



Boro Bits

A quarterly newsletter for the residents, businesses and property owners of Spring Grove Borough, York County, Pennsylvania.

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Input Regarding the Borough Property at 50 North East Street, Spring Grove

In 1999, the Borough acquired from the Spring Grove Area School District the Spring Grove Intermediate School at 50 North East Street, Spring Grove, which had been vacant for several years. Just as when the building was acquired for the community, it remains a place for families and organizations to engage in community activities, attend seminars, have continued learning opportunities, and participate in after-school programs aimed at providing positive experiences for youth.

The Borough and its taxpayers alone have been responsible for the maintenance and improvements to the building. To allow the building to be used by the community required an immediate investment in 2000 of more than \$500,000 (funds from grants and Borough cash flow). From 2002 to 2006 donations from individuals and companies were sought to help maintain the building, with a goal to raise \$750,000 over the four years. Unfortunately, only about \$380,000 was raised, and the Borough had to make up the difference from General Funds. From 1999 through 2009, the Borough expended more than \$1.5 million in funds to support activities at the building and maintenance of the property.

The maintenance of the building is a significant financial risk to the taxpayers of Spring Grove Borough. In just the last 5 years, the Borough averaged annually more than \$15,000 maintaining the building, and has not had the funds to tackle needed major capital improvements. In order to address the Borough's possible inability to continue to maintain the building as it is currently being used, the Borough is considering one or more of the following actions:

1. Execute a feasibility study to assess structural condition, utility and mechanical systems, ADA compliance, and a market-use analysis. (Cost for such a study estimated at \$25,000.)
2. Is it in the best financial interest of the Borough to continue ownership of the building? (Current concern over financial risk to Spring Grove Borough.)
3. Demolish the structure, possibly selling the cleared parcel or create municipal parking.
4. Section off the building to maintain the gymnasium portion for use by the community, while selling other components of the building to be developed by a potential buyer.
5. Sell the entire parcel to be developed solely by the potential buyer according to allowed zoning/use restrictions.

As the Borough weighs the benefits and liabilities of the above options, we want to be transparent with our residents; and, a decision like this cannot be made in good conscious without the valuable input from our community. To obtain the community's input, residents are invited to participate in a community discussion regarding the future of the structure. The meeting will be:

Date: Monday – May 7, 2018
Meeting Place: Spring Grove Borough Building, 1 Campus Avenue, Spring Grove, PA 17362
Time: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Please notify the Borough Office prior to 4:00 PM on May 7, 2018 if you wish to speak at the meeting. Those registering to address Council will receive priority. As usual, public comment will be limited to five minutes for each person speaking, and within the one-hour meeting time limit. Input may also be provided by:

Written correspondence sent to the Borough Office by May 15, 2018 through the Borough website – www.springgroveboro.com

Sincerely,
Spring Grove Borough Council



Street Sweeping

Just a reminder that street sweeping has resumed as of April 5. Please make sure that you remove your car from the designated streets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month between 7:30 AM and 8:30 AM. Violators will be ticketed at a cost of \$25.00.



Stormwater Seminar Recap—Educational Credit

In March, sixty-eight property owners from the Borough gathered to attend a Stormwater Educational Workshop as part of the Borough's MS4 Compliance—meeting our Educational and Public Outreach requirements. Residents learned “Why Stormwater is Important, How to Reduce Your Impact, and MS4 Municipal Compliance”. Attending owners of Single Family Dwellings earned a 25% reduction to their Stormwater Fee. Future seminars will take place in 2019.

Property Maintenance Code Violations

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to maintain exterior property areas. The majority of code violations are a result of overgrown grass and vegetation, accumulation of junk and debris, and unlicensed or junked vehicles. Borough Officials will continue to issue fines per the Quality of Life Ordinance if the violation is not remedied within the allotted time frame. Fines can range from \$25 to \$500 per day per violation. **Deteriorating Structures will also be enforced.**

Primary Election

Don't pass up the opportunity to cast your vote for your favorite local and municipal candidates in the primary election on May 15. The polls open at 7:00 AM at the Spring Grove Borough Office, 1 Campus Avenue and close at 8:00 PM. Specimen ballots are available for viewing at www.yorkcountypa.gov/voting-elections.html two to three weeks before the election.

**EVERYONE'S
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Summer Hours

The Borough Office will implement Summer Hours of 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Thursday, beginning May 28 through September 7. After-hour payments or other correspondence may be placed in the drop box.

Holiday Closings

May 28 - Memorial Day
July 4 & 5 - Independence Day

The two hour time limit for parking on Main Street will not be enforced on these holidays.

Twice A Week Trash Collection

Twice a week trash collection will begin May 1 and continue until November 2. Trash will be collected on Tuesday and Friday.

Recycling and large item collection (one) will remain on Friday. The annual collection schedule calendar and guidelines for recycling are available on the Borough's website.



SAVE THE DATE:
Smoke in the Grove 2018
July 27-28
Spring Grove Community Park
For more info, visit:
www.SMOKEINTHEGROVE.com

Your Elected Officials

Borough Council

President
James Graham 225-3847
Vice President
Rebecca Stauffer 524-5244
President Pro Tempore
Peter Lombardi 229-9887
Vincent Catalano 225-6954
Larry McConnell 225-4926
Kristyn Stouch 225-0272
David Kile 880-3784

Mayor

Beverly Hilt 739-6357
Office Hours:
1st & 3rd Monday
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
mayor@springgroveboro.com

Meeting Dates

<u>Council</u>	<u>Committee</u>
May 7	May 21
June 4	June 18
July 9	-

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM at the Borough Office.

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