

Quarterly Newsletter

Featured Article

Teen Suicide by Sarah Omiotanski, Hulmeville Borough Jr. Council Person



In this article I would like to discuss teen suicide in our community. Unfortunately, I have had personal experience with teen suicide. One of my brothers' friends, who also lived in our community committed suicide when we were in 9th grade. This year I decided to join a group at Neshaminy high school called Friends Helping Friends which focuses its efforts on preventing teen suicide and bullying at the high school.

I received information from Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force regarding statistics of teen suicide in our community: there is 1 suicide every 12 minutes and 121 suicides every day. In 2016, suicide was the 10th leading cause of death, and in Pennsylvania 1 person dies by suicide every 5 hours. According to National Institute of Mental Health, males are more successful at suicide than females because females are less violent. Ages 10 -34 suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death and guns are used the most to commit suicide. Boys tend to use guns while girls tend to use poison. Depression is the leading cause of suicide because they feel their problems are not going away and believe suicide is a way of solving their problems. Many teens feel they are tired of life or just want a way out. Warning signs of suicide are: feeling sad for more than 2 weeks, out of control behavior, overwhelming fear, mood swings, change in sleep habits and hurting one's self.

The teacher advisor to Friends Helping Friends tells us that when someone commits suicide it doesn't just affect that person but everyone connected to them. Suicide affects their family, their friends and the community that they live in. Don't ignore when someone talks about suicide take it seriously. There are many supports and help is available: Bucks County Children's Crisis Support, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program. If you want to get involved on April 28, 2019 Bucks County Suicide Prevention Task Force will be holding a walk at Bucks County Technical High school. (details will be available on the buckscounty.org website).

Important Announcements

- The 1% **Earned Income Tax (EIT)** for Hulmeville Borough is in it's second year. Be sure to stay current with your quarterly tax. You can visit the collection group's web site for more information at www.KeystoneCollects.com.
- The Water Authority has sent out a mailer on March 8, 2019 updating all customers on the **water shut off policy** for overdue balances of three or more complete consecutive quarterly billing periods. If you have any questions on that letter you can contact Kurt Ludwig at 267-697-9235 or at k.ludwig@hulmeville-pa.gov
- **2019 Budget:** \$527,326.00 with a millage rate of 14.50 and a fire tax of 1.50, for a combined tax millage of 16.00. EIT of 1%, refuse collection \$280.97, and per capita \$5.00.
- Welcome to the new Chief of Police, John Baran.** Officer Baran has been with the Hulmeville Police Department for 6 years and we are happy to have him unanimously elected by borough council!



Hulmeville Police
215-757-1700
County Dispatch
215-945-3100



Hulmeville Borough Police

-**Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday April 13, 2019 12:noon at the soccer field and playground. Be sure to bring a basket for your little hunters! Children 12 and under are invited to participate. Thank you to the Historical Society and Neshamony United Methodist Church Preschool for all of their help with organizing and hosting this joint community event!

- Have you seen the **crosswalk signs** in town? The department has been experimenting with the success of placing the signs in the center of the crosswalks. BUT 2 have been taken. If you have any information on their whereabouts, please call the station 215-757-1700.



Code Enforcement

-A borough ordinance requires that a permit be issued for open burning.

-The Fire Marshal is responsible for enforcement of the Borough fire code. This includes conducting fire safety inspections of commercial properties and assisting the Borough Council with any fire safety related issues. You can contact Bill Wheeler at w.wheeler@hulmeville-pa.gov

Zoning Information

The borough web site links allow you to view, save and/or print, the entire zoning ordinance section by section. Visit the web site www.hulmeville-pa.gov/zoningordinance.html for more information.

Water Authority

New Water Meters Are Being Installed

Thank you to those residents who have already replied to the meter replacement calls/visits. Every water meter in the borough will be replaced. You will be notified and asked to schedule a time for your water meter to be replaced.

Proper Sump Pump Discharging stop discharging water into our sewers. Legally release the water to have it run over pervious ground (non-compacted soil in your yard) outside your home/business.

Sign up for the Safe Guard Program for your sewer line outside your home/business:

<http://www.bcwsa.net/safeguard-program/> or call 1-800-222-2068

Water or Sewer Bill Questions? If you pay your bill to Bucks County Water and Sewer, call 1-800-222-2068. If you pay your bill to Hulmeville Water Authority, call 215-757-6531.

Stormwater Management

-All residents have been repeatedly informed of storing items in a floodplain. Hulmeville Borough residents are eligible for flood insurance by FEMA only if we, as a borough, comply with their standards. Anyone not complying will be held accountable for their actions. Check out the borough website on how to report an issue. ***Warnings and Citations will be issued in April to property owners who do not comply with the ordinance regulations.***



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Know someone who is not receiving this newsletter? Have them call Debbie Mahon at 267-994-2206



William Penn Fire Company - Station 7 - Hulmeville

- Visit www.wmpennfire.com for more information. Interested in volunteering?
- Contact joinwmpenn@wmpennfire.com or call 215-752-7740. For hall rentals call 215-375-2650.

Trash & Recycling

- Trash concerns? Call Republic Services at 215-305-4975
- Spring Hazardous Recycling date: 9:00 - 3:00 May 11, 2019 Lower Bucks - Bucks County Community College. Visit www.buckcounty.org/recycling for more information.

Tax Collector

- The 2019 County & Municipal Real Estate Tax Bills have been mailed. Be sure to either forward to your mortgage company or send payments to Anna (Nancy) Wheeler by April 30, 2019
- Hours are printed on your tax bill and will be posted on the borough website. An appointment can be made by contacting: Anna (Nancy) Mitchell n.mitchell@hulmeville-pa.gov or call 215-757-6531.

Community News

Hulmeville Historical Society: President Marce Heald 215-891-0445

- Annual Senior Citizens luncheon is Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 12:noon at the Wm Penn Fire Company.
- Memorial Day Ceremony Saturday, May 25, 2:00 at Memorial Park
- Volunteers are needed for upcoming events. Please call Marce to help out!
- Upcoming meetings are held in Boro Hall at 7:30 pm: April 10th, May 8th, June 12th.

Hulmeville Garden Club: www.hulmevillegardenclub.org

- The Great Tomato Give-a-way, Sunday, May 5, 5:pm. Free to members and \$10.00 for guests.
- The Hulmeville Garden Club has joined forces with Southern Bucks Garden Club and the Garden Club of Bristol Borough to bring in more members and a fantastic line up of programs! Check out their web-site for future events and event locations.
- Park clean ups: May 11th & 18th at 9:AM. Clean up will start at Heritage Park then head up to Memorial Park. Bring your gloves, buckets, and weeding tools!

Penndel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade:

-Run For the Fallen

The 5K Run & Family Walk will help raise funds for the 2019 Memorial Day Parade. The 5k will start at 8:30am from the Penndel Memorial Ball Field. Registration is \$30.00 and \$40.00 after April 28th. All pre-registered will receive a t-shirt. Awards for top 3 overall and 6 age groups. You can register on line at their secure web site: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Penndel/RunfortheFallen5k>

-Parade

Saturday, May 26th, 2019. Line up is 8:AM, Parade starts at 9:AM. Visit their web-site to volunteer or to register: www.p-hmemorialparade.org



New Businesses at the Commons at Johnson Hall

- Be sure to visit all of the new businesses in the newly renovated Johnson's Hall: Inverse Paradox, Flex Force Training, O' So Inviting, and a soon to come third floor occupant!
- The Johnson Hall Coffee House will be opening this week!!!!



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Family

2019 Earth Day Event at Core Creek Park

We hope that you're able to attend this family fun-filled event with lots of free give-a-ways on Saturday in April 27th, 11: am to 2:pm. Hulmeville Borough is joining up with local communities for this event. For more information call Middletown Parks & Recreation at 215-750-3890.

Congratulations to the 2018 youth volunteers for Hulmeville Borough!

Hulmeville Borough appreciates the contributions made to our Borough by youth volunteers and each December, honors them at a borough meeting. Pictured with council members are the youth volunteers for 2018 (l to r) front row: Jillian Dwyer, Sarah Omietanski, Stanley Omietanski, and Zachary Gutherman. Back row Councilman Doug Harris, President Tom Wheeler, Officer John Baran, Mayor Debbie Mahon, Vice President Daniel Mandolesi, & Councilman Nicholas Lodise. Youth not pictured: Tolga Atabas, Rebecca Harger, Danielle DiMeglio, Brandon Caban , and Katherine Cleary.



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