

Jessup Borough Newsletter

2023



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
Daniel Markey, Asst. Borough Manager
Joseph Walsh, Police Chief
Joseph Fetcho, DPW Foreman*

*Christopher J. Szewczyk, Esq., Borough Solicitor
Frank A. Marcin, Esq., Civil Service Solicitor
Attorney Maura Armezzani-Tunis,
Zoning Hearing Board & IPMC Appeals Solicitor*

How Will You Know What's Happening in Jessup?

There are so many ways that you can find out what's going on in your community!

If you're looking for Borough sponsored events, changes or cancellations—you can check out our website! On www.jessupborough.com not only can you find general information about the Borough, you can find all of this information too!

Do you know about the Borough's Facebook page? We're posting changes and cancellations there as well. We're posting Borough sponsored community events. But we're also posting events from your

neighbors, things happening surrounding Jessup, and some things just to make your day a little brighter (we hope!). Give us a like today!

In this edition you'll learn about our newest communication tool—The Jessup 411! This new alert system will send alerts to your phone (either mobile or landline) or email for up to the minute updates. From something as simple as a refuse/recycling schedule change to a major traffic issue, this alert system will notify you in minutes! Learn all about this new tool in this edition and sign up today!

Message from Our Mayor

Welcome to the 2023 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
facebook.com/JessupBoroughPA

Contact Information

Borough Office Administration
(570) 489-0411 x 1
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

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

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.



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.
Council Committee Members: Rella Scassellati—Committee Chair, Thomas Fiorelli, Roberta Galati

Grant Committee

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.
Council Committee Members: Thomas Fiorelli—Committee Chair, Roberta Galati, Rella Scassellati

Stormwater Committee

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building.
Council Committee Members: Jerry Crinella—Committee Chair, Thomas Fiorelli, Roberta Galati

Parks & Recreation Committee

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building.
Council Committee Members: Craig Shander—Committee Chair, Thomas Fiorelli, Roberta Galati

Jessup Borough Planning Commission

Chairperson: Paula Nenish

Email Address: 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

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

The Jessup Borough Tax Office will no longer be accepting cash payments. Checks or money orders will only be accepted.

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 2023 must wait until December 2023 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 4 Part-Time officers
and are looking to grow our full time force in 2023!

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, support these volunteer organizations during one of their
fundraisers!

These fundraisers are an integral part of these volunteer organizations! Without your help to make
these fundraisers a success, our volunteer organizations can't do what they do!

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!

NonProfit Organizations

Jessup Borough has so many great nonprofit organizations that you can join or support!

Make a difference and support those great organizations today!

You're not just fertilizing the lawn.



Image courtesy of Washington State Department of Ecology

Fertilizers—nitrogen and phosphorus—are good for plants but not for water quality. In ponds, streams and rivers, fertilizers are pollutants that harm fish and wildlife, can cause smelly algae blooms, and can even affect drinking water.

Be a Lawn Hero: Protect Your Local Waterways!

- Recycle grass clippings with a mulching mower. Clippings are a free, natural fertilizer—and all that most lawns need.
- Sweep or blow grass clippings and fertilizers off of pavement, and away from storm drains and wetlands.
- Never fertilize before a heavy rainstorm (light rain is ok).
- Don't apply fertilizer with phosphorous to an existing lawn. It's illegal in MA unless a soil test says you need it.
- Choose fertilizers with 75-100% "slow-release" or "water insoluble" nitrogen.

Learn More About Soil Testing


Of those who fertilize, a mere 10-20% get a soil test to understand their exact lawn needs. (CWP 1999).

Save hundreds on wasted fertilizer with an inexpensive soil test from the UMass Soil Test Lab. It gives you scientific fertilizer recommendations for your unique lawn.

For step-by-step instructions, visit YourCleanWater.org/lawn
Questions? Email stormwater@neponset.org
or call 781-575-0354 x304.

Lawn fertilizers (and other pollutants such as pesticides, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and dog waste) mix with rain and irrigation runoff, wash into storm drains on the street, and empty into local waterways, with no filtration or treatment.





Do the right thing and *always* pick it up!

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partnership



It's Your Responsibility as a Dog Owner

When you walk your dog, make sure to carry a plastic bag with you so that you can pick up the waste and dispose of it in a trash can (and never in a storm drain).

Dog waste carries high levels of harmful E. coli bacteria and other pathogens. When dog waste is left on the ground, the bacteria and pathogens can wash into storm drains and enter local waterways, which impacts recreational opportunities, like swimming, fishing, and boating.

It's a Really Big Deal

Dogs produce a lot of waste, which over time, can pose a health threat to swimmers, wildlife, and water quality.

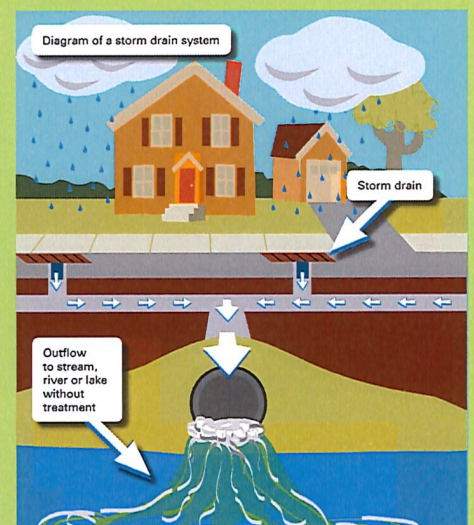
The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that two or three days' worth of droppings from a population of about 100 dogs would contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas within 20 miles of it to swimming and shell fishing.

Fecal waste-contaminated water can cause people to have serious health problems.

Deliberately leaving pet waste on the ground is not only unpleasant and unhealthy, it's often punishable by fines.

**Picking up after your dog
is the right thing to do.
It reduces the spread
of disease and helps
protect our local
water resources.**

*Learn about steps we're
taking to help prevent
stormwater pollution in
the community at
YourCleanWater.org*



What's Happening In Jessup?

So, what HAS been happening in Jessup?

Jessup is now home to a State of the Art All Inclusive Playground. Thank you to the many people, organizations, and businesses that helped to make Kids Korner a beautiful and welcoming place to play!

Some great community events were held! We held our first ever Trunk or Treat—and what a tremendous turnout! A very successful Thanks for Giving food drive was held to support the Bread Basket Mid-Valley Food Distribution Center located here in Jessup. A flu and COVID-19 Vaccine clinic was held at the Municipal Building co-sponsored by Representative Kyle Mullins' office with Medicap Pharmacy of Olyphant. And we had our first Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Station Park.

With the help of grant funding the Jessup Police Department has been outfitted with brand new body worn

cameras and in car video recording. The Borough Council purchased in car mobile data terminals, and a brand new police vehicle.

The Borough has been awarded a grant for a Leaf Collection Truck! There are production delays, but we look forward to picking up your leaves as soon as our truck arrives! Look for announcements coming in the future!

What to look forward to in 2023?

Summer Youth Program! You've asked for a summer youth program, and Council has delivered. Come to a Parks & Recreation Meeting for more information or follow us on Facebook.

Future events to plan for:

We will be bringing back our community events held last year, and adding some new ones like:

Car Seat Check Event

Back To School Supply Drive

First Aid, CPR & AED Defibrillator Class

American Red Cross Blood Drive
(Scheduled for 05/01/2023)

Have an idea or event you'd like to see happening? Please contact the Borough office.

Grant funds awarded and more funds sought after:

So far this year, Jessup has been awarded \$561,000.00 for improvements at the youth sports complex. Additionally, the Borough has been awarded \$120,170.00 for the planning and design of a stormwater system.

Many grant applications have been submitted to address the deteriorating infrastructure, and absence of infrastructure in some neighborhoods. Additional applications have been submitted for improvements at some of Jessup's recreational spaces, as well.

Ways to Protect Your Home From Sewer Backups

Did you know that there's a lot that you can do to protect your home from a sewer backup?

You can contact your insurance agent to ask about the backup water, sewer, and drain endorsement on your property insurance policy.

It's a relatively inexpensive way to be prepared in the event of a backup.

You can find even more ways to prevent a sewer backup by visiting our website, and clicking on the Department of Public Works link.

Their Sewer Line tab gives you all kinds of helpful tips, including items you shouldn't flush down the drain.

Keep your home safe!

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!





The Jessup 411

The Borough of Jessup Announces **The Jessup 411** to keep our community informed!

*Jessup Borough Council encourages all residents to sign up for **The Jessup 411**.*

Jessup Borough, along with emergency services are excited to announce that **The Jessup 411** is now available to all residents and visitors to our community!

The Jessup 411 is a FREE SERVICE that allows individuals to sign up for notifications sent from the Borough. This could be changes to our refuse/recycling schedule, holiday schedules, events happening in our Borough, and many more unforeseen issues that may occur during the year.

The Jessup 411 enables officials to notify the community in real time. **The Jessup 411** enables residents and visitors to the community to sign up for free to receive timely and actionable alerts via text, voice message, or email. Residents can also identify when and how they are alerted. A cell phone is not required to use this service. You can register today by visiting www.jessupborough.com/the-jessup-411.

Jessup Borough residents and visitors to the community can also download the Smart911 app to sign up for the **The Jessup 411** to receive key information needed in an emergency. The Smart911 app provides enhanced functionality by sending targeted alerts based on the user's location. Smart911 app users will receive the highest priority National Weather Service alerts based on their real time location. Download the Smart 911 app on the Apple Store or Google Play Store.

If you are unable to sign up via smart phone or computer, you can call (570) 489-0411.

Jessup Borough Refuse & Recycling Calendar 2023

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. Regular pickup day is Tuesday. 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.

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: Please keep a look out for announcements for our 2023 event.

Shredding Event: The Borough held it's first event in 2022 and is planning to hold another in the future. Please watch for announcements.

Message from Our Council President

On behalf of the entire council, I would like to thank you for allowing us to serve you. 2022 was a busy year and we have even more projects planned for 2023. We are committed to continually improving our town. Please do not hesitate to share your ideas and concerns. Stay safe and healthy.

Gerald Crinella