

# NEW SALEM BOROUGH

April 2017

Spring Newsletter

- **Street Sweeping** - Main Street & George Street April 18, 2017 – Please sweep the stones and debris from your sidewalk before the sweeper passes and kindly park off the street that day. Additionally, this Spring the storm drain catch basins will be cleaned throughout the Borough.
- **Borough-Wide Community Yard Sale** - April 20, 21, & 22, 2017
- **Primary Election** - Tuesday, May 16, 2017 - Fire Hall - 65 East George Street

## BOROUGH-WIDE YARD SALE

The Borough-Wide Community Yard Sale is planned for Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 20, 21, & 22, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There is no charge to participate and the entire Borough (Sherwood Forest and the Village Center Area) may participate. Borough businesses are invited to participate as well. The event will be advertised in the newspaper.

## BUILDING PERMITS – DO I NEED ONE?

If you are considering a building project, please contact the Zoning and Permit Officer to determine what type of permit is necessary for your project. New Salem's Officer is provided by Spring Grove Borough through an Intermunicipal Agreement. You may call John McLucas at 225-5791 extension 4 or email [jmclucas@springgroveboro.com](mailto:jmclucas@springgroveboro.com).

A Zoning permit is required for most work in the Borough even when a UCC Building Permit is not specified.

## WEST NILE VIRUS

You can help reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and neighborhood by eliminating standing water in which mosquitoes can breed. During the mosquito season, the County routinely covers areas of the Borough performing surveillance and control. Additional information is available at [www.westnile.state.pa.us](http://www.westnile.state.pa.us) or by calling Thomas Smith at the York County West Nile Virus Program - York County at (717) 840-2375.



## COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW BOROUGH SECRETARY

At the March 7, 2017 meeting of Borough Council, Andrew N. Shaffer was appointed as Borough Secretary/Treasurer beginning April 4, 2017. Cheryl D. Bahn retired from the position as of the same date after 23 years of service to the Borough. The new Borough phone number is 717-739-6053, you may also email Andrew at [info@newsalemborough.com](mailto:info@newsalemborough.com).

Andrew has many years of experience in Municipal Government and has been Borough Manager of Spring Grove Borough since 2007.

## PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Please vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at the York New Salem Fire Company, 65 East George Street, where the polls will be open from 7:00 AM until 8:00 PM. You can view the specimen ballot for New Salem Borough two to three weeks before the Election at [www.yorkcountypa.gov](http://www.yorkcountypa.gov).

## New Salem Borough Information

For information, check the Borough website [www.newsalemborough.com](http://www.newsalemborough.com)  
Telephone: (717) 739-6053  
Email: [info@newsalemborough.com](mailto:info@newsalemborough.com)  
**To receive newsletters and alerts via e-mail, please send a request to be added to the subscriber list to**  
[www.newsalemborough.com](http://www.newsalemborough.com)

## SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

### 1. ***Are there certain items that should not be placed in the sewer system?***

Yes. Only biodegradable items should be placed into the sewer system. Non-biodegradable (solid) items such as rags, disposable wipes, paper towels, shop towels, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, and latex products should not be placed in the sewer system. Please dispose of all non-biodegradable items in your trash, not your toilet. Grease, oil, and chemicals of any sort (including prescription drugs) should not find their way into the sewer system.

### 2. ***Must I replace broken or missing clean out caps?***

Yes.

### 3. ***Would I be responsible for repairs to the sewer main due to damage from my open pipe?***

Yes. Missing or broken clean-out caps can result in an open pipe on your property that would allow storm water as well as possible debris and other items to enter the sewer line, perhaps leading to damage, blockages, and back-ups.

## WEEDS, GRASS & TREES

All grass, weeds, and similar noxious vegetation growing in the Borough of New Salem must not be allowed to exceed a height of twelve inches.

All trees which overhang public sidewalks shall be kept trimmed so that the minimum clearance is eight feet. Additionally, all trees which overhang the public street shall be kept trimmed so that the minimum clearance is not less than fourteen feet. Bushes, hedges, shrubs, and other ornamental flowers and vegetation must be kept trimmed and not encroach on the vertical plane of any abutting sidewalk or street.

No trees, bushes, hedges, shrubs, other ornamental flowers or vegetation, regardless of height or location, shall be permitted to impede into any clear sight triangle of any street intersection. Finally, please be considerate of your neighbor by keeping your grass clippings on your own property rather than discharging them onto your neighbor's property or onto the sidewalk or street.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

A representative is needed to head up the committee for this year's National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1. Tasks would include coordinating with local organizations and businesses to attend the night and interact with the public. Councilmember Susan Barley, who has organized the event in the past is willing to assist anyone who chooses to chair the event. If interested in chairing or serving on the committee, please contact Andrew Shaffer at 717-739-6053 or email at [info@newsalemborough.com](mailto:info@newsalemborough.com).



### Your Elected Officials

#### **Borough Council**

<i>President</i>	Vicki M. Rohrbaugh
<i>Vice President</i>	Kim E. Martin
<i>President Pro Tem</i>	Susan P. Barley
<i>Council</i>	Peter E. Partridge
<i>Council</i>	Joseph A. Shubert
<i>Council</i>	Kathleen W. Yeater
<i>Council</i>	John R. Wainwright

#### **Mayor**

Elwood G. Bahn, Jr.

#### **Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

Tuesday, July 5, 2017

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM at the Borough Office.

#### **Tax Collector Information**

Stephanie J. Mundorf