



“Permits & Codes, Oh My!”

It is summertime in the Borough! With the change of seasons, comes the thought of home improvements and new additions to your home and property. The Borough office thought it might be helpful to know when you should submit a permit or know if an improvement to your property is necessary to be in compliance with Borough codes. We hope these simple charts help. If you need further information or clarification, Laura Miller our Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer is more than happy to assist you. Her email is codes@hummelstown.net or call the Borough Office (717) 566-2555 and ask to be connected to her desk. Happy Summer Improvement Season!

“Yes, You Need A Permit For...”

<p>Any Demolition</p> <p>Basement / Foundations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversion to sleeping space • Installation of egress openings • Repair of foundation <p><i>Coming Soon: Any Basement Upgrade</i></p>	<p>Outdoors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New porch, deck, patio areas • Expansion of existing porch, deck, patio areas • Enclosure of existing porch, deck, patio areas • New roof over existing porch, deck, patio areas • Any size shed or garage • New / expanding driveway • Any fence/retaining wall installation • New/replacement sidewalk areas • Any swimming pool (including storable) capable of holding 24” or more water depth
<p>Electrical</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Service / New Build • Service upgrades – needs inspection • Installation of a generator 	<p>Additions / Renovations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any new construction • Increasing the number of dwelling units • Conversion of non-habitable space into habitable space • Closing off or adding a door or window • Changing the size of the opening for replacement windows/doors • Adding / removing structure wall or changing the means of egress • New / repair of egress stairways <p><i>Coming Soon Accessory Structure Over 500 SF</i></p>
<p>Mechanical (Commercial Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New/replacement of heating system if involving extending or new duct work • New cooling system if involving extending or new duct work • Expansion of existing system • Conversion to a different fuel system 	
<p>Plumbing (Commercial Only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of drains, supply lines or additional fixtures 	<p>Roof</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacing/Repairing decking, sheeting or joist • New Roof

10 Codes to Know:

1. All property shall be maintained free of grass or weeds in excess of 10 inches.
2. Trees shall be trimmed to a minimum height over streets and highways to provide a clearance of 14 feet.
3. Trees over a public sidewalk shall be trimmed at a minimum height of 8 feet.
4. No grass or trimmings shall be disposed of into the street.
5. All refuse from the property shall be removed and disposed of weekly.
6. All structures shall have a protective covering i.e., siding, pressure treated, stain, or paint.
7. Only 1 inoperable, unlicensed, or in a state of major disrepair vehicle is permitted to be kept and/or stored on the premises.
8. All accessory structures, including detached garages, fences, and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair.
9. A safe, continuous, and unobstructed path of travel shall be provided from any point in a building or structure to the public way. (Meaning: you should be able to walk from anywhere in your house to a door to get out of the house without having to step over or move anything.)
10. Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas containing water more than 24 inches in depth shall be enclosed by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches in height.



News from the Shade Tree Commission (STC)

An important reminder about the height of trees in the right-of-way in front of your home: all limbs and branches above a street or alley must be maintained at a minimum height of 14 feet. Also, all tree limbs and branches above a sidewalk must be maintained at a minimum height of 8 feet. These height clearances allow safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. STC reminds residents to trim your trees early this fall before Hummelstown Borough's wood chipping stops in October.

STC now offers the Memorial Tree Program which allows you to commemorate a loved one, a friend, a pet or an occasion with a plaque under a newly planted tree. Coming soon is the Adopt-A-Tree Program. This program will allow you to adopt one of the trees in the Borough and place a memorial plaque either on public property in a park, or in the right-of-way of your own property. The cost to participate in either program is \$250. For more information, visit the STC page under the Departments tab at www.hummelstown.net.

News from Parks & Recreation Board

See Your Name in Bricks

The Hummelstown Parks & Recreation Board continues to raise funds for our Hummelstown playgrounds, in order to upgrade equipment and make needed repairs. How can you help with this community improvement project? You can order an engraved brick online. Bricks can be placed in the park of your choice; Schaffner, Mehaffie or Alexander.

New Personalized Park Benches

The personalized benches can be purchased to place in a park of your choice: Alexander, Mehaffie, Schaffer, or Hummel Nature Trail. The benches will be a heartfelt addition to our parks and make them more enjoyable. Go to the Borough website @ www.hummelstown.net for more information on the brick fundraiser and bench program.



Pick the park to have bench placed:
 Alexander Park
 Mehaffie Park
 Schaffner Park
 Hummel Nature Trail

Notes From the Tax Collector

The 2023-24 School Personal and Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed by July 1. If you do not receive yours by the second week in July, please email the tax collector at taxes@hummelstown.net. More information on Borough and School personal taxes (along with exemption forms) and Real Estate taxes can be found at www.hummelstown.net under "Departments" and "Tax Collector."



**ALEXANDER
PARK
IMPROVEMENTS
COMING SOON!**

NEW Playground Equipment Coming to Alexander Park!!!

*Save the dates:
Community help day on September 30th
& Ribbon Cutting Ceremony October 7th*

**Please note that Alexander Park will
be closed from July 17th to October 7th
for construction.**

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Borough Office	717-566-2555
Police (Non-Emergency)	717-558-6900
Tax Collector	717-566-7340
Mayor Roeting.....	717-566-2555
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)	800-353-5262
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 (Steve Hall).....	717-566-0451
Historical Society	717-566-6314
Food Bank (Zion Lutheran Church).....	717-566-2589
Household Hazardous Waste.....	800-449-7587

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Borough Officials

Council President	Brian Foster
Council Vice-President	Robert Weber
Council Member	Randy Lutz
Council Member.....	Dee VanGavree
Council Member.....	Chad Lister
Council Member.....	Christopher Black
Council Member.....	Kelly Williamson
Mayor.....	David Roeting
Chief Police	Justin Hess
Borough Manager	Theresa Eberly
Public Works Director	David Willard
Zoning & Codes Enforcement Officer.....	Laura Miller
Administrative Assistant	Jessica Fales
Tax Collector	Angela Durantine

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RECREATIONAL BURNING OPEN FIRES



Recreational burning is permitted between the hours of Sunrise and 11:00 pm in Hummelstown.

Recreational Burning is Considered One of the Following:

OUTDOOR GRILL
CHIMINEA
OUTDOOR FIREPLACE (*DECORATIVE FIRE PIT*)

The Following are PROHIBITED to Burn:

Plastic, rubber, oils, asbestos, composition board, shingles, felt paper, canvas, fiberglass, vinyl, or any similar materials.

Human or animal waste, sanitary napkins, diapers, food solids, oil filters, or any other materials that emit smoke, acrid, obnoxious or toxic odors.

Grasses, plants, weeds, green twigs or leaves.

Any wood that has been chemically treated to prevent rot or moisture damage or other similar treatment, wood products that have high glue content such as flake board or composition board and wood products in combination with any non-burnable material.

Any other materials that do not comply fully with the intent or otherwise create a nuisance to neighbors

***** Please note:**

All Recreational Burning is Prohibited in the Borough when a Burn Ban is in Effect! ***

Simple Things Homeowners Can Do to Reduce Stormwater Runoff

1. Plant trees.
2. Only rain goes down the storm drain.
3. Plant native flowers and grasses.
4. Cut down on fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.
5. Add a rain barrel (or two) to your downspouts.
6. Replace hard surfaces with pervious pavement.
7. Reduce dependency on chemicals.
8. Wash your vehicle at a commercial car wash rather than in the street or driveway.



Arbor Day Honors the Lutzs

Shade Tree Commission (STC) celebrated Hummelstown's Arbor Day by dedicating a memorial tree to Dave and Jeanne Lutz. The tree was planted in honor of Lutzs' dedication and love of Hummelstown. The Lutzs owned and operated Rhoads (Pharmacy) Hallmark and Gift Shop in Hummelstown since 1973. We will miss you!



Hummelstown PD's

Sgt. Eugene Spencer Honored!

Harrisburg, PA Lodge No.12 and the Grand Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, recently awarded Hummelstown's very own Sgt. Eugene Spencer, with the "Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award". Well done Sgt. Spencer. We are so thrilled to see your outstanding work recognized by those you have so faithfully served.



EVENTS



**National Night Out - August 1, 2023,
Schaffner Park 6:00pm to 9:00pm**

Bring the family and meet your local first responders! There will be a police cruiser, a fire truck and food & games provided by local businesses and non-profits! We will conclude with a flashlight parade around the block.

**The Fuzzy Few Carnival has now become
the Fuzzy Few Festival!!**

The 2023 Festival is the 59th annual event that the FFO sponsors and will be held the week of Aug. 14-19 at Schaffner Park in Hummelstown. This year's renewed theme focuses on community involvement in a family-oriented atmosphere; to include games for all ages, new vendors, an animal petting zoo, raffle prizes.

**Third Annual Candlelight
Walk Through History**



Tuesday, September 12, 2023
at 6.30 to 8 pm
at the Hummelstown Cemetery
186 S. Railroad Street

Meet at the gazebo and tour the cemetery to learn about four passed noteworthy Hummelstown residents.

Nightly Band Lineup for your Enjoyment:

Monday.....HONEY PUMP
Tuesday.....SMOOTH LIKE CLYDE
Wednesday.....CLASS ACT featuring RITA
Thursday.....LUV GODS
Friday.....SOUL SOLUTION
Saturday.....PENTAGON



HUMMELSTOWN'S 41ST ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

**Committee Announces 41st Annual Hummelstown Arts Festival with Artists,
Entertainment, Food, and Children's Activities**

on **Saturday, September 16th, 2023 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Main Street.** The festival includes over 150 juried artists, a food court, children's area and free entertainment. For everyone's safety, the Arts Festival committee would like to remind everyone that there are no dogs, skateboards and bicycles permitted during the festival. If you have any questions or concerns, please visit www.hummelstownartsfest.com, email at Hummelstownartsfestival@gmail.com or send a message via Facebook at www.Facebook.com/HummelstownArtsFestival.

**SAVE THE DATE!
Chicken BBQ
August 5th
For Police and EMA**



**SAVE THE DATE
The Taste
of Hummelstown
on the Square**

**October 15, 2023
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm**



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday
July, 15

**HUMMELSTOWN
CRITERIUM**

**Open To The Public
Free To Attend!**

- Craft Fair
- Food Trucks
- Street Vendors

See You On Main Street!

**2ND
FRIDAY**
HUMMELSTOWN, PA

Sponsored by

The quaint town of Hummelstown turns it up a notch on the 2nd Friday of every month, all year long! Shops, restaurants and taverns are open, many with special offerings and entertainment.

For updates and information visit: Hummelstownassociation.org and HummelstownisHappening.com

**Downtown & All Around
Hummelstown**
6:00pm - 8:00pm

"When you support a small business, you support a dream!"

BOROUGH MEETINGS, EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
4 th Fourth of July Office Closed	1 st National Night Out 6-9pm	4 th Labor Day Office Closed
6 th PC 7pm	3 rd PC 7pm	5 th P&R 6pm
11 th HMA 5pm	8 th HMA 5pm	7 th PC 7pm
13 th BC 7pm	10 th BC 7pm	12 th HMA 5pm
17 th ST 5pm	17 th BC 7pm	14 th BC 7pm
20 th BC 7pm	21 st ST 5pm	18 th ST 5pm
26 th ZHB 7pm	23 rd ZHB 7pm	21 st BC 7pm
		25 th HCF 6pm
		27 th ZHB 7pm

<p>TAX COLLECTOR HOURS: MONDAY – 6:00 to 8:00 pm TUESDAY – 8:30 to 11:30 am</p> <p>Angela Durantine taxes@hummelstown.net (717) 566-7340</p>	<p>BOARDS/COMMITTEES: BC - Borough Council HCF – Hummelstown Community Foundation HMA – Hummelstown Municipal Authority PC – Planning Commission P&R – Parks & Recreation Board ST – Shade Tree Commission ZHB – Zoning Hearing Board</p>	<p>The Borough offers FREE notary service for Hummelstown Borough Residents!</p> <p>Please call-in advance at 717-566-2555 to book an appointment.</p>
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