BOROUGH OF JUNIATA TERRACE

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Tax Collection:

- Our Tax Collector, Susie Tyson, will be in the Community Room from **6:00 PM to 8:00 PM** on the following dates:
  - **Wednesday, December 21st**
  - **Monday December 26th through Thursday, December 29th**

Any 2022 taxes not paid (Spring Real Estate and Spring Per Capita, as well as Fall Real Estate and Fall Per Capita) by these dates will be considered delinquent and will be turned over to the Court House. If you are unsure if you have paid taxes for this year please stop in and see her. Checks and Cash must be made out for the exact amount due. Prior years taxes can not be paid to the tax collector, you must contact either Mifflin County Court House for Property, or Keystone Collections for Per Capita.

Community Room Rental:

The Borough council allows the rental of the community room to most any person or group. Juniata Terrace residents can rent the room for $20/hour while those living elsewhere are charged $30/hour. **No event may be scheduled in the room where alcohol will be consumed**. Any activity which may be declared illegal, such as gambling even, is also prohibited. There are no kitchen facilities in the room, but there are ample tables and chairs. The room is rented on a first come, first serve basis and does fill up quickly. If you are looking for a room to rent to host an event, stop and check us out. Also, if you rent the building keys must be picked up on either Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM or Friday 9 AM to 2:00 PM the week of your reservation**.**

Reub's Refuse:

Reub's will remove items other than bagged trash, but you must visit the borough office to purchase a 'sticker' for placement onto the other items. **Stickers vary in price depending on the item (an extra bag, mattresses, dresser, sofa, chair, etc.).** If you have items which are not tagged, it will not be collected. If you have a heavy item, break it down in to several smaller, manageable pieces. If they cannot lift it, it will not be removed. **Also, please place your garbage bags inside your garbage cans along with the lid on top we have been seeing a lot of trash out side gate which gives animals easy access to a food source.** Please have your trash out by 10:00 PM on Monday and Thursday evenings. **HOLIDAYS WILL NOT CHANGE COLLECTION DAYS. ** Each pick up allows 4 kitchen bags or 2- 30 gallon bags.

Parking and Driving Concerns:

- Parking has always been an issue on the Terrace because it is so limited. There are no personal parking spaces issued to any resident- including handicapped parking. Residents with a handicap, either temporary or permanent, may petition the Mayor to grant a handicapped space in an accessible area near their home, but this is not a personal parking space. This space is available to anyone operating a vehicle which bears either a handicapped placard or license plate.

- Elected officials cannot regulate courtesy, but they strongly encourage neighbors to act appropriately and take care of one another. As a reminder, especially to the residents in the area near Wilson's Meats & Grocery. Please be mindful to advise your guests not to parking in Wilson's parking lot while visiting, they are operating a business and need those spots for their customers. Please keep in mind there is parking available at the community building as well.

- Please remember to watch your speed while driving through the terrace. **The speed limit is 25 mph, there are stop signs at each street**, we have had numerous people running them lately. Wilson's parking lot is not a through way.

- ****DUE TO PLOWING, DO NOT PUT YOUR GARABGE IN THE ALLEY until the night of collection. All gates should be shut.**

Holiday Decorating contest:

The Borough will be holding another decorating contest for the Christmas season. Please have your porches decorated by Friday, December 23rd. Judges will take place that evening between 6:00 and 8:00 PM. Winner will be announced the Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th. Winners will receive a Gift Certificate for Wilson's Meats. 1st place - $100, 2nd Place - $75, 3rd place - $50!

Anyone who wishes to enter please fill out the attached slip and return it to the office (during business hours or in the mailbox) no later then WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21nd AT 3:00 PM. You must register to be judged.

2022 Christmas Decorating Registration

Name: _____ **Address:**_____

Theme:_____

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Winter Ordinances: Residents may obtain a copy of the complete ordinance by visiting the office.

- **Ordinance 1971-2 – The owner, occupant or tenant of every property in the Borough of Juniata Terrace is hereby required to remove all snow/ice from sidewalks in front of or alongside their property. All snow or ice thereon fallen or formed must be removed within 24 hours.**

- **Ordinance 2005-2** requires any person owning a pet to promptly remove, within 48 hours, any feces deposited in the yard. This is particularly because of the homes/yards being so close to each other. Residents should also show courtesy to their neighbors by promptly removing animal feces so that the noxious odor does not ruin their neighbor's outdoor activities or keep them from having open windows in periods of pleasant weather. **We understand that if snow falls it may make this difficult, we will allow somewhat of a grace period in bad weather, however citations will be issued if there is a unreasonable amount that shows no effort for clean up.

- **Ordinance 1987-3** prohibits persons allowing their domestic pets to run at large within the Borough, regardless of whether or not the animal is properly licensed. While the ordinance specifies cats as well as dogs, it is virtually impossible to determine who may own a cat that is running at large because the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not require cats to be licensed. This ordinance is supported by the Pennsylvania Dog Law of 1965. Our local police officers and state dog wardens will enforce the provisions of both the Pennsylvania Dog Law and the Borough ordinance. There laws permit the seizure of the animals as well as the assessment of a fine up to **$300** for violations. As stated before, the Borough Council cannot legislate courtesy or respect – if you own a cat, please be courteous to your neighbors and keep your cat on your property. ****PLEASE DO NOT WALK YOUR PETS ON OTHERS PROPERTY OR ALONG FENCES!**

- **Ordinance 1992 – 1** – The owner, occupant or tenant of every property is expected to keep the property free from accumulation of "junk". The term "junk" defined as discarded material or article including, but not limited to, scrap metal, scrapped, abandoned or junked machinery, and paper or glass waste. We ask that everyone maintain their yards even during the cold weather. **We have recently applied to be apart of the National Historical Registry, with that being said properties should be keep clean and free of Junk. If you have anything in your yard that is no longer being used, or dead vegetation, we ask it be removed to help your property's appearance.

- **Pennsylvania State Police has jurisdiction in our community. The Borough does not police neighbor issues. PSP does not accept 3rd party information from us, they would like to hear from the resident that is experiencing the issue (717)320-1010. Feel free to report any suspicious activity also, IE: someone entering your neighbor's yard, cars, property disturbed, harassment, etc.**

We kindly remind everyone, while the borough is not a home owners association, we do have ordinance that must be followed. If you have a complaint or concern that you feel someone is in violation, please come to the office or leave a message on the answering machine. All issues that are not ordinance related will be advised to call PSP or have the matter addressed in civil court. We cannot enforce common courtesy amongst neighbors.

Borough Council meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.
These meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Borough Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Lunch: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**The office will be closed 12/26/22 in observance of Christmas, as well as January 2nd in Observance of New Years day since these holidays fall on Sunday.