

The TRAPPE BOROUGH POST



NEWS & EVENTS

FALL 2011

TRAPPE BOROUGH INFORMATION

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TRAPPE BOROUGH BARN DANCE

Mark your calendar for November 12th and get out your cowboy hats and your dancing boots for a real good time!

The Trappe Today & Tomorrow (“TTT”) Committee, in conjunction with the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company, will sponsor a Barn Dance, a real hoe down!

The dance will include a live band and professional caller. Tickets cost \$15.00 each (\$20.00 at the door) and may be purchased at Borough Hall. The dance will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Trappe Volunteer Fire House on West

Fifth Avenue.

The ticket price includes dinner, drinks, beer and dessert buffet. You must be 21 or older to attend.

In addition, there will be raffles to win, wine and beer tasting, photo ops and much more!

Proceeds benefit the “TTT” and Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. Come on out and support local businesses!



MS4 Program ... Paul Edwards



Paul Edwards, (son of Councilman, Paul Edwards), is a sixteen year old Junior at Perkiomen Valley High School. The High School requires students to prepare a “Senior Project” based on either a career or community curriculum. Paul

chose to do his project by serving the local community. Paul took on the task of attaching decals on the storm drain inlets which is part of the Borough’s Stormwater Management Program. The message on the decal is “Don’t Pollute. Flows to waterways.” Paul put the decals on 190 storm drain inlets throughout the Borough. Paul

stated that he learned that many residents put grass cuttings and yard debris into the storm inlet drains that clog the inlets and pollute streams. Paul hopes that by doing this project he will bring awareness to residents that what you put into the storm drain inlet does have an impact on the environment. Mayor Peck and Borough Council plan to honor Paul’s achievement and hard work at their November 1, 2011 Borough Council meeting. Great job Paul!

**ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 8th.
DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE!!!**



RecycleBank

Residents may now register for the RecycleBank program at www.recyclebank.com to begin earning points which may be redeemed for rewards such as discount coupons and merchandise. Click on “Register” in the upper right hand corner. Follow prompts to complete registration and input the activation code provided in the mailer from Republic Services. If you encounter any trouble call customer care at 1.888.727.2978. Residents who wish to participate should go online and report their recycling each month to earn points. Remember, it pays to recycle!

MESSAGE FROM OUR FIRE CHIEF ...

The year 2011 marks a milestone in the rich history and culture of our community. In the late 1800's as Trappe Borough began to grow, it discovered a need for its own fire service, and on October 12, 1911 Trappe Fire Company was chartered to protect the lives and properties of the residents of Trappe Borough and surrounding communities. Now 100 years later we still hold true to this philosophy.

For the past century, Trappe's Fathers, Mothers, Sons and Daughters have dropped everything at a moment's notice to respond to a neighbor's call for help. Trappe Fire Company began as a local group of men and women who had a strong sense of "community" and a high regard for humanity. It was in essence the community coming together to selflessly help a neighbor in need. This marked the beginning of the volunteer fire service and created a culture that still exists today, being passed down through the generations. Volunteer is our pay status; but professional is the attitude of the men and women that serve you on a daily basis, protecting your home, family or business. Over the years the fire service

has endured many changes. We've progressed from the days of bucket brigades and horse drawn hand pumps, to the modern state of the art equipment you see on the streets today. With changing technology comes greater need for training and the ability to use this technology to its highest extent. This requires our members to spend countless hours training to improve their knowledge and abilities to better serve our communities.

I am proud of our members who give willingly of their time for emergencies and training, and who rush from their jobs, their homes, and their families to respond to each and every emergency knowing that our job is one of the most dangerous in the world, and that firefighters die on the "job" regularly in service to their communities.

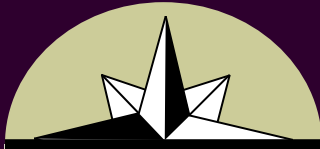
I am also proud of the fact that Trappe Fire Company maintains a fleet of apparatus and safety equipment that make our volunteers among the best equipped firefighters anywhere in America. We have worked hard over our history to assure that we have the latest gear and the safest equipment for our volunteers. Not only does this protect our men and women,

this equipment assures that we are as prepared as possible to save lives and property, whenever we are called to respond.

None of this would be possible without the support and generosity of the community, which has supported us with financial contributions, in-kind donations, and volunteerism throughout our history. As our community grows, the demand for emergency service grows with it, and so too will our need for financial support. We respond to each call knowing that we are so lucky to have a strong community standing behind us. This is not our fire company, it is the community's fire company, and we never forget that.

If you would like to become a member of the Trappe Fire Company and be a part of the "team", please feel free to visit our web site at www.trappefire.org. Click on "Join our Team", and download our application. Simply fill it out and bring it to our station to get the membership process started. Monday nights are also our training nights. Feel free to stop by and check us out!

Sincerely,
 Brian C. Long, Fire Chief
 Trappe Fire Co. #1



**MOVIE TAVERN
 TICKETS
 \$7.00
 AVAILABLE AT
 BOROUGH HALL

Tickets are good for any movie on any day. No exceptions! They make great gifts & stocking stuffers.

Tickets are available to anyone. The Borough does not accept credit or debit cards. You may pay with cash or check, with valid identification.



TRAPPED IN TIME...

In 1895, the great grandson of David Dewees, Lewis Royer purchased the farm property and erected a "summerhouse" and farmstead. This is the present farmhouse with its popular and beloved wraparound porch, a distinctive architectural feature known and admired by travelers on Rt. 113. The farmhouse he designed would be built

of frame construction, with its joists and rafters of hemlock wood and floors of now extinct long leaf yellow pine. The house was made even more distinctive by the addition of a glass sided cupola which was removed during the depression years as it was difficult to access and difficult to maintain making rainwater an issue.



Northern Star Farmhouse Today
 Matthew Wismer, Owner & Proprietor

MESSAGE FROM OUR BOROUGH MANAGER



Fall is here and Halloween is just around the corner. I want to remind parents to make certain that your little ghouls and goblins are accompanied by an adult while Trick-or-Treating!

Looking ahead, we have the Barn Dance on November 12th at the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company. This event will benefit the TTT and Fire Company and will also support the use of many local businesses for food, wine, beer and

more. Please come and lend your support.

Movie Tavern tickets are available for \$7.00 each. For each ticket sold, \$1.00 will be donated to the Trappe Volunteer Fire Company.

Borough Hall will again be selling discounted ski resort tickets through the PA Recreation and Parks Society. The tickets will be available in late December 2011 and will be available until March 1, 2012.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Jacqui Swartz



MS4 ANNOUNCEMENT

Plant trees in your yard and community. Fall is the best time for planting most trees and shrubs. The more trees and shrubs on your property, the more stormwater is controlled in your community. Leave faded blossoms on perennials to mature into seed heads to support birds and other wildlife over the winter. Spread lime if a soil test indicates soil is too acidic for turf grass.

Verizon Fios subscribers can now tune in to **Trappe Television** on channel 24! Comcast subscribers may still tune in on channel 965. Get the latest information, public announcements, notices and upcoming events in the Borough of Trappe.

BOROUGH BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: M.C. WEEKS

M.C. Weeks, Inc. has been a family owned and operated business since 1946 and has been located in Trappe since 1997. The owners, Nancy Weeks, Boris Dudchenko and their daughter, Natalie Weeks Hagan, sell custom window treatments. Originally, there were five factories with one located in Collegeville. M.C. Weeks, Inc. is now a "Hunter Douglas Gallery" and offers a large showroom. M.C. Weeks, Inc. is located at 183 West Main Street here in Trappe or you can visit them on the web at www.mcweeksinc.com. M.C. Weeks, Inc. offers a free design consultation. Schedule yours by calling 610.489.7231.

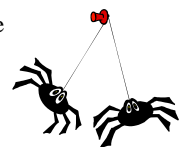


MESSAGE FROM OUR FIRE MARSHAL

Happy Fall to all Residents of Trappe Borough! With the arrival of Fall comes leaves falling from the trees and general yard cleanup. Trappe Borough allows burning of these items in your yard. Yes it does make for a lot less bagging but you must be aware of the weather conditions. In order for you to burn you need to contact the Fire Marshal @610.721.1259 to have a permit issued. Also, you must use common sense when you are burning. You need to have a water source nearby such as a garden hose. It should not be

windy and the ground needs to have good moisture content. Please burn responsibly and enjoy the scents of autumn. If you have any questions or complaints about open burning, or any other topic, please feel free to contact me @ 610.721.1259 or you may email me at mitalia@comcast.net. Thanks for your time and understanding.

Mike Italia,
Fire Marshal



INSTANT EMAIL ALERTS!

To receive the latest and fastest information on happenings in Trappe Borough sign up for "Email Alerts" by visiting our website at www.trappeborough.com



Recycling Corner

Hazardous Waste Collection Dates .

Montgomery County has announced six dates in 2011 for the collection of household hazardous waste and electronics. The last collection for 2011 will be at the Lower Merion Township Public Works Department, 1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley, PA 19072 on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For a complete schedule of collection locations, dates and times, and the list of acceptable materials, visit www.montgomerycountyclecyles.org or contact the Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County at 610.278.3618.

Compost Site Fall Hours.

The compost site is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday. Beginning November 6th the compost site will open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. All are invited to pick up composted materials at no cost, but only residents of Trappe or Collegeville may dispose of waste. The compost facility is located at 233 West Seventh Avenue. Please be sure to bring proof of residency and photo identification.

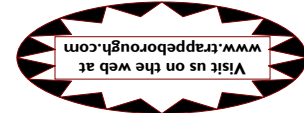
Open Burning of Yard Waste.

Planning to burn yard waste? Don't forget to get approval from the Fire Marshal before you strike that match... it's the law! Contact Fire Marshal Mike Italia at 610.721.1259.

Bulk Item Pick-Up Dates.

The next three dates for bulk item collection are Oct. 26th, Nov. 30th, and Dec. 28th. Bulk items are collected on the last collection day of each month. Residents may dispose of one item per month at no cost.

Residents who wish to dispose of more than one bulk item per month may contract for this service with BFI-Allied Waste. There is a \$35.00 fee per additional bulk item collected; this fee is \$60.00 for each bulk item that possesses Freon.



Mayor
Commie Peck
Fred Schuetz, President
Matt Watson, Vice President
Lew DiPrete
Paul Edwards
Cathy Johnson
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Borough Council

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- Meeting Schedule**
- ▶ Borough Council meets first Tuesday of the month.
 - ▶ Park & Recreation Board meets first Wednesday of the month.
 - ▶ Planning Commission meets third Tuesday of the month.
 - ▶ Streets, Traffic & Safety Committee second Tuesday of the month.