A 4th of July Message from Council President Dan Burke



Dear Neighbors,

At the start of our June council meeting, Council President (and local history teacher) Dan Burke shared a powerful reminder as we approach America's 250th birthday.

He noted that throughout our nation's history we have always faced deep divisions. Yet, our history proves that progress happens when we choose compromise over conflict.

"What defines us is not that we agree on everything", Dan shared, "it's that, time and again, we choose to move forward together. We are united by what matters most: our families, our community, and a better future for the next generation."

This 4th of July let's honor our past by seeking common ground and strengthening our community's future together. **[Read the full speech on our website]**

EVENTS • MTGS

- **July 3:** Borough Offices Closed | Due to the 4th of July Holiday 🇺🇸
- **July 6, 8, 10, 14, 16:** Branch & Limb Chipping | Call 610-874-2557 x110 to schedule.
- **July 8:** Parade Committee | 7:30 PM | Municipal Center | We need Volunteers!
- **July 9:** Historical Committee Meeting | 6:00 PM | Change of date for July
- **July 12:** Artful Aging – Coasters | 1:00 – 3:00PM | BMC, Community Room
- **July 30:** Family Day Planning Meeting | 6:00 PM | Council Room | All Are Welcome!
- **August 4:** National Night Out | 6:00-8:00 PM | Municipal Center| All Are Invited!
- **August 5,12,19:** Books on Blankets | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | Simple Registration Req'd
  - *In conjunction w/ Middletown Free Library, Infants to Kindergarten*
- **August 6:** Rhythm & Rhyme Time in the Park | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | Ages 2-5
  - *In conjunction w/ Middletown Free Library, simple registration required*
- **August 13:** Play on Music | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park | All ages! | Simple Registration Req'd
  - *In conjunction w/ Middletown Free Library, Mr. Andrew will be rockin' out with families as he plays a variety of songs to get everybody up & dancin'!*

Check out the website calendar for more details for these and ALL Borough mtgs / events.

Brookhaven Residents, please join us for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 6-8pm, at the Municipal Center, **rain or shine**! Come see first responders and their equipment. Meet and greet local police and firefighters. There will be food & drinks, DJ, games, vendors and community organizations…and all for free!!

National Night Out is an annual community building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood togetherness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



- At the July 6th Council Meeting, Council will consider a motion to advertise a proposed update to Zoning Ordinance **1280.14, Basketball Backboards and Poles**. The update will clarify where and how basketball backboards and poles may be used. The notice will appear in the Delaware County Daily Times, and details will be posted on the borough website at **New/Updated Ordinances – NOTIFICATION**.

- The Zoning Hearing Board met on Tuesday, June 9th and approved a variance application for **7 Brew Coffee** regarding the property line and signage. **Next step** – 7 Brew Coffee must acquire a traffic permit from PennDOT. Brookhaven and possibly Delaware County Planning would need to approve the final permit conditions. PennDOT will consider any comments or recommendations from the municipal and county reviews before approving the access permit. Click HERE for proposed drawings of the sight.
- Welcome Officers Patrick Shields and Adam Daley.
  - **Officer Shields** joins us after working with the SEPTA Police Department. He is a resident of Brookhaven and is looking forward to serving the community where he lives.
  - **Officer Daley** recently graduated from the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy. He has a lifelong history of service to his community. He is an Army veteran and has volunteered in the fire service for many years. He resides in Upper Chichester with his family.
- **The Fire Marshal answers your BURNING questions**…there is **NO OPEN BURNING** permitted in the Borough of Brookhaven, even if it is controlled. This includes bonfires and burning of brush, leaves, trash, and construction materials. Also be sure to follow the guidelines on using fire pits and chimineas.

  Other Safety Reminders:

  Please install **NEW SMOKE DETECTORS** if yours are more than five years old or are discolored. **THEY DO SAVE LIVES.**

  Swimming pool safety rules are still the same as when we were kids:
  - Wait 30 minutes after eating before re-entering the pool to swim or play.
  - **NEVER** allow a child to swim alone or unattended.



REMINDERS

- Borough Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd to celebrate Independence Day!
- The Public Works Dept offers **Branch & Limb Chipping** to residents 4x per year -- July dates are 7/6, 7/8, 7/10, 7/14, 7/16. If you want this service, please call the borough office (610-874-2557 x110) to schedule a pickup. Please note that tree limbs and branches should be at the edge of the roadway, facing the same direction and no larger than 8" in diameter. No stumps will be taken by the crew. The maximum time limit for chipping at each home is 15 minutes.
- **Fireworks Ordinance** -- Consumer fireworks (as defined by PA law) or sparkling devices are NEVER permitted to be used, ignited, or discharged in the borough. Violators will be fined.

Want to get involved?

Volunteer

Follow Borough Facebook

Follow Parks & Recreation Facebook

Join a committee

Attend Family Day planning

Sign up for Brookhaven Alerts

Frequent the Borough Website



…that the borough is sponsoring a **blood drive** on Thursday, July 23rd, 12-5pm at the Municipal Center. Please consider giving blood – a little blood, goes a long way! Click HERE for details, including how to sign up.

…that the **Rose Tree Summer Festival** is in their 51st year! Click HERE to check out their schedule for these free concerts in Rose Tree Park's scenic outdoor amphitheater.

…that the PA Department of Agriculture sponsors the **Farmer's Market Nutrition Program**. This provides eligible Delaware County Seniors with **vouchers** for fresh fruits and vegetables from local approved Farmer's Markets. Click HERE to see if you qualify.

…that Pennsylvania leads the nation in **Lyme disease cases**, and southeastern counties like **Delaware County** are prime hotspots due to our mix of wooded parks, suburban lawns, and deer populations. Between the tiny, poppyseed-sized deer tick nymphs and larger dog ticks, it's vital to protect yourself and your family. Click HERE to learn how to outsmart the ticks.

Patriotism in Motion: Celebrating 250 Years by Looking Back 50!

As we celebrate our nation's **Semi-Quincentennial (250th) anniversary** this July 4th, we have a unique opportunity to look back 50 years to **Brookhaven's 1976 Bicentennial Parade**.

Themed *"Patriotism in Motion"*, this was the **biggest parade ever held in Brookhaven** and one of the largest in the tri-state area. Over 2,800 participants and thousands of spectators, 4 to 5 people deep, lined the streets as the parade marched from Chester Park, down Edgmont Avenue, to Coebourn Boulevard. An attractive $1600 in prize money (over $9400 in today's dollars) and plenty of trophies at stake. Brookhaven's first Mayor Ed Eaton served as Grand Marshal, alongside local dignitaries State Senator Clarence Bell of Upland, State Representative and Brookhaven's own Ralph Garzia, and then-Mayor Virginia Siedzikowski.

The parade was filmed and donated to the Brookhaven Historical Committee by long-time Brookhaven resident, **John Franz**. Taken from the vantage point at Edgmont Ave and Trimble Blvd, the video is a fascinating time capsule. As you watch the high school bands, patriotic floats, and clowns on unicycles pass by, see if you can spot how much our landscape has changed over the last 50 years! Keep your eyes peeled for local landmarks in the background like **Brookhaven Lanes, C.A. Powers Co., Al's Getty, and a Bell Telephone booth (only a dime per call!)** Click **HERE** to watch the YouTube video. Thank you, John, for capturing and sharing a special event in our borough!

Check out our photo montage featuring a look back at a few 4th of July parades from years past.

If you recognize anyone in the video or photo montage or have stories/photos of previous Brookhaven's Fourth of July celebrations to share, the **Brookhaven Historical Committee** wants to hear from you by contacting: **historicalCMT19015@brookhavenboro.com**.

Happy 4th of July!