

# The Last Word

SEPTEMBER 2016

**SEPT  
22**

Happy Hour  
Pennsbury Pub  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**OCT  
16**

Garden Club's  
Harvest Festival  
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



**OCT  
29**

Haunted Hayride  
Parrish Park  
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**NOV  
5**

Cool Weather  
Cocktail Party  
Community Center  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**DEC  
4**

Holiday House Tour  
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

# Council Report – July

by *Jim Strutz*

Beginning balance for the boro was \$1,697,293; revenue was \$11,164; and expenditures were \$113,189 leaving a balance of \$1,595,268.

One council member asked if anyone is reviewing the bids versus the costs of the storm sewer project. It was noted that Charlie is making sure the costs are in line.

One resident asked for an update on the modifications being made to the corner of Park Road and King's Highway. A councilman stated that the turning radius was being extended to square off the corner more. Another resident stated that Council is overreacting to complaints by a few residents on Kings and Park about the speed of passing traffic because the close proximity of their houses to the through street distorts their perception of traffic speed, whereas results of previous traffic speed studies did not justify any need for additional traffic calming measures. He also warned that making the turn sharper will increase the likelihood that cars will veer off onto the adjacent residential property and also into Parrish Park. Comment was noted.

It was reported that a speed study done on lower Rosslyn Road showed that 77% of drivers traveled between 21-30mph while another 19% traveled between 31-40mph. One driver was clocked going between 61-70mph!

Boro received an \$830 refund credit for 8' street sign posts which will be exchanged for 10' posts.

One boro member asked if anyone inquired with COG whether zoning will permit the possibility of the boro being able to charge rent for proposed wireless communications devices to be mounted on utility poles. Solicitor will inquire.

One councilman asked about the status regarding storm sewer drainage along parts of Puritan and Edgecliff roads. Another replied that Charlie reviewed the video and said that it wasn't in great shape, another section couldn't be viewed because they couldn't get the camera through. Boro will investigate easement agreements with home owners to repair pipes.

The contract with Scott Twp police is up for renewal. The mayor had a discussion with the Scott chief of police and mentioned a cost of living increase plus possibly 1%. A councilman commented that some residents have complained about lack of patrol time in our boro and suggested that they increase visibility. Mayor said the Scott police sometimes patrol in unmarked cars and have provided excellent coverage and response times.

Bi-annual inspection of sewer lines found nothing unusual.

A councilman informed of a letter from a resident whose basement was flooded and substantially damaged by rushing rain water. Will talk to Charlie and boro engineer.

# Council Report – August

by *Brad Knabel*

**Resident Comments:** A resident had positive comments regarding the paving work that was recently completed. She also asked council to revisit the issue of parking along Kings Highway. Council declined to take action.

Another resident brought her granddaughter to the council meeting to expose her to the political process. She also complimented council about the recent paving work.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Stover passed on a report of a person soliciting door-to-door without a permit. He expressed concern that this could be a means for somebody to determine whether a resident was home prior to a burglary. He noted that there is only one "No Soliciting" sign on the roads leading in to the borough. He requested that signs be erected on the two other roads that lead to the borough from outside.

Mayor Stover also requested that new Vascar lines be painted on the newly paved roads. Council discussed where the lines should be painted and whether existing lines should be repainted. Timing was discussed since there is still some sealing work scheduled on roads which were not paved this summer.

**Roads and Sewers:** Youngblood paving and LSSE will meet with Dan Harkins to discuss any issues that remain after the paving project. There was discussion regarding pooling of water near one residents driveway. Council discussed some options and will follow up with the paving company.

Youngblood paving will be making and sealing saw cuts in the newly paved sections of Kings Highway. These cuts will mimic expansion joints in concrete below the paving and will reduce cracks in the blacktop. Council discussed having Charlie paint yellow hash marks to indicate no parking that had been present prior to paving. Council chose not to paint the marks at this time but will monitor to see if they are needed in the future.

Dave Robb pointed out that the borough was able to save quite a bit of money by waiting until American Water was able to assist with the paving project.

**Swimming Pool:** Gerald Bell met with LSSE to discuss work to be done on the swimming pool in the spring to relieve settling issues due to water drainage from the hill above the pool.

**Community Center:** Tina Stacey reported that the community center had received bids to replace the locks on the community center building. Council discussed the use of the community center building for council meetings and whether a different room might better serve their needs. James Hurley's Eagle Scout Project: The project at the soccer field is complete with the exception of the placement of a new sign. The sign requires will require approval of the code enforcement officer and council will work with Mr. Hurley to complete the project.

**Cell Tower Ordinance:** The completion of the ordinance requires that council select areas of the borough where these devices will be allowed. State law does not allow the borough to ban the devices entirely. After a discussion council chose to allow the devices in the industrial and commercial areas of the borough. These are zones E1 and C1 on the zoning map (<http://rosslynfarmspa.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/zoningmap.pdf>).

**Web Site:** Pat McNamara will meet with the web designer to discuss changes needed to allow Sam Maccarone to post official meeting minutes to the web site.

**PennDOT Construction Area:** Dan Harkins presented the plan for the reclamation of the PennDOT construction area near the Parkway exit. Part of the proposal includes a community garden. Council agreed to provide \$1500 towards the building of garden area and fencing.

**Borough Building:** Dan Harkins reported that the borough building's bathroom walls are moving. Dan received bids to place bolts through the wall to mitigate the movement. Council discussed the available options and will discuss with LSSE





# BOOK DISCUSSION

All are welcome to join the community book discussions which are held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 8:00 p.m.  
*(and feel free to join us, even if you haven't read the book!)*



September 15  
At the home of Pat Jennings  
31 Priscilla Lane  
*The Secret Garden*  
by Frances Hodgson Burnett

October 20  
At the home of Susan O'Toole  
108 Kings Highway  
*The Japanese Lover*  
by Isabel Allende

Hope to see you there.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Harvest Festival**  
**Sunday, October 16 Noon-4:00**

Something for the entire family.

Bulb Sale  
Bloody Mary Bar  
Community Garden Display  
Bake Sale  
Chili Cookoff  
Food Tastings  
Chinese Auction Baskets  
Pumpkin Painting

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER



from Jordan

The directories are ready! Thank you Donna McNamara and Isabel Ford! You should receive yours soon. If you don't, contact me at [jparkertongross@gmail.com](mailto:jparkertongross@gmail.com).

This year our event attendance has been amazing. Volunteers worked hard pulling off great events. Thanks so much to Beth Johnson for hosting the Pirates game. Next year we plan to switch this with something new to keep things fresh.

Our 2016 Holiday Tour will definitely be happening and will include some great homes! The line up has already been set.

Remember, if you wish to receive a printed Last Word, you can. We only ask an extra \$15 fee for the year. You can register for this with our treasurer, Tara Benner, or me. Since our printed newsletters were becoming quite expensive, we chose to go green by printing less paper, instead printing for all and charging everyone more.

### RFCC Meeting August 16, 2016

The Community Club is donating \$500 to the Community Garden from its Beautification Fund. We will let neighbors know in advance when our meetings are held as everyone is welcome to attend! The upcoming Harvest Festival is being sponsored by the Garden Club. We will put another reminder in the Last Word that residents can opt for a paper newsletter. Katie McGuire has agreed to organize another Happy Hour in September/October. The Cold Weather Cocktail Party will be in November as usual. We will be having a Holiday House Tour in December. A new event for possibly January was proposed, which would offer samples of neighbor's "home brews" of beer and wine. Look for anyone interested. All the events that were scheduled this year were very well attended by residents! We looked at possibly offering newsletter PDFs in our mass emails; however, in light of complications sending and receiving these PDFs, and the fact that we haven't heard of any recent issues with the links, we'll put that idea on hold. The club will get estimates for mailing quarterly event reminder postcards to residents. We will look at offering membership forms at the Community Center on election day. (Thornburg does this!) The club will speak with Borough Council about continuing to merge the website.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Buzza



SEPTEMBER'S  
CHEF:  
PAT JENNINGS

#### GARDEN PILAF

2 cups white rice  
1 package frozen baby peas, defrosted and drained  
½ cup sliced almonds or pine nuts, lightly toasted  
½ tsp. fresh ground pepper  
1 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. dried rosemary  
6 T. instant dried minced onion  
2 medium tomatoes, sliced into 8ths\*

Cook rice according to package directions. Let sit for two hours.

When ready to serve add ingredients except tomatoes to rice. Microwave for 2-1/2 minutes. Add tomatoes, stir and microwave another two minutes. Serve hot.

Notes:

I have *never* used the tomatoes. It's fine without them.

I do not use all of the peas.

McCormick's makes a tasty minced onion with white and green onions.

Go easy on the rosemary. It gets much stronger overnight.

#### PARTY CHICKEN

##### Ingredients

- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breasts\*
- 8 slices bacon\*
- 1 (4.5-ounce) jar Armour dried beef
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup
- ¼ to ½ cup dry sherry (optional but yummy ☺)
- Parmesan cheese (½ cup or more)

##### Directions

Rinse dried beef in cold water to remove the salt. Pat dry on paper towels. Stack slices, cut beef into strips with kitchen scissors, and spread into the bottom of a greased 8 x 12-inch Pyrex baking dish.

Cook bacon until nearly done (*not* crisp). Blot thoroughly on papers towels to remove as much fat as possible. Wrap each chicken breast with 1 strip of bacon, and place on top of beef.

Mix together undiluted soup, sour cream, and sherry. Pour over chicken and smooth to make sure all bacon-wrapped chicken is covered. Sprinkle generously with Parmesan.

Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees F for 45 minutes to 1 hour (chicken should reach 160 degrees on meat thermometer). Before serving, if the top needs to be browned, place under broiler for approximately 5 minutes.

Serve with rice or pasta.

\*Most boneless chicken breasts are now so big that I cut them in half so that four would make eight servings. Therefore you would need eight slices of bacon.

*Adapted (improved) by Pat Jennings from online version.*

## GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CALENDAR

Saturday, September 10 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, September 16 - Garbage

Friday, September 23 - Garbage/Recycling

Friday, September 30 - Garbage



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