

BOROUGH OF HUMMELSTOWN

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GOODBYE & HELLO

“Every ending leads to a new beginning.”

At the November 20th Council Legislative meeting, Chief Justin Hess announced his retirement after 29 years with the Hummelstown Borough Police Department.

During Chief Hess’s tenure, he has served the residents of the community as a Patrol Officer, Corporal, Sergeant, and finally as Chief. In his Notice of Retirement tendered to Council, Chief Hess said, “The more I worked in the Borough, the more I realized the terrific opportunity I had. Hummelstown residents were kind, hard-working individuals with a big sense of community. Borough Council was and is of the same mindset. I quickly changed plans of leaving, to long-term plans of finishing out my career here in the Borough.” As he transitioned out of his role as Chief of Police, this mindset has followed him into his next career.

On December 19, 2025, the Borough said “Goodbye” to Chief Hess, and on December 22, 2025, the Borough welcomed him as the Assistant Borough Manager and Director of Strategic Development. Since the new position was announced, the question posed most is, “What is involved in this new position?”

The creation of this position is one that, in the last few years, has become more vital for the Borough. Industry is not the only area that has seen the need to adjust to the ever-changing world of technology and advancement. Municipalities are seeing these changes affect the day-to-day operations of their communities.

The use of drones in emergency and infrastructure planning, constant upgrades to IT systems, GIS data management, cybersecurity, the restart of Crane Clean Energy (formally TMI) are just a few of the priorities for the next year. As a result, the Borough needs more hands-on deck to help stay vibrant and vital.

In addition to contending with the above, the Assistant Manager will also serve as an Assistant EMA Director, Assistant Code Compliance & Zoning Officer. Quite simply, it is imperative that the person knows the Borough’s infrastructure and community, and that person is Justin Hess. Saying goodbye to Chief Hess is difficult, but saying hello

to him in a new role is a privilege. We are honored as a community to have someone with his knowledge and ability to fill this new role as Assistant Borough Manager and Director of Strategic Development.

The Borough had one more “Goodbye & Hello” in 2025. On December 22, 2025, we said goodbye to Sergeant Eugene Spencer and hello to Chief Eugene Spencer. Chief Spencer has served with the Borough of Hummelstown Police Department for the last 19 years. Stay tuned to our April newsletter as we explore Chief Spencer’s first quarter in the Borough as Chief of Police.





Borough of Hummelstown

2025 Accomplishments

Investing in Infrastructure and Connectivity:

- New Trash Contract
- Contract for Emergency Repair & Maintenance
- Quarry Road Sidewalk Project
- Schaffner Park Repairs
- Pickleball Courts at Alexander Park
- CS Datum GIS Program
- Renewed membership in WREP
- Active Transportation Plan
- Division Street Repaved
- Veolia Parkside Water Main
- Hummel Nature Trail Stormwater Project
- New Security Gate at Public Works Building
- New Public Works Director
- New Public Works Employee
- Purchased 120 N Duke St for Public Works Office
- New AT&T Borough Office Phone System
- On-site Dog Kennels & State Licensing

Maintaining our Charm –

Property Maintenance and Rental Property Program:

- New Zoning & Code Enforcement Officer
- New Full-Time Administrative Assistant

Improving Communications with Residents

- New Asst. Borough Mgr./Dir. of Strategic Development
- New Debt Collection Service
- New Finance Director
- New Server with Added Security
- Credit Card Payments Accepted in the Office

Supporting our Fire, Police, and EMA Partners:

- 5-Year Collective Bargaining Agreement
- New EMA Director
- Volunteer Tax Credit Program for Fire Fighters

Grants:

- Restructured the Local Shares Grant Process
- Alexander Park Playground DCNR Grant
- Tourism Grant – Funded for 2025-2026
- 2025-2026 LSA Application for the Borough Debt Reduction
- Approved DCED Grant for Police Vehicle
- Green-Light-Go Project

Special Events:

- New Special Events Coordinator Position as an Additional Duty for an Existing Staff Member
- New Special Events Application & In the Process of Implementing New Processes & Procedures

2026 Budget Snap-Shot

Borough Council worked with staff to prepare the 2026 Budget. Council established six key goals of focus for Hummelstown, and these goals remain the same for the new year:



- Invest in Infrastructure and Connectivity
- Maintain our Charm: Property Maintenance & Rental Property Program Enhancement
- Improve Communication with Residents
- Invest in Economic Development
- Improve Sustainability/Efficiencies
- Support our Fire and EMA Partners

At the November 20th Borough Council meeting, the 2026 Draft Budget was approved for advertising. Council is happy to report that there will be no property tax increase for 2026, as well as no changes to the base consumption charges for sewer. There is a \$6/quarter increase in trash/refuse rate. General Fund expenses are projected at a 2% increase over 2025 and include increases in health insurance, liability insurance, utility bills, and staff wages. To view the budget, visit the Borough's website.

2026 Hummelstown Summer Rec

June 22 - July 23

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM To 12:00 PM

Registration Information &
This Year's Theme Coming Soon!



THANK YOU:

Chick's Tavern &
The PWP Foundation
Hummelstown
Swim Club
Hummelstown Police
Bookmobile

Indian Echo Caverns
Hummelstown
Fire House
Hummelstown Area
Historical Society
Jennifer Hendry

Master Gardener
Touch-a-Truck
Ribbons and Bows
Cubby's Ice Cream
Snapology



2026 Hummelstown Borough Recycling and Trash Collection Calendar

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Please contact Republic Services at 800.210.9675 or visit RepublicServices.com for more information.





YES

- ✓ Clean plastic bottles (keep caps on)
- ✓ Most clean plastic to-go cups & lids
- ✓ Aluminum beverage cans
- ✓ Clean paper containers, like cardboard drink holders, & clean paper bags
- ✓ Clean plastic food containers* (usually #1, 2 & 5 plastics are recyclable)

NO

- ✗ Polystyrene foam cups & containers
- ✗ Used napkins or food containers
- ✗ Plastic utensils & straws
- ✗ Paper cups
- ✗ Plastic bags

Check THIS TRAVEL RECYCLING LIST TWICE

RECYCLE ALL THE WAY

TOSS IN THE TRASH

RECYCLING ON-THE-GO

ENJOY YOUR WINTER SEASON THE SUSTAINABLE WAY!

****ECRWSS****
Local Postal
Customer

PSRT STD
ECRWSS
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
EDDM
PERMIT NO. 455

261 Quarry Rd, Hummelstown, PA

**PROPERTY OWNERS
MUST REMOVE SNOW
FROM SIDEWALKS**



**MINIMUM OF
30-INCH PATH**

**WITHIN 12 HOURS OF SNOWFALL
IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 21-102 OF
HUMMELSTOWN CODE OF ORDINANCE**

WINTER STORMS

What Can I Do?

Prepare Your Home

Make your home winter ready. Buy needed supplies before the storm arrives. Have a plan in case you lose power or are unable to leave your home.



Monitor Your Forecast

Stay up to date with the latest forecast information as the storm approaches, monitor your favorite source for weather information.



Prepare Your Vehicle

Make your vehicle weather ready. Be sure to include a safety kit, cold weather gear, and all the necessities you may need to deal with the storm ahead.



Have A Plan

Before weather threatens, be sure to have a communications plan, change travel plans, and prepare for the impacts to your routine.



Know The Terms

Winter Storm Watch: There is potential of a significant winter weather event. Conditions are possible but not imminent.

Winter Weather Advisory: Winter weather is imminent and may cause inconveniences.

Winter Storm Warning: A significant winter storm is imminent and is a danger to life and property.

Blizzard Warning: A significant winter storm with strong winds, snow, and low visibility is imminent and is a danger to life and property.

Ice Storm Warning: Dangerous ice accumulations are imminent

 **NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE**
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

www.weather.gov/winter

TAX COLLECTOR HOURS:

MONDAY – 6:00 to 8:00 PM

TUESDAY – 8:30 to 11:30 AM

Angela Durantine
taxes@hummelstown.gov
(717) 862-4637

HELP US FILL OPEN BOARD & COMMITTEE SEATS:

Have you ever thought of volunteering with the Borough's boards & committees?

All of them can be found on the Borough website. Reach out today if you are interested in serving.

FREE NOTARY SERVICE:

The Borough offers free notary service for Hummelstown Borough Residents!

Please call in advance at
717-566-2555
to book an appointment.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Borough Office & Mayor	717-566-2555
In Case of Emergency	Dial 911
Police (Non-Emergency)	717-558-6900
Tax Collector	717-862-4637
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	717-566-8574
Hummelstown Community Library	717-566-0949
Hummelstown Post Office	717-566-0811
Life Lion EMS	717-533-9830
Republic Services (Trash)	800-210-9675
District Justice Office (D. Pelino)	717-583-1912
Lower Dauphin School Administration	717-566-5300
Elder Express	717-566-7000
Meals on Wheels	717-780-6130
Hummelstown Cemetery	717-256-9153
Food Bank (Zion Lutheran Church)	717-566-2589
Household Hazardous Waste	800-449-7587

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

David Roeting	Mayor
Christopher Black	Council President
Dee VanGavree	Council Vice President
Barbara Miller	Council Member
Chris Weaver	Council Member
Jamie Brubaker	Council Member
Alex Norris	Council Member
Elliot Miller	Council Member
Eugene Spencer	Chief of Police
Mark E Stivers	Borough Manager
Justin Hess	Assist Borough Manager
Jeremiah Thomas	Public Works Director
Alex Tinsley	Codes/Zoning Officer
Diane Casamassa	Finance/HR Director
Jessica Fales	Executive Assistant
Julie Vu	Administrative Assistant