



**New Year’s Resolution – Why not Volunteer?**



A New Year's resolution is a promise to yourself to start or stop doing something on the first day of the year. Resolutions are often related to habits and can be a way to make the most of the new year. Some examples of New Year's resolutions include: exercising more, losing weight, getting organized, learning a new skill, saving more money, **volunteering more.**

We are hoping that you will want to make a difference for our community and VOLUNTEER. There are plenty of ways to volunteer, some small, like a participant for one event (e.g., stuffing Easter Eggs), others big, like being a member of a borough committee.

Throughout the year, we will highlight volunteer opportunities – we hope something will “spark your interest.”



- [Snowball Dance](#) – Friday, 1/3/25, 7-9pm, BMC Gym
- [Artful Aging craft for Seniors](#) – Sunday, 1/12/25, 1-3pm, BMC Community Rm
- [Pickleball](#) – Monday and Thursday nights, 6-9pm through March, BMC Gym
- [Volleyball](#) – Tuesday nights, 6-9pm through March, BMC Gym

**The following monthly meetings are open to all residents:**

Historical Committee, Ordinance Committee, Council Meetings (1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month), Rec Board, Sustainability Committee  
Hope to see you there!!!

Note: 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, x440.

- See the Fire Marshal’s [safety tips](#) for Fireplaces, Chimneys, and Flues.
- The annual paper calendars were mailed out the last week of December. If you have not received your copy, please contact the borough office.
- The [Final Budget for 2025](#) has been approved and posted for your review.



**REMINDERS**

- Since New Year’s Day occurs on Wednesday this year, trash and recycling will be picked up on **Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- Public Works will continue Christmas tree curbside pickup every weekday through January 31<sup>st</sup>– not in plastic bag and all decorations removed! We use these to mulch the borough islands, around the borough buildings and in the butterfly sanctuary.
- The borough offices will be closed on Monday, 1/20/25 for the national holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, recycling will NOT be picked up on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please hold your recycling for the following week. Thank you.
- With winter here and snow expected, please remember to shovel your sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of snowfall and remove your vehicles from the street as soon as snow falls to allow the snowplows to clear the streets.



... that Brookhaven installed lights on the front of the Municipal Center building to celebrate the holidays and community events – and there is more to come. Come check it out!



... that Monday, January 20, 2025, is the 30th anniversary of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** as a National Day of Service for the famous American civil rights leader who dedicated his life to achieving equality for all people. The holiday was established to honor King’s legacy and encourage Americans to volunteer in their communities.

... that Martin Luther King Jr. has a quote that is relevant to New Year's resolutions:  
***You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.***

**Brookhaven Recreation Board Shout Out**

A big THANK YOU to the small but mighty Recreation Board!

**Board Members:** Charles Allen (VP), Lois Beggs, Maryann Dougherty, Tom Dykes (Pres), Donna Fooks, Jessica Meyer, Lynn McMonagle (Secretary), Mariarose Walker, Pat Wijtyk, alternates Jim LaPera and Virginia McKee

The Rec Board, spearheaded by Tom Dykes and Cherie Heller (Council Liaison), along with other volunteers do an incredible job all year long. This group of just 9 Board members continue to impress year after year. They put in many hours behind the scenes to plan, prep, execute, and clean up a variety of activities/events for all ages! Here is a glance of the highlights.

**Brookhaven Rec Board 2024 Events Wrapped**

<b>JANUARY</b> – Snowball Dance (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders)	<b>JULY</b> – Concert in the Park at Eaton Park with Classic Rock Band, Shut Up Donny!
<b>FEBRUARY</b> – <i>*regular events and planning</i>	<b>AUGUST</b> -- <i>*regular events and planning</i>
<b>MARCH</b> – Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny pictures	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> – 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Family Day
<b>APRIL</b> – Spring Fling Dance (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders) – Murder Mystery Dinner - Murder in Tinseltown	<b>OCTOBER</b> – Trunk or Treat
<b>MAY</b> – <i>*regular events and planning</i>	<b>NOVEMBER</b> – Murder Mystery Dinner -- Once Bitten, Twice Dead
<b>JUNE</b> – Concert in the Park at Eaton Park with Echoes of British Invasion	<b>DECEMBER</b> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting – Holiday Senior Luncheon

\*Artful Aging for 55+, open gym for Pickleball and Volleyball, Middletown Free Library Events, Collaboration with Council to determine additional needs for the parks.

Expect 2025 to include many of the favorites like these. The Rec Board is always looking to provide more and expand programs to be enjoyed by all our residents. It is not possible without the power of the people. If you have enjoyed these events and want to get involved, you are invited to come along on the Rec Board adventures!



**All the best in 2025...peace, health, happiness, and lots of fun!!**