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SECOND RATE INCREASES TAKE AFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2012

Effective with the first quarter billing, the second rate increase that was explained in the last Newsletter will take place. You will see the increase when you receive the first quarter bill in April, 2012. The rates for 2012 are:

Water

The base rate of \$46.88/quarter (includes 5,000 gallons) remains the same. The charge for each 1,000 gallons over the first 5,000 gallons will be \$6.31.

Sewer

The base rate of \$110.00 per quarter (includes 5,000 gallons) remains the same. The charge for each 1,000 gallons over the first 5,000 gallons will be \$6.75 (No change).

Trash collection rates for 2012 will be the same as it has been for the last several years. No change from 2011, The current contract was extended for an additional year.

The Freedom Chapel Dinner Theatre has closed its doors. After several years of successfully presenting locally written plays with local actors, it was determined by the owners that it was time to take a much needed rest from their daily hurried schedule. The Theater and contents will be sold at 9:00 am on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 by Barr/Davis Auctioneers, Inc. We wish Dollie and Lionel the very best in their next venture.

MOORES LIBRARY PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Moore's Memorial Library has accepted the bid of F.W. Houser, Inc. for the construction of the elevator that will give access to the library's lower level. The winning bid amount was \$41,252.00 for the construction of the elevator shaft. The elevator, itself, will be installed by United Disabilities Services at a cost of \$26,455.50. The total cost for that project is \$67,707.50. The library has received a grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 to cover a part of the cost. The cost for the renovation of the remainder of the lower level is estimated at \$182,292.60. A grant in the amount of \$123,000.00 was approved by DCED. With the total project cost estimated at \$250,000.00 and with grants totaling \$158,000.00, the library still must raise a total of \$92,000.00. A Capital Project Fund Drive began several months ago and now your help is needed. Our new library has experienced an unheard of growth in users, mostly teens and younger children. It is a success story of which you can be proud. If you've not made a donation to this important improvement to our community, you can still take part. Please, consider a donation to the Moore's Memorial Library Capital Project Fund. It is tax deductible. Your donation can be sent to Moore's Memorial Library, 9 W. Slokom Avenue, Christiana, PA. 17509. With your help, we can make this a successful community project.

CHRISTIANA HAD LITTLE DAMAGE FROM THE LAST BIG STORM

We really lucked out, as the expression goes, when we assess the very little local damage from the recent hurricane. There was some flooding of cellars and at least two roads had to be closed for a short time, but when all is said and done, our Borough came out just fine. Because our citizens have been sending in their phone numbers and updating changes, our Swiftreach phone program worked as it was supposed to do. Automatic phone calls were made to all residents, advising them of the emergency preparations that been put into place by the Christiana Fire Company. Our fire company members were outstanding in their creation of a safe place for people to get out of the storm and for preparation in responding to emergencies. Firemen were on hand throughout the night at the station, as were certified EMT personnel. Food and water was available for those who might be forced out of their home. The next time you see a volunteer fireman from Christiana, thank him or her for always being ready to help the community.

A BIG THANKS TO CHRISTIANA FIRE COMPANY FOR REALLY BEING PREPARED FOR THE EMERGENCY.

Remember to keep the Borough Office up-to-date with a phone number where you can be reached in the event of an emergency. If you have a second phone, provide that number, also.

BOROUGH CALENDAR

- 10/1 Annual Fire Co. Auction
- 10/1 Fire Co. Apple Dumpling Sale
- 10/4 Borough Council Meeting
- 10/10 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 10/15 Fire Co. Breakfast. All you can
Eat. 6:00 am—10:00 am
- 10/15 Lions Club Sub Sale
- 10/17 Leaf Pick-up
- 10/20 Library Book Sale Preview
\$5.00 Fee. 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- 10/21 Library Book Sale
12:00 noon to 7:00 pm
- 10/22 Library Book Sale
9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- 10/24 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 10/26 Borough Council Extra Mtg.
- 10/31 Trick or Treat Night from
6:00 pm until 8:00 pm.
- 11/1 Borough Council Meeting
- 11/19 Lions Club Sub Sale
- 11/19 Fire Co. Breakfast. All you can
eat. 6:00 am—10:00 am
- 11/19 Fire Co. Money Bingo 6:00 pm
- 11/21 Leaf Pick-up
- 11/23 Fire Co. Pie Sale 10:00 am
- 11/30 Borough Council Extra Mtg.
- 12/6 Borough Council Meeting
- 12/17 Lions Club Sub Sale
- 12/17 Fire Co. Breakfast With Santa
All you can eat. 6:00 am—
10:00 am. Santa arrives
between 8:00 and 10 am.
- 12/25 MERRY CHRISTMAS
No Extra Council Meeting in Dec.
- 1/1 HAPPY NEW YEAR

**CHRISTIANA
BOROUGH TRICK
OR TREAT NIGHT
SCHEDULED FOR
OCTOBER 31, 6:00
PM TO 8:00 PM.
FOR BOROUGH
CHILDREN 12
YEARS OF AGE AND
YOUNGER.**

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Regular Trash Pick-up continues to be on Monday unless a change is necessary because of a holiday.

Yard Waste
October 10 & 24

Leaves
October 17
November 21

The more you recycle, the more you keep the costs of trash collection down.

Any large object that will not fit in a 32 gallon trash container requires a "Large Item" ticket, available at the Borough Office for \$4.00. The Trash Collector will not pick up large items without a ticket.

MOORES MEMORIAL LIBRARY TO HOLD GENTLY USED BOOK SALE

A book sale is scheduled to be held at Borough Hall on the following dates:

Oct. 20 PREVIEW, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.. Early entry fee is \$5.00 per person for first choice of books.

Oct. 21 12:00 Noon to 7:00 pm

Oct. 22 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

All proceeds benefit the Moores Memorial Library.

It's only October but it's not too early to remind home owners to keep their sidewalk free and clear of ice and snow. We expect a hard winter in 2012, if the predictions are true, and we should get prepared. Snow shovel ready? Bag of salt to combat ice and snow? All weather tires mounted? Lots of tread, of course. Seems a bit silly to talk about snow now. It'll be here before you know it.

BOROUGH PHONE NUMBERS

Police - (610) 593-2234
Borough Office - Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30pm - (610) 593-5199
Note: Any calls to the Borough Office number after hours for police will not be answered until Monday morning. Call (610) 593-2234 at all times for the Police.
Sewer Plant - (610) 593-6502
Zoning Issues - (610) 724-4115
Water/Sewer EMERGENCY
Contact - (717)278-5348

HARRISON HOUSE HOSTING VETERANS BENEFITS INFO. SESSION

An informative 1 hour presentation about the Aid and Attendance Pension Program, a little known veteran's benefit, will be held at Harrison House at Christiana. Bryan McCloskey of USA Benefits, Co., a non-profit company, will provide this program on Wednesday, October 19th. At 1:30 pm.

Many deserving and eligible veterans and their spouses or widows may qualify for as much as \$23,396.00, tax free, each year. Among the topics to be discussed will be who is eligible and how to apply.

Come join us and learn about this program. Please, RSVP to Julie Hoppe at 610-593-3134 to reserve your seat.

WHAT'S THE LOWER LEVEL OF THE LIBRARY TO INCLUDE? It will have a Used Book Store, a Coffee Shop and an area to meet with friends, a meeting room with space large enough to hold used book sales to help raise funds for library operation. And, a Genealogy Research Center for those looking into their family tree. Your help is needed to make this dream come true.

ZION HILL PARK GRAND OPENING A GREAT SUCCESS

The 160th Anniversary of the Christiana Resistance was commemorated at the Grand Opening of the Zion Hill Park on Saturday, September 10. Activities started at 9:00 am. Visitors began arriving as soon as the front gates were opened. Children of all ages had a wonderful time, riding the small train and taking hay rides. The U.S. Colored Troops, 3rd. Infantry Regiment, appeared in full uniform and kept the youngsters in rapt attention for the greater part of the day. Boy Scout Troop 20, Atglen, PA, set up camp and demonstrated how to prepare a meal over the campfire. The men of Mount Zion AME Church prepared fish sandwiches that were quickly sold and eaten. The food wagon from the Christiana Fire Company Auxiliary had hot dogs, hamburgers, and sodas available for sale, all day. The antique tractor show and the tractor driving contest was of great interest. A game of horseshoes was held in the afternoon, with the Christiana Lions Club taking home the trophy. Jim Groff and West Sadsbury Township Supervisor Jim Landis are to be thanked for a great event. Mr. Groff must have had some powerful contacts, considering the great weather we had all day Saturday!

CHRISTIANA & SADSBURY TWP. JOIN IN A BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Our Borough and Sadsbury Township have agreed to a joint project to produce a Business Directory and map of the area. This was done a number of years ago and was said to be very successful. We'll keep you posted on the progress being made.

WATER PROJECT MOVES FORWARD

Borough Council and the Borough Authority's work to install a third well and provide additional water to the Borough's water system continues. The application for the required water permit has been submitted to DEP, with all the required paperwork, and we now wait for DEP approval. A grant in the amount of \$175,000.00 was obtained through the Lancaster County Commissioners and will cover about one-half the cost. As soon as the submitted plan receives approval, bids will be solicited for the construction of a water treatment building and the laying of the necessary water lines. The well will be the third one on the Borough's water system and should provide the water necessary to supply our customers during droughts when the spring's available water could be reduced. In addition, water pressure could be increased and more water available throughout the year. The Borough Engineers have estimated the total cost to be about \$400,000.00. The well has been drilled and is located in the Christiana Lions Park. A lease and right-of-way agreement has been developed and is ready for registration in the County courthouse. This project has been in the making for the last several years and will move forward as soon as DEP approval is received.

COUNCIL MOVES FORWARD ON CALCIUM CHLORIDE SPREADER

Work will soon begin on the construction of a truck-mounted spreader for calcium chloride. This liquid, when spread on the road before an ice or snow storm, reduces the amount of ice that can form and aids in the removal of the snow and ice when plowing.

CHRISTIANA DEVELOPS ITS OWN SALDO

For the last several years, the Borough has been required to follow the Lancaster County Subdivision And Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). Up to now, all subdivision and land development plans were required to be approved by the Lancaster County Planning Commission since the Borough did not have its own SALDO adopted. The Borough's Planning Commission has been working for the last two years in developing our own SALDO, using a Model Ordinance that was developed by the County. When the Borough's Ordinance is adopted, plans will be approved or denied locally. The County Planning Commission will continue to review the local Commissions decisions to make sure all their actions on SALDO fall within the State regulations. The benefit to the Borough will be that plans for subdivisions and land development should be approved in a shorter time frame than with the process that is now in place.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE IS ENFORCED

Our residents are reminded that the Borough's Property Maintenance Code is strongly enforced. Our Zoning Officer, Bill Beers, makes inspections throughout the Borough and notifies those property owners who are in violation of the code. Help keep our town the beautiful place that it is.

Dog and Cat owners are reminded to keep pets under control. Borough Ordinances prohibit allowing them to run loose.

BOROUGH PAVING PROJECT COMPLETED FOR 2011

A part of Newport Avenue, Branch Street and the Underpass, or Subway, as some call it, were recently paved. Council had hoped to be able to pave more street surfaces but the project was constrained because of the lack of funding. An inspection of all Borough Streets was made by Walter Crellin, Chairman of the Street Committee, and it was determined that the areas paved were in the worse condition than many of the others. A review of all streets will be conducted in 2012 and Council will again determine what funds are available for resurfacing. If a few streets are done each year, the cost should be kept within the budget.

DITCH AT WATER STREET TO BE RECONSTRUCTED

As most of us know, a heavy rain always causes problems at Water Street, near Germantown Avenue. The Borough has contracted with Bull Dog Construction to improve the inlet area at the intersection, install a swale on the north side of the Germantown Avenue intersection, move the ditch farther to the west, away from the road, and widen it. This should provide for a better flow of water, eliminate the possibility of undermining Water Street and keep the water from endangering the properties along the southern end of Water Street. In addition, the project will open the drain pipe that exists from the inlet on the south side of Germantown Avenue and runs to the inlet on the northwest side of Water Street where it meets Germantown Avenue. As with any street project, some delay may be caused to motorists during construction. The improvements should be worth the delay.

MAYOR'S CORNER

With the beginning of Fall, we hear the sounds of school busses and the mother's sighs of relief. This time of year brings back to school, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. I always enjoy choosing poems with a message for each time of year. Below, are the Fall selections:

Unity

By Cleo V. Stewart

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher

The tools she used were books and music and art;

One was a parent

With a guiding hand and loving heart.

And when at last their work was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had worked into the child
Could never be sold or bought.

And each agreed she would have failed

If she had worked alone.

For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher stood the home!

(In the author's words :She" is used exclusively and misrepresents the reality in today's society-GRW)

Thanksgiving

Author Unknown

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields their yellow grain.
So open wide the doorway-
Thanksgiving comes again!

May you all have safe and enjoyable Holidays!

Your Mayor

Gerry Woods

If your organization has news that should be published in the Newsletter for public notice, for the betterment of the Borough, or for promoting a public activity, please, contact the Borough Office at (610) 593-5199. Or, fax it to us at (610) 593-7073.