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Turning Problems into Dreams, and Dreams into Reality

"The problem is not the problem. The problem is your attitude about the problem."

– JACK SPARROW
(PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN)

Problems. No matter how many we go through, they never become a scarce resource...and municipalities always have more than their fair share. Litter, parking, flooding, taxes, graffiti, potholes, snow and ice, fees and fees and fees. We have problems. But should we all just throw our hands up about them and give up? Should we scream at one another trying to convince everyone that our problem is the worst and needs fixed first? I would say, "No." Emphatically, "NO!" We are living in a wonderful community with great resources. Why should we fight about our problems when we have the opportunity to collaborate on them? We have a diverse citizenry with impeccable credentials and myriad experiences from which to draw. Let's not allow our attitudes to add another problem to the list. Let's use our problems to become a better community.

"Just because it's what's done, doesn't mean it's what should be done."

– CINDERELLA
(CINDERELLA)

While I agree that we don't need to always reinvent the wheel, there are times when the wheel just isn't the best option. Wheels are good for rolling forward over a smooth

surface. Leaping forward? Not so much. Instead, let's look at some radical ideas. Let's open our minds up to the improbable, or even the impossible, when trying to improve our community. Government very often gets stuck in a rut. The problems get so overwhelming that the common response becomes the only response.

"Today is a good day to try."

– QUASIMODO
(THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME)

So, let's try something different. Let's open ourselves up to the radical solutions. Let's allow ourselves to dream and dream BIG. Let's lay aside the bickering that normally comes hand-in-hand with problems. Let's face our problems as a community; one with different views and opinions, but also one with respect. Today is a good day to try. When I discuss some projects with our Borough Council, people may call them crazy or extreme. I look at them as opportunities to dream of a better Dormont.

"The only way to get what you want in this world is through hard work."

– TIANA
(THE PRINCESS AND THE FROG)

Unfortunately, dreams will only stay dreams unless the hard work is done to make them a reality. Without vision and support, a dream can quickly become a nightmare. Dreams must be turned into plans and budgets. Plans and budgets

must be weighed and debated. And through it all, there will be work: Not just for the Borough staff, but from the entire community. For radical change to work, the community, both residential and business, must be involved in the work.

I look forward to hearing your radical ideas for change, and to working together to making real improvements to Dormont.

*Ben Estell,
Borough Manager*

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A Note From THE MAYOR

Dear Neighbors,

As I write this in November the sun is out and it's a beautiful day. I, like most of us, try to hold onto Summer and Fall for as long as we can.

As we approach this coming winter season, I once again want to wish all of you a great Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year and Steeler Season.

Remember, when it snows, please be diligent when it comes to keeping your sidewalks and steps clear of snow and ice. Keep an eye on your elderly neighbors and help out when you can. Be good to each other; after all, we're all we've got.

I would like to congratulate Charles Boone and Ethan M. Dadum on achieving Eagle Scout. Charles's project was to raise funds and supplies for the local animal shelter. There is an article in this newsletter on page 12.

One other note, I would like to thank Conner Tokarsky for his service as Junior Councilperson; good luck Conner! I would also like to congratulate Dana Nardoizzi, our newest Junior Councilperson.

Have a safe and happy winter and holiday season!

**Your Mayor,
Phil A. Ross**



**The Dormont Elementary PFO
will be hosting a Winter Carnival and Holiday Shop
on Friday, December 11, 6:30pm to 8pm.**

Bring your children to play carnival games, create crafts in Santas's workshop, or shop for the family at our Holiday shop! Enter your homemade Gingerbread house into our competition, enjoy some hot cocoa and decorate cookies! All activities can be done by purchasing tickets at the event.



LETTER FROM **SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA**

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program

I want to remind anyone that has not applied for the 2014 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program that the deadline to do so is Dec. 31. Applications can be obtained from any of my district offices and my staff would be happy to assist you in preparing your application.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and over; widows and widowers age 50 and over; and people with disabilities age 18 and over. Homeowners with a maximum yearly income of \$35,000 and renters with a maximum yearly income of \$15,000 are eligible for a rebate. Keep in mind that half of Social Security income is excluded.

Due to program changes enacted last year to ensure claimants aren't disqualified from rebates solely because of Social Security cost-of-living adjustments, homeowners and renters may be eligible for rebates even if their eligibility income is greater than these limits. Any homeowner who collected Social Security, received a property tax rebate in 2013 for claim year 2012 and had annual income last year, discounting half of Social Security, up to \$36,129, is encouraged to apply for a rebate for claim year 2014. Any renter in that same situation with an annual income in 2014, discounting half of Social Security, up to \$15,484, is also encouraged to apply.



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State Representative **DAN MILLER**

Be sure to mark your calendars!

Our 3rd Annual Children and Youth Disability and Mental Health Summit will be held on March 3rd and 4th at the Beth El Congregation on Cochran Road- and we are already been working hard to make it a big success! Last year's event had over 600 people present, over 116 participating organizations, and provided educational credits for professionals including teachers, social workers, and lawyers. Due to popular demand our Summit was also expanded into a second day!

Each year we try very hard to improve our programming in order to provide the latest information on disability and mental health issues. This March we will be increasing our nonprofit partnerships and offering a wider selection of programming- including a nationally known keynote speaker. Our Resource Fair- already the largest in Allegheny County- will add a second day targeting employment and post-secondary opportunities for young people with a disability or a mental health

diagnosis. As always we will be working with dozens of our great local nonprofits, our local school districts, and county and state agencies to be sure that this is truly a one-stop shop for related support and information.

As promised, working to increase independence and opportunity for everyone will continue to be a main focus for me as your state representative. To stay up to date on this important regional event please visit www.pahouse.com/miller or [facebook.com/RepDanMiller](https://www.facebook.com/RepDanMiller).



OFFICIAL ACTIONS

JUNE 15, 2015

- Authorized the Conservator to list 1447 Dormont Avenue for sale at a price of \$229,000.00.
- Authorized Change Order #1 on the 5th Alley Emergency Repair in the amount of \$3,776.82. Engineer McVicar gave a brief explanation.
- Employed Mr. Benjamin Estell as Borough Manager effective July 1, 2015 and adopted Resolution #9 of 2015, approving an agreement setting forth the terms and conditions of employment for a term of six months as required by Borough Code.
- Authorized the execution of a Letter of Intent with the Department of Community and Economic Development, Local Governor's Center for Local Government Services to provide peer to peer assistance.
- Confirmed the Borough's intent to utilize funding awarded through CD 41 in the tentative amount of \$32,477.00 and authorizing the Manager to convey the same to the SHACOG.

JULY 6, 2015

- Accepted Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K (A. Motion to accept the written report of the Borough Solicitor, B. Motion to approve the written reports of Borough Officials, C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 1, 2015 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 15, 2015 Council Special Meeting, E. Motion to approve the Warrant list for June 2015, F. Motion to accept the recommendation

of the Engineer approving the quote from Insight Pipe in the amount of \$2,800.00 to clear the blockage in the sanitary sewer at the end of Dwight Avenue as per Mr. McVicar's memorandum, G. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer authorizing Payment No. 3 [Final Payment] to East Coast Paving & Sealcoating Inc. for the 2014 Alley Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$5,362.54 as per Mr. McVicar's memorandum [Funds to be drawn from the Capital Improvement Fund], H. Motion accepting the recommendation of the Park Superintendent to accept the quote from Carusso Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc. to replace one HVAC unit at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center at a cost of \$14,570.00 as per Mr. Conroy's memorandum [Funds to be drawn from the Contingency Account], I. Motion accepting the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent to accept the quote from Carusso Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. to repair two HVAC units on the Borough Building roof which were damaged June 23, 2015 when a Duquesne Light transformer exploded at a cost of \$4,986.00 per Mr. Schneider's email [insurance claim filed], J. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent to contract with Cargill, Inc., for salt for the 2015-2016 winter season at a cost of \$69.29 per ton; further authorizing the submission of a letter of award and the execution of a contract contingent upon the review and approval of the solicitor, K. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer authorizing Pay Estimate #3 to Niando Construction in the amount of \$28,712.32 for the 5th Alley Emergency reconstruction project, addendum #1, L. Motion

to accept the recommendation of the Engineer authorizing final Pay Estimate #3, to Insight Pipe in the amount of \$8,040.53 for the sewer lining project [final]

- Advertised proposed Ordinance #1607, adopting International Fire Code, 2009 Edition.
- Advertised proposed Ordinance #1608, amending Chapter 110, Fire Safety Inspection Program of the Codified Book of Ordinances.
- Advertised proposed Ordinance #1609, creating a Stormwater Authority in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.
- Adopted Resolution #10-2015, amending the Fee Schedule for Fire Safety Inspections. Motion carried 6-1.
- Authorized the executing of an agreement with Code.sys Code Consultants for the provision of Fire Inspection Services at an hourly rate of \$45.00.
- Adopted Resolution #11-2015, authorizing Dormont to become a Live Well Allegheny Community.
- Accepted the recommendation of the Manager to purchase software from Geotech in the amount of \$2,040.00 for the creation of a Sidewalk and curb inspection database and to purchase a Microsoft Surface Pro 3 with rugged case from CDW-G at a cost of \$1,028.42.
- Approved a Family Fun Night at the pool on Wednesday, August 19th from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM and reducing the cost of the pool pass to \$2.50 for anyone.



OFFICIAL ACTIONS

AUGUST 3, 2015

- Accepted Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L (A. Motion to accept the written report of the Borough Solicitor, B. Motion to approve the written reports of Borough Officials, C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2015 Council Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant list for July 2015, E. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to appoint Muriel Moreland to fill the vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission, F. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to appoint Shannon Venditti to fill the vacancy on the Recreation Board, G. Motion to add Manager Estell to the Certified Copy of Corporation Resolution for Manning & Napier pension management services, H. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer, authorizing Payment #1 in the amount of \$34,518.91 to Niando Construction, Inc., for 2015 Sewer Repair Projects – Contract B Excavation, I. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer, regarding collapsed spot liner on Kelton Avenue, to award removal to Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P., in the amount of \$2,700.00 and to award reinstallation to Robinson Pipe Cleaning Co., in the amount of \$6,159.00, J. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to award 2015 Operation & Maintenance Contract to Miller Pipetech, Inc., in the amount of \$85,402.00, to be paid from the Sanitary Sewer Fund, K. Motion to approve Application for Sign Permit

Corporation and Application for Zoning/Building Permit for Temporary Commercial Tent from Dormont Community Development for “A Taste in Dormont” event, L. Motion to approve recommendation of Engineer to request purchase and installation of ten (10) LED street lights to replace current High-Pressure Sodium lights on Potomac Avenue for \$1,200.00 from Duquesne Light.)

- Adopted proposed Ordinance #1607, adopting International Fire Code, 2009 Edition.
- Adopted proposed Ordinance #1608, amending Chapter 110, Fire Safety Inspection Program of the Codified Book of Ordinances.
- Adopted proposed Ordinance #1609, creating a Stormwater Authority in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Act of 1945.
- Retained Remington and Vernick Engineers to perform a Traffic Calming Study on Belrose Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$1,565.00.
- Retained David French, at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, for preparation for MS4 compliance.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

- A Borough of Dormont Non-Police Employees’ Pension Plan, K. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to accept the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation

[MMO] Report for Borough of Dormont Police Pension Plan, L. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to execute agreement with Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation for Borough of Dormont LED Conversion Project, M. Motion to accept recommendation of Solicitor to require the Reserved Accessible Parking Policy to comply with applicable Pennsylvania laws, N. Motion to advertise budget meetings as follows: “The Borough of Dormont Council shall meet to prepare and discuss the proposed 2016 Budget on September 28, 2015, October 26, 2015 and November 9, 2015 beginning at 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 1444 Hillsdale Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15216. All budget meetings are open to the public and all interested individuals are welcome to attend.”)

- Adopted Resolution #12-2015, authorizing the filing of an application for funds with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, for the demolition of 1470 Dormont Avenue.

- Advertised proposed Ordinance #1610, regulating non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

- Advertised proposed Ordinance #1611, to implement updated Stormwater Management Controls as required by federal and state regulations.

Dormont Historical Society

Recently a friend sent me an email article entitled "Ten Things That Will Disappear in Our Lifetime." At the top of the list was the post office. That is a terrible thought! Some of my friends do not have computers so we keep in touch by mail most of the time. Sure, phone calls are nice, but they do not mean as much as a friendly note, a birthday card and cards for other special occasions. I look forward to the mail person's daily delivery. Don't you?

If you do, we hope you will join us by sending \$10.00 for a year's

membership so you will receive our newsletters while knowing that you are helping to save Dormont's history. Your \$10.00 would help pay the expenses we have in keeping that history alive. Please consider joining us in this mission. Sincere thanks to you who already support us!

If you have not visited our museum, you cannot imagine all the items that are on display and the amount of material in our files and binders. Folks have been very kind in sharing their yearbooks and all the many, many

other items that make visitors wish they had allowed a lot more time for looking and reminiscing.

Why not make a New Year's resolution to visit us? Or, better still, to join us? We are open Thursdays, 9-2, but a volunteer will arrange to meet you at a different time. Call 41.341.3667. There is an elevator you can take to reach our rooms in the lower level of the Municipal Center. Parking is difficult most weekday mornings. Do come!

DORMONT AARP

Dormont AARP#3016, after a year of bouncing from one meeting place to another, is pleased to announce...

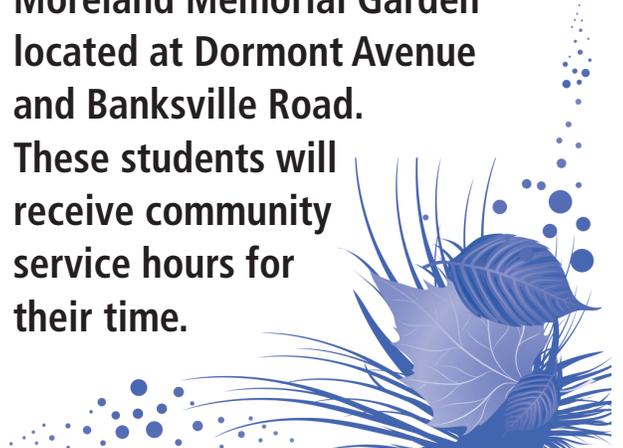
our new accommodations at Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1146 Greentree Rd., Pgh (Greentree), at intersection of Greentree Rd. & Potomac Ave.) Our general meetings are still held on the 2nd Thursday of each month; however, the meeting time has been changed to 1:30 p.m. Parking is available in rear of church. (Also, there is a PAT bus stop right there.)

Our Fall Potluck Dinner held after the Nov. meeting, for/and by members only, remains popular, as well as the annual Christmas dinner, again scheduled for Dec. 1 at Peter's Place, Bridgeville.

Dormont Main Street would like to give a special thank you to...

the KOHS Environmental Club and their sponsor, teacher John Buffington, for their help with the annual fall pullout of annual flowers at the Bill Moreland Memorial Garden located at Dormont Avenue and Banksville Road.

These students will receive community service hours for their time.



“So What Is A TMDL?”



If you were at the December 7, 2015 council meeting, you were present for the public hearing on the Borough’s “TMDL Strategy Plan”. Congratulations! You are now an expert on TMDL reduction. For the rest of you who are asking, “What in the world is a TMDL?” please read on.

In short, a TMDL or “Total Maximum Daily Load”, is a “calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still safely meet water quality standards”. Examples of typical pollutants are, pathogens, nutrients which is primarily phosphorus, sediment, mercury and metals. The Borough of Dormont has been assigned TMDLs for phosphorus and sediment. You may ask, “How is that possible? There are no streams in Dormont?” And you would be correct, there are no streams in Dormont. However, every drop of rain that falls on the Borough and then runs off of our impervious

surfaces (roofs, streets, sidewalks, driveways, etc.), makes its way into our stormwater system. From there it flows out of the Borough to our neighbor’s storm sewer and eventually discharges to Saw Mill Run, which in turn discharges to the Ohio River.

The TMDLs are not specifically assigned to the Borough, but rather, to Saw Mill Run. The EPA has determined that the TMDL for Saw Mill Run is being exceeded for phosphorus and sediment. They have directed that all municipalities that discharge stormwater to Saw Mill Run must reduce their contribution of these pollutants to the waterway.

The first pollutant is phosphorus, which as indicated comes primarily from leaves and grass clippings. In their studies, the EPA calculated that the Borough’s annual contribution of phosphorus to Saw Mill Run to be 171 lbs. The Borough was then assigned a phosphorus allocation of just 8.2 lbs. per annual growing season. What this means is the Borough must reduce the amount of phosphorus going into our storm sewer by 97% per annual growing season.

The other pollutant is sediment. In Dormont we have identified sediment as primarily being

generated by leaves and grass clippings, roof shingles and deteriorating concrete (curbs & sidewalks). The EPA calculated that the Borough’s annual contribution of sediment to Saw Mill Run to be 91 tons/yr. The Borough was then assigned a Sediment allocation of just 24.5 tons/yr. Therefore, we must reduce the amount of sediment going into our storm sewers by 73.4%, which equates to 66.85 tons/yr.

As you can see, the Borough is faced with a monumental task to reach our allocated TMDL for phosphorus and sediment. At the December 7, 2015 council meeting our strategy plan was presented to the public. A copy of the final version submitted to the PaDEP is available on the Borough website. Through the coming months you will hear a whole lot more about our TMDL Reduction Strategy; what practices the Borough plans to implement to work towards the required reduction and what you can do to help.

If you have any questions, or would just like to learn more about TMDL reduction, please reach out to me. I may be reached through the Borough’s main number, 412-561-8900 X231, or you can e-mail me @ wmcvicar@boro.dormont.pa.us.

**Thank you,
Wayne R. McVicar, P.E.
Borough Engineer**



Help Protect Our Waterways!

On November 2, 2015 Council approved the "ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION ORDINANCE". This ordinance is intended to help protect our waterways and regulates non-storm water discharges to our storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable. It is required by Federal and state law. This ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into our municipal storm sewer system (called an MS4) in order to comply with requirements of our National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. Under the Borough's MS4 Permit, "Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination" is one of the six (6) Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) with which the Borough must comply.

Why is the elimination of illicit (illegal) discharges important? Illicit discharges are untreated and make their way to Saw Mill Run and from there to the Ohio River. Illicit discharges such as paint or oil dumped into storm drains, improper disposal of auto and household toxins, septic effluent, car wash wastewater, and illegally connected wastewater piping can cause serious pollution issues. These

illicit discharges can carry a variety of pollutants, such as:

- Heavy metals
- Bacteria
- Viruses
- Nutrients
- Oil and grease
- Solvents
- Toxins

The goal of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDD&E) program is to reduce pollution to our waterways through the prevention or removal of these pollutants to our storm sewer system. However, the following dry-weather flows are exempted and permissible:

- Water line flushing,
- Landscape irrigation,
- Diverted stream flows,
- Rising ground waters,
- Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration,
- Uncontaminated well water,,
- Discharges from drinkable (i.e., potable) water sources,
- Foundation drains,
- Air conditioner condensation,
- Irrigation water,
- Springs,
- Water from crawl space pumps,
- Footing drains
- Lawn watering,

- Individual residential car washing,
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands,
- De-chlorinated swimming pool discharges, and
- Street wash water.

The Borough needs your help to identify illicit dry-weather discharges that are not permitted. If you notice dumping, spills or other illicit (illegal) discharge into our storm sewers; or if you observe a pollution event, please contact the Borough by one of the following methods. Please be prepared to provide your name, address, phone number, the nature of the observed discharge and the location where the discharge was observed. All information will be kept confidential:

- Call the Borough office, 412-561-8900, and speak to one of the staff at the front desk,
- Go on-line to <https://gov.publicstuff.com>, and file a report,
- Contact the Borough Engineer @ wmcvicar@boro.dormont.pa.us,
- Or, leave a message for the Borough Engineer at 412-561-8900 X231.

Centax Garbage Fee Amenity Program

The Borough of Dormont Council has authorized the following:

■ A 60 day moratorium on all late charges (anything beyond the original face value penalty and interest) for those whose garbage payments for the years prior to 2012.

■ The rate payer must either show documentations the payment was made either by cancelled check or a copy of a receipt. If the bill was

paid then the rate payer shall receive a credit on their bill in amount of all the late charges. If the bill was not paid and the Rate Payer is current on their post 2012 garage fees then the Rate Payer will be eligible to pay only the face amount of the bill.

■ Individuals who are delinquent on their post 2012

bills may apply to be part of this program by bringing their post 2012 account current.

■ Application must be made in the 60 day window November 2, 2015 through January 1, 2016.

■ Should anyone have questions on this program, please contact Borough staff.

2016 Construction Projects

As we begin 2016, the Borough is looking to complete the following construction projects in the coming year:

2016 Road Reconstruction Program

Under this year's road resurfacing project Council has approved the reconstruction of one street. Potomac Avenue from West Liberty Avenue to Espy Avenue will be totally reconstructed the full 50 foot width of the right-of-way, basically from the front of the buildings on one side of the street to the front of those on the opposite side. This street will be reconstructed as a "Green Infrastructure" project. Under this project the asphalt roadway, concrete and paver sidewalk, handicapped accessible (HC) ramps and concrete planters will be completely removed. The existing street lamps will be maintained. The reconstruction proposed is the installation of porous concrete pavers over a stone base for both the street and sidewalk. This surface will act as a filter for roadway pollutants and sediment and the underlying stone bed will act as a stormwater storage basin as the water migrates to the underdrain system. The underdrain system is proposed along both sides of the street, along each curb line, and to be connected to the downstream stormwater inlet. Along this underdrain the roof drains of each commercial building will be connected. The crosswalks will also be porous concrete pavers, but in a herringbone pattern.

Also to be incorporated in the sidewalk will be landscape beds, public bistro type tables, seating areas and other public amenities. Finally, the existing curbing will be replaced where needed.

The project is currently under design. The manager and I will be meetings with business owners individually to discuss the benefits and the impacts of the project, as well as to listen to concerns. I anticipate completing the design in the spring of 2016. Construction will be scheduled thereafter, dependent upon the time frame that will have the least impact on the businesses.

The Borough also proposes to resurface several streets and alleys. At the time of the writing of this article, the budget has not yet been passed, so unfortunately, the specific streets and alleys cannot be identified. However, Arkansas Avenue from Annex Avenue to Delwood Avenue; and Delwood Avenue from Mississippi Avenue to Hillsdale Avenue, are at the top of the resurfacing list. Design is anticipated to be finished over the winter with construction beginning in the spring on or about May 1, 2016.

2016 Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Program

Under this year's sewer maintenance program the Borough will be proceeding with several sanitary sewer projects. In 2015 we internally inspected with robot cameras 37,500 linear feet of sanitary sewer main. This inspection identified various sewers in need of some type of repair. Based upon this inspection we will be issuing contracts for the required repairs. On sewer lines where there are a number of defects or where there is significant inflow at the joints, the sewers will be lined from manhole to manhole. For those sewers where there are isolated defects and/or significant infiltration at a single joint or lateral, we will be performing spot lining and grouting. A third contract will be issued for repairs where it will be necessary to open the street in order to make the repairs.

In addition to the repair contracts, we will also be performing our annual televising and preventive maintenance work where we will clean and televise 20% of the Borough's sanitary sewers. Based upon this inspection work, the sewers for 2017 year's repair contracts will be identified.

The work on the various sewer projects identified is anticipated to extend from March 1 through October of 2016.

Message from the Building Department

Building permits are required for all electrical work in residential and commercial properties. The property owners/contractors will need to come to the Building Department to apply for an electrical permit application. The Borough has a third party (Middle Department Inspection Agency) to review and inspect the electrical work. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Building Department.

Building & Code Enforcement Department

Winter is upon us once again and it is time for the yearly reminder to keep your sidewalks clean and free from snow and ice. People use the sidewalks to get to work, the store or just for exercise. Please be considerate and clean the snow and ice from your sidewalks as soon as possible. In fact, the Dormont Borough Code requires that sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours of the last snowfall.

When clearing the snow and ice from your sidewalk, please do not throw the snow into the street. The public works department works very hard to keep the streets clean and safe for everyone. More importantly, the streets need to remain clean

in case of an emergency. The Dormont Borough Code says that it is unlawful for any person to deposit or cause to be deposited on any highway, street or alley within the borough any snow which has been removed from the sidewalks or steps, driveways or any other private grounds.

If you have any question concerning this or any other section of the Code, please do not hesitate to call the borough office at (412) 561-8900.

Thank you for your help and consideration in making Dormont a better and safer place to live and work.

Have a safe winter!

Dormont Volunteer Fire Department

Winter is upon us again folks and the fun days of snow and ice lie ahead. It's about to be that time of year we all dread and enjoy at the same time. We would like you this winter to please keep in mind your neighbors. Not the ones you talk to every day but the ones you don't see all that often. Some of our neighbors are going to need a little extra help this winter shoveling walkways, driveways, and steps. Please help out those that might need just a little extra help during the coming cold months. Also, now is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke/fire detectors. Make it a plan to change your batteries every January 1st and try to instill this practice into

other family members as well. It's a simple safety precaution that might just save your life and the lives of the ones you love. Lastly, we would also like to also recommend that you locate the hydrants that the fire department could be using if there was a fire in your area. If we get a good snow, please feel free to dig out the hydrant as part of your regular shoveling. This could save valuable time in getting water into a structure, which could ultimately save lives and property. Have a lovely winter and be safe folks. And as always, thank you for your continued support.

DVFD - Chris Carr



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YOU SHOULD WORRY ABOUT
IS HOW YOU ARE GOING
TO PAY FOR THE AMBULANCE.**

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MRTSA Membership TO ALL:

It's that time of year again for MRTSA to offer annual memberships; direct mailing should be delivered the end of next week. The membership program is a very good value for the residents and provides necessary support to MRTSA.

FAQ:

What does it cost?

\$42 per year for an individual.
\$65 per year for a household.

What does it cover?

The membership covers any co-pay, deductible or balance related to ambulance billing.

How can I become a member?

Membership packets were mailed to all residents. You may also visit our website www.mrtsa.com and join online or call 412-343-5111

How long does the membership last?

The membership covers the calendar year from 1/1/2016 – 12/31/2016

What if I move mid-year?

Simply call MRTSA and we will change your address in our system.

Who is covered for a household membership?

Anyone who resides at your residence or visits.

Thank you for your assistance and support!!

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Eagle Scout Project

KOHS 10th grader and Troop 23 Scout Charles Boone of Dormont



Recently, you received on your door knob, a door hanger asking for donations for Animal Friends. KOHS 10th grader and Troop 23 Scout Charles Boone of Dormont took on this community wide collection as his project so that he can earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

"Thank you all for supporting my project" Charles says. Animal Friends said that it was their single largest donation. Dry food topped over 600 pounds. Cans of pet food numbered over 100. Blankets and towels were over 300. Over 125 different types of cleaning products. Over 1300 individual items were donated. It is only by the community's generous donations that I accomplished this feat.

Thank you also to the companies which also assisted me in my endeavor.

Thank you to:

Kuhn's for the unexpected donation to help feed my volunteers.

Thank you Giant Eagle on Cochran for the gift card.

Thank you Molly's Pizza.

Thank you Edgar Synder & Associates for your donations.

Thank you Fr. Jim Bachner who let me put boxes at St. Pius, Our Lady of Loretto and St Catherine of Siena churches.

There were many other donations, too numerous to mention all of them. Many of the donations made me say "wow".

***It was the donations of beautiful towels some of which are better than the ones we use at home.**

***It was the donation of half of a pack of doggie training pads and dog treats - this is something which the donor could have been using for their own pets - they shared what they had.**

***It was the cash donation of \$5 and coupons which brought a real lump in my throat – it was in a hand written envelope - I am very grateful.**

***It was a touching donation of dog harnesses from a resident who said that their dog passed away, and they were hoping that it could be used by some other family - I saw that as a tearful loving donation of something which meant so much.**

***It was the donation where velour-soft blankets were purchased so that the animal in the shelter could feel the softness of someone's heart-felt love and snuggle up in its warmth.**

***It was the donation of a can of food – to the donation of 25 lbs bag of food.**

***It was the donations in which people left a hand written note to me.**

***It was the cleaning products and the litter, for everyone deserves to be in a clean environment.**

I looked at all the donations. I know that love and generosity filled each donation.

I cannot mention all the items donated. As I looked at the donations, I realize each donation held reason, purpose for the donation and expressed a thought-filled gesture of care and concern. Each item from the community helped me reach my goal of helping Animal Friends.

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I am most grateful for all the donations.

I also want to thank all of my volunteers who helped me with the project. The web of scouting has no boundaries. When I thought I may need volunteers to help, troops pitched in to help. Five troops represented the support of my project. Thank you scouts from Troops 22, 23 and 366 all from the South Hills area, Troop 11 from Indiana PA and Troop 844 from Delaware, OH. 16 different volunteers registered each day to help me with my project – they represented friends, scouts and scout families.

The kindness and love of the community left me almost speechless with the generosity shown. The goodness within the community shown in its donations, not only to help me in my project, but for genuine concern for all of the innocent animals at Animal Friends who need a home.



Thank you Dormont, for supporting me in my Eagle Project goal to help the animals at Animal Friends.

LifeSpan

Resources and Services for Seniors
314 East Eighth Ave, Homestead, PA 15120-1518
412-464-1300 412-461-7118 (Fax)

October 28, 2015

For the past 16 years, LifeSpan – Resources and Services has leased space in the Dormont Borough Building, providing a Community Resource Center for individuals 60+. The Dormont Center will officially relocate to the Chartiers Center on November 13, 2015. Seniors are invited to attend and participate in all of their favorite activities including the Art Guild.

The Chartiers center is located at 300 Lincoln Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106 – Phone: 412-276-5056 – Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. LifeSpan also operates a Community Center in Bethel Park at 5151 Park Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102 – 412-831-7111 – Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Congregate lunches are served daily at both the Bethel Park and Chartiers Centers at 11:30 AM.

Thank you to the Borough of Dormont for being our landlord for the past 16 years. LifeSpan and its participants have many fond memories of programs and events held in this center.

Contact:
Kim Rollinson
Center Services Operations Director
krollinson@lifespanpa.org
412-464-1300 x127

Funded, in part, by the Allegheny County Area Agency on Aging



Dormont Public Library

2950 West Liberty Avenue | Pittsburgh PA 15216 | 412-531-8754

Colorful Conversations: Coloring For Adults

Everyone loves to color...
why not do it at the library?

Relieve stress and bring out your inner child with a fun and relaxing evening surrounded by markers and mandalas the 2nd Wednesday of each month! The cost for this program is \$5. This event is BYOB and is intended for individuals 21 years old and older; bring a friend and your favorite beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and make the library your Wednesday night go-to spot for chilling, coloring, and conversation!

Poinsettia Sales

Get a jump on your holiday shopping and do some good in the process! Pre-orders for poinsettia sales begin November 2; all poinsettias are \$10 each, come in various colors, and can be picked up at the library. Call the library for details; a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the poinsettias benefits the Dormont Public Library.



Dormont Library Presents: Sugarplum House Tour



Deck the halls with Dormont Library! For the first time ever, we proudly present our Holiday House Tour - see the beautiful homes and businesses of Dormont bathed in the warm glow of the holidays and enjoy delicious homemade cookies as you go! The House Tour will take place Sunday, December 6, from 4-8PM. Tickets are \$15 and can be pre-ordered through the library's website or by stopping into the library. Get your tickets today! There will be no ticket sales on the day of the event so all sales must be made by December 5th. We accept cash, checks and credit/debit cards. All proceeds from the sale of tickets benefits the Dormont Public Library.



KO for KIDS Christmas Gift Drive

Please help the less fortunate K.O. kids have a Merry Christmas!
Please... donate a new, unwrapped toy, drop off at the Big Yellow School Bus

Location: C.S.V. Fire Hall Lot
When: Tuesday
Dec. 1, 8, 15...6pm-9pm

Location: Aiken School
When: Monday and Wednesday
Nov. 30, Dec. 2, 7, 9, 14...6pm-9pm

Location: K.O.M.S. Parking Lot
When: Thursday
Dec. 3 & 10...6pm-9pm

Location: Dormont Pool
When: Monday through Saturday
Nov. 30 through Dec. 15...6pm-9pm

Sponsored by Volunteer School Bus Drivers of the Matthews Bus Company (Serving the KO School District)

Dormont Athletic Booster Association

Serving the Youth of Dormont and K.O. School District Since 1949

The Dormont Athletic Booster Association assists in managing and fundraising for youth sports programs including baseball, softball, flag football, tackle football, twirling and cheerleading. Last year, over 300 kids in Dormont participated in one or more of these sports. Every year, we hold two to three major fundraisers in order to keep the community fields in good condition and to purchase safe sporting goods for the kids to use during their play. We wrapped up our efforts with our 1st Fall Craft Beer Festival, which was a huge success. We were near capacity and everyone had a wonderful time. Throughout the year, please keep an ear open and eye out for these fundraisers! You can also donate through PayPal at any time on the DABA Website at www.dormontbooster.com

Spring Sports Registration

Registration for baseball, flag football, softball and twirling will be opening soon! You can register online at www.dormontbooster.com by clicking "REGISTER" in the top right corner and signing up online. You can also attend an in-person registration at one of the following times:

**Saturday, January 16th,
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
at the Recreation Center
Building (the building by
the Dormont Pool)**

**Saturday, January 23rd,
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
at the Recreation
Center Building**

**Wednesday, February 3rd,
6:00 - 8:00 PM
at the Dormont Elementary
School Library**

**Spaces are limited in each
program, so please
don't delay in signing up!**

Dormont Sports Spirit Wear



Now available on the DABA Website at www.dormontbooster.com! You can order baseball sweatshirts, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts and pants with the Dormont Baseball logo in youth, women's and men's sizes. Softball and cheerleading apparel is also available! Part of the proceeds from these sales will benefit DABA and help keep our program running! These make great gifts and help parents support their children throughout the year.

**Annual Monte Carlo
is tentatively scheduled for
Saturday,
February 27, 2016.**



A special Thank You to the Sponsors for the 9th Annual Street Fair and Music Festival.

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Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Street Fair and Music Festival. We hope you all enjoyed the festivities!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: 2016 Recreation Board Events

- **Open Gym at Municipal Gymnasium**
 - Every Friday January 8 -March 18, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
 - for kids in Kindergarten through Grade 5 (parents must stay)
- **Easter Egg Hunt:**
 - Saturday, March 19, 10 a.m.-Noon.
 - Rain date: Saturday, March 26.
- **Dormont Dash – Saturday, May 28**
- **Movies in the Park**
 - June 10, July 8, August 12 – Movies TBA
- **Fall Festival in Dormont Park**
 - Saturday October 29
- **Parade, Cookies with Santa, and Light Up Dormont**
 - Saturday December 4

More information to come on all events!

Snowman Building Contest

We are looking for Dormont Borough's most creative snowmen! Build a snowman after any snowfall between November 1st and March 1st. Take a picture of your snowman and submit it to the Recreation Director before March 1, 2016. Photos will be displayed on the Boroughs website and Facebook pages. Winners will be announced by March 7th. Contact Kristin Hulliher at 412-561-8900 x227 or khulliher@boro.dormont.pa.us for details.



Last Year's Winner: Joseph and Owen Finucan

Christmas on Main Street Craft & Vendor Fair Saturday, December 5, 2015 1 PM to 4 PM

North Way Dormont
2865 Espy Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15216

Free Admission

- *Handmade Craft Vendors
(vendor fees benefit The Hollywood Theater)
- *Bake Sale to benefit Jubilee Christian School
- *Complimentary Coffee & Cookies provided by North Way

Vendor inquiries to fothtreasurer@verizon.net
Info at www.thehollywooddormont.org

For additional event details go to www.dormontmainstreet.org



HOLLYWOOD THEATER

Have you been to a Hollywood Theater Breakfast and a Movie event? If you haven't attended, what are you waiting for? The breakfasts feature a gourmet meal provided by Eliza's Oven (past selections have included quiches, French toast, scones, and breakfast wraps), a juice bar, and coffee and tea. Eat in the theater while enjoying some vintage cartoons and then a classic movie.

Coming up is *White Christmas*, starring Bing Crosby, on December 20. All breakfasts start at 10:30 and the films begin at 11. If you're not in the mood for breakfast, you can purchase a movie-only ticket for \$8 at the door. We are hoping to get *Gone With the Wind* for the January 17 breakfast, but that hasn't been confirmed yet (check our website in December for the title). In February, we will have a special Valentine's Day breakfast featuring the Audrey Hepburn romance *Breakfast at Tiffany's* on February 14. Upcoming titles will be announced later.

Please Note: you must purchase breakfast tickets by the Thursday before the event (for December, that's December 17). You can get your \$15 ticket at the theater any time it's open or go to the Hollywood's website—www.thehollywooddormont.org—and look under the Special Events tab.

On Saturday, December 5, the Hollywood Theater and North Way Christian Community Church in Dormont are teaming up to present *The Muppet Christmas Carol* (1992, Rated G) at 11:30 a.m.—right after the Dormont Holiday parade. Doors will open at 10:30 and the event is Free.

And don't miss our Brew Cinema Series hosted by Cinema 412. This new monthly series highlights a great film partnered with a local brewery. On hundred percent of the proceeds of each screening benefits The Hollywood Theater and a local charitable partner. Each event also features a limited edition screen-printed poster created for the film being shown. On December 17th it's *Mouse Hunt*, starring Nathan Lane. Tickets are \$10 at the door or at www.cinema412.org. Posters are \$30 and a minimum donation is required per brew. Check our website for 2016 titles.

We hope to see you in the balcony!

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DORMONT HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

The Borough of Dormont is pleased to bring back this event for the 2015 Holiday Season! The Contest is open to residential homes and businesses within the Borough. Judges will look for the best use of theme, the best use of lights, originality, and overall appearance. There will be a total of four categories. One for the businesses, and three for the residents which are: "Over the Top", "Best Holiday Movie/TV Theme", and "A Touch of Class".

Businesses and residents who would like their property to be judged will need to fill out a registration form. Please contact Kristin HULLIHEN at the Borough office at 412-561-8900 x227 by Friday December 12.

Borough Council and the Recreation Board will be judging the entries during the Recreation Board Meeting on Tuesday December 16. The board asks those who wish to have their properties judged in the competition to please have decorations in place and lighted by 7 pm on Tuesday, December 15.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS!



Holiday Festivities

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2015

Christmas Parade 10:00 a.m.

Dormont Volunteer Firemen's Association
annual Christmas Parade
West Liberty – intersection of Washington
and Peermont Avenues
Onto Potomac Avenue to the T-Station

Hollywood Theater 10:30am

1449 Potomac Avenue
North Way Dormont Presents TBA
Doors open at 10:30am.
Cartoon Shorts 11:00AM
Free screening of *The Muppet Christmas Carol* at 12noon
Admission – Free

Main Street

Ice Sculpting Demonstration 1 to 3pm
Horse Drawn Carriage 3 to 6pm

Cookies with Santa 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Dormont Recreation Center,
1801 Dormont Avenue
Children can make a craft and receive
a free cookie and drink.
Admission – Free

Children will have a chance to sit on Santa's lap
and tell him their holiday wish!
Photos \$5.00-One Free Photo with the
donation of one new, unopened toy.
(PRINTED PHOTOS WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE PER FAMILY)

Light Up Dormont 6:00 p.m.

Join in the lighting of the Recreation Center
and participate in caroling with
Dormont Elementary students.



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GARBAGE/RECYCLING NEWS AND SCHEDULE



Our hauler is Waste Management Inc. Waste Management will be sending out a separate mailer and calendar explaining all of their services. They have three phone numbers: Customer Service 1-800-866-4460; the big, green debris bags 1-877-789-2247; Household Hazardous Waste 1-800-449-7587.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING: Waste Management will pick-up your Christmas trees this year. Simply place your tree at the curb after you have taken it down. Unfortunately there is no longer a demand for the mulch from the trees. Allegheny County has tree drop off sites in their parks if you wish to recycle your tree. Go to www.county.allegheny.pa.us/parks or watch the local newspapers and tv stations

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL HAVE NO AFFECT ON YOUR GARBAGE OR RECYCLING PICK UP. THE SCHEDULE REMAINS THE SAME.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING: TVs, computer monitors, etc., are no longer accepted with the regular garbage. Please call 1-800-449-7587 for a special pickup of these items.

