



Sayre Borough Newsletter



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2015 Budget Maintains Current Tax Rate

Borough residents got some good news in October following the Borough Council's Administration Committee second review of the proposed 2015 Financial Plan. The financial plan maintains all current services and doubles the amount of funding for residential sidewalk grant program. The Financial Plan also includes funding for several capital purchases and capital projects, and more importantly it maintains the current tax rate (10.37 mills) for the 6th consecutive year. Sewer and refuse fees will also remain at \$137 and \$26.00 per quarter respectfully.

The next step in the budget process is the Borough Council's vote to advertise the budget for public review and to advertise the annual tax ordinance and the then adoption of the budget in November.

Borough Completes Paving Projects

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The Borough completed three paving projects recently including the long overdue repair of the intersection of West Packer Avenue and Desmond Street; the annual paving project; and repairs to West Lockhart Street. The roadway was completely re-built and new curbs and ADA Compliant Crosswalks were installed. The cost of the project was \$140,000 and paid for with Act 13 Impact Fee money. The project was engineered by Stiffler-McGraw & Associates and Glen O. Hawbaker completed the work.

The Borough's annual paving project was completed on October 2 and the scope of work included North Wilbur Avenue near the intersection with West Lockhart Street; South Elmer Avenue between West Packer Avenue and Hayden Street; and Shepard Road between Cayuta Street and the Borough line. Repairs were also made in the 100 block of Desmond and 200 block of West Packer Avenue under the project contract.

Repairs were also made to the westbound lane of West Lockhart Street between Wilbur Avenue and Keystone Avenue in September under a separate contract with Douglas Brothers Paving.

More New Faces Around the Borough

In the July newsletter, we reported on the new employees that the Borough Council has hired since June 2013 and we are happy to announce that we have another new employee and two employees who were promoted.

Kandy Ferguson was promoted in July to the position of Administration Office Coordinator which is a full-time position. Ms. Ferguson will assist with the day to day operations of the Borough including coordinating administrative functions, inter-department coordination, accounts payable, and utility billing. Ms. Ferguson was originally hired in March 2014 as a per diem employee in the Administration Office.

Patrol Officer George Nichols was promoted to permanent part-time patrol officer which is a 32 hour per week position. Officer Nichols has been with the Department as per diem patrol officer for the past five years.

The Borough Council hired Nikki Hoffman as a full-time Patrol Officer-Probationary at their August meeting. Officer Hoffman has been a patrol officer for eight years in another municipality. Officer Hoffman will begin her new career with the Sayre Borough Police Department at the end of September.

John Repasky Jr. of Sayre was appointed to the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate Member at a special Council meeting held on September 4th. Mr. Repasky is a life-long resident of the Borough and an employee of Lockheed Martin in Owego, New York for the past 35 years. Mr. Repasky's father John Repasky Sr. served as Mayor from 1998 to July 2000.



Recycling Program Improvements Planned

The Borough of Sayre will continue to implement improvements to its recycling program as a result of a recently awarded \$249,500 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

The Borough will begin distributing 2,000 new yard waste containers on October 14th 4:00pm to 7:00pm and again on October 21st from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at the Thomas Avenue Public Works Facility to Borough residents and first priority will be given to new residents and residents who do not currently have containers. Distribution of the containers will be limited to three (3) containers per household.

The Borough purchased 2,000 new curbside recycling containers which should be delivered later this year and those containers will be distributed in the same way that the compost containers are distributed to residents. Distribution of the containers will be limited to three (3) containers per household.

The Borough Council authorized the purchase of a new recycling compartment truck in July and delivery of the new truck is expected before the end of the year. The cost of the new truck is approximately \$115,000 and 90% of the cost is covered by grant funds.



TRICK or TREAT DATE & TIME ANNOUNCED



The Valley's Municipal leaders have designated **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30th** as Trick or Treat Night in Valley. This annual tradition will be held between 6:00pm and 8:00pm. The Borough's Police Department will have extra patrols out during the trick or treat hours and parents and children should be cautious when crossing streets and should only go to homes where the exterior lights are on.

Prescription Medicine Collection

The Borough's Police Department is now collecting unwanted prescription medicine. Individuals interested in disposing of their unwanted prescription medicine can take the items to the William J. Hickey Police Department Building on South Lehigh Avenue Monday through Friday between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Please call (570) 888-2233 with questions.

Fall Leaf Collection Schedule

This year's Fall Leaf Collection program will begin after a majority of the leaves have fallen. Collection crews will concentrate on Snow Emergency Routes first and then move onto non-emergency routes. Loose leaves will be vacuumed from the tree line, and residents should not place leaves in the roadway for any reason.

Bagged leaves will be collected throughout the Borough through special collections as well as scheduled monthly yard waste collection days. Residents may also take leaves and yard waste to the Borough's South Thomas Avenue drop-off facility each Monday and Wednesday from 4:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturdays from 8:00am to 3:00pm.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

<i>Emergency</i>	<i>911</i>	Sayre Tax Office	(570) 888-9750
Borough Hall	(570) 888-7739	Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	(570) 888-9612
Public Works Department	(570) 888-5131	Police Department (Non-Emergency)	(570) 888-2233
Code Enforcement Agency	(570) 888-4410	State Representative Tina Pickett	(570) 888-9011
State Senator Gene Yaw	(570)-322-6457	Bradford County Commissioners	(570) 265-1727
Toll Free	1-800-443-5772		

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS & CHANGES TO THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES SCHEDULE.....

The following is list of just some of the events that are scheduled in October, November, and December and dates when municipal services are cancelled:

Thursday, October 30th.....Valley Trick or Treat Night – 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Friday, October 31st.....Sayre vs. Athens Rusty Rail Game – 7:00pm Athens Stadium

Tuesday, November 11th.....Veteran’s Day (Municipal Services Cancelled & Offices Closed)

Thursday, November 27th....Thanksgiving Day (Municipal Services Cancelled & Offices Closed)

Thursday, November 27th... 8th Annual Sayre Turkey Trot – Sayre Theatre – 10:00am

Friday, November 28th.....Borough Offices Closed / Trash Collection in Zone #3

Friday, November 28th.....16th Annual Sayre Borough Christmas Parade – 6:30pm

Monday, December 1st.....Borough Holiday (Municipal Services Cancelled)

Thursday, December 25th....Christmas Day (Municipal Services Cancelled & Offices Closed)



2014 Sayre Borough Christmas Parade

Planning is now underway for the 16th Annual Sayre Borough Christmas Parade on Friday, November 28th at 6:30pm presented by First Citizens Community Bank in association with Howard Elmer Hose Company, and Sayre Engine Company #1.

The Christmas Parade began in 1999 and included a few floats and several hundred spectators but the event’s popularity has grown over the years. Last year’s parade featured over 60 participating organizations and musical groups and more than 5,000 spectators along the parade route.

The Parade Committee has been very lucky to have built long lasting relationships with area businesses and individuals and new sponsors are always welcome. Donations are used to purchase movie passes, gift cards, candy, bicycles, and much more which are all given away during the visits with Santa Claus in Howard Elmer Park at the conclusion of the parade.

Registration is currently open and information can be found on the Borough’s website (www.sayreborough.org) . Deadline to register for this year’s parade will be **Wednesday, November 26th**.

Send us your questions, comments, and information about an upcoming event in the community that you would like us to promote for you. Newsletters are distributed quarterly and the deadline to submit information about an upcoming event is the third Friday of December, March, June, and September. The Borough of Sayre reserves the right to reject any request if the request is considered to be inappropriate.