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VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM HONORS HONEY BROOK VETERANS

A Veteran's Day program is planned for Sunday, November 13, 2:00 pm, in the Stonecroft Auditorium at Tel Hai Retirement Community. The program will honor all veterans who served our country, and will specifically celebrate one Honey Brook Borough veteran, one Honey Brook Township veteran and two Tel Hai resident veterans.

The planning for this event has been a joint effort of Honey Brook Borough, Honey Brook Township and Tel Hai Retirement Community, and will include participation from local Boy Scout Troop 9, elected state and local officials and the Miner Street Brass Band. Stonecroft is located at 4000 Tree Line Drive, Honey Brook, PA 19344. Contact Tel Hai Retirement Community for additional information at 610-273-9333.

Borough Events 2022

OCTOBER 22

Make A Difference Day

OCTOBER 24

Halloween Parade

7:00 pm

OCTOBER 31

Trick-or-Treat

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

NOVEMBER 13

Veteran's Day Program

2:00 pm

NOVEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 19

Police Toy Drive

DECEMBER 4

Christmas Tree Lighting

DECEMBER 10

Polar Express & Craft Fair

JANUARY 21

Fire Company

Amish Wedding Dinner

FEBRUARY 24 - APRIL 7

Lion's Club Fish Fry

Fridays 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

YARD WASTE - LAST DAY FOR YARD WASTE PICKUP IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2022. PICKUP WILL RESUME IN APRIL 2023.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP – January 9, 2023 and January 23, 2023

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- Medicare/Medicaid Planning
- Conservatorships

- Trusts & Estates
- Elder Law
- Real Estate

FIRM PROFILE: The Law Firm of Werner & Wood was established in April 1984 at West Chester, Pennsylvania, by Kenneth R. Werner and David W. Wood, Jr. The firm established county satellite offices in Honey Brook and Phoenixville that same year. Mr. Wood retired from the practice in 2012. The main office in the county seat of West Chester and two convenient locations in the surrounding area allow the firm to serve conveniently every resident of Chester County.

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 FOOD PANTRY



Thanks in advance for your continued great support for our work at the pantry.

Summer is typically a little slower time, but 2022 has certainly proven to be an exception.

During the months of June and July, we have registered 40 new families while serving 565 families and nearly 1,800 individuals. These levels of service are over 50% higher than last year at this time and each distribution has surpassed any previous need with the exception of the first serving after the COVID 19 lockdowns in March of 2020. Food emergencies are also on the rise with five reported within the first 48 hours after our last distribution in July.

Despite the increase in food costs and availability challenges, we have continued to increase our quantity and quality, with a particular emphasis on kids' food items this summer (supplemental food boxes and extra PB&J with additional bread for each family with children). Backpacks and some supplies are also planned for August.

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.

ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
BOROUGH HALL POLLS ARE OPEN 7AM TO 8PM. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



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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 Library

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 on the website to the library through PayPal to our Capital Campaign which kicked off August 2019 to expand the library. We will be adding a children's area, a community room, and of course shelving areas for more books. We have raised \$158,000 so far. Donate today on our website, by mail, or in person.

All library events can 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 or 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 at the library to pick up a reading list. For questions call 610-273-3303 or email jspade@ccls.org.

SPRING/SUMMER BOCCE LEAGUE

The Honey Brook Bocce Club holds tournaments four times a year on the two outdoor courts located at the Honey Brook Borough Park (directly behind the Honey Brook Post Office by the water tower). Ample parking is available at the 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.

Each tournament is independent thereby allowing you to play in any or all of them. Tournaments are double elimination which means a team is removed from competition after their second loss of the day. Depending on the number of teams, a tournament generally lasts between 4 and 7 hours so players should plan to

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.

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.

Join our Friends of the Honey Brook Community Library group. Our Friends group meets on the third Wednesday of each month. They raise money for the library by book sales, the book boutique in our lobby, raffles, and other fundraisers. If you are interested in becoming a Friend, contact Mary Ann Fritsky, Friends President at mafritsky@gmail.com.

spend the whole day at the park and bring their folding chairs (portable toilet facilities are available). Tournament activities begin at 9:00 on its scheduled day.

There are no entry fees. As players sign up they are contacted by our menu coordinator to choose from a list of food items that form our mid-tournament buffet.

New players are welcome. For further questions or to be added to our distribution list - simply send an email to Ted Lafferty, honeybrookbocce@comcast.net include your first and last name and email address (phone numbers are optional). Once on the distribution list you will receive all future club emailing's as well as being eligible to sign-up for upcoming tournaments.



CODES 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 on the Codes Enforcement page.

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 under Departments > Code Enforcement. 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 Code Services at 610-775-7185.

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

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:

- A. The vehicle is parked on a part of a street in which a parking prohibition is in effect.
- B. 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.
- C. 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!!

MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM



Honey Brook Borough proudly displays 23 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.

What is REAL ID and do I need one in Pennsylvania?

You've probably been hearing a lot about REAL ID and that you'll need one soon.

Currently, the federal government is doing a final push to get people's IDs upgraded to the new system, and it's because of Homeland Security.

After 9/11, U.S. lawmakers enacted a policy to enforce stricter standards for getting a state photo ID or driver's license nationwide. States that didn't already meet those standards needed to upgrade their system. The law was originally written in 2005, but the federal government gave states more time to prepare their residents to transfer to this new ID system. REAL ID is the new federal ID system.

What is REAL ID?

REAL ID is the new standard of verifying your identity with the federal government.

In the past, you may have used a state photo ID or driver's license to board a plane. **Now, you will have to have REAL ID or valid federal ID**, like a passport or military ID. This goes for any federal facility that requires ID, like some federal buildings and military bases.

REAL ID is a regular state photo ID or driver's license, except **there's a star in the upper right-hand corner** (If you don't have a star on your ID, you don't have REAL ID).

Do I need to get REAL ID?

If you have a passport or another form of valid federal photo ID you don't need REAL ID.

"In Pennsylvania, if an individual does not want to get a REAL ID, there's no need for that individual to get it," said Diego Sandino, community relations coordinator at PennDOT. "They can make that decision on their own."

Pennsylvania is not requiring residents to get a REAL ID. That means that for daily activities like entering city and state buildings in Pennsylvania, you will only need your state photo ID.

If you're boarding a plane or entering a federal facility, you can still use your passport or military ID if you have one.

Airline passengers who are under the age of 18 won't need REAL ID if they're traveling in the U.S. with someone who has ID.

Do I need REAL ID to vote in Pennsylvania?

No. You don't need a REAL ID to vote. You can use a driver's license or state ID card, U.S. passport, military ID, student ID,

or employee ID with your photo. If you don't have photo ID, you can use a current utility bill, bank statement, or paycheck.

You don't need REAL ID for:

You can still do these activities without REAL ID:

- Driving
- Voting
- Going to the hospital or health care facility
- Using the Post Office
- Appearing in Federal Court
- Applying for federal benefits, such as Social Security

You need REAL ID or federal ID for:

- Airports
- Federal buildings that require ID
- Military Bases

TSA has a list of IDs that are accepted if you don't have REAL ID. If you forget or lose your REAL ID, you may still be able to pass through TSA — but you will have to complete an identity verification process that will include giving your name, address, and other personal information. You will also go through additional security screening.

When does REAL ID go into effect?

REAL ID goes into effect May 3, 2023.

After that date, federal agencies like TSA will only accept REAL ID or valid federal ID (like a passport). After that date, you will no longer be able to board a domestic flight with a state photo ID or driver's license that isn't REAL ID compliant.

Who can get REAL ID?

Any U.S. citizen — or non-citizen with lawful immigration documents— that can prove their identity, citizenship, and place of residence.

Undocumented immigrants are not able to get REAL ID. If you are undocumented, you can start the process of getting your immigration papers from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. You can find more information on getting a REAL ID as a non-citizen at www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID/Pages/REAL-ID-Non-U.S.Citizens.aspx

Does the federal government have access to REAL ID data?

Yes. While they don't collect or store your data themselves, federal agencies can access PennDOT data.

Federal REAL ID laws are a national set of standards that states need to follow when giving out IDs to residents. This means that

the federal government doesn't operate REAL ID programs — states do. It's the state's job to oversee and implement their own ID programs, including how your privacy and data are handled.

According to a 2020 report by Driving PA Forward, a statewide immigrant advocacy coalition, **PennDOT does share ID information with the federal government.** Federal agencies can directly request information from PennDOT, access PennDOT information in databases that are shared by state and federal agencies, and PennDOT sells information to private businesses, like LexisNexis.

How to get REAL ID

There are two ways to get a REAL ID. Online or in-person.

Check out our complete guide on getting government ID in Pennsylvania: Here's a breakdown of how to get government photo ID in Pennsylvania, including REAL ID.

What documents you need to get REAL ID

You will need the following documents to get REAL ID. All documents have to be originals; certified copies won't be accepted. You'll need:

- **One document that proves identity and citizenship.**
 - U.S. birth certificate (including U.S. territories), U.S. passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA), certificate of citizenship or naturalization, or valid immigration documents that prove your identity and citizenship.
- **Two documents that prove residency.**
 - State photo ID or driver's license, vehicle registration card, auto insurance card, utility bill showing your name and address, W-2 form, tax records, and lease agreements or mortgage documents.
- **Your Social Security Number.**
 - **You have to have your original Social Security card.** The name on your Social Security card has to match the name on your proof of identity documents. If you don't have a Social Security card or need to replace it, visit ssa.gov/ssnumber.

You can check if your documents are valid through PennDOT's online REAL ID Document Check - www.dmv.pa.gov/REALID/Pages/REAL-ID-Document-Check.aspx.

Honey Brook Community Partnership



The Community Partnership coordinates the annual Make A Difference Day, which is held on the fourth Saturday in October (October 22nd this year). Make A Difference Day raises awareness about the local and global charity and fundraising efforts that anyone can be a part of. In coordination with the Honey Brook Food Pantry, this year the event will seek donations of items for the Children's Backpack Program.

The Partnership will again sponsor "Deck the Brook", an annual program where local businesses and community residents participate in decorating their doors, lawns, and offices to celebrate the holiday season. Most people start decorating the day after Thanksgiving; judging and online voting for the best decorations will begin in mid-December. The Partnership also will join in "Christmas in Honey Brook", which is sponsored by local businesses. It provides an opportunity to do all your holiday shopping locally and get discounts and free gifts, as well. Check out website for the date of both of these events.

The Honey Brook Community Partnership was founded in 2008 to bring together Borough and Township partners to facilitate communication, share resources, and work together to enhance the community. The Partnership's vision is to support a thriving main street, maintain safe neighborhoods, preserve historical elements, and sustain Honey Brook's rural charm.

The Partnership includes an energetic mix of former and current public officials, representatives of retirement communities, members of service organizations and local churches, and resident volunteers. Everyone is welcome to be a part of our organization and its activities. The Partnership meets on the second Tuesday of each month. Many local businesses, organizations and citizens are members. We would love to have you join us. For more information about the Honey Brook Community Partnership, please see our website or join us on Facebook. The website address is www.hbpartnership.org.

POLAR EXPRESS AND CRAFT FAIR

Join us on Saturday, December 10, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Honey Brook Presbyterian Church, 4331 Horseshoe Pike, Honey Brook, PA, for the 6th Annual Polar Express and Craft Fair.



There is something for everyone at this event!

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 polarexpresshbp@gmail.com for information.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

FIREWORKS

On July 11, 2022, Governor Tom Wolf signed House Bill 2157 which focuses on placing stricter regulations on fireworks which was greatly liberalized in 2017.

This bill repeals the supply of fireworks with increased and additional penalties. The new penalties include mandatory minimum fines for firework violations as well as four newly defined sub-offenses. The new minimum fine for first offenders is \$500. For repeat offenses within three years of a prior conviction the minimum fine is \$1,000.

The bill states consumer fireworks may not be used between 10 pm and 10 am except on July 2-4 and December 31 when consumer fireworks may be used until 1 am the following day. When July 4 falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, consumer fireworks may be used until 1 am on the immediately preceding and following Friday and Saturday.

The new bill will require people to give livestock owners and/or managers a minimum of three days notice before fireworks are used near any animals or livestock. Local municipalities would also have the authority to limit or restrict firework use if their city or town does not have a place to safely use them.

The bill also allows the seizure of any unused fireworks if there is unsafe firework use.

Consumers must be 18 years old to purchase consumer fireworks under the updated legislation.

What does this mean for residents of Honey Brook Borough?

- * Fines will be enforced accordingly.
- * No fireworks may be set-off between the hours of 10 pm and 10 am, except on July 2-4 and December 31 when fireworks may be used until 1 am.
- * When July 4 falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, consumer fireworks may be used until 1 am on the immediately preceding and following Friday and Saturday.
- * If you live near a farm with animals, you are required to give livestock owners and/or managers a minimum of three days' notice before fireworks are used near any animals or livestock.
- * Unsafe fireworks will be confiscated.
- * Local municipalities would also have the authority to limit or restrict firework use if their city or town does not have a place to safely use them.



CALL 9-1-1

It is important that **ALL** police related requests, emergency and non-emergency, go through the County Dispatch Center in order 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 Christmas Toy Drive from November 14 to December 19, 2022. Toys 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.

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. The Police Department accepts cash or checks made out 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".



TIPS FOR HAVING A SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN

Trick-or-Treating is one of the highlights of Halloween for kids. Here are a few tips to make your family's Halloween fun and safe:

- Parents should always supervise young children while Trick-or-Treating.
- Older children should Trick-or-Treat in groups and establish a "return home" time with parents.
- Trick-or-Treat only in familiar neighborhoods. Children should wait to eat treats until after they are thoroughly inspected by parents.
- Children should carry light sticks, flashlights or use reflective tape on costumes so motorists can see them on dark streets.
- Trick-or-Treat only during the designated hours established by Honey Brook Borough.
- Trick-or-Treat is scheduled for Saturday, October 31st from 6:00-8:00 pm.



SENIOR CORNER

The Chester County Department of Aging provides counseling services for anyone with questions about Medicare.

PA MEDI counselors are specially trained to answer your questions about Medicare and provide you with objective, easy-to-understand information about health insurance. Specifically, PA MEDI can answer your questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, Medicaid and long-term care insurance as well as prescription drug plans.

The Chester County Department of Aging Services has a voicemail box designated for the PA MEDI program. Please call 610-344-5004 and leave your name, phone number, and a short message. You will receive a phone call back from a PA MEDI counselor within 24 hours. Visit their website at www.chesco.org/477/PA-MEDI for more information.

HONEY BROOK FIRE COMPANY

What you should know about SMOKE ALARMS



Smoke Alarms Save Lives

The most important things you need to know are smoke alarms save lives and they should be in every home. Follow these important smoke alarm safety measures.

- **Make sure your smoke alarms are working.** This means testing smoke alarms monthly, replacing batteries once a year or when low battery alarm chirps and performing other maintenance as NFPA and your smoke alarm manufacturers recommend. And of course, a smoke alarm disabled because of nuisance alarms provide no protection at all.
- **It is important to have not just one smoke alarm but smoke alarms in every location required by NFPA standards.** (On each level of your home, outside each sleeping area and inside each bedroom.) Tens of millions of U.S. homes are estimated to have smoke alarms but not enough smoke alarms to meet the standards and protect their homes.
- **Interconnect your smoke alarms so that a fire detected by any smoke alarm will sound an alarm at every location where a smoke alarm is installed.** Interconnection can be done using hard-wiring or wireless broadcast technology. Interconnected smoke alarms provide early warning of fires that are still far away or are located on the other side of a door or wall that may block sound.
- **Develop and practice an escape plan so that everyone in the home knows what to do if the alarm sounds.** That includes planning a second way out from every room in your home. Every household that develops and practices an escape plan with two ways out from every location improves its time to escape in every fire.

There are Different Types of Smoke Alarm Technologies – Ionization and Photoelectric

The two most commonly recognized smoke detection technologies are ionization smoke detection and photoelectric

smoke detection. Ionization smoke detection is generally more responsive to fires and photoelectric smoke detection is generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long period of smoldering (called “smoldering fires”). For each type of smoke alarm, the advantage it provides may be critical to life safety in some fire situations.

Home fatal fires, day or night, include a large number of smoldering fires and a large number of flaming fires. You cannot predict the type of fire you may have in your home or when it will occur. Any smoke alarm technology, to be acceptable, must perform acceptably for both types of fires in order to provide early warning of fire at all times of the day or night and whether you are asleep or awake.

The best evidence has always indicated that either type of smoke alarm will provide sufficient time for escape for most people for most fires of either smoldering or flaming type. However, research is ongoing, and standards are living documents. If at any time, research points to a different conclusion, then that will lead to proposals for changes in the NFPA standard or the closely related Underwriters Laboratories standard for testing and approving smoke alarms. Both organizations currently have task groups looking at smoke alarm performance in the current home environment.

For Best Protection Use Both Types of Smoke Alarm Technologies

For best protection both (ionization and photoelectric) technologies are to be in homes. In addition to individual ionization and photoelectric alarms, combination alarms that include both technologies in a single device are available.

Nuisance Alarms Can Be Minimized

Ionization type smoke alarms are more susceptible to nuisance alarms due to cooking, the leading cause of nuisance alarms, and both have susceptibility to nuisance alarms from the steam from a hot shower.

In the past decade or so, a number of steps have been taken

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to reduce the likelihood of nuisance alarms, including hush features and refinements to installation rules that include distances from nuisance sources.

TV Demonstrations of Smoke Alarm Performances Can Be Misleading

Informal demonstrations, such as ones done for TV news shows, of smoke alarm performance can seriously mislead the viewer and do not provide a sound basis to assess performance. These demonstration tests are not performed in a controlled or scientific way that compares the time of smoke alarm operation to the time when occupants would be incapacitated. The selected fire scenarios may not be representative of real

fatal home fires. Passing or failing a “test” of this sort may have nothing to do with performing well or badly in the wide range of real fires. A valid engineering analysis must select fires that are realistic and analyze them accordingly.

In an informal demonstration, the eye reacts to conditions that look dangerous, mostly visible smoke and visible flame. However, most people are killed by invisible gases, which do not necessarily spread at the same rate as smoke or flame. A valid engineering analysis must measure conditions caused by fires and assess them according to their real danger.

(NFPA.org/Education)

The annual **Fire Company Amish Wedding Dinner** will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 2:30 pm. Check the Fire Company website - www.honeybrookfire.org for more information. Fundraisers are very important to the operation of the Department and your support is greatly appreciated!

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 also 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 of the roadway and at least 8 feet above the sidewalk. 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, Honey Brook Hardware and Ziffy’s.

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.

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

HONEY BROOK BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY

WATER NEWS

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 the 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 2021 link.

DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1960s, there were many years of drought. On September 11, 1966, vandals opened the drain valve to the reservoir and it was emptied. It was estimated 300,000 gallons of water ran into the Brandywine and was lost. A state of emergency was declared by Council and the only water use allowed was for hygiene and cooking.



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