

# Jessup Borough Newsletter

2022



## Borough Officials

*From left to right:*

*(Seated) Roberta Galati, Council Vice President; Genevieve Lupini, Tax Collector; Mayor Joseph J. Buckshon, Jr.; Rella Scassellati, Council Member (Standing) Ben Cardoni, Controller; Craig Shander, Council Member; Gerald Crinella, Council President; Joseph Mellado, Council Member; Thomas Fiorelli, III, Council Member; Gregg Betti, Council Member*

*Not Pictured:*

*Mia Stine, Borough Manager      Christopher J. Szewczyk, Esq., Borough Solicitor  
Joseph Walsh, Police Chief      Frank A. Marcin, Esq., Civil Service Solicitor  
Joseph Fetcho, DPW Foreman      Attorney Maura Armezzani-Tunis, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor*

## Community Helping Community

Did you know that the Borough of Jessup has a Facebook page?

If you're not already following us, what are you waiting for?! You can always find something new—whether it be a fun event in the area, information from the state or county, or even just something to make your day a little more interesting.

Facebook is where to go for announcements regarding inclement weather, garbage pick-up delays, road closures, and other information that we need to get out to residents quickly.

**And did you know that YOU can help make our Facebook page even better?**

Do you have a special event or a fundraiser coming up? Are you doing something that just might benefit your neighbors? Share it with us! Let us help you make your event a success!

Contact the Borough Office by phone or email—share your event flyer, Facebook event post, and more! All information must comply with our Social Media Policy, which can be found on the Borough's website.

## Message from Our Mayor

Welcome to the second Jessup Borough Newsletter. I hope you are all well. This newsletter will be one way to communicate with the residents of Jessup. I look forward to seeing you all soon. Please stay safe.

*Joseph J. Buckshon, Jr.*

## Borough Information

**Municipal Office Address**  
395 Lane Street  
Jessup, PA 18434

**Office Hours**  
Monday through Friday  
8:00 AM through 4:00 PM

[www.jessupborough.com](http://www.jessupborough.com)  
[facebook.com/JessupBoroughPA](https://facebook.com/JessupBoroughPA)

## Contact Information

Borough Office Administration  
(570) 489-0411 x 1  
[jessupborough@comcast.net](mailto:jessupborough@comcast.net)

Jessup Police Department  
**For all emergencies dial 911**  
For non-emergencies call  
(570) 489-0411 x 2  
OR call the Lackawanna  
County Communication  
Center's non-emergency  
department at  
(570) 342-9111  
**Chief Joseph Walsh**  
[jwalsh@jessupborough.org](mailto:jwalsh@jessupborough.org)

Jessup Tax Office  
(570) 489-0411 x 3  
Tax Collector, Genevieve Lupini  
[gltax@yahoo.com](mailto:gltax@yahoo.com)

**Keep  
Jessup  
Healthy!**



- Stay home as much as you can!
- Keep a safe distance!
- Wash your hands often!
- Cover your cough!
- IF YOU'RE SICK, DON'T GO!

Stay Smart · Stay Apart  
Wear Your Mask

Better days will follow if we  
all work together!



# Jessup Borough Council & Committee Information



## **GET INVOLVED! BE PART OF JESSUP'S FUTURE!**

*All Borough Council and Committee meetings are open to the public.  
Do you have any suggestions for what you want to see happen in the Borough?  
Why not voice them at a meeting or join a committee?  
Meeting information is available on the Borough website.*



## **Regular Borough Council Meeting**

Regular Borough Council meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month and the accompanying Borough Work Sessions are held the Thursday prior to each Council Meeting.  
All meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

### **Finance Committee**

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

### **Grant Committee**

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.  
*This newly formed committee will research new grant opportunities for the Borough.*

### **Stormwater Committee**

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

### **Parks & Recreation Committee**

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

## **Jessup Borough Planning Commission**

**Chairperson:** Paula Nenish      **Email Address:** [pnenish@jessupborough.org](mailto:pnenish@jessupborough.org)

The Planning Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month  
at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.

## **Jessup Borough Zoning Information**

***Northeast Inspection Consultants, Inc.***

***(570) 280-2111      [www.neic.com](http://www.neic.com)***

NEIC is the Borough's third party Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer.

Applications for all projects must be submitted for approval prior to their start.

Applications are available electronically on the Borough's website or for pick-up at the Borough building.

If you have questions regarding permitting or zoning please contact the Borough Office or NEIC.

**The Jessup Borough Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map, and SALDO  
are all available on the Borough's website**

## **Jessup Borough Zoning Hearing Board**

All Zoning Hearing Board dates will be advertised in the newspaper in advance.

## From the Desk of Tax Collector Genevieve Lupini

To all Jessup Property Owners and Renters:

Please register your phone number with the Tax Office. Your number will be kept private. You can post the phone number on your tax bill. The Tax Office may need to contact you for tax related matters and/or in the event of an emergency.

**PLEASE ADD YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER TO YOUR TAX BILL WHEN SUBMITTING PAYMENT. BUSINESSES SHOULD DEFINITELY REGISTER THEIR LOCAL AND OUT-OF-TOWN CONTACT NUMBERS.**

**Borough and School District Tax Payments:** Please issue separate checks for Borough and Valley View School District real-estate tax payments. Do not combine on one check.

**Vacancies:** Property owners that have vacancies in 2022 must wait until December 2022 to submit a request with proof for refund. You cannot deduct them when you pay your bill.

## Jessup Borough Local Wage Tax

If you are a new resident in the Borough please make sure to update your local tax forms with your employer. The 1% withholding should be remitted to Jessup Borough (PSD Code 351003). Wage taxes are collected by Berkheimer Tax Innovations, the collector appointed by Lackawanna County.

## Jessup Borough Police Department

*For emergencies please dial 911*

For non-emergencies please call (570) 489-0411 x 2 or  
the Lackawanna County Communication Center's non-emergency department at (570) 342-9111

Our Police Department provides 24-hour police service to the Borough.  
We currently employ 6 Full-Time and 5 Part-Time officers  
and are planning to hire 2 more Full-Time officers in 2022!

If you would like to show your support to our Police Department,  
you can pick up a support yard sign from the department!

These signs are free of charge, but donations are accepted!

## Volunteer Fire & Ambulance

Hose Company #1: 632 4th Avenue; (570) 489-3100  
Hose Company #2 & Ambulance Association: 333 Hill Street; (570) 489-1141

Please reach out to one of the Hose Companies for help obtaining smoke detectors for your home.

Get involved and become a volunteer! Volunteers are needed for all positions, including support staff!  
If you can't volunteer, come out and support these volunteer organizations at one of their fundraising events!

Hey kids, are you looking for a fun and safe place to go after school? Do you want to meet new friends?  
Why not become a Junior Firefighter?

Call or stop in to one of the Hose Companies for more information!



# Stormwater Pollution Prevention Guide

## FOR HOMEOWNERS

*The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that contaminants in stormwater runoff cause over half of the pollution in our nation's waterways.*

Stormwater pollution begins when rain or snowmelt washes over pavement and other impervious surfaces, picks up contaminants, and flows down storm drains to the waterways we rely on for drinking and recreation.

Common pollutants include antifreeze, detergents, fertilizers, gasoline, household chemicals, pesticides, pet waste, road salt, solvents, motor oil, paints, and yard waste.

### HELP KEEP OUR WATERWAYS CLEAN!

Please check the back of this page for tips on preventing stormwater pollution.  
*It's easier than you think!*



**Stormwater pollution** is the toxic mix of bacteria, chemicals, metals, nutrients and other contaminants that wash over pavement and other impervious surfaces, and flow down storm drains to the waterways we rely on for drinking and recreation.

Let's work together to keep our waterways clean.

Learn more at [YourCleanWater.org](http://YourCleanWater.org)







### PICK-UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Dog waste carries high levels of harmful *E. coli* bacteria and other pathogens, and is a major contributor to local water pollution.

- Pick up the poop! Always carry a **plastic bag** when you walk your dog, and dispose of pet waste in a **trash can**.

### LAWN & GARDEN

- Choose **organic lawn chemicals** whenever possible.

*Use lawn chemicals sparingly and never use more than the directions call for.*

- Sweep up **dry chemical spills** and dispose in trash.
- Don't pile **yard waste** near streams, wetlands, or stormdrains.
- Start a **compost pile**.
- Don't allow irrigation to **spray onto pavement**. Water that ends up on the pavement contributes to polluted runoff, and is wasted.
- Make sure that your **landscaper / irrigation contractor** follows guidelines for limiting water use and preventing stormwater runoff.
- Redirect **downspouts** toward grassy areas, trees and shrubs, so that runoff from your roof can soak into the ground.
- Use **pervious materials** in landscape designs. Bricks, pavers and stones allow water to slowly filter into the ground.
- Set a **rain barrel** under your downspout to capture water for another use.
- Plant **rain gardens** to help filter and soak up water before it runs onto the street.

### HOMES / BUSINESSES

- Use the **least toxic** products available for cleaning, etc.
  - Avoid **liquid chemical spills** such as oil, gasoline, antifreeze, paint, etc. on paved areas.
- If a liquid chemical spill occurs, clean with rags or absorbent material such as **sand or kitty litter**. Sweep up absorbents and dispose of in the trash.*
- Never use a **hose** to wash down the driveway or sidewalk. This washes pollutants into storm drains, and is a waste of water.
  - Dispose of household hazardous waste through your local **DPW / Household Hazardous Waste Program**.
  - Never pour **wash water or chemicals** down storm drains.

- Store chemicals in **leak proof containers** inside a building or shed, or under cover, away from rainwater.
- Avoid oversalting** walkways and driveways in the winter, and use non-toxic products whenever possible.
- Sweep up all **construction areas** on a regular basis and dispose of debris in the trash.

### WASHING CARS AND BOATS

- Park your vehicle in a spot where the soap will run off onto **grass**, rather than into the street and down the storm drain. If practical, park your vehicle on your lawn when washing it.
- Use **phosphate-free** detergents.
- Never clean or pressure wash the **undercarriage of a car** at home. The oil, grease and other pollutants from this activity can contaminate shallow groundwater.
- Always use a **hose nozzle with a trigger**, and shut it off when you're not using it to conserve water.
- Skip the home treatment and **wash your car professionally**, but use a car wash that recycles its water!

### AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

- Store automotive parts, such as batteries, engines, transmissions, and parts that may have oily or greasy residue on them, under cover and off the ground, to **minimize rainwater contact**. Rainwater can wash pollutants off these parts and into stormdrains.
- Collect all used oil, antifreeze, and other vehicle fluids in containers with tight fitting lids and **recycle at a local service station**.

### SWIMMING POOLS AND HOT TUBS

- Never **discharge pool water** directly into a storm drain.
- Dechlorinate pool, hot tub or spa water with **neutralizing chemicals**, if water is to be discharged into the ground. If water cannot be dechlorinated, it must be collected by a pool maintenance company.

For more information on hazardous waste disposal, call your local Department of Public Works.

For more information on reducing stormwater pollution, visit [YourCleanWater.org](http://YourCleanWater.org)



Content provided by the Neponset River Watershed Association on behalf of the Neponset Stormwater Partnership. Learn more at [neponset.org](http://neponset.org) and [YourCleanWater.org](http://YourCleanWater.org).



## Call Before You Dig!

What you can't see can hurt you! Virtually anywhere you need to dig, there are probably underground facilities somewhere in the vicinity.

Call 811 at least 3-10 business days before any planned work. You can also visit their PA website: [www.pa1call.org](http://www.pa1call.org).



## Steps You Can Take to Prevent Sewer Backups & Sewer Line Damage

The maintenance and protection of our sewer lines can save both the Borough and you, the resident, a lot of money and frustration! Nobody wants to deal with a backup of sewage into or around their homes.

What simple steps can you take to help prevent clogging and back-ups in those lines?

- ◆ Don't flush fat, grease, and oil

down your drain—it solidifies once inside and causes back-ups.

- ◆ Scrape food and grease from dishes, pots, and pans before washing.
- ◆ Flush **ONLY** toilet paper down the toilet—just because the package says flushable, doesn't mean it is! This includes femi-

nine hygiene products, "flushable" wipes, old medication, tissues, paper towels, and more.

For more information please visit the Public Works section of our website.

## Snow Removal

Did you know that you are legally responsible to clear the sidewalk in front of your home or business of all snow?

Did you know that it is illegal to shovel or throw the snow from your sidewalks or driveway into the roadway?

Did you know that it is illegal to

create or plow mounds of snow onto street corners or in the roadway?

Do you know when a mandatory "No Parking Zone" is automatically issued in the Borough during a snow event?

Let DPW get their job done the right way and help yourself avoid fines this winter!

Review the Borough's snow regulations which can be found in Ordinance #3-2021.

Find it today on the Borough's website!



## What's Happening In Jessup?

So, what HAS been happening in Jessup?

In 2021 we completed some sewer projects at Hilltop and Mylert Streets and a stormwater project on Walsh Street and in our Winton neighborhood.

Street paving was completed for Church and Rear Church Streets, Wilson Street and Cherry Street.

A new salt shed was constructed on the Borough lot for our DPW.

The basketball courts at Sarah Bratty Park have been repaved and

the Memorial Field bathrooms have been remodeled!

A new police vehicle and in car technology and body worn cameras have been purchased for the JPD! Delivery will be occurring in early 2022!

So what else should we look forward to in 2022?

Watch for completion of the Bridge Street and Ward Street projects, sidewalk projects, and even more infrastructure projects. There will be upgrades to lighting at the

Youth Association Fields and the much awaited re-opening of Kids Korner!

The Borough has already been awarded grants and some other funding opportunities have already been secured! We already have some other grant and government funding applications in the works, and we are always on the hunt for even more!

We're hoping to make 2022 one of our best yet in Jessup!

## Local NonProfit Organizations

Your donation of goods, services, and time provide the much needed support these organizations require to continue their good work in our community! Consider joining one of these groups or taking part in one of their great fundraisers! Your fresh ideas and volunteerism are welcome.

Follow the Borough Facebook page for events happening in our area!

Organization	Current Meeting Times & Locations	Contact Information
American Legion Post #411	Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the American Legion	Please call (570) 383-1557 for information
Carbino Club Archbald Little League	Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at the Jessup VFW; Dates and times may	Please visit their Facebook page for information; Search for Carbino Club Archbald Little League
Citizens for a Healthy Jessup	Meets the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Case Quattro Winery	Please visit their Facebook page for information; <a href="http://www.facebook.com/jessupcitizens">www.facebook.com/jessupcitizens</a>
The Family of San Giorgio	Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 8:00 PM	Please visit their Facebook page for information; <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/thefamilyofstgeorge">www.facebook.com/groups/thefamilyofstgeorge</a>
The Family of Sant' Antonio	Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM	Please visit their Facebook page for information; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/familyofsaintanthony">https://www.facebook.com/familyofsaintanthony</a>
The Family of Sant' Ubaldo-Jessup	Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 8:00 PM	Please visit their Facebook page for information; Search for Family of Sant' Ubaldo - Jessup
Jenny's Kloset	N/A	Please email <a href="mailto:tina@jennyskloset.org">tina@jennyskloset.org</a> or visit their Facebook for more information; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/jennyskloset">https://www.facebook.com/jennyskloset</a>
Jessup 21st Century Association	Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Jessup Municipal Building	Please call (570) 881-3393 for information
Jessup Lions Club:	Check the Advantage for meeting dates and times	Please call (570) 489-3929 for information
Jessup Youth Sports Association	Meets the 4th Sunday of each month at 6:30 PM at the VFW	Please call (570) 489-0040 or (570) 687-4735 for information
Knights of Columbus	Meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 8:00 PM at the former Saint James Church	Please call (570) 299-0485 for information
Nadine Cenci Marchegiani Fund	N/A	Please call (570) 383-0783 for information or visit their Facebook page for information; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NCMFoundation">https://www.facebook.com/NCMFoundation</a>
The St Ubaldo Society	Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Saint Ubaldo Cultural Center	Please call (570) 766-0736 or visit <a href="http://www.saintubaldosociety.org">www.saintubaldosociety.org</a> for more information
VFW	Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM at the VFW	Please call (570) 489-7070 or (570) 489-6166 for more information



### Jessup Bread Basket

316 1st Avenue (570) 489-8861

*Donations are always needed and accepted year round*

*Support your neighbors today!*



# Jessup Borough Refuse & Recycling Calendar 2022

The Borough of Jessup contracts refuse and recycling collection to a private hauler, J.P. Mascaro. If you have any problems you may contact them directly at (800) 243-7575. Their holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If any of these days falls on a Monday, collection will be on Wednesday as indicated in **YELLOW** on the calendar.

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**Single-Stream Recycling** allows all recyclables to be placed in one container. There is no need to separate items such as cans, bottles, and plastics from newspapers, cardboard, etc.

**Metal:** Tin and aluminum cans, empty paint cans.

**Glass:** Jars and bottles

**Cardboard:** Empty and flattened and loose. **Please note pizza boxes are not recyclable materials.**

**Mixed Paper:** Newspaper, magazines, mail (junk and personal), phone books, food boxes (remove plastic liner), computer paper, flyers, wrapping paper (no foil or plastic wrap), soda and beer cartons (no food-soiled paper, please!)

**Plastic Containers:** Not all plastics are acceptable recyclable material (mostly beverage and detergent containers). More information can be found on the Borough's website.

**Electronics:** Televisions, computers, printers, computer monitors, or any other electronic device are not eligible for curbside collection. These items **will not** be picked up by J.P. Mascaro or the Borough. The **Covered Device Recycling Act** requires these items be recycled. Please contact Lackawanna County Recycling Center for further information Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM-3:15 PM at (570) 963-6868 or visit their website [recycling.lackawannacounty.org](http://recycling.lackawannacounty.org).

Any trash placed in recycling containers will not be picked up and will be left at the curb. Lost or broken recycling receptacles can be replaced by contacting the Borough office during normal business hours.

Two (2) bulk items are permitted per household per week for regular trash collection. Some examples include sofas, dressers, tables, and chairs. Please visit the Borough website for a complete list of acceptable bulk items. **Please note that mattresses and box springs MUST be completely wrapped and sealed in plastic or they will be left at the curb.**

## Borough Recycling Programs

**Recycling Bins:** If any residents would like to obtain a new and/or additional recycling bin, please contact the Borough Office during regular business hours.

**E-Waste Recycling:** The Borough held it's first event in 2021 and is planning to hold another in the future. Please keep a look out for future announcements.

## Message from Our Council President

I hope you enjoy the second edition of our Jessup Borough Newsletter. Please let us know if you have any ideas for items that you would like to see included in our next edition. Please remember that your council is here to serve you. Stay safe and healthy.

*Gerald Crinella*