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VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM HONORS HONEY BROOK VETERANS



Honey Brook Borough, Honey Brook Township and Tel Hai Retirement Community will be hosting a Veteran's Day Program on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00 pm, in the Stonecroft Auditorium at Tel Hai.

Besides honoring our World War II veterans, each municipality, as well as Tel Hai, will each be honoring two Veterans. This year's Borough Honorees are:

Winfield "Bumpy" Hess, who served in the Marine Corp during the Korean Conflict.

Jack Martin, Sr., who served as a sailor aboard the USS Peregrine in the early 60's.

Among the participants, State Representative Dan Williams and local officials will serve as speakers, the singing group the 49ers will be performing patriotic tunes and Honey Brook Boy Scout Troup #9 will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stonecroft Auditorium is located at 4000 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook, PA 19344. Contact Tel Hai Retirement Community for additional information at 610-273-9333.

Please come out to help us honor all our Veterans who honorably served our country in both war and peace.

BOROUGH EVENTS

OCTOBER 23

7:00 pm

Halloween Parade

OCTOBER 28

Make A Difference Day

OCTOBER 31

Trick -or-Treat, 6:00 pm -8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 5

Veteran's Day Program 2:00 pm

NOVEMBER 20 -DECEMBER 18

Police Toy Drive

DECEMBER 3

Christmas Tree Lighting

DECEMBER 9

Polar Express & Craft Fair

FEBRUARY 16 – MARCH 29

Lion's Club Fish Fry,
Fridays 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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HONEY BROOK BOROUGH

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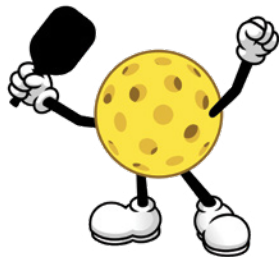
PARKS AND RECREATION

Honey Brook Borough Council Park and Rec Committee are excited to announce that four new pickleball courts will be replacing the deteriorating tennis courts in the Borough Park. The Borough contracted with Keystone Sports Construction to remove the irreparable tennis courts and construct the pickleball courts.

Pickleball has become tremendously popular with people of all ages and abilities and we are thrilled to be able to offer our residents the opportunity to enjoy the game. The Park and Rec Committee will be reaching out to local Pickleball organizations to inquire about arranging for pickleball lessons and organize tournaments in 2024.

NEWLY PAVED COURTS AWAITING FINAL TOPCOAT AND LINING

*Come out to the park and try
your hand at pickleball!*



POLAR EXPRESS & CRAFT FAIR

There is something for everyone at this event!

Join us on **Saturday, December 9, 2023**, from **10 am to 2 pm** at the Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, 4331 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA, for the **7th ANNUAL POLAR EXPRESS AND CRAFT FAIR**.

There will be a continual showing of the Polar Express movie with popcorn and hot chocolate, active model train displays, a wide variety of handmade craft vendors, and a silent auction. Homemade Chicken Corn Chowder will be available to purchase by the quart.

Vendors with hand crafted items interested in participating, please email polarexpresshbbc@gmail.com for information.



HONEY BROOK FOOD PANTRY

2023 Year-to-Date distribution of food has been the most active in the 10 years of service provision by the Honey Brook Food Pantry. Well over 1,000 individuals are being served on a monthly basis, an increase of 25%-40% per month and 115 new families have been enrolled so far this year.

Our final fund raiser of 2023 is the **Annual Golf Outing** to be held on **Tuesday October 10th** at the **Honey Brook Golf Club**.

Upon completion of the Back-to-School Backpacks, School Supplies and some donated haircuts, our balance of 2023 events for those we serve include:

- **ANNUAL COAT DRIVE** (new kids' and preferred "like new" adults) begins November 8th through December 27th
- **ANNUAL TOY DRIVE** (new toys) - December 13th and December 16th
- **ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER**--December 16th--Pick-ups 10-12:30

Information on all of the above is available by phone @610-273-6102, on Facebook or at our website: honeybrookfoodpantry.org. For additional information, call 610-273-6102 or email kross1414@aol.com. Also, visit the Honey Brook Food pantry website at www.honeybrookfoodpantry.org for information on how to volunteer, donate, or get help.

Military Banner Program



Honey Brook Borough proudly displays Military Banners honoring its veterans along Horseshoe Pike (Route 322) every year from May to November. The Military Banner Program has been expanded to include the Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom (War in Afghanistan). If you would like to sponsor a current or past resident of Honey Brook Borough who served our nation as a Military Veteran visit our website at www.honeybrookborough.net for information.

HONEY BROOK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Now in the 16th year since its inception in 2008, the Honey Brook Community Partnership is stronger than ever with a large group of dedicated representatives from many businesses, non-profits, and other organizations, gathered around a shared mission to "bring together borough and township partners to facilitate communication, share resources, and work together to enhance our community".



One of the largest projects of the Partnership is the annual Harmony Day community event, held in September. The event itself is planned for the purpose of delivering a day of family fun to celebrate our unity, and the sponsorships for the event offer the Partnership a way to give back to the community. This fall, the Partnership will offer awards to some selected organizations within the community whose work is dedicated to improving the community and the well-being of its residents. For Make a Difference Day on October 28th, the Partnership will be sponsoring an intergenerational event for Tel Hai residents to hand out candy to local trick or treaters in costume. The hope is to maintain this focus with other programs closer to the holiday season as opportunities are assessed. More detail about these programs, and to donate to the work of the Partnership, can be found on our website at <https://honeybrookpartnership.com/>. Information on past and future activities of the Partnership can also be found on Facebook. The new address for our page is <http://www.facebook.com/HBCommunityPartnership>.

The Honey Brook Community Partnership is not a closed group. We welcome anyone who wants to get involved in activities that benefit our community. We would also like to extend our interest in partnering with your organization on activities that enhance our shared community. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 4:30 pm at the Lanchester Landfill and Reclamation Center main office on 7224 Division Hwy. in Narvon. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Partnership Chair, Julie Funk, at 484-574-5902.



Honey Brook Borough would like to thank the businesses and organizations that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.

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Check out our library website <https://www.honeybrooklibrary.org/>. On our website, you can view upcoming events, search the card catalog to place items on hold for pickup, and you can log into your account to renew items or see when your items are due. You can also use the Chester County Library app to maintain your checkouts and holds.

You can donate to the library through PayPal for our operating budget or to our Capital Campaign to expand the library. We are happy to announce building expansion will start late fall/early winter. We will be adding a children's and teen room, an adult reading room with a meeting room, and a community room for programs.

Looking to volunteer at the library? Consider joining our "Friends of the Honey Brook Community Library" group. Meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the library. Our Friends group sort donations, stock the free little libraries in town, hold books sales, take care of our gardens, and have a book boutique located in the library lobby that sells donated books & DVDs. Stop in to fill out an application to join.

All library events can also be found on our Facebook page under the events tab or on our newsfeed.

Chatty Crafters, Thursdays - 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Join us to crochet, knit, cross stitch, color, craft, and chat. Bring your own supplies and have fun chatting with others while completing your personal projects. Any kind of craft making is welcome. Come to learn, teach or share techniques and talents.

Story Time with Miss Jennifer

Enjoy stories, songs, and crafts at the Honey Brook Community Library on several morning sessions Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the year. Best suited for preschool ages 2 - 5, but all ages are welcome. Stop in for a flyer with dates. For more info contact the library at 610-273-3303 or email jspade@ccls.org.

Mystery Book Club

Join us at the Honey Brook Library on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1 pm for our Mystery Book Club. Stop in the library to pick up a reading list. For questions call 610-273-3303 or email jspade@ccls.org.

Sewing with Ms. Nancy, Fridays 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Ms. Nancy will help you with basic sewing skills or chose a pattern or project from the library's many sewing books. We have five sewing machines at the library or bring your own. For more information call 610-273-3303 or email jspade@ccls.org.

D & D Club

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Saturday each month at the Honey Brook Community Library for our Dungeons and Dragons. This club is for ages 12 through young adult. To register call 610-273-3303 or email jspade@ccls.org.

Magic the Gathering

Join us on the 2nd & 4th Saturday each month at the library for our Magic the Gathering Club. Bring your own cards or a starter card set can be provided for you. Beginner and experienced players are welcome. For more information call 610-273-3303 or email jspade@ccls.org.

Looking for ways to volunteer in your community? - The Honey Brook Community Library is looking for Board of Trustee volunteers to serve three-year terms. The Board of Trustees is responsible for fundraising for the library and guidance for the budget. If interested, please email your resume to jspade@ccls.org.



HONEY BROOK FIRE COMPANY

The Honey Brook Fire Company is a 100% volunteer company relying solely on volunteer staff to provide 24/7 coverage to the community. The Fire Company is always seeking new volunteers in all capacities – Firefighters, Fire Police, Junior Firefighters and Administrative Volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information, stop by the Fire House on Monday Nights at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS



If you see an issue on the streets, please call the Borough Office and leave a message with your name, address, and phone number.

Please check to see if you have trees or shrubs hanging out over the roadway as this can cause damage to equipment, passing vehicles and cause sight distance issues for vehicles trying to pull out from stop signs onto busy roads. Trees and shrubs should be a minimum of 2 feet off the roadway. Also keep in mind trees with snow on them will hang out further and lower than normal.

Check your mailbox to ensure it is not hanging over the road or curb. The Borough is not responsible for mailboxes that are damaged due to road maintenance and snow removal.

Do not place trash bags or recycling containers on the street, they should be placed on the sidewalk or curb, away from vehicle traffic. If a recycling container is damaged it is the responsibility of the resident to have it replaced. Green trash bags can be purchased at the following locations for \$3.00 – Borough Hall (cash only), Honey Brook Express Gas (Route 10), Eby's Market, and Honey Brook Hardware.



Fall is approaching... which means the leaves will be falling. When cleaning up leaves do not sweep or rake them into the street. Leaves can be put in brown biodegradable bags and set at your curb on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from April through November at no cost to the homeowner.



Winter is coming... remember to move your cars off the streets when a snow emergency is declared. When 3 or more inches of snow or an ice storm is predicted a snow emergency will be declared. Check the Borough website, or sign up at ReadyChesco.org for snow emergency alerts.

NOTICE:
Trash pickup day may change on January 1, 2024. The Borough is in the process of accepting bids for trash removal. Please check the Borough website for any updates.

PLEASE REMEMBER... BY BOROUGH CODE YOU HAVE 24 HOURS AFTER A SNOW OR ICE STORM TO CLEAN YOUR SIDEWALK.

SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION...WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Snow Emergencies are declared in accordance with Section 15-502 of the Borough Code are typically declared for 3 inches or more of snow. Section 15-502 provides as follows:

"In order to facilitate the movement of traffic and to combat the hazards of snow and ice on all streets, except for State highways, in the Borough, the Mayor of the Borough, in his or her sole discretion, may declare a snow and ice emergency (designated in this Part as a "snow emergency"). Information on the existence of a snow emergency shall be given by the Borough through radio, newspaper or other available, and information on the termination of the emergency may be given by use of the same media. Before the Mayor declares said emergency, it is Councils desire that he or she contact the Chief of Police or the snow removal crew to obtain their input on the same."

Information on the existence of a snow emergency will be posted on the Borough website, on the Borough's Facebook page, and by calling Borough Hall at 610-273-2020. Residents should also be aware of Section 15-504 of the Borough Code which is applicable during a snow emergency.



Section 15-504, Removing, Impounding and Returning of Vehicles

"Members of the Borough police department are authorized to remove a vehicle or to have it removed from a street when:

- The vehicle is parked on a part of a street in which a parking prohibition is in effect.
- The vehicle is stalled on a street on which there is a parking provision or other operating restriction in effect, and the owner or person who is or was operating the vehicle does not appear to be removing it, or it appears that the operator is not able to remove it.
- The vehicle is parked in violation of any parking provision of the law or of this Part and is interfering with or is about to interfere with snow removal operations."

Being a Good Neighbor During Snow Emergencies

Since parking in the Borough is at a minimum, we would like everyone to help those in need, such as:

- If you have a driveway and your neighbor does not have a driveway, please extend an offer to your neighbor to park in your driveway during a snow emergency. They might help you shovel!
- Check on your elderly neighbors to make sure they have enough food, see if they need assistance moving their vehicles off the streets and if they are generally OK.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!!

CODE ENFORCEMENT

With winter approaching please remember it is the responsibility of all residents to clear their sidewalks of snow. Do not shovel or plow snow from your sidewalk or driveway into the street; and it is best to plow your driveway after the Borough has plowed your street in order to keep your driveway free from snow.

Recreational firepits are permitted in the Borough. All rules and regulations according to Borough Code of Ordinances 7-105 MUST be followed. You can find the Borough Code of Ordinances at our website under Helpful Links.

AS A REMINDER... BURNING OF LEAVES AND OTHER YARD WASTE MATERIALS IS NOT PERMITTED.

DO YOU NEED A PERMIT????

Permit applications and information can be found on the Borough website on the Permit/Forms tab on the Home Page. Below are some of the items requiring a permit. Before you decide to do any home improvements, please be sure to check if you need a permit or call Kraft Municipal Group at 610-777-1311.

- Additions or remodeling to residential/commercial buildings
- Sheds
- Swimming Pools (above and in-ground)
- Fences and walls;
- Decks and Patio slabs
- Signs for home business
- Demolition
- Electrical
- Curb, sidewalks and/or driveways

POLICE DEPARTMENT



CALL 9-1-1

It is important that ALL police related requests, emergency, and non-emergency, go through the County Dispatch Center for proper police logging and reporting to occur **RESIDENTS WHO CALL THE BOROUGH OFFICE TO REQUEST POLICE RESPONSE WILL BE DIRECTED TO CALL 911.**

HONEY BROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT TOY DRIVE

The Honey Brook Police Department is collecting NEW, UNWRAPPED toys for their 2023 Christmas Toy Drive from November 20 to December 18, 2023. Toys for boys and girls aged 5 – 16 years old can be dropped off at Borough Hall, the Police Department, Eby's Market, Suburban Brewing Company, M&T Bank, Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, Honey Brook Methodist Church, Living God Lutheran Church, Honey Brook Early Learning Center, Brandywine Martial Arts Academy, September Farms and Honey Brook Elementary Center.

Please consider donating gifts for older children between the ages of 8 -16. Some gifts to consider – board games, sports balls, and other outdoor equipment (nerf, frisbee), jewelry, craft kits and gift cards.

Monetary donations are also appreciated to help the Police Department provide Christmas dinners for residents in need. Monetary donations can be dropped off at the Police Station or Borough Hall. Checks should be made payable to the "Honey Brook Police Department Activity Fund". Checks can also be mailed to "Honey Brook Police Department, 91 Pequea Ave, Honey Brook, PA 19344".

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

ELECTION DAY

is **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023 at Borough Hall.**

Polls are open 7am - 8pm.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE! YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

YARD WASTE

Last day for Yard Waste pickup is Monday, November 20, 2023. Pickup will resume in April 2024.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2024 and January 22, 2024. Check the website for any changes.

BE HALLOWEEN Safe

Halloween is a fun, and spooky, time of year for kids. Make trick-or-treating safe for your little monsters with a few easy safety tips.



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HALLOWEEN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- »» **When choosing a costume**, stay away from long trailing fabric. If your child is wearing a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough so he or she can see out.
- »» **Provide children** with flashlights to carry for lighting or glow sticks as part of their costume.
- »» Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper catch fire easily. **Keep all decorations** away from open flames and other heat sources like light bulbs and heaters.
- »» **Use a battery-operated** candle or glow-stick in jack-o-lanterns. If you use a real candle, use extreme caution. Make sure children are watched at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside jack-o-lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches or a utility lighter. Be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from anything that can burn and far enough out of the way of trick-or-treaters, doorsteps, walkways and yards.
- »» **Remember** to keep exits clear of decorations, so nothing blocks escape routes.
- »» **Make sure** all smoke alarms in the home are working.
- »» **Tell children** to stay away from open flames including jack-o-lanterns with candles in them. Be sure they know how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire. (Have them practice, stopping immediately, dropping to the ground, covering their face with hands, and rolling over and over to put the flames out.)

If your children are going to **Halloween parties** at others' homes, have them look for ways out of the home and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

Did you know?



Decorations are the first thing to ignite in roughly **800** reported home fires each year. More than one-third of these fires were started by a candle.



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Water News

Attention HBBA Customers, every October we schedule our annual hydrant flushing of our public water system. Flushing our water mains improves the water quality and reliability of our treated drinking water by removing sediment and mineral buildup which can cause coliform bacteria to grow and create disinfection byproducts. Not only does flushing improve the quality of water but it provides the ability to lubricate and perform needed maintenance to ensure your fire hydrants will work in the event of an emergency situation. While flushing, customers can experience discolored or dirty water at your tap. If you notice any discolored or dirty water run your outside spigot or bath tub faucet until water becomes clean.

Winter is coming fast! HBBA would like to remind all customers to take necessary steps to prevent any water damage from frozen pipes due to low temperatures. Property owners are responsible for their service line, after the curb stop, and plumbing inside your home. To prevent any unnecessary water leaks due to freezing or burst pipes, remove outside hoses from your spigots and do not turn your home heating system off! Knowing the location of your main shut-off valve inside your home could save you time searching for it in times of an emergency. Any questions or tips on winterizing please contact our office (610) 273-7830 or email hbba@verizon.net for more information.

As always, continue to keep your home leak-free by repairing dripping faucets, shower heads and toilet flappers. Fixing these easily corrected household water leaks can save you \$\$\$\$. Free Toilet Dye Strip Packs are always available at our office.

Do you want to know what is in your water? Visit our website www.hbbawater.com and click on the Water Quality Report 2022 link.



DID YOU KNOW?

In a one-hundred-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers, and less than a week in the atmosphere.

BE PREPARED FOR WINTER DRIVING

Prepare Your Car for Winter

In addition to annual maintenance, here are some tips to winterize your car:

- Test your battery; battery power drops as the temperature drops
- Have winter tires with a deeper, more flexible tread put on your car
- Check the tire pressure; tire pressure drops as the temperature drops
- Check your wiper blades and replace if needed
- Keep your gas tank at least half full to avoid gas line freeze
- Make sure the cooling system is in good working order
- If using all-season tires, check the tread and replace if less than 2/32 of an inch
- Add wiper fluid rated for -30 degrees

Remember to keep your car's **emergency preparedness kit** fully stocked, too.

Before You Start Out

- Clean your car's external camera lenses and side mirrors
- Remove dirt, ice and snow from sensors to allow the assistive-driving features, like automatic emergency braking, to work
- In frigid weather, you may want to warm up the car before you drive
- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, never leave a vehicle running in your garage – even with the garage door up
- If the forecast looks iffy, wait out the storm; if you must travel, share your travel plans and route with someone before you leave

How to Avoid a Crash

AAA offers the following driving tips:

- Avoid using cruise control in wintry conditions
- Increase following distance to 8 to 10 seconds
- Steer in the direction of a skid, so when your wheels regain traction, you don't have to overcorrect to stay in your lane
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly
- If possible, don't stop when going uphill

If visibility is severely limited due to a whiteout, pull off the road to a safe place and do not drive until conditions improve. Avoid pulling off onto the shoulder unless it is an absolute emergency. Limited visibility means other vehicles can't see yours on the shoulder.

Know Your Car's Capabilities

My Car Does What? is a national campaign to help educate drivers about the safety features built into vehicles. Search for your car and find out what safety features are already built in.

Traction control is now standard on most new vehicles. This function helps your vehicle gain traction on snowy, icy or wet surfaces, particularly when accelerating from a stopped or slowed position, or when trying to make it up a slippery hill.

Anti-lock braking system (ABS) helps you steer in emergencies by restoring traction to your tires and is standard on most new vehicles. ABS may vibrate or pulse when engaged. This is normal. Continue to press and hold pressure to the brake pedal.

Remember, you are your car's best safety feature. Take precautions to ensure you arrive safely at your destination. If you become stranded in an unfamiliar area, do not leave your car. Light flares in front and behind the car and make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow, mud or objects.

Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.



HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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