

# FALL NEWSLETTER

Trick or Treat – Thursday, October 31, 2013– 6-8 PM

General Election – Tuesday, November 5, 2013

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Seven Valleys Boroughs Weeks at Christmas Magic - **November 29–December 12 and December 26-31, 2013**

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## TRICK OR TREAT

Halloween Trick or Treating will be held **Thursday, October 31, 2013** between the hours of 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm. Residents who wish to treat children are asked to have their porch lights on, to let borough youngsters know where they are welcomed.

In addition, there will be two drop-in stops this year offered by the Community. Christian Liberty Fellowship is offering children activities and candy while at the Valley Tavern children will be treated to free hot dogs, snacks and drinks. Plan to include both these stops in your Trick or Treat evening.

## SNOW REMOVAL

Part of Seven Valleys Borough Code indicates that **Snow removed from your property shall not be thrown into the street.** Please be considerate of motorists who may face icy roads. The addition of snow thrown into the streets is dangerous and illegal.

The Snow Removal Ordinance also requires that all property owners and tenants remove snow and ice from their sidewalks and walkways within 24 hours from when the snow stops falling. Enough snow and ice shall be removed to allow a clear path for pedestrian traffic. Just one property owner leaving snow on the sidewalks makes it dangerous for other residents.

When it is apparent that there will be an accumulation of snow, residents are asked to park off street so that the snow removal contractor can do an efficient job of clearing the streets. Your cooperation is appreciated.



## REFUSE CONTRACT EXTENDED

The Refuse Contract with Penn Waste with Seven Valleys Borough has been extended for two years. There will be no increase in the cost of service for this two year extension. The cost will remain at \$209.40 per year per customer. Each customer may place up to 10 bags of refuse curbside each week along with one large item and unlimited recyclables.

When your collection day is on or after a holiday, collections will be delayed by one day.

## ►► UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE ◀◀

If you are considering a building project, please contact Wayne Smith, Zoning, Building Permit, and Codes Enforcement Officer to determine what type of permit is necessary for your project. You may call him at 225-0650.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS & COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

Seven Valleys Council meetings are typically held the first Monday of each month at the Seven Valleys Fire Company beginning at 7:00 pm. The meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcomed.

Mr. Douglas Wagner, 9 Cherry St, was appointed Mayor of Seven Valleys at the July 1, 2013 council meeting. Mr. Wager is filling the vacancy created when Mr. Steven Venable, former Mayor, moved from the Borough. Mr. Wagner's term of office will end the first Monday of January 2014.

Mr. Zachary Stiles, 81 Church St, was appointed to serve as a Councilman at the July 1, 2013 council meeting. Mr. Stiles is filling the vacancy created when Mrs. Robin Venable, former Council Member, moved from the Borough. Mr. Stiles' term of office will end the first Monday of January 2014.

## York County Department of Parks and Recreation Proudly Presents ... Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights

Admission Rates  
Adults - \$8.00  
Children (4-12) - \$6.00  
Under 4 Free  
Seniors (over 59) - \$7.00  
Adult Group (11+) - \$7.00  
Children Group (11+) - \$5.00

York County Department of Parks and Recreation  
Proudly Presents...  
Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights  
At Rocky Ridge County Park  
November 29 – December 31  
Closed December 24 and 25

Mon. – Fri., 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Sat. & Sun, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
600,000 lights  
trains and Holiday displays  
entertainment and food

**Seven Valleys Borough Weeks**  
**at the 30<sup>th</sup> edition of Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights**  
**November 29–December 12 and December 26-31**  
**Rocky Ridge County Park**  
**Coupon is redeemable for Buy One, Get One Free Admission**  
**Maximum is 2 free regular admissions**  
**This coupon is valid only for 2013 program**  
**Coupon is good for a one-time use.**

## THE SEWER AUTHORITY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The sewer authority strives to maintain rates while providing reliable and efficient service. As an example, last year we refinanced our debt and will realize a savings of \$1.6 million over the next 15 years. However, maintenance costs of our 15 year old system continue to rise. A significant part of these costs can be avoided with your help.

To operate efficiently a wastewater treatment plant depends on microbes to break down waste. It makes sense that only biodegradable items find their way into the system. Costs rise when we have to deal with items that do not breakdown in water. Particularly costly is having to repair pumps and sewer lines clogged with non biodegradable (solid) items. Some examples of these solid items include rags, disposable wipes, paper towels, shop towels, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, and latex products such as gloves and condoms. Please dispose of all non biodegradable items in your trash not your toilet.

As stated earlier, the process depends on microbes to break down waste. Grease, oil, and chemicals of any sort (including prescription drugs) should not find their way into the sewer system. Not only do these items clog pumps and sewer lines they also impact the plant, by killing the microbes. Remember too that chemicals not removed in our treatment process will be discharged into the Codorus creek watershed, the source of our drinking water.

We are also experiencing significant storm water infiltration during rain events. There are several reasons for this, most probable is that home sump pumps and down spouts have been hooked to the sewer. This is not allowed by ordinance and significant penalties can be imposed. Infiltration is also caused by broken caps on air vents and clean outs. It is your responsibility as home owners to insure the integrity of the line between your home and the lateral connected to the sewer main. We have also seen dead animals, softballs, baseballs, large stones, and other building materials in the sewer lines and manholes. Obviously these items wreak havoc on the system, so please report any open lines to us and we will make every attempt to correct the problem. Our number is 428-1413

With your help and cooperation we are confident that we can continue to provide the quality of service you have come to expect.

Springfield Township, York County, Sewer Authority