



The Borough Buzz

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Borough Playground Reopened

HOORAY! The borough playground has officially been reopened! After several long months and an exhaustive community workday, the yellow tape is gone. Mayor Doug Friend declared the playground officially OPEN.

Members of Council and other community-minded individuals gathered together on Saturday, May 15th for a workday at the park. Repairs were made to equipment, mulch and landscaping timbers were replaced, low-lying areas were filled in and various other maintenance was performed to borough property. Check it out. They did a fantastic job!

Although the playground's closure occurred mostly because of the loitering and littering problems, several safety concerns needed to be addressed as well. Finding certified mulch for in and around playground equipment proved to be a huge task but President Brian Frazee finally located a supplier. Last Fall, the big oak tree was cut down because it was deemed potentially hazardous. A new tree will be planted—but the old one is definitely missed!

Parents, guardians, adults and children alike should all take note of the new safety rules in place. Signs with all the rules have been posted at each entrance of the playground and are listed inside this issue of *The Borough Buzz*. Parents are encouraged to read and get familiar with these rules as they will be enforced. Remember, the rules apply to ALL Borough property — not just the playground.

One notable change with the reopening is the park has official hours for visiting: 9:00am to 9:00pm. Loitering on borough property is still not permitted so once the park closes all borough property must be vacated. The rules are now part of a Borough Ordinance which means they can and will be enforced by Code Enforcement Officers. Violating the rules could result in being barred from the playground and being subject to a fine. Hopefully, everyone will appreciate having use of the park again and be careful to follow the rules. It would be quite disappointing to see it close again.



The Borough Buzz is a publication produced to keep Borough residents and property owners informed about issues relating to the Borough of Markleysburg. It is our hope that this newsletter will be published at least twice annually.

From Borough Council

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

First Monday of Month, 7:30pm
Borough Building
150 Main St., Markleysburg Borough
(in the event of a Monday holiday, meeting is held the following Tuesday)

Meetings are public.
All residents are invited to attend.

Borough office is not open for regular office hours.

Phone: 724-329-1459

Email: markleysburg@markleysburg.pa.us

SEWAGE PAYMENTS TAKEN

First & Third Saturday of each month
10:00am — Noon
Borough Building

NATIONAL PIKE WATER AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS

Third Monday of Month
7:00pm
NPWA Office
4922 National Pike, Henry Clay Twp

Office Hours:
Monday—Friday
9:00am—2:00pm
Phone: 724-329-0649
Fax: 724-329-2418
Email: npwa@qcol.net

TAX COLLECTION HOURS

First & Third Saturday of each month
(Or by appointment, call 724-329-0350)
9:00am—Noon
Borough Building
Closed holidays

Payments may be mailed to
Lori L. Frazee
169 Main Street
Markleysburg, PA, 15459

We must take this opportunity to recognize a few outstanding citizens who have given of themselves for the betterment of our community. So, to *Brian Frazee, Deanna & Jeff Frazee, Ken Frazee, Martha Frazee, Doug Friend, Emilee Friend, Julie Friend, Darren Hersom, Bill Knight, James Tallentire, Chuck Teets, Bill & Shirley Wilson and Gene & Pat Wilson and Summit Forest Resources ...*

T H A N K Y O U ! Your good deeds have not gone unnoticed. It is the dedication and hard work of people like you that shows the true meaning of 'community'.

All Borough Council members have been designated as Code Enforcement Officers as part of their official duties. We'd like to commend parents, teens and children for obeying the rules. So far, no citations have been issued and everyone has been very cooperative. Let's keep up the great work all summer!

Speaking of summer...we want to remind everyone that the running of ATVs or any other unlicensed motorized vehicles on State or Borough roads is illegal. The Borough has no public trails for vehicles of this nature, so if you own any you should only be driving them on your own property or where you've been given permission to ride.

Please remember that all monthly Council meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend meetings but wish to pass along your ideas, concerns, comments or compliments, you are encouraged to do so in writing for our review and discussion at our meetings.

—Borough Council

(A list of Borough officials can be found on the back cover.)



*Pictures from
Community Workday
on May 15th*

Grant Updates



Mandatory Tap-In; Borough Waterline Extension Progresses

The Borough waterline extension contract was recently awarded to Bella Enterprises; construction will be starting soon. A \$295,000 CDBG grant was approved to extend waterline to Friendsville Road, Mud Pike Road, Apple Lane and Spear Lane. With Borough Council unanimously passing an ordinance making public water mandatory, the grant also covers installing water taps at all Borough properties not currently being served. For new customers, this means no tapping fee to pay. Property owners in the extension area and other new hook-ups will be required to install a lateral water line from the water meter pit to their homes/structures and pay a monthly fee for service.

Property owners should be prepared for the contractor to stop by and coordinate a location for their water meter pit installation. Your cooperation in helping the project move forward is appreciated. Grants and low-interest loans are available for assisting with installation costs to qualified property owners through the following agencies: Fayette County Community Action, 724-437-6050 or USDA Rural Development, 724-853-5555.

DCED/Senator Kasunic Grant—Brown Hill Road Intersection

In June 2009, Sen. Richard Kasunic's office assisted with a grant application for \$10,000 to be used for the purchase and installation of a flashing "Stop Ahead" sign to be placed near the Brown Hill Rd intersection. The application was submitted and Council recently learned it is being recommended by the Department of Community



and Economic Development for funding. What does this mean? The application made it through the first round of approval and is subject to further review. While it is likely the grant will be approved, Council is not certain the \$10,000 will be enough to cover all expenses.

After review and discussions with PennDOT, costs incurred would include engineering fees, permits, studies, plus the cost of the flashing sign itself. Maintenance, upkeep and cost of electricity for the sign would be the sole responsibility of the Borough. The recent increased cost of electricity is a factor Council must consider in deciding if the flashing sign can be afforded. It is difficult to know how much electricity the sign requires and what the additional cost would be.

FYI...

Grants are monies awarded that do not have to be paid back. They provide a wonderful opportunity to get projects done by helping to pay for them. While extremely helpful, grants rarely pay all costs of a project. Two problematic issues that come along with grants: (1) The application, approval and actually receiving money part takes a LONG time and, (2) When grants do NOT pay for 100% of a project — out-of-pocket matching funds or loans are required.

USDA Grant—Borough Building Renovations

The Borough was recently awarded a grant from the United States Dept of Agriculture.

Funds will be used to replace the borough building roof, change the exterior façade and a few improvements inside the building. The total project cost is estimated at \$125,000 of which the Borough is required to pay 25%. The project should move forward once all final review questions from USDA are addressed by the engineer.



ORDINANCE 2010-02

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF PERSONS, VEHICLES AND ANIMALS WHILE USING SUCH PLAYGROUND AREA; ASSIGNING CERTAIN AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES THEREOF.

IT IS HEREBY enacted and ordained by the Council of the Borough of Markleysburg, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide rules and regulations for the use of and conduct in the Markleysburg Borough playground and adjacent areas of Borough owned property.

SECTION 2. The Markleysburg Borough playground and adjacent areas of property owned by Markleysburg Borough shall be subject to the following rules and regulations (*see next page*)

SECTION 3. Any persons violating any of these rules and regulations may be asked to leave the Borough property by any elected or appointed officials of the Borough of Markleysburg. If so requested, such person shall not return to the Borough property unless explicitly authorized to do so by action of the Markleysburg Borough Council. Violators of such a directive will be considered as trespassers and prosecuted under the applicable criminal law. In addition to the foregoing, any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be sentenced to pay a fine of not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$600.00 per violation, plus costs of prosecution and in default of payment thereof, be subject to the penalties for failure to pay a fine pursuant to the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure. Each time that a violation occurs or each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 4. Code Enforcement Officers of the Borough of Markleysburg are specifically authorized to take all necessary actions including the filing of citations with the magisterial district judge in order to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance. Such Code Enforcement Officers shall be appointed from time to time by the Council of the Borough Markleysburg by resolution.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED as an Ordinance of the Borough of Markleysburg this 3rd day of May, 2010.

BOROUGH OF MARKLEYSBURG

By Brian Frazee
Council President

By Douglas Friend
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Frazee
Secretary

Markleysburg Borough Property & Playground Rules

- Markleysburg Borough Playground is provided and intended for the peaceful, orderly, respectful, lawful and nondiscriminatory use and enjoyment of all.
- Persons are permitted on playground property during the hours of 9:00am and 9:00pm only. Borough Council may limit or close playground for any purpose at any time.
- Persons shall enter or leave borough properties through regularly designated entrances and exits only.
- No person may deface, destroy, misuse or remove any Borough property.
- No person shall sit, stand, lie upon or climb over any fence, tree or other object that is not intended for such purpose.
- Attaching or posting of notices, signs or any other objects on Borough property is prohibited.
- No person shall throw, leave or discard any trash, rubbish or garbage except in containers provided.
- No person shall remove or deface any tree, shrub or flower located on Borough property.
- Use of bicycles, skates, skateboards, scooters or other non-motorized individual transport device must be used according to the device's intended and safe purpose and in accordance with state regulations. Use of such devices is not permitted on sidewalks or ramps of Borough property.
- No person shall use playground facilities or other provided equipment for purposes other than their designed or intended purpose.
- No person shall operate any motorized vehicle on Borough property except for individual transport of disabled persons.
- No person shall create, deliver, construct or install any ramps, jumps or other facilities or equipment except by written authorization of Borough Council.
- No person shall make or kindle any open fire on Borough property without written permission from Borough.
- Smoking or use of any tobacco product is prohibited.
- No person shall drink, be in possession or distribute any intoxicating beverage.
- Glass or aerosol containers are not permitted on Borough property.
- Possession, use or distribution of illegal drugs or any controlled substance is prohibited.
- No person shall have possession of or discharge any weapon, firearm, air gun, firecracker, fireworks or other explosive pyrotechnics; or throw stones or other harmful missiles on or around Borough property, except by special permit.
- No person shall annoy another or act in any manner that is offensive to others, on Borough property.
- No person shall utter profane, threatening, abusive or indecent language or loud raucous outcries.
- No person shall act in an obscene or indecent manner.
- No person shall operate any radio, tape recording, speakers, amplifier or other audio device loud enough as to annoy others.
- No person shall sell, solicit or offer for sale any food, drink, service or merchandise of any description on Borough property without written permission from Borough Council.
- No person may engage in gaming or gambling for money in any form on Borough property.
- Borough provided parking areas are intended for short term vehicle parking while participating in Borough functions or use of Borough provided facilities and equipment. Parking or loitering in Borough parking areas for extended periods or other purposes is prohibited. Overnight parking is prohibited.
- Congregating, assembling or loitering on Borough property outside of the fenced playground area is prohibited.
- No person shall wash, clean, polish or perform maintenance upon any vehicle on Borough property.
- Video and audio monitoring and recording may be in effect on any Borough or public property.

2010: Primary Election

Turnout for the May 18, 2010 Primary Election in the Borough was extremely low with only 20 registered voters casting votes. Nineteen Republicans and one Democrat went to the polls and exercised their right *and privilege* to help determine the candidates who will move on to the final showdown in the General Election held on November 2, 2010.

Offices on the ballot include: United States Senator, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Congressman, PA Senator, State Representative and Democratic & Republican State Committee Members.

All registered voters are encouraged to make every effort to vote in November. Absentee ballots are available for individuals who cannot get to the polling place; however, arrangements to obtain absentee ballots must be made at least one week prior to the election date. More information on absentee ballots may be obtained by contacting the Fayette Co Election Bureau at 724-439-1289.

Not registered to vote?

Mailable voter registration forms are available at your local post office and various other government offices.

Forms are also available for downloading online at VotesPA website (www.votespa.com).



From the Tax Collector

The 2010 Borough/County Real Estate & Per Capita taxes may be paid at the Face amount until June 30th. Taxes paid after June 30 must be paid at the Penalty amount.

2010 School Real Estate & Per Capita taxes are expected to be mailed by August 1st.

REMINDER: A \$25 fee is charged for all NSF checks. Taxpayers needing duplicate copies of tax bills are charged a \$2/bill fee. Payment must be made in advance.

Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

- ◆ Markleysburg Borough was one of seven mountain area municipalities adopting a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan earlier this year. Other participating municipalities include:
- ◆ Henry Clay Twp, Ohio pyle Borough, Salt Lick Twp, Springfield Twp, Stewart Twp and Wharton Twp.
- ◆ Mackin Engineering headed up the plan's development and through the course of two years has now assembled an Executive Summary tailored to the needs and desires of each municipality involved. The final copy of the plan is now on file at the Borough building and available for use in applying for grants.

The Comprehensive Plan won an excellence in planning award from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS).





Census 2010: Be Counted!

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution to be conducted every 10 years.

Census data are used to apportion congressional seats to states; to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to local, state, and tribal governments each year; and to make decisions about what community services to provide.

The 2010 Census form is one of the shortest in U.S. history and consists of just 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide.

If you didn't fill out and send back your Census 2010 form, you will likely be getting a visit from a census taker. Until mid-July 2010, census takers will visit households that did not mail back their 2010 Census forms in by the deadline.

Census takers will visit each address up to three times and may try to telephone up to three times. If a resident does not answer, the census taker will leave a door hanger with a number the resident can call to schedule an interview time. If contact is made by phone, the census worker will conduct the interview with the household member.

United States[®] Census 2010

A Census Taker WILL:

- Carry a white, government-issued ID card with official U.S. Census Bureau seal and his or her name handwritten on it and/or a black shoulder bag with "U.S. Census Bureau" written on it.
- Introduce himself or herself and show you the confidentiality statement.
- Census takers will have a flashcard containing a sentence about the 2010 Census written in approximately 50 languages.
- If asked, provide contact information for a supervisor and/or the Local Census Office for verification.
- Ask only the questions that are on the questionnaire.

A Census Taker WILL NOT:

- Ask to enter your home.
- Ask about your Social Security number or immigration status.
- Ask for your income, bank account number, or other financial information.
- Ask for PINs or passwords.
- Ask for a donation or money.



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

For more information about the 2010 Census, visit 2010census.gov

School's OUT



Enjoy Summer



Music Festival

The South Fayette Nursing Center Music Festival featuring Chris Higbee (formerly of the Povertyneck Hillbillies) will be held on Saturday, July 24th, at 4:00pm on the nursing center grounds. Rain or shine. Admission to this free event is by ticket only. Tickets must be obtained from SFNC in advance with limited tickets available. Given the musician's local notoriety, residents should expect to see a lot of traffic that day. SFNC is working diligently to make certain that adequate parking and security is available for the event. Markleysburg Borough residents are welcome to attend.

Memberships

Markleysburg Borough holds active memberships with the following organizations:



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Markleysburg Borough Resident
or Property Owner