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Spring/Summer 2024



PICKLEBALL COURTS

PICKLEBALL COURTS ARE COMING TO THE HONEY BROOK BOROUGH PARK!!!

Check our website for updates – the Pickleball Courts will be ready for early summer.

BOROUGH EVENTS

APRIL 13
10:00 AM
Spring Bocce Tournament

APRIL 22
Street Sweeping

MAY 11
HBFD Consignment Auction

MAY 30
Memorial Day Parade

JUNE 2
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Concert in the Park

JUNE 3
4th Annual Curtis R. Mimm Golf
Tournament

JUNE 8
10:00 AM
Summer Bocce Tournament

JULY 7
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Concert in the Park

AUGUST 4
5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Concert in the Park

SEPTEMBER 15
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Concert in the Park

SEPTEMBER 21
Harmony Day

SEPTEMBER 28
10:00 AM
Fall Bocce Tournament

NOVEMBER 2
10:00 AM
Turkey Bocce Tournament

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HONEY BROOK BOROUGH

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**Borough Council Meetings:
1st Monday of each month at 7:00 pm**

**Council Business Meetings:
3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm**

HONEY BROOK BOROUGH INFORMATION:

Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month except when a Federal Holiday falls on a Monday the meeting will be on the next Tuesday. All meetings are open to the public. The agenda is posted on the Borough website Friday prior to the meeting. Once the meeting is held and approved by Council, the minutes are also posted on the website.

The Borough also has several Committee meetings which are also open to the public.

The Committees and meeting times are:

Finance – April 24, July 24, October 9; Budget – October 16, 23, 30; Nov 6, 13

MS4 – 6:15 pm prior to the first monthly meeting

Public Works – 6:30 pm prior to the second monthly meeting

Park & Rec – 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 pm

Code Enforcement – 6:30 pm prior to the second monthly meeting

Personnel – As needed

Police – 4th Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm Annex Building

COG – As needed

Trash – As needed

Please check the website for any changes to the above scheduled meeting.



BOROUGH WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit the Borough website for important updates and information. www.honeybrookborough.net. The website is the best way to keep up-to-date on what is going on in the Borough.



HONEY BROOK FOOD PANTRY

Things have never been busier in our 11 years at the Honey Brook Food Pantry, nor the local community need for food support greater than at this time. 2023 completed a two-year period of 45% compounded growth in families seeking assistance and early indications in 2024 reflect continuing growth in the 20+% range.

Continued outstanding community support has enabled our serving larger variety and higher quality foods despite the overwhelming growth as well as Special Events for Thanksgiving/Christmas and Easter again this year.

Increased focus has also been placed on utilizing the pantry as a source of information to continue to encourage greater independence. Resources on site have included:

- Medical/Dental
- Nutritional Guidance
- Specialty Food Preparation
- Property Tax Appeals
- Legal Assistance
- Employment Assistance
- Utility support Programs

We receive lots of messages of gratitude, from families and supporters alike. One of the more memorable ones came with a group donation and spoke of those individuals being “proud” to have our organization in the community. That was a great message of encouragement for our work.

With the completion of this year’s March Madness, be on the lookout for our Summer Fundraiser and the Annual Golf Outing in October.

Thank you on behalf of the hundreds of families the Honey Brook Food Pantry serves each month!

Military Banner Program



The Military Banners will once again be proudly displayed along Horseshoe Pike from May to November 2024.

If you have a loved one who is a past or current resident of Honey Brook Borough who served in WW I, WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf War, Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom (War in Afghanistan) and would like to honor them with a Military Banner, visit our website to download the application, or call the Borough Office at 610-273-2020.

HONEY BROOK COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Honey Brook Community Partnership’s flagship event is the annual Harmony Day. This special day brings the community together to share in the fun and celebrate our community. This year’s event will offer something for family members of all ages - games, music, entertainment, crafts, food, raffle prizes, and more. In addition to the Partnership’s planned activities at the Honey Brook Fire Company Fair Grounds, many of our community partners around town will also be offering special activities.



Honey Brook
Community Partnership

Becoming a sponsor of the Partnership’s Harmony Day is the best way to give back to our community. Sponsorships for the event not only get promotional benefits for their business, but their sponsorship goes directly back to agencies and groups in the community that are addressing the needs of our children, youth, and families in need. If you wish to become a sponsor of Harmony Day 2024, please send an email to HBCP.Harmonyday@gmail.com to let us know.

As details about the event become more available, this and other Partnership news, can be found on our website at <https://honeybrookpartnership.com/>. The new address for our Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/HBCommunityPartnership>.

We invite any businesses or interested community members to join us at our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 pm at the main office of the Lanchester Landfill and Reclamation Center at 7224 Division Highway, Narvon.



687 Compass Rd Honey Brook, PA 19344
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The library is getting ready to expand this spring. We will be doubling the size of the library by adding a community room for programs, a children’s room which will hold library materials for children through young adult, an adult reading room, a local history room, and a small meeting room along with a new entrance. The parking lot will be redesigned. Any closing will be posted on our Facebook page or you can call the library during construction.

Programs will be held at a minimum this spring due to construction. Flyers will be available in the library on what will be offered. All library events can also be found on our Facebook page under the events tab or on our newsfeed and on our website <https://honeybrooklibrary.org/>.

Summer reading will kick off in June with programs starting in July.

We have free WIFI and 4 public computers that you can print from. The library has a copier and a fax machine. We also rent WIFI Hot Spots.

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 or teach or share techniques and talents. This program is year-round.

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 at the library to pick up a reading list. For questions call 610-273-3303 or email jspade@ccls.org. This program is year-round.

Sewing with Ms. Nancy

Fridays 6-8 pm at the Honey Brook Library. 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. This program is year-round.

Senator Katie Muth’s Office hours at the HBCL

A representative from Senator Katie Muth’s office will be at the Honey Brook Community Library for questions or concerns the 4th Friday of the month from 2:30 – 4:30.



ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY APRIL 23, 2024
BOROUGH HALL POLLS ARE OPEN 7AM TO 8PM.
DON’T FORGET TO VOTE



FIRE DEPARTMENT

Honey Brook Fire Company will be holding its annual Consignment Auction on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the Fire House starting at 8:00 AM. Check the HBFD website at <https://honeybrookfire.org>



PUBLIC WORKS

Spring and summer mowing is around the corner. It is illegal to discharge grass trimmings onto Borough streets. Discarded grass clippings clog water drains which require costly flushing at taxpayer expense. More importantly, the Borough must adhere to new stringent governmental storm water regulation contaminant levels which leave the Borough open to hefty government fines. Violators of this will be fined accordingly.

Please be sure to keep your sidewalks free of hazardous cracks, grass, weeds and protruding tree roots. Shrubs and tree limbs should be trimmed to allow for a clear line of sight at cross traffic streets. Portable basketball nets and hockey nets are not permitted on the streets as they pose a safety hazard for pedestrians and vehicle traffic.

SOUTH CHESTNUT STREET PROJECT

Honey Brook Borough received a grant of \$204,370 from the Chester County Community Revitalization Program for curb, sidewalk, road, and storm pipe rehabilitation on South Chestnut Street between Horseshoe Pike and Park Road. Preliminary work is now in process and work is scheduled to begin this summer.



**YARD WASTE PICK UP RESUMES ON MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024
AND WILL CONTINUE ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH
MONTH THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2024.**

STREET SWEEPING MONDAY, APRIL 22

Start time is between 6am and 7am. Signs will be posted on streets for when cars should be moved.

Check the Honey Brook Borough website for more information as this date approaches.



CODE ENFORCEMENT

Residents are reminded that no trash bags or recyclables should be set out prior to 6:00 PM the evening before the scheduled collection. Recycle bins should be removed from the curb by dusk on the day of collection. **PLEASE ENSURE ALL GREEN BAGS ARE TIED SECURELY.**

As a reminder, all pets are to be on a leash as outlined in Borough Ordinance 2-201. It is also unlawful to have pets in the Borough Park. Please be sure to clean up after your pet to help keep our Borough streets clean in accordance with Borough Ordinances 2-301 and 2-302.

If you are planning on a home improvement project be sure to see if you need a permit. You can call our Zoning Officer at 610-777-1311, or click on Departments > Code Enforcement on our website.

HONEY BROOK BOROUGH CODES AND ORDINANCES CAN BE FOUND ON THE HONEY BROOK WEBSITE UNDER DEPARTMENTS > CODE ENFORCEMENT.



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.

HONEY BROOK BOCCE CLUB



COME PLAY BOCCE!!

The Borough of Honey Brook holds Bocce Tournaments four times a year on its two outdoor courts. These tournaments are primarily social events encompassing a fun and friendly competition. There is no residency or minimum skill level requirements; the only physical requirements are simple hand-eye coordination to roll a 2-pound ball along the course's semi-hard surface 30-50 feet and ability to traverse the bowling pit's 11-inch vertical step.

The dates for the 2024 tournaments are:

- 1st Tournament – Apr 13
- 2nd Tournament – Jun 8
- 3rd Tournament – Sep 28
- 4th (Turkey) Tournament - Nov 2

The Bocce courts are located at the Honey Brook Borough Park (directly behind the Honey Brook Post Office by the water tower). Parking is available at the Borough Park.

Each event includes food items that are supplied by the players. As players sign up they are contacted by our menu coordinator with an assortment of items that are needed. Once all items have been spoken for the remaining players without a selection are assessed a \$10 fee (per household) in lieu of their food contribution.

Depending on the number of participants, play generally lasts between 5 and 7 hours (which includes the mid-event meal break). All players should plan to spend the whole day at the park and bring their folding chairs; an on-site portable toilet facility is accessible. With little natural shade or overhead cover available, players are advised to bring whatever UV or weather protection they deem desirable (ex: lotions, hats, umbrellas, etc.).

All events are double elimination which means a team is removed from competition after their second loss of the day. There are no entry fees being assessed at this time. Our primary policy is that everyone signed up gets to play on a team. Ideally teams would consist of 4 players but, as necessary, we do create 3-player hybrid teams when the total number of event players is not an exact multiple of 4.

For the first and third events (April & September) signups can be full teams (4 players), partial teams (2-3 players) or individuals. For group signups of 2, 3 or 4 players we make reasonable efforts to keep the group on the same team. As explained above, however, we may need to transfer a player from one group to another so everyone plays on the same team throughout the event.

For the second and fourth events (June & November) signups are on an individual basis only and the teams of 3 or 4 players are made up of totally randomized selections.

Each event is independent thereby allowing you to play in any or all of them. All events are initially scheduled for Saturday with a backup rain date being the very next day (Sunday) should Saturday be unplayable. In signing-up you can specify your availability as Saturday only or both Saturday and Sunday. Each event has a 10-day "open signup period" that typically begins with an email notification 5 weeks prior and during which members indicate whether they will play.

HONEY BROOK LIONS CLUB

4th Annual Curtis R. Mimm Memorial Golf Outing

- Where: Honey Brook Golf Club, 1422 Cambridge Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344
 - When: June 3, 2024, Shotgun start at 8AM
 - Cost: Per Golfer - \$130; Foursome - \$520; Hole Sponsor - \$125
 - Contact: Jim Mimm – 610-698-0109 or the Honey Brook Golf Club 610-273-0207
- For more information visit – www.facebook.com/HoneyBrookLionsClub/



CHESTER COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

RECYCLING AT LANCHESTER LANDFILL AND RECLAMATION CENTER (LLARC)

No-Charge Recyclables

At LLARC, we accept the following drop-off items in small quantities from residents at no charge:

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO STAFF AVAILABLE to help you unload your televisions.

- Aluminum beverage cans, pie plates, and clean aluminum foil
- Antifreeze - 5 gallon limit
- Rechargeable Batteries Only
- Cell phones
- Clean towels and blankets
- ****Computer towers, laptops & peripherals - 3 per household**
- Corrugated cardboard
- Fluorescent tubes - limit of 5
- Glass bottles and jars
- Liquid cooking oil
- ****Televisions - 3 TV's per household - Chester County Residents ONLY**
- **(Proof of residency required)**
- Metal caps and lids
- Metal food and beverage cans, and empty aerosol cans
- Mixed paper
- Mixed scrap metal
- Newspapers
- Non-Freon® containing appliances
- Plastic #1 - 7 food and beverage containers (no Styrofoam)
- Plastic bags

- **Small Electronic Recyclables** - NO SMOKE DETECTORS! NO LOOSE BATTERIES! • Answering machines/telephone systems • Anything with a plug or circuit board • Blenders - no glass • Blow dryers • Calculators • Cameras • Coffee makers/Keurig - no glass • Computer cables/wires • Curling irons • Disk drives • Handheld computer devices • MP3 players • Projectors • Radios • Satellite receivers/descramblers • Stereos • Tape Recorders • VCR/DVD/Blu-ray player • Video Cameras • Video game system
 - Styrofoam (clean block, no packing peanuts) 1 Bag and broken up in 6 inch pieces.
 - Used motor oil / filters - 5 gallon limit and 5 filters
- **If dropping off TV's and computers at the same time, we can accept a combined total of 3 TV's and computers per household. Appointment NOT needed to drop off electronics.**

Note: Please make sure that all cans, plastic, and glass recyclables are free of food residue.

We do not recycle irons, crockpots, vacuum cleaners, etc.

The following items have a disposal fee:

- Appliances containing Freon - \$22
- Mattress and Box Springs - \$30 each.

CCSW Contact Information:

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HONEY BROOK BOROUGH AUTHORITY

WATER NEWS

The Honey Brook Borough Authority's Board voted to increase water rates for 2024. The rate increases are +3% for each Consumer Rate and Water Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons). These new rates will go into effect on your April 1st Quarterly Water Bill. The new rates are as follows: the Service Charge for each Consumer Unit is \$37.18 from \$36.10 and the Per 1,000 Gallons Usage Rate is \$8.22 from \$7.98.

We strive to provide the best quality standard of clean and safe drinking water for all of our customers. In 2023, the Board spent over \$350,000 on system improvements. The electric wire and panels were upgraded in our Well Field on Maple Street. Two Gate Valves were installed in the intersection of Route 10 and 322. A Back-up Mobile Generator was purchased to keep our groundwater wells and stations operable in times of prolonged power outages. Lastly, the Board purchased a 2023 Ford F350 utility truck to replace our 2010 Ford F150 truck.

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, 610-273-7830.

Do you want to know what is in your water? Visit our website www.hbbawater.com and click on the Water Quality Report 2023 link.



During the 1890's, the main reason why the Honey Brook Borough was formed was due to the many major fires that occurred in town. At the time there were no sufficient water sources available to quickly put out any of these fires. Due to lack of water for firefighting, several water pipe companies became interested in installing the town a private water system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FIREWORKS

It's that time of year again...for a friendly reminder of the Laws for using fireworks in the Borough!
Below is the State Law which Honey Brook Borough follows relating to the use of fireworks.

PA State Law - Section 2404. Use of consumer fireworks.

- (a) Conditions. --A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of this article may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.
- (b) Prohibitions. --A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge:
 - (1) Consumer fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.
 - (2) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.
 - (3) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.
 - (4) Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.
 - (5) Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.

It is unlawful to use or explode fireworks in Honey Brook Borough. Even under State Law it is illegal to ignite or discharge fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure. Due to the close proximity of the properties in the Borough there are very few if any properties located in the Borough to where fireworks could be discharged that exceeds the 150 feet requirement of an occupied structure. Therefore, it is illegal to discharge fireworks in the Borough.

The next part of the problem once we get past the fact of the use of fireworks is just plain illegal, is the impact it has on our residents. Some of those include the disruption in sleep for adults who have to be up early in the morning or work or activities and the disruption to the sleep of children and infants. It has a negative effect on some of our residents who suffer Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder as well as some of our resident's domestic animals that cannot handle loud noises.

The final part of the problem is the safety hazard this creates. Most fireworks that propel into the air then have to return to the ground. Some of our residents experienced projectiles landing on their roofs, properties and vehicles creating a substantial fire and safety hazard.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND GOING FORWARD THAT THE HONEY BROOK BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL STRICTLY ENFORCE THESE LAWS FOR THE CONTINUED SAFETY OF OUR COMMUNITY.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Honey Brook Borough has a fun-filled schedule of FREE musical concerts for the 2024 season. Concert-goers are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets and picnics. The park has a large covered pavilion with picnic tables. Alcoholic beverages and pets are not permitted in the park. We will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Honey Brook Food Pantry at each concert.

In the event of inclement weather, a decision to cancel will be made by 1:00 PM the day of the show. A cancellation message will be posted on the Honey Brook website (www.honeybrookborough.net) if the show is cancelled. For additional information please contact the Honey Brook Borough office M-W-F 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at 610-273-2020, or email Jeanne Jenzano at jjenzano@hbboro.net.

THE KEYSTONE BREAKERS – JUNE 2, 2024, 5:30 – 8:00 PM

The Keystone Breakers are a band based out of Southeastern PA heavily influenced by 70's Country, Cosmic Country, Southern Blues, and American Roots Music. Since 2014, they have been performing their own brand of original music and putting their own touch on the classics, while continuing to deliver their audience with a unique, yet familiar experience with their relatable story telling songs, tasteful country guitar licks, and three-part harmonies. The Keystone Breakers' mission is to push the boundaries while respecting and honoring the tradition of true country music of the past.

With the latest album release, Ridge Roads, the band has gained the attention of country music fans throughout the Northeast. They also gained the attention of the popular magazine, Honky Tonk Times, and were featured in an article in Issue 21.



THE TOMMY FROELICH BAND – JULY 7, 2024, 5:30 – 8:00 PM



The Tommy Froelich Band brings high energy guitar driven power with a whole lot of soul, delivering truly captivating performances that never disappoint! Tommy's set list is a tasteful tribute to classic rock and blues tunes from the vinyl days of the 60s & 70s. He also performs original shows filled with a fine eclectic mix of songs inspired by the classics. If you dig soulful vocals accompanied by smooth guitar tone drenched with bluesy flare, you'll soon be hooked!

The Tommy Froelich Trio was Philadelphia's 102.9 WMGK House Band in 2015/2016 and had the honor of performing a set supporting Joe Walsh and Bad Company at the BB&T Center during MGK's Big Gig Concert in June 2016.

Tommy's band includes several lineups of talented pro musicians who have been performing in the Philly area and beyond for many years.

THE ALL PURPOSE BAND - AUGUST 4, 2024, 5:30 - 8:00 PM

The All Purpose Band (APB) featuring Rose Hudson is a group of veteran musicians from Central PA. Rose Hudson, vocalist, is from Harrisburg, John Christopher, bass and vocals, is from Hershey, Dave Santana, drums, is from Lebanon, Robin Church, keyboards, trumpet and vocals, is from Lancaster, and Paul Colombo, guitar and vocals, is from Honey Brook. Their music spans the gamut from dance music to down home blues, classic rock, soul music, jazz, and especially New Orleans funk. They have performed at places such as the Hershey Theatre for their 4th of July Celebration on the Veranda and the Lebanon Country Club for their Christmas Party. A good time is guaranteed when APB is there to perform!

NEO TRIO – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024, 5:00 - 7:30 PM

Neo Trio, sometimes referred to as N3, is a multi-genre group that performs originals as well as covers. The band's style is jazz, rock, funk, and blues with a twist of grooves and alternative fusions. Pretty much anything goes with these artists. They are clever, artful, and imaginative, and that is displayed in their compositions and copies.

N3 proclaims to be the "Kings of the B Sides." On vinyl records, a B side was a secondary recording on the flip side of the featured hit recording. While some bands focus on covering the hits, N3 will cover the less-popular but well-known songs.

And the origin of the name Neo Trio? Neo simply means new and is used as a prefix when forming compound words. This no longer applies as this new trio has been around for about 25 years. How's that for irony!? The group consists of Craig Burkey on five-string bass guitar, Daniel "Scrappy" Bower on percussion on drums (with a dinged cymbal) and lead vocalist Cory Heller providing harmonic accompaniment on a Yamaha keyboard. Individually, they are outstanding musicians; collectively they are extraordinary.





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