-Treat and Trunk-or-Treat

Both events will be held on Halloween, Monday October 31st, from 6pm to 8pm. Trunk-or-Treat serves as a safe alternative for families, and will be held on Home Avenue between E. Barkley Street and E. Smith Street. If your business or organization would like to sign up to decorate a trunk, please visit the borough website to sign up!



### Community Tree Lighting

The annual Borough tree lighting will take place on Sunday, December 4th from 4-6pm in Topton Community Park. Bring your family and friends to enjoy some holiday cheer, carols, and cocoa! Keep a look out on our social media pages and our website for more information!

### Food Drive

The Borough will be hosting a food drive for Friend, Inc. Community Services this quarter. Please consider donating any non-perishable food item in the foyer of the Borough building during our business hours. Consider bringing something in when you pay your water bill! Help your neighbors in need this holiday season!



### Update your Contact Information

The Borough is working on collecting contact information for all of our residents. This is important for us to have in case there is an emergency where we need to contact residents directly. Please use your mobile device to scan the QR code, visit our website, or call the office to update your information.

## COUNCIL'S ADDITONS

### Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

Stormwater carries an enormous amount of pollution, including sediment, car oil, lawn fertilizers, pesticides, and pet feces to name a few. This has negative impacts on our streams and rivers. Rivers are the source of our drinking water supply; when rivers aren't healthy, public health risks increase.

Sediment harms aquatic life when it smothers macroinvertebrates and clogs spaces between rocks, destroying essential habitat for many species. Fertilizers stimulate excessive algae growth, causing algal blooms that remove oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.



Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, making beach closures necessary. Debris (plastic bags, six-pack rings, and cigarette butts) washed into rivers can choke, suffocate, or disable ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.

Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and motor oil can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water. Because groundwater levels don't get fully replenished, springs and wells can go dry.

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### Streets and Property

Our streets need your help! The Streets and Properties Committee is in need of members to ensure that the voices of residents are being heard in the decision making process. This committee makes decisions regarding the planning and future of the roads around capital projects. Please email [epolinsky@toptonborough.com](mailto:epolinsky@toptonborough.com) for more information or to join the committee.



### **NEW: Resolution 24-2022, amending Resolution 13-2021**

On October 10, 2022, Council passed Resolution 24-2022, which amends Resolution 13-2021, which relates to water/sewer invoices, 48-hour shutoff notices, and payment plans.

To summarize the new resolution, if you receive a 48-hour shutoff notice posted on your main entrance, a \$25 fee will be added to your account. If you are on a payment plan with the borough and you fail to pay by the agreed upon due dates, the full balance of your account is due immediately, and you will not be able to enter into another payment plan for 12 months.

The borough offers payment plans every quarter for residents, who need assistance paying their bill. Please utilize this service prior to the due date of your bill to help eliminate the chances of receiving these penalties.

For a full copy of Resolutions 24-2022 and 13-2021, please visit the News section on the Home page of our website. For details on interest rates, late notice fees, and disconnection of service, refer to Ordinances 195, 329, and 7-2007.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 610-682-2541.