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YEAR ANNIVERSARY

A quarterly newsletter for the residents, businesses and property owners of Spring Grove Borough, York County, Pennsylvania.

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Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

We are planning the 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2nd. It will be based in the vacant lot adjacent to The Hoke House and will also include a parade around the Borough.

The Santa parade is scheduled for 5:30 to 6:30pm, followed by festivities like ice sculpture, hot chocolate, cookies, BBQ from Randy Turner at Total Identity Solutions, face painting, letters to Santa, library reading, and more from 6:30-8:00pm beside the Hoke House. The tree lighting will be at 8:00pm. Please follow our Facebook page in the coming weeks for details.



We are looking for local businesses to sponsor this event. If interested, please call the Borough Office at 717-225-5791. Your support would be much appreciated!

EMS

Many people do not realize that our Ambulance services are not covered by local taxes. Would you please consider an annual membership to The Spring Grove Ambulance Service for \$70. This will help to support this critical community service and get you a healthy discount on ambulance services. Call 717-739-8330 or email at sgemschief4@gmail.com

Borough Retirement

After 9 1/2 years of faithful service, Scott Zeigler retired from our Public Works Department in early October. Scott was instrumental to the success of the Borough and will be sorely missed on a daily basis. He will be working part time as needed to help get all the work completed. If you see Scott, please thank him for his dedication to the Borough.



Sunday October 31st 6-8pm is the recognized Trick or Treat night for the Borough of Spring Grove. Your decision to participate should be based on your comfort level and what you feel is best for your family. Please have a safe evening of fun!

Rental Registration and Inspections

First quarter 2022 will be a busy time for our rental inspection team. We have to complete the following:

1. Rental Apartment registration— all apartment owners must register their apartments with the Borough Office. The fees are \$100 for the first unit and \$50 for each additional unit.
2. Rental Apartment inspections— This is the biannual inspections that require Borough Staff to inspect every apartment for code violations. I would encourage owners to complete upgrades now to avoid fines.
3. Renters can do self-inspections anytime and submit to the Borough for investigation. Please find the rental inspection form on the Borough website www.springgroveboro.com

Survey for Residents

In November we are sending out a survey via e-mail to poll the residents of Spring Grove for ideas about the future growth of our town. This is the first step in a potential town revitalization program. We will advertise the survey on our Website, town Notification system, and Facebook pages. Please watch for this survey and participate with ideas for the future of Spring Grove. We will use the results for planning and development projects in 2022 and beyond.

Snow Emergency Regulations

- ❄ When snow emergencies are declared, a two (2) hour notice will be given prior to its effective time and will remain in effect until the stated termination time.
- ❄ Snow emergencies will be announced on the Borough's website, Facebook Page, Emergency Notification System and WGAL NBC
- ❄ Vehicles are prohibited from parking on designated streets during a snow emergency (Main, East, Water, Constitution, Church, and West Spring from Walnut to Elm).
- ❄ Vehicles not removed will be towed at the owner's expense.

Sidewalks

- ❄ Must be opened a minimum width of twenty-four (24) inches.
- ❄ Snow shall not be deposited or thrown into the street.
- ❄ Snow shall be removed within twenty-four (24) hours after precipitation ceases.
- ❄ Property owners that have a fire hydrant located on their property are responsible for the removal of snow from around the hydrant.

Run for Borough Council or Zoning Hearing Board

The Borough of Spring Grove is looking for concerned residents of the Borough to serve on Council and on the Zoning Hearing Board. These are the governing bodies for our municipality. This is a unique opportunity to be introduced to politics and shape the policies of your town in the coming years. Currently the Council meets twice per month in the Fall, Winter, and Spring and once per month in the Summer. The Zoning Board meets as needed. Please contact one of the existing Council or Zoning Board members or the Borough Office to express interest in serving your community.

Sewer Bill Tips to Save Time and Money

Did you know that you can pay your sewer bill online or as an ACH (Automated Clearing House) from your bank as well as writing a check or cash/money order? To set up an ACH payment, simply print the form from www.springgroveboro.com under Documents, then General Forms and return to the Borough office along with a voided check. You can also pay with a credit card online at www.springgroveboro.com under Sewer Bill Access and Quick Pay (you'll need to know your account number located on the bill.) Finally, you can write a check and mail to 1 Campus Avenue, Spring Grove, PA 17362 or drop in the drop box by the side of the building. The drop box can be utilized anytime, day or night! If you write a check, date it properly, make it payable to the Borough of Spring Grove, fill out both amount areas correctly, put your five digit account number in the memo line, and sign your check. Checks cannot be stapled, taped, or otherwise altered; they will be returned to you.

Your Elected Officials

Borough Council

President

James Graham 225-3847

Vice President

Rebecca Stauffer 524-5244

President Pro Tempore

Peter Lombardi 229-9887

Members

Larry McConnell 495-1151

Joshua Moore 476-6117

Vince Catalano 225-6954

Robert Whyland 880-7892

Mayor

Beverly Hilt 739-6357

Office Hours

By Appt

mayor@springgroveboro.com

Council Meetings- first and third
Monday of each month

Meetings begin at 7:00pm unless
otherwise noted

Tax Collector Information

Brian Stormes

P.O. Box 118

Spring Grove, PA 17362

(717) 739-6125

sgtaxcollector@gmail.com

Borough Office

Public Visitation Hours

Tues-Fri

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Mon by appt.

717-225-5791

www.springgroveboro.com

Manager

Kim Hackett extension 3

Dir of Community Development

Scott Miller extension 5

Administrative Assistant

Becky Magnani extension 2

Zoning Office extension 4

**Notary Services Available for a
small fee**

2021 Fall Leaf Collection Program

Leaves must be placed by curbside or alleyway in windrow piles not to exceed 4 feet high by 3 feet wide. Leaves may also be placed in bags, provided they are left opened to allow for easy disposal. Tied bags will not be collected.

Any foreign material such as tree limbs, grass clippings, shrub and hedge trimmings, pet waste, etc. that are mixed in with the leaves will not be collected! These materials will not be accepted at the designated leaf composting area and can cause damage to collection equipment. If the rear of your property abuts an alley, place leaves in the alley. All efforts should be made to avoid placing leaves at curbside that have been mulched or bagged by a lawnmower. The leaf collection process can cause significant dust problems if the leaves are dry. If leaves are mulched or shredded, it increases the dust problem. Please do not place leaves along Main Street – they will not be collected.



COLLECTION SCHEDULE (Weather Permitting)

Leaves will be collected between the dates indicated below for each street as listed. Leaves should be placed at curbside by 7:00 A.M. on Mondays.

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October 18-22

Roth's Church Road, Campus Avenue, Campus Court, Spring Forge Drive, Hamlet Drive West, Glenview Road, Monocacy Trail, Forge Court, Conestoga Lane, Seneca Way, Hanover Street, Chestnut Street, West Hoke Street, Highland Avenue, West First Avenue, and the following streets between the area of Jackson Street, Hanover Street and Main Street: Walnut Street, Elm Avenue, Cherry Alley and Oak Alley

October 25-29

Bailey Alley, High Street, Water Street, West Church Street, West Railroad Street, West Constitution Avenue, Spring Street, Jackson Street, and the following streets between the area of Pixelle & Jackson Street: Elm Avenue, Oak Alley, Walnut Street, Cherry Alley.

November 1-5

Main Street, Pine Avenue, East Street, Hosiery Alley, York Avenue, East Railroad Street, East Constitution Avenue, East Church Street, College Avenue, East First Avenue, Second Avenue and Third Avenue.

November 8-12

Roth's Church Road, Campus Avenue, Campus Court, Spring Forge Drive, Hamlet Drive West, Glenview Road, Monocacy Trail, Forge Court, Conestoga Lane, Seneca Way, Hanover Street, Chestnut Street, West Hoke Street, Highland Avenue, West First Avenue, and the following streets between the area of Jackson Street, Hanover Street and Main Street: Walnut Street, Elm Avenue, Cherry Alley and Oak Alley.

November 15-19

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November 22-24

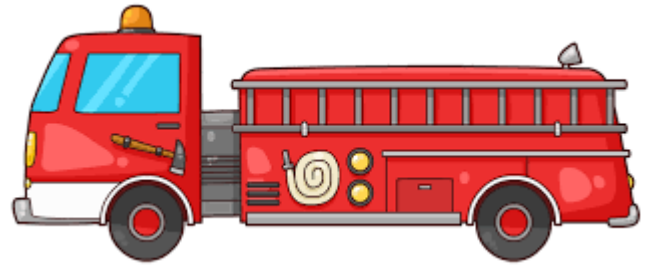
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Week November 29- All Streets

Friendship Hose Company #1

Hello from the Spring Grove Fire Department. We would like to take this opportunity to update the residents of The Borough of Spring Grove on our latest news.

If you see a red fire truck with the number 31 traveling around town, we have recently added a newer Engine to our fleet. This will replace our 1994 engine that has been faithful to our organization for 25 years. It was finally time to purchase a newer piece of apparatus that can provide better service to the residents of Spring Grove Borough. Even though the “new” engine is 16 years of age, it has more capability to assist the department in fire fighting tasks.



Our last 3 pieces of equipment were purchased “like new” because we are a volunteer organization with minimal funding and fundraisers. This practice allows the organization to control costs and still provide the best protection for our residents and our volunteers. We purchased the engine for \$121,000 which seems like an absurd amount, however, it was far less than the price of \$500,000.00-\$600,000.00 for a new engine. We will be painting the engine to match the rest of our equipment. Please feel free to stop in the station anytime for a tour.

We did have to pause many of our fund raising events last year due to Covid. We use this income for items like apparatus, apparatus repair, and training for our firefighters. We would like to thank the community for your support for raffles, soup sales, take out dinners and food trucks while we were unable to hold our more substantial fundraisers. This money helped us survive!

GOOD NEWS, we have resumed serving dinners and Bingo every Thursday. Dinner starts at 3:30 and consists of a full special every week as well as burgers hot dogs, pizza and other small items including plenty of delicious deserts. We serve a sit down dinner as well as take out meals. Bingo starts at 6:45 pm. We would like to thank our regular players that have been so patient during Covid. It is awesome to see the familiar faces back again. We restarted our 15 week feed on August 15th so we hope to see everyone return.



We would also like to inform the residents that we are in need of more volunteers. We need volunteers to assist on emergency responses, but we also need administrative and fund raising help as well. Also, donations are very much appreciated to help maintain our organization.

Last but definitely not least, I would like to thank our members for all the time and effort they have donated from their personal lives to help in the kitchen, assisting at all of the extra fundraisers, training for the next call, and providing emergency services to the residents of Spring Grove. You are essential to the success of our fire company!

Thank you and stay safe,

Brent Auchey
President
Friendship Hose Co. #1