



Police Department Corner



A BIG congratulations to our Brookhaven Police Dept. for **achieving re-accreditation** from the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, originally accredited February 2023. This accomplishment reflects their continued commitment to professionalism, accountability, and excellence in serving our community. Click [HERE](#) for more details and a few photos.

Our Police Department and Delaware County Department of Emergency Services have transitioned to a **fully modern digital P25 700 MHz radio system, a \$38 million project** that will ensure all first responders in the county can communicate with each other. Police Chief Habich added, “Our Police made the transition in December 2025 with new portable radios for use on patrol and mobile radios for police vehicles, and things have gone relatively smoothly. The department has found that the coverage and clarity of the new system far outclasses the one that was replaced. We are grateful for the investment made by the County to update this critical lifesaving equipment.” For more info, [see the Daily Times article](#), published 3/13/26.

The Brookhaven Police Department wants to ensure our residents stay safe from increasingly sophisticated financial crimes. **Scammers are currently targeting the senior community** by creating a false sense of urgency and demanding untraceable payments. They use Cryptocurrency scams, the “Warrant” scam, investment frauds, to name a few. **Remember:** If an offer or a “legal fix” appears too good (or too strange) to be true, it is almost certainly a scam. Click [HERE](#) for more information on avoiding and reporting a scam.



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- **May 4, 6, 8, 12, 14:** [Branch & Limb Chipping](#) | Call 610-874-2557 x110 to schedule.
- **May 9:** Summer Concert: [Echoes of the British Invasion](#) | 7:00 PM | Eaton Park
- **May 19:** **Borough Offices Closed** | Primary Election Day
- **May 20:** Planning Commission Public Meeting | 7:30 PM | Municipal Center
 - *Subject: Proposed 8-unit townhouse subdivision at 23 E. Brookhaven Road (Kyj’s).*
- **May 21:** [Memorial Day Service](#) (Post 94) | 6:30 PM | Municipal Center Gym
 - *Join American Legion Post 94 to honor our fallen service members.* 🇺🇸
- **May 22:** [Music BINGO Night](#) | Doors 6:00 PM | Game 7:00 PM | Municipal Center
 - *Fundraiser to benefit the Brookhaven Swim Team.*
- **May 25:** **Borough Offices Closed** | Memorial Day 🇺🇸
- **May 28:** Family Day Planning Meeting | 6:00 PM | Council Room
- **June 1: Monthly Council Meeting** | 7:00 PM | Municipal Center
 - [Agenda posted](#) 24 hours prior; all are welcome.
- **June 3:** Books on Blankets | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park (Wednesdays in June & Aug)
- **June 11:** Kids’ Concert Series | 10:30 AM | Eaton Park (Thursdays in June & Aug)
- **June 13:** Summer Concert: Basic Cable | 7:00 PM | Eaton Park
- **June 14:** [Artful Aging](#): Senior Flag Wreath Craft | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Progress on Clock Tower Message Board:** Getting close...the Borough Secretary, John Wilwert worked with a second vendor who worked directly with the manufacturer to identify a damaged part, most likely due to a power surge during a recent storm. Unfortunately, not a cheap fix (\$5820) but we expect the sign to be operational sometime in May.
- At the April 14th Zoning Hearing Board Meeting, an exceptional usage application was approved for **Aloha Doggy Daycare** to occupy 4600 Edgmont Avenue.
- The Planning Commission postponed its review of **7 Brew Coffee's** conditional use application to occupy the Rebel Smoke Shop and nearby property to the May 5th Council meeting. Check out the [meeting recording](#) for an in-depth discussion on this matter (beginning at minute 7:13 to 1:56:18). Click [HERE](#) for proposed drawings presented at the meeting – these will help you follow along.
 - Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions at the first public discussion during the June 1st Council meeting. Afterward, Council will vote on whether to approve the application.
 - If Council approves the Conditional Use, then the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Tuesday, 6/9/26 at 7:00pm at the Municipal Building to consider an application variance regarding the property line and signage.
- The Planning Commission will hold a public meeting at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, May 20th at the Brookhaven Municipal Center to consider a land development application requesting approval for the proposed use to subdivide and **build 8 townhouses** at 23 E. Brookhaven Road where the old KYJ's bakery was located. **Come to the meeting to get your questions answered!**
- During the May Council meeting, Council appointed a Labor Lawyer, Campbell Durrant, P.C. on retainer to handle future labor issues (union, contract).
- Fire Marshal, Charles Leslie, continues to promote safe, fire-conscious behaviors. Take a moment to review his [Tips on Grillin' and Chillin' Backyard Safety](#) to help us have a fire-safe spring and summer!
- Due to the Memorial Day Holiday, **recycling will NOT be picked up on Wednesday, May 27th**. Please hold your recycling for the following week. Thank you.

Ordinance Insight

Brookhaven Public Works has begun summer maintenance on the parks, opening the season for outdoor activities. With the change in weather comes the green grass, flowers, and trees. As the season progresses, keep the following **Brookhaven Borough ordinances** in mind:

- Grass and weeds should be kept trimmed to **less than 6"**.
- Sidewalks and curblines** should be kept free of any vegetation.
- Trees and shrubs must be maintained **not to obstruct** any street, sidewalk, doorway, or windows.
- Grass clippings** shall not be discharged or left in the street, sidewalk or other paved area.
- Bamboo should **NOT** be planted on your property.

Basketball Hoops

We are aware that there has been conversation around portable basketball hoops – specifically, whether and where they can be placed near your home. The Ordinance Committee is actively addressing this matter and hopes to find a solution that works for everyone in the community. We will keep you posted!



e-Bikes

Warmer weather brings out e-bikes. Let's use them safely by following Pennsylvania's e-bike laws in our streets and public areas.

Permit Reminders

As spring projects get underway, residents often begin planning **decks, fences, sheds, and pools**. Before construction starts, it's important to confirm when permitting is required. Taking a few minutes to check ahead of time can prevent delays, fines, and zoning issues later. Many common projects do require permitting and Inspections, even if they seem straightforward.

Before you build:

Visit the Borough website and go to [Permit and License Applications](#) under Quick Links to access applications and requirements. If you're unsure whether your project needs a permit, reach out before you start.

Questions can be sent to: permit@brookhavenboro.com

Planning ahead keeps projects moving smoothly and helps avoid unnecessary headaches.



Permits, Requirements, Approvals for Swimming Pools – Many variables!

Permits are required for swimming pools **over 22" in water depth**, including storable pools. The kind of permits, requirements, and approvals for inground and above ground swimming pools are dependent on space, location, drainage, and safety considerations -- ASK permit@brookhavenboro.com



Residents over 62 years of age, veterans, and totally disabled residents **may be exempt** from some or all permit fees up to \$7500 – ASK permit@brookhavenboro.com



REMINDERS

- The Fire Department runs two Annual Fund Drives each year. The Fire Fund Drive starts the first week of January; **the EMS Fund Drive starts the first week of May**. Note that the fee for EMS services is a subscription and therefore, if paid and you require emergency transportation, you will not incur any out-of-pocket expenses that your insurance company does not cover. Please look for these mailings and support these very important annual fundraising drives.
- If you notice a pothole or a street light that is out, you can report it quickly and easily online. Visit BrookhavenBoro.com, go to **Departments > Public Works**, then select [See a Pothole](#) or [See a Street Light Out](#) to submit your report. Your feedback helps the Borough address issues faster and keep our streets safe and well maintained.
- **VOLUNTEERS** are always needed for Brookhaven's Family Day. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 5/28 at 6pm. Please join us to help make this a special event for all residents!!



The Delaware County Health Department's **Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program** will begin May 4, 2026. This means they will begin routine weekly mosquito surveillance through 10/2/26, setting mosquito traps throughout Delaware Co. in both fixed and non-fixed locations.



Gravid Trap

During surveillance, they use two types of mosquito traps, Gravid and BG. Most often, traps are placed in high breeding areas, away from residential homes. They want our help in identifying potential problematic areas such as storm drains that hold water, retention ponds, and drainage ditches. **If you see any problematic areas in the borough, contact the Borough office at 610-874-2557 x110.**



BG Trap

As the DCHD receives testing results from the state lab, they will notify municipalities where they have collected mosquito samples that have tested positive for virus.



...that there are currently 1,356 subscribers to [Brookhaven Alerts](#). Two of them are from Georgia, near Brookhaven, GA and one is from New York, near Brookhaven, NY. **Hmmm.....Do they have the right Brookhaven?**

Please remind your Brookhaven friends and neighbors to sign up so they too can stay informed of what's happening in the borough.

...that many residents, approx. 250 cars, took advantage of shredding their personal papers and/or disposing of their obsolete electronics during our April **Shred & Electronic Recycling Event**. Mark your calendars for the next event on Saturday, November 14th.

...that the borough website is regularly updated and IS the source for EVERYTHING Brookhaven!!! If you have suggestions for enhancing or updating the website, we would love to hear from you. Send your feedback by using the [Contact Us](#) feature on the borough website and select **Website Feedback** in the 'To' field.

Rescue Squadron Aids Local Pilot In Forced Landing

Twenty minutes after he made a forced landing Wednesday night, a local pilot had his airplane aloft again with gasoline rushed to the scene by Chester Air Rescue Squadron, CAP.

The pilot, Harry Hladky, of W. 4th St., made an emergency landing at dusk in a field on Brookhaven rd. near Middletown rd., when his fuel supply ran dry.

Hladky dashed notice of his plight by radio to Buckman Airport, where the CAP squadron is based.

Lt. Neil Monetta, 249 W. 21st st. was dispatched with a supply of fuel. He made a clean landing in an adjoining field and assisted Hladky in "gassing" up the grounded craft for the return flight to Brookman Airport.

Both planes were undamaged in the operation, and the pilots escaped injury.

According to Warrant Officer Oil Trabold, CAP information officer, it was the fourth "rescue" within two months for the squadron. He said the squadron is alerted 24 hours daily for emergency calls.

Trabold said Hladky has recently rebuilt the plane, a Cessna P371, and had gone up from Buckman Airport for a test flight. The gauge, which indicated the fuel tank was three-quarters filled, apparently was defective, he added, and it is believed Hladky had only about a gallon of fuel when he started the flight.

Monetta used a CAP Cruiser aircraft for the rescue.

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...that it almost happened again, a plane crash in Brookhaven!

The old saying goes "lightning doesn't strike the same place twice" but it almost did in Brookhaven in 1950. As noted in last month's newsletter, a plane crashed in Brookhaven in April 1950. Although not a *crash*, a similar event occurred just three months later, on July 12, 1950. As reported in the Chester Times, pilot Henry Hladky was forced to land his plane in a field near the intersection of Brookhaven Road and Middletown Road (Edgmont Ave.) after running out of fuel caused by a faulty gauge. A civil Air Patrol flight was dispatched with a supply of fuel. After landing in an adjacent field and assisting the pilot with 'gassing' up, both aircraft were undamaged and returned safely to Buckman airport!

