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 13th**
- **Tuesday, December 26th through Friday, December 29th, 2023**

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION: Any 2023 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 speak to Mrs. Tyson. Checks and Cash must be made out for the exact amount due that is shown on your slip. 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. **Please remember it is anyone over the age of 18's responsibility to report to the court house anytime you move to ensure your per capita is being sent from the correct municipality. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED TAXES FOR SPRING, FALL, OR BOTH, PLEASE CONTACT SUSIE IMMEDIATLEY. The $10 per capita tax you pay twice a year, becomes very expense and may result in Keystone Collection doing a wage attachment. Unpaid real estate taxes will have additional fees added at the court house as of the 1st of the year. The borough office or any borough elected official cannot answer tax questions. All questions must go through the Tax Collector. Taxes can be dropped at 21 Hudson Ave, if you would like a receipt, please be sure to include a self-addressed envelope with a stamp.**

Reub's Refuse:

- **Please place your garbage bags inside your garbage cans along with the lid on top we have been seeing a lot of trash outside 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. ****DUE TO PLOWING, DO NOT PUT YOUR GARABGE IN THE ALLEY until the night of collection. All gates should be shut.**

National Historical Registry

We would like to invite all residents to our council meeting on Tuesday, December 12th. We will be having representatives from the State Historical committee in attendance. They will be doing their final walk through of our community so please be sure all properties are presentable and cleaned up. We anticipate this will be the final step before we are added to the Historical National Registry!

Holiday Decorating contest:

The Borough will be having our annual decorating contest for the Christmas season. The theme will be "Winter Wonderland". Please have your porches decorated by Thursday, December 21st. Judging will take place that evening between 6:00 and 8:00 PM that Friday. Please make sure all lights/inflatables are on during this time. Winner will be posted Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th. Judges will be voting on originality, creativity, and visual appearance.

1st place - $150, 2nd Place - $100, 3rd place - $50!

Winners will receive a Gift Certificate for Wilson's Meats

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.

2023 Christmas Decorating Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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Reminder

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 12/25/23 Christmas day, as well as January 1nd for New Years Day since these holidays fall on Sunday.