

# HONEY BROOK BOROUGH

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Spring/Summer 2022

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## Honey Brook Food Pantry



The mother of a family of seven had this to say in early February.....

*“We only come when it’s really hard for us because so many people have it worse. But lately, with the heating oil and gas prices, even with both of us working it’s just so hard to buy all the food we need.”*

And another said.....

*“The Honey Brook Food Pantry is different than other pantries. They have great variety and quality and getting fresh veggies is unheard of.*

*Everyone is always so friendly and nonjudgmental. It’s so wonderful how much everyone cares. I love how they pack everything in our trunk. The boxes are packed with loving care. And the food is placed in our trunk so nicely by the volunteers, like it was their own stuff.*

*I remember during the pandemic; I was so appreciative that there was toilet paper! And one time the pantry handed out girl scout cookies. And I cried – I’m getting girl scout cookies!”*

It’s been a very busy time at the Honey Brook Food Pantry. Since October, we have consistently served **20% more** families than historical averages. Hundreds of warm coats and toys were provided over the holidays, along with a complete Turkey Dinner. During

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## Borough Events 2022

<p><b><u>April 15</u></b> Fish Fry – Honey Brook Lions Club 4 PM to 7 PM (take out only)</p> <p><b><u>April 16</u></b> Easter Egg Hunt - Honey Brook Lions Club 10:00 AM (rain or shine)</p> <p><b><u>April 30</u></b> Spring Bocce Tournament 10:00 AM</p> <p><b><u>May 14</u></b> Fire Company Mud Sale – 8:00 AM</p> <p><b><u>May 30</u></b> Memorial Day Parade</p>	<p><b><u>June 6</u></b> 2nd Annual Curtis R. Mimm Golf Tournament</p> <p><b><u>June 11</u></b> Summer Bocce Tournament 10:00 AM</p> <p><b><u>June 12</u></b> Concert in The Park 5:30 – 8:00 PM</p> <p><b><u>July 10</u></b> Concert in The Park 5:30 – 8:00 PM</p> <p><b><u>August 7</u></b> Concert in The Park – 5:30 – 8:00 PM</p>	<p><b><u>September 11</u></b> Concert in The Park 5:00 – 7:30 PM</p> <p><b><u>September 17</u></b> Harmony Day</p> <p><b><u>September 24</u></b> Fall Bocce Tournament – 10:00 AM</p> <p><b><u>October 11</u></b> Food Pantry Golf Outing – Honey Brook Golf Club</p> <p><b><u>November 5</u></b> Turkey Bocce Tournament – 10:00 AM</p>
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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**

## *Continued from cover...Honey Brook Food Pantry*

the 4th Quarter, **42% more new families registered** for help than in 2020 and our experience through the first six weeks of '22 has continued those trends.

Unfortunately, over that same time period, prevailing conditions within the grocery industry contributed to a dramatic reduction in Feeding America's In-Kind donations. Those **food donations dropped 53% from 45,500 lbs. to 21,600 lbs.** over the last five months.

We continue with our regular bi-weekly large outdoor distributions despite weather conditions and always assist families on an as needed or emergency basis, regardless of the schedule.

**We are also maintaining virtually all of our additional programs.....**(Special Foods for those with Diabetes, Wellness Tent including Dental, Infant-Age 3 Nutritional Supplements and Supplies, Employment Assistance, Backpack Program, Kids' Supplemental Food Bags, Benefits Assistance, Anchored Ministries Clothing Van and the Free Market). The Garden for Life Program will run again this spring. Financial Education Workshops and the "Taste It" program will hopefully resume again soon.

For the first time in our nine years of service, the pantry is planning a Ham dinner giveaway during the April distributions, hopefully including baskets for the kids.

Most critical to maintaining these service levels, despite double digit increases in food costs, is the continued generosity of our local community.

Thank you for that terrific support!

- **The Honey Brook Food Pantry will be holding its annual March Madness Fundraiser. Each year during the NCAA March Madness Tournament, local organizations of all sizes compete to raise money for the pantry. This year's weekly competitions will be focused on funding the Kids' Programs. For more information or to sign up, please email Rob Hamm: [rhamm@rvii.com](mailto:rhamm@rvii.com)**
- **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AT THE HONEY BROOK GOLF CLUB--TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2022---DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

## **Emergency Management Protect the Ones You Love**

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## **BOROUGH WEBSITE**

Don't forget to visit the Borough website for important updates and information.

**[www.honeybrookborough.net](http://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/> where 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.

Go to the website to donate to the library through PayPal to our Capital Campaign which kicked off August 2019 to expand the library. We will be adding meeting rooms, a community room, and of course shelving areas for more books. We have raised \$134,000 so far. We need your help to make this expansion happen for the community.

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 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](mailto: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](mailto:jspade@ccls.org)

## Sewing with Ms. Nancy

Fridays 6:00-8:00 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](mailto: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 Club at the Honey Brook Library. This club is for ages 12 through young adult. To register call 610-273-3303 or email [jspade@ccls.org](mailto:jspade@ccls.org)

**Looking for a way 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](mailto:jspade@ccls.org)

# HONEY BROOK LIONS CLUB

## Upcoming events for 2022:

### Annual Easter Egg Hunt – Ages 12 and Under, Free Refreshments

**Where:** Honey Brook Lions Club Community Center, 14 Mt. Pleasant Road,  
Honey Brook, PA 19344

**When:** April 16, 2022, 10:00 AM (rain or shine)

### 2nd Annual Curtis R. Mimm Memorial Golf Outing

**Where:** Honey Brook Golf Club, 1422 Cambridge Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344

**When:** June 6, 2022, Tee Off Time – 9:00 AM

**What:** Golfing, Carts, Balls, Scoring, Prizes, Lunch & Beverages, Silent Auction

**Cost:** Per Golfer - \$110; Foursome - \$420; Hole Sponsor - \$125

**Contact:** Jim Mimm – 610-698-0109, Joe Cutolo – 610-291-2063, Duval Dollar – 610-314-9700

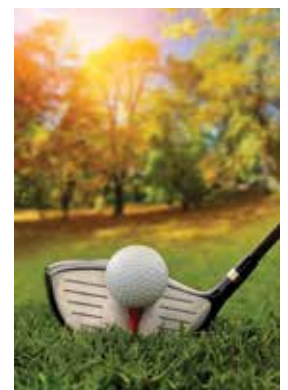
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## Library hours:

Monday..... 11 am – 6 pm  
Tuesday..... 11 am – 8 pm  
Wednesday..... 11 am – 6 pm  
Thursday ..... 11 am – 8 pm  
Friday..... 11 am – 5 pm  
Saturday..... 10 am – 5 pm  
Closed Sunday



# Honey Brook Fire Company

## The Mud Sales are back!!!

Honey Brook Fire Company Mud Sale will be held May 14, 2022 at the Fire House starting at 8:00 AM.

The Golf Tournament and Chicken BBQ are in the planning stages.

Check the Fire Department website for updates – [www.honeybrookfire.org](http://www.honeybrookfire.org).



**ELECTION DAY - TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022**  
**BOROUGH HALL POLLS ARE OPEN 7AM TO 8PM. DON'T FORGET TO VOTE**

## CODES 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.

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

## 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 2022 tournaments are:

1st Tournament – Apr 30

2nd Tournament – Jun 11

3rd Tournament – Sep 24

4th (Turkey) Tournament - Nov 5

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

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 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 [honeybrookbocce@comcast.net](mailto:honeybrookbocce@comcast.net) and 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 as well as be eligible to sign-up for the tournaments.



## MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM



The Military Banners will once again be proudly displayed along Horseshoe Pike from May to November 2022. 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.

# PARKS AND RECREATION

Honey Brook Borough has a fun-filled schedule of FREE musical concerts for the 2022 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](http://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](mailto:jjenzano@hbboro.net).

## Rizzetta's Tones - Sunday, June 12, 2022, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Rizzetta's Tones is Celtic and Folk band comprised of 'fraternal twin' hammer dulcimers, silver flute, high and low whistles, and guitars. They often spice up the sound with button accordion, autoharp, Greek bouzouki, mandolin, ukulele as well as doumbek, cajon, djembe, and other percussion instruments (yes, even frogs!). All four members take turns singing lead and background vocal songs, both poignant and humorous. Their repertoire includes music from Ireland, Scotland, and the United States, drawing as well from the traditions of Finland, Brazil, France, Macedonia, and many other lands. Forging new arrangements and writing their own material, they present audiences with a pleasing twist while respecting musical traditions. The band consists of Randy Kochel hammer dulcimer, Greek bouzouki, button accordions, mandolin, autoharp, vocals, percussion, melodica, Amanda Wells on guitar, vocals and percussion, Linda Lohr on silver flute, high whistle, percussion and vocals and Bill Stine on hammer dulcimer, high and low whistles, alto and bass melodions and vocals.



## The Joe Hillman Band – Sunday, July 10, 2022, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Nestled in the heart of Chester County, the Joe Hillman Band is an acoustic string band specialized in entertaining crowds of all walks of life. The band draws influence from rock and roll, bluegrass, and swing music, mixed together to provide an original and energetic experience.

Joe's presence as a front man is defined by his powerful vocals, unique mandolin style, and welcoming stage presence. His love of music is an inspiration to all those who have the pleasure of working with him. Guitarist and fiddler Jordan Rastwas originally trained in Suzuki violin, but quickly departed classical music in favor of songwriting and the fiddle. He has enjoyed success as a songwriter, winning the Appalachian String Band Music Festival's original neo-traditional song award 3 times. Charlie Muench is an upright bassist, banjo player, and vocalist living in Lancaster, PA. He started playing the upright bass in his elementary school orchestra at the age of 9. He studied Music Education at West Chester University graduating in 2011. Muench is a founding member of The Stray Birds and has toured and recorded with them since 2012 ([thestraybirds.com](http://thestraybirds.com)) He currently lives and freelances in Philadelphia.

For additional information, please visit the band's website [www.Joehillmanband.com](http://www.Joehillmanband.com).



## The Fortunatos – Sunday, August 7, 2022, 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

The Fortunatos are a Central, PA based band that play the music of New Orleans funk bands such as the Neville Brothers, Doctor John, and The Meters. Other music played includes Santana, Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, BB King and other great classics. Their original music is a blend of all of their influences. The members include Paul Colombo, a Honey Brook resident, on lead vocals and guitar, Ken McCoy on sax and vocals, Robin Church on keyboards, trumpet, and vocals, Mike Bitts on bass and vocals, and Tom Webb on drums and vocals. Having performed all over, they list opening for a NASCAR event in Dover, DE as a highlight. One thing is certain, The Fortunatos will have you up and dancing from the first note!



## Bones Brigade – Sunday, September 11, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM



Bones Brigade is the Brandywine Valley's premier source for all things Grateful Dead and Jerry Garcia. Formed in 2019 and named after the seminal skateboarding team, the band came together through a mutual love of the Dead's music and vintage skateboard culture. We strive to honor the Grateful Dead concert experience as we explore and celebrate these selections from the American songbook. The band members include Pat Kane on guitar/vocals, Cole Petrillo on guitar/vocals, Dustin Frohlich on bass/vocals, Mike Kane on Piano/organ and Kevin McCabe on Drums

# Honey Brook Community Partnership



2021 was a busy year for the Honey Brook Community Partnership getting back into the swing of community events that have made the HBCP an integral part of Honey Brook Borough and Township.

The year kicked off with the Name the Brook contest which was geared to name an unnamed stream that runs through the Borough and Township. “Unnamed Tributary #4 to an unnamed tributary of the West Branch of the Brandywine Creek” was renamed Sweet Water Run pending approval of the United States Geographic Names Board. The contest was available to all residents of Honey Brook Borough and Township to submit names. The winning name was selected by the HBCP.

In May we had the pleasure of awarding two Twin Valley High School seniors \$500 scholarships each, to assist with college expenses. The scholarships were handed out in person at the TVHS Honors and Awards Ceremony held at the high school.

The third Saturday in September has always been designated as Harmony Day within Honey Brook Borough. Last year the HBCP focused on health and well-being as we organized a fair with vendors, food and games in the pavilion by the Honey Brook Fire Company. The weather was great and the health fair was well received.

National Make a Difference Day is typically a one-day event scheduled for the fourth Saturday of October. The HBCP took it to a whole new level focusing the entire month on making a difference in the Honey Brook area. The purpose of Make a Difference Day is to bring community service to the forefront and improve the lives of others. With that said, the HBCP partnered with the Honey Brook Food Pantry and collected children’s backpack items such as juice boxes, fruit cups, small cereal boxes, granola bars and other snack items. The backpacks were then distributed by the HB Food Pantry during their by-weekly distributions.

The 2021 year ended on a fun tradition hosted by the HBCP. Deck the Brook was a much anticipated and participated event within the Borough and Township. Each year a contest is held for residents and businesses to decorate their homes or businesses in the holiday spirit. Winners are voted upon by residents and prizes are awarded to the best residential yard, residential door & business.

It was great to host these special annual events in 2021 and there’s great enthusiasm to grow these events in 2022. The HBCP is already planning on revisiting our Grant program which local organizations are awarded money to assist with their missions. Keep an eye on our website [www.hbpartnership.org](http://www.hbpartnership.org) and our Facebook page [facebook.com/hbpartnership.org](https://facebook.com/hbpartnership.org), for more information on the grant program. Additionally, the Partnership is starting to plan for the TVHS Scholarship program and Harmony Day 2022 with Make A Difference Day and Deck the Brook in mind too.

Started in 2008 the mission of the Honey Brook Community Partnership is to bring together Borough and Township partners to facilitate communication, share resources, and to work together to enhance the community. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from 4:30 PM -5:30 PM (location site varies). If you are a Honey Brook Borough or Township business or resident who would like to be active within the Partnership, please feel free to reach out to [corey@suburbanbrewingco.com](mailto:corey@suburbanbrewingco.com) to learn more. We are always looking for new members with fresh ideas to make the Partnership work!

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## FIREWORKS

The Police Department has experienced a drastic increase in the reported number of fireworks complaints. We believe this to be a direct result of the changes to Pennsylvania State Law making it now legal for PA residents to purchase and possess consumer fireworks. We also believe there was not enough educational information disseminated to the public as this law changed. The State Law, which Honey Brook Borough follows relating to the use of fireworks, is attached.

**WE BELIEVE THE CONFUSION INVOLVING THE FIREWORKS ISSUE TO HAVE COME FROM THE MISUNDERSTANDING THAT SINCE IT IS NOW LEGAL FOR RESIDENTS TO PURCHASE AND POSSESS CONSUMER FIREWORK, THAT THEY ARE ALSO ALLOWED TO IGNITE THEM WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL LIMITS OF HONEY BROOK BOROUGH. THIS IS NOT THE CASE!!**

**It is unlawful to use or explode fireworks in Honey Brook Borough.** Even under State Law it is illegal to ignite or discharge fireworks with 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.**

### **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.

## License Your Dog in PA

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year. Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs.

An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities.

The small license fee helps the millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

Dog licenses are available from your local county treasurer and other licensing agents. Visit [www.licenseyourdogPA.com](http://www.licenseyourdogPA.com) for more information.

### **Reasons for dog licensing:**

- It's the law. All dogs three months and older must have a current license.
- If your dog gets lost, a license is the best way to get him back. A license helps animal control and shelters identify your dog and get him back home safely.
- The cost of a license is less than the penalty for being caught without one. Owners who fail to license their dogs could face a fine of up to \$300 for each unlicensed dog.
- License fees support animal control. The annual fee you pay to license your dog helps keep shelters running and supports the work of the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, which is responsible for ensuring the welfare of dogs, regulating dangerous dogs and overseeing annual licensing and rabies vaccinations.



# ReadyChesCo.org

## Chester County's Notification System



Honey Brook Borough will be using the ReadyChesCo.org system to alert our community of snow emergency's, weather alerts and other community information.

ReadyChesCo is the official notification system for Chester County. Citizens can register to receive emergency and non-emergency alerts for their community. By using this innovative alert system, we are able to contact thousands of residents and visitors in seconds.

Users can choose to receive the type of information important to them, and can also note any special needs information that may be useful for emergency responders.

### Advantages to ReadyChesCo

- Users can decide whether to receive messages by text, email or phone call, or any combination of the three methods.
- Users can receive messages for more than one address - i.e., home, office, relatives' homes, and schools
- Users can set up a "quiet time" so as not to receive messages during sleep hours.

### Sign up today at ReadyChesCo.org

If you require help setting up your ReadyChesCo.org account feel free to call Borough Hall at 610-273-2020 for assistance.

ReadyChesCo is a free subscription service. Please check with your cell phone carrier for additional text messaging costs.

### ReadyChesCo.org - Frequently Asked Questions

*For support using ReadyChesco please contact: [notificationssupport@chesco.org](mailto:notificationssupport@chesco.org)*

#### What is ReadyChesco?

ReadyChesco is a system that helps County and Local officials send emergency text alerts and voice calls to you quickly. ReadyChesco can send these to your cell phone, home phone, office phone, pager, and/or E-mail account.

#### When will it be used?

This system will be used to provide ongoing government information to alert those groups that you have signed up for. Emergencies can happen at any time and it is our goal to send you critical information as quickly as possible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The system will also be used to relay emergency notifications such as evacuation and shelter-in-place orders to all users in the system.

#### Will this service cost me anything?

It is free to sign up for ReadyChesco, and you can choose the types of alerts you want to get. Your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to get text messages on your cell phone or wireless device. Contact your carrier to find out how much these text messages may cost you with your current plan. You can choose to stop getting text messages at any time.

#### Will I still get emergency notifications if I don't sign up?

You must sign up to the system to receive emergency messages on cell phones, home phone or email. You can also receive notifications through other sources such as on the county's website, Facebook page, and through traditional media such as television and radio.

#### What if my phone number or email address changes?

The system is only as good as the information you provide. If your contact information changes, you can always visit your profile and update your information. If you need assistance updating your information, please email [notificationssupport@chesco.org](mailto:notificationssupport@chesco.org)

#### Will my contact information be shared with others?

No. The information that you provide will be used only for notification purposes from ReadyChesco. We will not give or sell your contact or location information to any vendor or other organization.

#### Why does ReadyChesco ask me to "Confirm" messages?

When you "confirm" a message, ReadyChesco will know you got the message and stop trying to reach you on other delivery methods you provided reducing the number of duplicate messages you receive.

For example, if you have text, email, and phone set up for your account, ReadyChesco will try to reach you with the message via text first. If you confirm the message, the system will stop right there. If you don't confirm it will try your email, wait for a confirmation, and then try the next delivery method again until it has tried all your delivery methods you've provided. For most messages, there is a three-minute window between attempts to reach you. And if no confirmation is given for any of the delivery methods, ReadyChesco will wait five minutes and try them all one more time.

If you choose not to confirm the message (or miss all the attempts), you will simply get the messages across all the contact pathways you have available to you.

#### I've moved out of the area; how do I remove myself from the system?

You can delete your account by clicking the button on the Home Page under the My Profile section after logging in. If you have difficulty logging in or need assistance, simply email [notificationssupport@chesco.org](mailto:notificationssupport@chesco.org) with your Name and Primary Email address used to register, and we can remove your account on your behalf.

#### Can I get your notifications if I live outside of Chester County?

Yes, you can but you must use an address inside Chester County. As of 2017 we can no longer accept addresses outside of Chester County.

# 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.

**YARD WASTE PICK UP RESUMES ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 AND WILL CONTINUE ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH THROUGH NOVEMBER 16, 2022.**

**Mailbox Supports** - The Postal Service does not regulate mailbox supports in any way except for purposes of carrier safety and delivery efficiency. Posts and other supports for curbside mailboxes are owned and controlled by customers, who are responsible for ensuring that posts are neat and adequate in strength and size. Heavy metal posts, concrete posts, and miscellaneous items of farm equipment, such as milk cans filled with concrete, are examples of potentially dangerous supports. The ideal support is an assembly that bends or falls away when struck by a vehicle. Post or support designs may not represent effigies or caricatures that disparage or ridicule any person. Customers may attach the box to a fixed or movable arm. POM 632.5 specifies postal regulations regarding construction and placement of mailboxes and supports on motorized city, rural, and contract delivery service routes. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that wooden mailbox supports no larger than 4 inches by 4 inches, or a 2-inch diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe, buried no more than 24 inches, should safely break away if struck by a vehicle. According to FHWA, the mailbox must also be securely attached to its post to prevent separation if struck. \*Mailbox Supports Article from USPS <https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2007/html/pb22206/mailboxkit.4.6.htm>.

## LANCHESTER LANDFILL NOW ACCEPTING TVS AND COMPUTERS

The Lanchester Landfill located at 7224 Division Highway (Route 322), Narvon, PA 17555, will now be accepting **up to a total of 3 TVs and computers** per household at their drop off facility, effective February 21. There is no charge for this service. Households/residents only. No businesses. **PLEASE NOTE: there is NO STAFF AVAILABLE to help you unload. You must be a resident of Chester County. identification will be required.**

Small electronics will also be accepted at CCSWA Lanchester drop off - see items listed below that are acceptable:

- Acceptable Items NO SMOKE DETECTORS! NO LOOSE BATTERIES!
- Computer cables/wires • Stereos • Radios • Cameras • Video Cameras • Tape Recorders • VCR/DVD/Blu-ray player • Video game systems • MP3 players • Handheld computer devices • Disk drives • Calculators • Answering machines/telephone systems
  - Satellite receivers/descramblers • Projectors • Anything with a plug or circuit board
  - Blenders – no glass • Coffee makers/Keurig – no glass • Blow dryers • Curling irons

For Household Hazardous Waste events visit <https://www.chestercountyswa.org/121/Upcoming-Household-Hazardous-Waste-Event> for registration and schedules.  
NOTE: Registration is required for HHW events.

## HONEY BROOK BOROUGH WATER AUTHORITY

### WATER NEWS

Starting with the April 1st 2022 Quarterly Water Billing, the Honey Brook Borough Authority will be charging their Distribution Service Charge for all unmetered consumer units on our public water system. A consumer unit is any separate apartment, mobile home, commercial or industrial businesses located on one property. Each separate consumer unit will be charged an additional Distribution Service Charge of \$36.10. If you own a single-family home or have no separate units attached to your premises, your service rates will not change in 2022. Any questions or concerns about this change in our Rules and Regulations please contact our office (610) 273-7830 or email [hbbawater@verizon.net](mailto:hbbawater@verizon.net) for more information.

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. Please contact us at (610) 273-7830 with any questions or concerns.

Do you want to know what is in your water? Visit our website [www.hbbawater.com](http://www.hbbawater.com) and click on the Water Quality Report 2020 link.

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