

FRACKVILLE BOROUGH

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

July – September 2010

Your Elected Officials

Borough Council:

President

Ronald Jordan

Vice President

Peter Zuber

Chairman Pro Tem

Bradley Gotshall

Harrison Harper

John Morgan

Patrick O'Boyle

Vincent Roman

Mayor:

Kim Phillips

Tax Collector:

Janice Huth

An important component of any government is interaction amongst it's constituency. Thus, I consistently and openly invite residents of Frackville to our monthly borough council meetings. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Each of these meetings are held in council chambers at Borough Hall, located at 42 South Center Street.

Open dialogue, here, will help members of council act upon important issues of our town. Remember, we are representatives of our borough that were elected by each voter and we are here to listen to what you have to say! Check our website in order to view past meeting agendas and minutes as well as upcoming events. Also, contact information is located on the site - feel free to use it.

-Sincerely,
Councilman Brad Gotshall

Summer has officially arrived! Area children are no longer in school and are spending more time playing outside. Residents are spending more time in our local parks and walking around town for exercise purposes. Frackville Mayor Kim Phillips and Frackville Police Chief Michelle Ashman would like to remind drivers that all Pennsylvania driving laws will be strictly enforced in the borough of Frackville. Drivers must be aware of their surroundings and in control of their vehicles at all times. Frackville Police officers will be patrolling town by foot, bicycle and police car looking out for unsafe drivers and for the well being of our town's residents. Please Drive Safely!

- Sincerely,
Mayor Kim Phillips

Be sure to check out
Frackville's website at
www.frackvillepa.org

Summer Is Here!



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Council Committees:

These eight committees serve to better research and implement certain policies in our borough. The idea of a committee is to better organize the thoughts of a limited number of representatives of any board. Instead of having all seven council members getting together to research something, only the three members of that committee have to meet. Each committee has a Chairman and a Co-Chairman as well as the President of Council (Ronald Jordan) appointed to them.

Frackville also has three other committee-like appointments made by it's Council President. These are the Website, Upper Schuylkill Revitalization, and Council of Governments. Each of these organizations has one representative from our borough council to act as a delegate.

Did You Know?:

"There is no current law in Pennsylvania that states it is illegal for youth to possess tobacco. The most recent law reads that it is illegal for tobacco retailers to sell tobacco products to youth under the age of 18 as well as for minors to buy tobacco products. The law also reads that it is illegal for anyone to furnish tobacco products to minors. Without a possession law, this conveys a harmful mixed message to our youth regarding the use of tobacco. To prohibit sales to youth, while allowing the youth to keep and use the tobacco they obtain unlawfully is simply not logical. If you wish to keep tobacco away from youth, you also need to take tobacco away from youth. Also, the pervasive availability of tobacco products conveys the message that tobacco products are safe, in great demand, and an integral part of everyday life." - Information provided by Angela G. Morgan, Director of Community Development and Youth Programs at Clinical Outcomes Group Inc..

With all of this in mind, Frackville Borough Council adopted a Youth Tobacco Ordinance in 2009. This ordinance states that it will be unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) to use or possess tobacco, in any form, within the Borough. And any person in violation of this provision will be sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.00.

Important Links:

- Frackville Business and Professionals Association
- (www.fbpa.org)
- Frackville Free Public Library - (www.frackvillelibrary.com)
- Frackville Recreation Board
- (www.frackvillerecreationboard.org)

Borough Council List of Committees

Finance:

Chairman: Peter Zuber
Co-Chair: Patrick O'Boyle

Light/Water:

Chairman: Patrick O'Boyle
Co-Chair: Vincent Roman

Property:

Chairman: Harrison Harper
Co-Chair: John Morgan

Personnel:

Chairman: John Morgan
Co-Chair: Bradley Gotshall

Streets/Sewer:

Chairman: Harrison Harper
Co-Chair: Peter Zuber

Recreation:

Chairman: Peter Zuber
Co-Chair: Vincent Roman

Sanitation:

Chairman: Vincent Roman
Co-Chair: Patrick O'Boyle

Law and Order:

Chairman: John Morgan
Co-Chair: Bradley Gotshall

Web Site:

Rep.: Bradley Gotshall

Council of Governments:

Rep.: Patrick O'Boyle

Upper Schuylkill:

Rep.: Bradley Gotshall

Congratulations to all of our newest Recreation Board members:

- Elaine Matolyak
- Paul Martin
- Arleen Noylas
- Ronald Liem

Council Highlights:

(April - June 2010)

- At an *April 23rd Special Meeting*, Mr. Harper motioned to Co-Sign for the Goodwill Fire Company's 2% loan of \$150,000 for their new engine - Motion Carried.
- At the *April 13th Meeting*, Mr. O'Boyle motioned to adopt the Local Economic Revitalization Taxation Act (LERTA). This program will assist local business district businesses with physical improvements to their buildings. - Motion Carried.
- At the *April 13th Meeting*, Mr. Roman motioned to charge \$5.00 per month for any vacant apartment and \$130.00 per year for vacant homes for solid waste. - Motion Carried.
- At the *April 13th Meeting*, Mr. Gotshall motioned to allow the Lions Club the ability to do what they need in order to proceed with their vision for the Memorial Park. - Motion Carried.
- At the *April 13th Meeting*, Mr. Gotshall motioned to start a Junior Council program which will allow a student from North Schuylkill the ability to view the way a local government functions. - Motion Carried.
- At the *May 12th Meeting*, Mr. Morgan motioned to hire Joshua Carter as a part-time police officer. - Motion Carried.
- At the *May 12th Meeting*, Mr. Harper motioned to amend and advertise the high grass ordinance as to allow the borough to follow through with problem properties much more rapidly. Mr. Gotshall then motioned to amend it even further as to lower the height of grass from 12 to 9 inches. - Motion passed as per second proposed amendment.
- At the *June 15th Meeting*, Mr. Gotshall motioned to hire a part-time Public Works employee for the sole purpose of assisting with grass cutting throughout the summer months. - Motion Carried.
- At the *June 15th Meeting*, Mr. Harper motioned to hire Portnoff Law Associates to collect the borough's delinquent Real Estate Taxes. - Motion Carried.

Calendar of Events:

- *Wednesday, July 7th, 6:00 pm* - Monthly Upper Schuylkill Meeting (Girardville Upper Schuylkill Office).
- *Saturday, July 10th, All Day Event* - Frackville Town-wide Yard Sale (Town Wide). Call Borough Hall for details on payments.
- *Tuesday, July 13th, 12:00 pm* - Monthly Business and Professionals Association Meeting (Broad Mountain Nursing Home).
- *Wednesday, July 14th, 7:00 pm* - Monthly Borough Council Meeting (Frackville Borough Hall).
- *Thursday, July 22nd, 7:00 pm* - Monthly Council of Governments Meeting (Frackville Borough Hall).
- *Wednesday, July 28th, 7:00 pm* - Monthly Crime Watch Meeting (Frackville Borough Hall).

(Calendar of Events Continued)

- *Wednesday, August 4th, 6:00 pm* - Monthly Upper Schuylkill Meeting (Girardville Upper Schuylkill Office).
- *Tuesday, August 10th, 12:00 pm* - Monthly Business and Professionals Association Meeting (Goodies Mini-Golf).
- *Wednesday, August 11th, 7:00 pm* - Monthly Borough Council Meeting (Frackville Borough Hall).
- *Friday, August 13th, 6:00 pm* - Jordan Brothers Plaque Dedication with Light Refreshments (Frackville Borough Hall).
- ***Saturday, August 14th, 1:00 - 10:00 pm - Upper Schuylkill Music Heritage Festival with Food and Live Music (Lakeside Ballroom, Barnesville PA). Call 570-276-6375 for More Details.***
- *Sunday, August 15th, 6:00 pm* - Goodwill/ Friendship Fire Companies Public Memorial Service (Saint Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church).
- *Tuesday, August 17th, 6:00 pm* - Goodwill/ Friendship Fire Companies Family Night (Frackville Elks).
- *Thursday, August 19th, 6:30 pm* - Goodwill/ Friendship Fire Companies Mug Night (Friendship Fire Hall).
- ***Saturday, August 21st, 1:00 pm - Goodwill/ Friendship Fire Companies 56th Annual Schuylkill County Firefighters Convention Parade (Frackville Area).***
- *Wednesday, August 25th, 7:00 pm* - Monthly Crime Watch Meeting (Frackville Borough Hall).
- *Wednesday, September 1st, 6:00 pm* - Monthly Upper Schuylkill Meeting (Girardville Upper Schuylkill Office).
- *Wednesday, September 8th, 7:00 pm* - Monthly Borough Council Meeting (Frackville Borough Hall).
- *Tuesday, September 14th, 12:00 pm* - Monthly Business and Professionals Association Meeting (Schuylkill Mall, Community Room).
- *Wednesday, September 22nd, 7:00 pm* - Monthly Crime Watch Meeting (Frackville Borough Hall).

And as always, If there is any events you would like me to post in the next newsletter, please email me at bgotshall@frackvillepa.org