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## AMERICA



## Get Ready to Celebrate Our Great Nation's 250<sup>th</sup>!

This July 4<sup>th</sup> marks the United States of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Are you ready to show your patriotism with your RED, WHITE & BLUE? Council and our fabulous community groups have been hard at work preparing opportunities to show just how proud Hummelstown is to be a part of this great country. Here are just some of the patriotic events and projects that are taking place in the Borough.

### PROJECTS:

🕒 Gail Kulp and Joan Spire, two of Hummelstown's most historically savvy citizens, are working on what they describe as, "a significant and appropriate way to honor Hummelstown's part in achieving America's independence." There are six dwellings in Hummelstown that still exist from that fateful day on July 4, 1776. They are working with a preservationist and the homeowners to recognize this history with a 9"x13" bronze plaque to be placed on the façade of each of the homes. An interesting fact discovered about our borough during their research is that President George Washington reportedly visited Hummelstown during his ride to put down the Whiskey Rebellion (1791-1794) in western Pennsylvania. He stayed in the inn that has been preserved as a residence (41 W Main St) and was a patriot's home. (*Map found on back of newsletter.*)

🕒 The Hummelstown Area Historical Society is creating a cookbook to honor America's 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday. They are currently looking for recipes. Help them honor our country with your family's recipes, stories and photographs. You can mail or email your submissions to HAHS, 32 West Main Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036 or [HAHS@hummelstownhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:HAHS@hummelstownhistoricalsociety.org). If you have any questions, call 717-566-6314. Copies of the cookbook will be available for purchase from the Society and will support their historical efforts.

These projects and events in the Borough join the many offered in surrounding communities during this year of historic fun and excitement. Plan to celebrate and stay tuned to Hummelstown is Happening and the Borough's webpages and social media posts for more information. Don't forget to sign up for Savvy Citizen [www.savvycitizenapp.com](http://www.savvycitizenapp.com) for all the latest updates and Borough information.

### EVENTS:

🕒 May's Red, White & Blue Contest is back! Be sure to display your American pride at your home and/or business. Consider keeping that red, white, and blue up all year long! Show off your patriotic finery for a chance to win prizes! Stay tuned for judging dates and prize information. This event is hosted by Hummelstown EMA.

🕒 Memorial Day will start off with Cards in the Square for our troops. Stay close to the Square as you will not want to miss the Memorial Day Parade that will culminate at the Hummelstown Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day Service to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom.

🕒 June 14<sup>th</sup> is Flag Day and the Hummelstown Area Historical Society is hosting a community festival to honor Old Glory! The event will take place from 2 PM to 5 PM at the Society's Parish House Museum located at the corner of Rosanna St. and North Alley, (behind Zion Lutheran Church). You will not want to miss out on this fun event that will feature free food, patriotic music, kids' and family activities, Revolutionary period characters, and an extensive flag display and tours of the Parish House museum. Bring the whole family!

🕒 On July 18<sup>th</sup> the Hummelstown Community Foundation will host Patriotic Music in the Park. Come down to Schaffner Park to enjoy music under the band shell from 5 PM to 8 PM. The Fire Department is offering a hot dog, chips, and a bottle of water for the true-blue price of \$2.50! Don't forget your lawn chair.



## Meet Chief Eugene Spencer

Chief Spencer joined the Hummelstown Borough Police Department in March of 2006. After graduating from the police academy in the fall of 2005, he applied to an open part-time position. Having grown up in a smaller community, he immediately felt at home in Hummelstown after arriving. He said, "Small towns offer a true community feel. I like getting to know the residents and I have always appreciated how it feels more personal if you have a connection with the people you serve. While employed here, I got married to my high school girlfriend in 2007 and we have welcomed 4 children. I honestly have never looked at leaving for other larger departments since joining the Hummelstown Police Force in 2006. During my career I spent 12 years as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Lower Dauphin. I was promoted to Corporal in April of 2017, focusing on departmental training, policy review and development and vehicle maintenance among my duties as an SRO. In November of 2021, I was promoted to Sergeant taking over patrol supervision and investigations. I also became heavily involved in budget preparation for the Borough. Leaving the school as an SRO was challenging as I really enjoyed interacting with Lower Dauphin students and staff. I truly believe that a fundamental pillar of policing is community engagement. I had the privilege of reaching many of our residents while in this position. In December of 2025, I had the honor of being appointed as Chief of Police."

### We asked our new Chief some questions so residents can get to know him better:

#### Did you always want to be a police officer growing up?

My father was heavily involved in a volunteer fire company and was a township supervisor. I had the privilege of meeting many officers as I grew up and always found the career interesting. Truth be told, I was unsure exactly what I wanted to do as an adult. I took a Law Enforcement class at a local career and technology center during my senior year in high school which I liked very much.

#### What drew you to Hummelstown?

A friend of mine worked here part-time briefly before accepting a full-time job at another agency. He enjoyed his time here and suggested I apply.

#### What made you commit to growing your career here?

After working here for several years, I began to grow curious about the administrative duties of the department. It started with criminal investigations and then transitioned to becoming an instructor for TASER. I always

liked numbers from a young age, so the budget was something that fascinated me. I enjoyed looking into how a department budget is crafted and what goes into running the department beyond personnel. Supervision and training of younger Officers only made sense the longer I was here. I take great pride in preparing the ideal Officer for our community.

#### What is one of your biggest successes in your career here in Hummelstown?

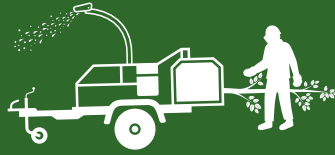
Success to me is not merely focused on the total number of arrests made. A common misconception in a well run police department is the sole focus on clearance rates for crimes reported. I take great pride in the connections I have made in the community, most of which came during my time at Lower Dauphin. While I have not been assigned to the school since March of 2020, it is a daily occurrence that my time at the school plays a role in rapport. Most people want to feel they can trust law enforcement. Trust in law enforcement

is built over time. If the community feels they can trust those placed in a role of protection, the "job" becomes easier. While I'm sure there are some that have had bad experiences, I can proudly say that in most circumstances I have earned the trust of the community. That means more to me than any other statistic.

#### What are your goals for the department for the next 5 years?

Continued focus on transparency. We will be seeking state accreditation. While we have followed accreditation for well over 20 years, we have never attempted to have an assessment to prove this. We are currently making preparations to seek this accreditation from the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police. On top of this we will also focus on displaying our policy online for the community to view. It is important that we have transparency in how our department is managed. Some policies will obviously be restricted as they involve specific tactics.

# Chipper Headed YOUR WAY!!



The Borough Public Works Department will bring the chipper to your property to chip tree limbs, hedges, and bushes. This FREE service will start in April and continue through September on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

To receive this service, you need to:

- Register on the Borough website

[www.hummelstown.net](http://www.hummelstown.net), under Resident Information and Public Works Provided Services. You must provide your name, address, phone number, and description of material to be chipped no later than **NOON** the day before scheduled chipping. Failure to sign up by the Tuesday deadline will result in the postponement of your chipping until the following month.

- Chipping is **only** available for brush cut by homeowners. This chipping service is not for contractors or anyone doing major lot clearing. **Contractors are responsible for their brush removal.**

- Piles of brush can be 15 ft long, 4 ft high and 4 ft wide. All branches should face in the same direction (**no cross stacking**) with the blunt/cut end facing out. The crew will not enter yards and carry material to the chipper. Material must be placed along a street or alley where it can be placed directly into the chipper.

- Only branches of up to six (6) inches in diameter will be accepted.

DO NOT place anything out other than limbs, hedges, and bushes.

No vines, branches with prickly leaves (i.e., holly), grass clippings, lumber, roots, stumps, metal, etc. will be accepted.

Borough public works has the right to refuse this service to any resident who does not comply with these requirements.



## SPRING BASKETBALL

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| LD Middle School | Cost: \$10.00 | Wednesdays 8pm - 10pm |
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MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> - MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>

## Spring News from the Shade Tree Commission



The Shade Tree Commission urges everyone to turn out at Schaffner Park, Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 12 PM, to celebrate Arbor Day in the

Borough. For 20 years, Hummelstown has been a Tree City USA, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, which promotes the benefits of urban forests. We welcome borough residents to come out for the brief ceremony.

Residents are encouraged to submit a name of a neighbor or group that deserves a memorialized tree at [shadetree@hummelstown.gov](mailto:shadetree@hummelstown.gov).

The Shade Tree Commission looks forward to another Rain Barrel Workshop in September. Stay tuned for details on that and other beneficial workshops.



## STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Borough-wide street sweeping takes place 3 times a year. This is tentatively scheduled for the last full week of the month in April, June, and September on the days depicted in the image below. We ask that you move your vehicle off the street on the day your street is scheduled.



To celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Hummelstown Area Historical Society invites you to come and see their newest show entitled **The Ol' Glory**. Forty vintage and contemporary American flags and banners are displayed to explain the role of the Stars and Stripes in our country's history.

The flag display is located at the 1815 Parish House Museum at 20 North Rosanna Street, Hummelstown, which is open on the first Sunday of each month from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM through July. Admission is free. Residents can also call the Society at 717-566-6314 to schedule a tour for family, friends, and organizations.



World War II Flag from the Society's Collection



The Fuzzy Few Organization (FFO) will hold its annual Fuzzy Few Festival from August 10-15, 2026, at Schaffner Park. This year's festival will feature a solid week of the top bands in Central PA who will perform from 7 PM to 10 PM every night.

This year's festival is driven by the community of Hummelstown. If you are interested in supporting the FFO by having a vendor stand or sponsoring a band of your choice in our festival, please get in touch with Steve Messick at coachmessick46@gmail.com.

**Band Line Up:**

- Mon. 8/10 The Mahoney Brothers (New Band)
- Tues. 8/11 The Jess Zimmerman Band
- Weds. 8/12 Up-town Band
- Thurs. 8/13 Luv Gods
- Fri. 8/14 Soul Solution
- Sat. 8/15 Smooth Like Clyde



The Annual Hummelstown Fireman's Carnival is quickly approaching! The carnival will take place from **June 15<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup>** from **6-10 PM** in Schaffner (Borough) Park, Hummelstown.

Whether it is the thrilling **rides**, the delicious **food**, the fun **games**, or the **free, live nightly entertainment**, there is something for everyone. There will also be **bingo** every night, **raffles**, dime pitch (we are still collecting glassware at the firehouse), and so many more activities. The proceeds from the carnival help us to continue providing top-tier service to Hummelstown.

The members of the Hummelstown Fire Company thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at their Carnival in June!

**11th Annual 5K/5M**

**HUMMELSTOWN HUNGER**

RUN OR WALK

PRIZES & GIFT CERTIFICATES



**UN**

Benefits the Hummelstown Food Pantry

This event will offer a chip-timed race, as well as a family and pet-friendly walk along the beautiful streets of Hummelstown — all while supporting a great cause!

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**

10:00 am - Open Age 5K/5M Run Start (5K Fun Walk immediately following)

Schaffner Park (Boro Park)

Register at: <http://htownhungerrun.wix.com/hummelstown5K>

**HUMMELSTOWN**

**CAR SHOW**

**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> 4PM - 7PM**

**RAINDATE MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> 1-4**

**SCHAFFNER PARK**

PROCEEDS BENEFIT HUMMELSTOWN KID'S SUMMER REC

SPONSORED BY CROWNE AUTOMOTIVE DIAGNOSTIC & REPAIR

May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHICK'S TAVERN GOLF OUTING

Mark your calendar for Chick's Golf Outing where we "remember where it all began"!  
 This annual golf event supports many youth programs in the Borough, including the Hummelstown Summer Rec Program.

Contact Chick's Tavern for more details.



## Have You Signed Up?



The Borough of Hummelstown recently celebrated a year of partnership with Savvy Citizen, a notification system which allows the Borough to easily and effectively communicate with their residents via push notifications, texts, and emails. Savvy Citizen is a tool that allows residents to keep up-to-date on community events, helpful information, emergency alerts, road closures, weather events, and much more.

The system is available to use on Android, iPhone/iPad, and laptops/desktop computers. Residents can choose to receive notifications with push alerts on a smart phone and smart watch, or can browse in-app for a full listing of Borough notifications, alerts, and upcoming events.

Those without smart devices can sign up via:


[www.savvycitizenapp.com/signup](http://www.savvycitizenapp.com/signup)

and select to have text notifications or emails sent to them. Whether it's a road closure, a change in trash collection and recycling pickup due to severe weather or a holiday, or fun local events like the Winter Fling or a summer carnival, Savvy Citizen is a prime source of information about events and happenings in the Borough. **Sign up TODAY!**

Friends of the Alexander Family Library

# Book Sale

All proceeds benefit the William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library



## Public Book Sale Dates


2nd Floor Meeting Rooms  
 William H. & Marion C. Alexander Family Library  
 200 West 2nd Street, Hummelstown

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Thursday, April 30 ..... | 10:00AM-6:30PM  |
| Friday, May 1.....       | 10:00AM-4:30PM  |
| Saturday, May 2 .....    | 10:00AM-12:30PM |

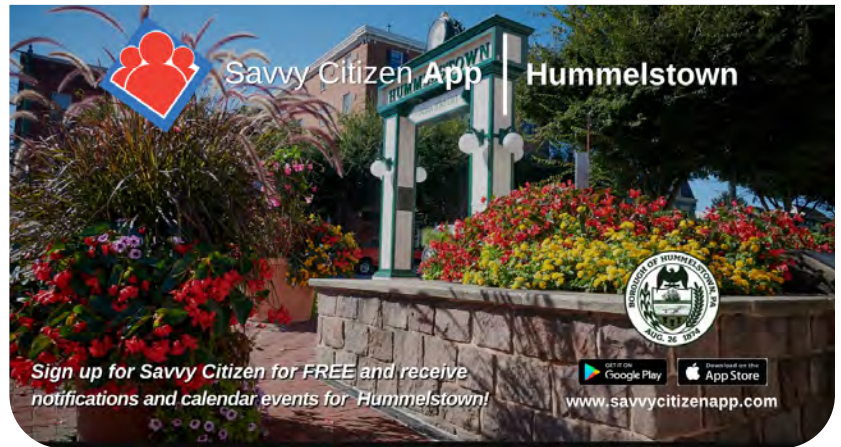
Books on CD • mp3s • Music CDs • Computer Software • DVDs • Children's Books • Adult Fiction  
 Hardbacks • Paperbacks • Trade Paperbacks  
 A wide assortment of all types of nonfiction books!

**Friends Presale**  
 JOIN AT THE DOOR!  
 Wednesday, April 29  
 4:00-6:30PM

For more information call The Library at (717) 566-0949.



THE FRIENDS OF THE ALEXANDER FAMILY LIBRARY  
 OUR LIBRARY HEROES



Savvy Citizen App Hummelstown

Sign up for Savvy Citizen for FREE and receive notifications and calendar events for Hummelstown!

Available on Google Play and the App Store.

[www.savvycitizenapp.com](http://www.savvycitizenapp.com)

# CARDS FOR THE TROOPS

Thank You VETERANS

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

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MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
 on the Square 9am  
 Make a card and pick up a flag!



## News from State Senator Patty Kim, 15<sup>th</sup> District



Thank you for a wonderful first year! So many people in the 15<sup>th</sup> District helped me settle into this role and hit the ground running! Getting to know the local officials and residents of Hummelstown this past year has been a true privilege – from hosting mobile office hours at the borough building, checking out your police department's newest vehicle after being awarded a \$80,250 grant, attending the ribbon-cutting for the Alexander Park Pickleball Court, touring local businesses, and participating in National Night Out.

I'm celebrating Hummelstown Borough recently being awarded multiple grants including a \$250,000 grant for Hummelstown Borough Drainage. I am proud of the ways local and state government collaborates to fund vital projects that enhance our communities.

For those interested in staying up to date on my legislation, grant opportunities, community events, local opportunities and more, I invite you to subscribe to my newsletter by visiting [www.pasenatorkim.com/subscribe/](http://www.pasenatorkim.com/subscribe/).

Above all, my staff are eager to serve you! Please refer to the graphic for information on upcoming events, services we provide, and how to contact our offices.

Sincerely,

Patty Kim,  
State Senator 15<sup>th</sup> District



### News from Representative Tom Mehaffie

Every year, my staff helps hundreds of constituents with Property Tax/Rent Rebate program applications. Eligible Pennsylvanians use this program to claim rebates of up to \$1,000 on property taxes or rent paid last year.

Current income limits are \$48,110 for both homeowners and renters. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income.

The program is open to residents aged 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Call us at 717-534-1323 if you need assistance with Property Tax/Rent Rebate forms or other matters.

## YOUR SPRING CLEANING CHECKLIST

### Inside

- Test smoke detectors
- Ensure fire extinguishers work
- Check carbon monoxide detectors
- Create or review your family emergency plan
- Update your first-aid and 72-hour kits
- Clean out your medicine cabinet
- Secure your home
- Replace air filters
- Go green

### Outside

- Watch for pests
- Check the pipes
- Prepare your yard
- Get ready for the thaw
- Clean chimneys and gutters
- Always think safety on the road

## CODES CORNER

With the start of Spring, here are a few reminders to help keep Hummelstown and your property looking its best!

### Repair:

- Peeling paint
- Broken windows
- Roof damage
- Missing fascia

### Maintain:

- Cut weeds & grass over 10 inches
- Mow lawns to the edge of the street
- Keep trees, bushes & shrubbery off sidewalks & roadways

### Remove:

- Indoor furniture left outside
- Trash/garbage bags
- Car parts
- Unused building material

Inoperable vehicles may not be kept outside. They must be stored inside a garage or other structure.



## PROJECT UPDATES

### Hummel Nature Trail Project

The Hummel Nature Trail project is moving forward! The Borough received grant funding from both the Department of Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). In addition, the Borough received a gift from the estate of Robyn Wamsher to put towards this park.

The project focuses on rehabilitating this 12-acre popular recreation destination. The improvements include paving the existing walking trail to make it accessible to all people, developing a new parking area and an access trail on the former 7-Eleven lot off West Main Street, upgrading the pavilion, and creating a new trail hub that will have a kiosk with a trail map and additional information about the park. The Borough will work to preserve the existing trees, protect the wetlands and pond area, including the addition of aerators in the pond, and add some native landscaping that will serve to attract pollinators such as bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies! The Nature Trail is already home to many species of plants and animals.

The Borough anticipates having the final plans completed by this fall so construction can begin next year.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

The old bridge abutments that you can see in the park that cross the Swatara Creek are from the old trolley line that ran from 1905 until 1937 when the trolley was replaced by buses.



### Downtown Pedestrian Safety Project

Pedestrian safety and accessibility is important to the Borough. In 2015, the Borough adopted the Downtown Master Plan that identified conceptual improvements in several areas in downtown Hummelstown. The planning process involved several public participation opportunities that allowed the Borough to develop a plan that was reflective of the community's desires. The Borough was successful in being awarded 3 grants in addition to transportation improvement funding through the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) through the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. With all the funding now in place, the Borough has contracted with HRG to begin final design and construction.

The Main Street portion of this project runs from Quarry Road to John Street. We will focus on improving safety for pedestrians and motorists. The Project will include installing high-visibility resin crosswalks at several key intersections along Main Street that will not only help to draw attention to pedestrians crossing the street but will also complement previous improvements completed at the square to encourage economic vibrancy downtown. In addition, the Borough will be installing ADA accessible curb ramps where necessary, permanently affixed streetscape amenities like benches and trash cans, and acorn-style street lighting where needed.

Poplar Avenue intersects Hanover Street in a central area of the Borough, near Schaffner Park, the Olde Factory antique store, and Rubber Soul Brewery. Poplar Avenue is a walking route to Lower Dauphin Middle School for students that live in the Borough. However, a portion of sidewalk is currently missing in the first block of Poplar Avenue, east of Hanover Street. In addition, there is no crosswalk across Poplar at the intersection of Hanover Street, and the crosswalk on Hanover Street is located north of the desired crossing to Rubber Soul Brewery. The Borough will install new sidewalk on Poplar Avenue and improve inadequate sidewalk on Hanover Street. The Borough will also install new curb ramps where necessary and install crosswalks across Hanover Street and Poplar Avenue to provide a safe pedestrian route and crossing in this location.

This project complements the newly adopted Active Transportation Plan that was adopted in the fall of 2024.



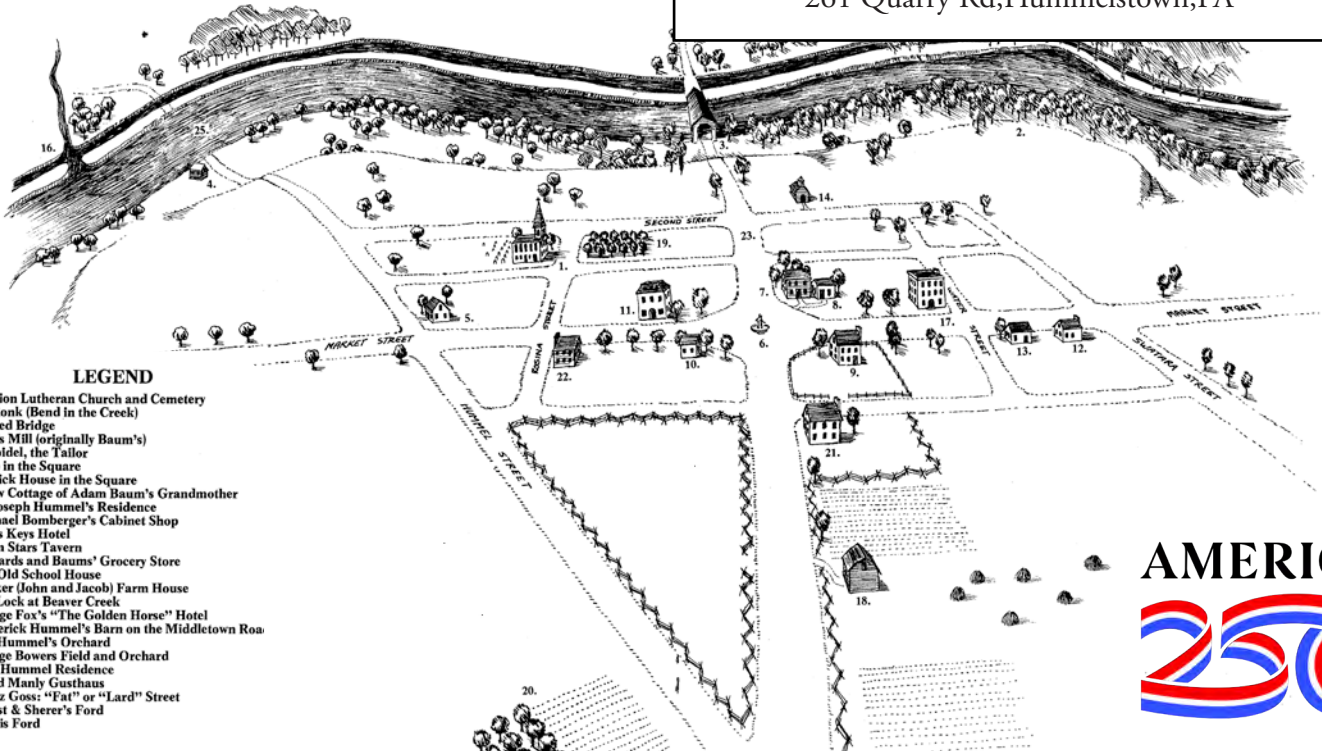
# Historical Hummelstown Map

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Local Postal  
Customer

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U.S. POSTAGE  
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EDDM  
PERMIT NO. 455

261 Quarry Rd, Hummelstown, PA



**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 |
| 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

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| David Roeting.....      | Mayor                    |
| Christopher Black ..... | Council President        |
| Dee VanGavree.....      | Council Vice President   |
| Barbara Miller .....    | President Pro Tem        |
| Chris Weaver.....       | Council Member           |
| Jamie Brubaker.....     | Council Member           |
| Elliot Miller.....      | Council Member           |
| Alex Norris.....        | Council Member           |
| Eugene Spencer .....    | Chief of Police          |
| Mark 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 |