



**Celebrating Brookhaven's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary . . . throughout the Year**

Come to the party for light refreshments and music on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-8pm in the Brookhaven Municipal Center Gym as we kick off Brookhaven's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. This event marks the beginning of our 'Octogintennial' celebrations.



See the attached Chester Times article announcing Brookhaven becoming the first new borough in Delaware County since Folcroft was incorporated 13 years before in 1932.

**Brookhaven is Borough;  
County's First in 13 Years**

The new Borough of Brookhaven has been created by a decree of the court, signed by Judge Albert Dittman MacDade, Harold I. Ervin and Henry G. Shaver. The new borough, containing approximately 1200 acres, is carved from Chester Township. The boundaries are between Chester and Ridley Creeks, the Dutton Mill road and Middletown Township on the north and Parkside and Opoland on the south. Out of 360 residents in the new municipality, 240 signed the petition presented to the court early in February. Of the 190 separate properties in the territory involved, the owners of 140 signed the petition. Reviewing testimony given in a public hearing on the proposed incorporation on March 7, Judge MacDade says, "The substance of the testimony was that the lands of the Joan P. Craver Estate, except the 'West Farm,' had not been used exclusively for farming for a number of years and are not even adaptable for farming purposes." The court decree points out that at the hearing the petitioners agreed to the elimination of the "West Farm," lying between Bridgewater road and Ches-

Brookhaven Borough contains approximately 1200 acres carved from Chester Township. 240 of 360 residents signed a petition to become incorporated. Washington School, now Walgreens, becomes the polling place of elections.



See [Recreation Board Activities](#) for more details on all Rec Board sponsored meetings and events, including Easter Events, Pickleball, Volleyball, Artful Aging craft for Seniors.

- [Electronic/Shred Event](#) - Sat 4/5/25, 9am-12pm, at Coebourn Elementary Parking Lot
- **Baseball/Softball Opening Day parade** - Sat 4/5/25, 9:00am, starting at Faith Community Church (Baseball ends at Memorial Field; Softball ends at Samson Park)
- [Spring Fling Dance](#) (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders) – Friday, 4/25/25, 7-9pm - \$10

Check out the [website calendar](#) for more details for these and ALL Borough meetings and events.



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you have any questions, contact the Borough Office at 610-874-2557.

- We are excited to announce that Acting Chief of Police, [Timothy Habich](#), was officially sworn in as Chief of Police on Monday evening, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please extend your congratulations to him next time you see him.
- Please welcome [Police Officer Adam Viola](#) to the Brookhaven Police Department. Officer Viola was sworn in by Mayor Denise Leslie; a formal swearing in ceremony will be held during the April 7, 2025 Council Meeting.
- We are getting closer...the settlement for acquiring the OLC property has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 2, 2025. There may be openings on the OLC Planning Committee so if you are interested in joining this committee, please send an email to [David.duplicki@brookhavenboro.com](mailto:David.duplicki@brookhavenboro.com).
- Never dispose of hazardous materials in the trash. If improperly discarded, household products containing toxic chemicals can be a threat to people, pets and the environment. Delaware County & Southeast PA sponsors [Hazardous Waste \(HHW\) Collection Events](#) - find a location and time convenient to you.
- The Delaware County Historical Society is offering a [free open house](#), Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-7pm that highlights the American Civil War and a display titled "Baseball in Blue and Gray". All are welcome!
- Please remember that the borough offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.



**REMINDERS**

- Volunteers are needed to stuff the Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Come join in on the fun on Tuesday, 4/8/25 at 6:00pm in the BMC Community Room.
- New this year is Breakfast with the Easter Bunny benefitting the Boy Scouts - April 12th starting at 9am
- The Rec Board is sponsoring the [Easter Events](#) set for **Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**. This is free for children 12 and under but tickets are required and are available through April 11<sup>th</sup> at the borough office – Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm and Mon & Wed evenings, 6-8pm.
  - Easter Bunny Pictures at 10am in the Gym
  - The annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11am behind the Municipal Center
- **Earth Day** is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for [environmental protection](#). First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally through [earthday.org](#) (formerly Earth Day Network) including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.

Activities for Earth Day

Feed the birds and go bird watching • Plant a tree • Hang up a bee house   
 Join a local clean-up (clean up a park) • Make a terrarium • Make and use a rain barrel  
 Learn about recycling • Switch to natural products (I.e.: laundry detergent, soap, make-up)  
 Plant a pollinator garden • Start composting



... that according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), on average each year, nearly 8,000 home fires involve gasoline, and result in nearly 150 deaths. The Fire Marshal advises that flammable materials may be present in your home and provides [Spring Cleaning – Flammable Materials Fire Prevention Tips](#).

... that the [Borough Hall facilities](#) (Community Room/Kitchen or Gym/Kitchen) are available and affordable! For open dates/times and information, please contact the Building Rental and Event Coordinator, Harry Swayngim at 610-874-2557, x6.

... that gardening with native trees can benefit both your wallet and the environment! Check out [this article](#) by Sustainability Committee member Cat Vicente on the advantages of using native trees in your landscaping and for some tree suggestions.

... that [Hope for Hallie](#), in partnership with [@namimainlinepa](#), is hosting a free [Mental Health Summit](#) for high schoolers at the Llanerch Presbyterian Church (Havertown) on Sunday, April 6, 1-4pm. There will be inspiring speakers, creative activities, therapy animals, food, swag bags, and great raffle items, too. ❤️ 🦋

**National Volunteer Month – THANK YOU to OUR Volunteers**



April is National Volunteer Month in the U.S. and is dedicated to honoring all the volunteers in our communities and encouraging volunteerism throughout the month.

**A big THANK YOU to all our Brookhaven volunteers.** Without your dedication, we would not be able to offer the wide range of programs and events that we do, including volleyball, pickleball, the Easter Egg Hunt, Family Day, and Artful Aging, to name a few. Volunteers contribute to our youth sports programs, Town Watch, the Fire Company, Butterfly Sanctuary, and preserving our history via the Historical Committee. Heck, even this newsletter relies on volunteer assistance. Won't you consider becoming a VOLUNTEER.