



# Parkesburg News

## BOROUGH OF PARKESBURG



Council President James B. Norton, III

### Parkesburg *As You Like It?*

How do you envision Parkesburg in the next five years? Would you like it to stay the same? Would you like to see more single homes, twins, townhouses, apartments, or trailer courts? Would you like to see more improvements to the park areas and the streetscapes? Would you like to see it more densely populated? Have you shared your ideas with council?

Most of us are very pleased with the changes like those occurring in Minch Park or along Strasburg Avenue. They are attractive cosmetic changes that also improve our quality of life. Increasing the number of people joining us as residents causes many of us to react with less enthusiasm.

Several weeks ago my wife and I were in NYC for the day and while we were there we saw the musical CAROLINE or CHANGE. Nancy didn't care for it. I did.

It was about a woman who is strongly resistant to change. Two other women in her life, one a friend and the other a daughter, are less resistant. Her friend sees change happening, and takes steps to hold on to the past while also trying to prepare for the future. Her daughter is eager for change to occur and even looks for ways to effect change in her life.

Caroline is like the person who puts on her bathing suit, sits by the pool, but never gets wet. Her friend enters the pool cautiously, inch by inch, getting wet, but not wanting to be splashed. Her daughter walks to the deep end of the pool and without hesitation dives in.

Changes in the development of new homes and the density of those homes affect us all in different ways. There are those of us like Caroline who would like to see things stay as they are. Parkesburg has always been a fine community to live in and work in so why should we upset any apple carts.

There are those of us who are like Caroline's friend who think new development might be good for us as long as we have time to adjust to it or as long as it does not directly affect us. Our street which was once quiet may get more traffic, our back lot which always lead to a wooded area may now lead to some homes closer than we ever thought possible, and traffic at all the main intersections might become even more congested than it is at present.

And then there are those of us who like Caroline's daughter are ready to meet the increased growth and

the challenges it brings with gusto and the hope that it will make Parkesburg an even more interesting and exciting place to live.

Council works hard to serve the interests of all the above. Possessing the Wisdom of Solomon would be a distinct advantage for council, but besides being guided by our personal reactions to change, members must follow the concepts and plans that the Borough has in place.

Years ago Parkesburg accepted Chester County Landscapes along with all the other municipalities in Chester County, a program that has won national acclaim. That means we have agreed to provide for density in the County because we have the infrastructure in place to support it.

Our Comprehensive Plan and our Revitalization Plan act as guides for council in making changes that will affect our community. We are presently revising Zoning and Subdivision regulations that also establish rules and regulations for building and dividing property. (Check with the Borough office for meeting times.)

Plays require interaction between the audience and the actors on stage. To make government work it necessitates interaction among the residents and council working together to create a vibrant and quality community.

Something happened between the audience and the actors on stage the day we saw CAROLINE or CHANGE and even though it was not everyone's favorite the performers received a standing ovation. Let's hope that five or six years from now, when our community is not exactly as it is today, that Parkesburg residents will be able to stand and applaud also.

### CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

The Parkesburg Police Department is hosting their second Citizen's Police Academy based on the popularity and Success of this past winter's program. Applications are available at the Parkesburg Police Station and Borough Hall Monday through Friday, 8 am—4 pm, through October 1st.



Classes begin Wednesday, October 6th and run each Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in the Borough Meeting Hall, 329 West First Avenue.

Successful graduates will participate in an actual patrol experience upon graduation from this educational course. To participate, applicants must be at least 18 years of age, interested in learning and pass a background investigation. Come out and meet the talented group of professionals who protect and serve your community.

## Borough Officials

**Mayor**

John P. Hagan, II

**Borough Council**

James B. Norton, III	President
Joseph Reali	Vice-President
Jeffrey Whitmer	Member
Alan M. Wolfe	Member
Virginia Miller	Member
Carla Perella	Member
L. James Thomas	Member

**Appointed Officials**

Philip W. Cotter	Borough Manager
Wendy A. Keegan	Borough Secretary
James Marlowe, II	Solicitor
Thomas H. Lowry, CBO	Zoning Officer
Harold G. White	Treasurer
Jeffrey M. Hunt	Engineer
Brian C. Sheller	Police Chief
Richard Klingler, II	Fire Chief
Alan Manning	Emergency. Mgt. Dir.
Jane Ely	Police Secretary
Ann Smoker	Police Secretary

**Streets Department**

Lewis Taylor	David Clements
Harry Guest	Kevin McCreary
Marcus Guest	

**Planning Commission**

Timothy Goodall	Chairman
Mike Martorana	Member
Jeffrey Whitmer	Member
Tammie Rushton	Member
Sheri Melton	Member

**Zoning Hearing Board**

Janet Crosson	Chairman
John Mitchell	Member
George Evans	Member
E. Craig Kalemjian	Solicitor

**Meeting Schedule & Location**

Work Session: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 7:00 pm  
 Council: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:30 pm  
 Planning Commission: Last Thursday, 7:00 pm  
 Borough Hall, 329 West First Avenue

## Community Calendar

**September**

- 1 Zoning/SALDO—10:30 am
- 7 Work Session—7 pm
- 13 Council Meeting—7:30 pm
- 18 POW/MIA Parade
- 20 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm
- 15 Fire Company—7 pm
- 25 Community Yard Sale— 8-3
- 27 Street Sweeping—South Side  
Fire Company—7 pm
- 29 Street Sweeping—North Side
- 30 Planning Commission—7 pm

**October**

- 2 Bulk Trash Pick-Up
- 4 Work Session—7 pm
- 6 Zoning/SALDO—10:30 am  
Citizen's Police Academy
- 11 Council Meeting—7:30 pm
- 13 Citizen's Police Academy

- 18 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm
- 19 Fire Company—7 pm
- 20 Citizen's Police Academy
- 25 Fire Company—7 pm
- 28 Planning Commission
- 30 Halloween Parade—1 pm
- 31 Trick or Treat—6-8 pm

**November**

- 1 Work Session—7 pm
- 3 Zoning/SALDO—10:30 am  
Citizen's Police Academy
- 8 Council Meeting—7:30 pm
- 10 Citizen's Police Academy
- 16 Zoning/SALDO—7 pm
- 17 Citizen's Police Academy
- 19 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm
- 24 Citizen's Police Academy
- 29 Fire Company—7 pm

***\*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, South Side (Thursday) trash will be picked up on Wednesday 11/24***

**December**

- 1 Zoning/SALDO—10:30 am  
Citizen's Police Academy
- 4 Christmas in Parkesburg
- 6 Work Session—7 pm
- 8 Citizen's Police Academy
- 13 Council Meeting—7:30 pm
- 15 Fire Company
- 20 Fire Company Auxiliary—7 pm
- 24 Christmas Eve—Office Closed\*
- 27 Office Closed

***\*Due to the Holiday schedule, South Side (Thursday) trash will be picked up on Wednesday 12/22 and North Side (Friday) trash will be picked up on Thursday 12/23—The same schedule will also take place the following week (12/29 & 12/30)***

# You Can be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution

Polluted Stormwater run-off is the greatest threat to clean water. Practice these healthy household habits and you will be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution.

## Healthy Household Habits

1. Keep your nearest storm drain clear of debris and litter
2. Never dump anything down a storm drain
3. Use fertilizers sparingly
4. Use pesticides only when necessary
5. Do not blow grass clipping or leaves into the street
6. Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down paved areas
7. Compost or recycle yard waste
8. Pick up pet waste and dispose of properly
9. Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on an unpaved area
10. Service your car regularly to prevent leaks onto paved areas
11. Dispose of household hazardous waste at designated collection areas
12. Produce less waste — *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*
13. Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled or recyclable products when ever possible
14. Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected at least every three years



## New York City

November 20th is Parkesburg Library's annual bus trip to New York City. The cost of the trip is \$40.00 which includes gratuities. Show tickets may be purchased at the library or you may buy your own. Sign up now at the Parkesburg Library or call for information at 610-857-5165.

## Christmas In and Around Parkesburg and Atglen

Mark your calendars for December 4, 2004. The 20th Annual Christmas Open House Tour In and Around Parkesburg & Atglen will be held to welcome our neighbors and friends to our homes, churches and businesses. The tour benefits both the Parkesburg and Atglen Libraries. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at either library. For more information call 610-857-5165 or 610-593-6848.

## Community Yard Sale Saturday, September 25th



8:00 AM — 3:00 PM

For information or to place your house on the map call the Borough Office at 610-857-2616

## Parkesburg Lions Club Halloween Parade Saturday October 30th



This year, the Annual Parkesburg Lions Club Halloween Parade will be held on Saturday, October 30th, starting at 1:00 PM SHARP!! Registration and line up will start at noon. The parade route will run from A. Duie Pyle down First Avenue to the judging stands in the area of the Parkesburg Arms and conclude in Minch Park with the awards presentations



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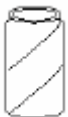
**Glass**—clean food and  
Drink bottles and jars only. Rinse  
and remove lids. Labels need not  
be removed.



**Newspapers**—stack in brown  
bag or tie



**Mixed Paper**—cardboard,  
paper bags, magazines, all  
mail, phone books, home, office  
and school paper.



**Aluminum**—beverage cans only. Rinse

**Metal**—food & beverage  
cans. Rinse.



**Plastic**—#1 & #2 narrow-



necked bottles, jars. Rinse  
and remove caps

## Recycle Right!

### GRASSCYCLE/ LEAFCYCLE



- LESS water
- LESS work
- LESS waste

**LEAVE grass  
clippings and  
mowed leaves  
on the lawn to  
decompose  
naturally**



## NO



light bulbs



plate glass



drinking  
glasses



crystal



ceramic  
cups  
& plates



flower pots



mirrors



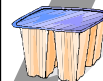
ovenware



oil cans  
cans  
or bottles



paint



plastic tub  
containers

- Food wrappers
- Plastic bags
- Wax or plastic coated boxes
- Tyvek envelopes
- Tissues, towels, napkins
- Metallic wrapping paper