HOP BOTTOM BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Hello Community members! Welcome to another spring and another newsletter. It’s been a long cold winter and we’re all looking forward to the return of the flowers and blooming trees. Let us continue to care for our Borough and each other keep it the great place to live for generations to come.

***COMMUNITY PARK***

The community park will be receiving the final upgrades to the basketball and pickleball courts. Once the weather warms up, the old court will be power washed and new lines will be painted, lines will also be painted on the smaller pickleball court at the same time. You may have seen the mobile pickleball net as well as the equipment the Borough purchased last summer. These will also be returned once the warm weather arrives. In the equipment box were paddles, pickleballs and instructions on how to play so anyone can participate.

If you use the park and notice a problem with the equipment or any safety concern, please notify any Borough representative. Our park allows for such a lovely spot to spend time with our family, for preschool children to play and for community events to take place. It is also used as a space to recreate with our four-legged friends. Through your care and effort, all can continue to flow safely and harmoniously.

***Storm sewer project update***

We are very pleased with the progress of Phase I of the infrastructure upgrade on the storm sewers on Adams Avenue. Paving will occur once the warm weather comes

***Building and Zoning Code Enforcement***

Effective January 1, 2025, the Borough has contracted with **Northeast Inspection Consultants**209 Main Street, Childs, PA  18407 to serve as both Building Code and Zoning Code enforcement officers. You will find more details regarding code enforcement efforts in the newsletter insert.

**Community Information and Events**

**Clean- up Day**

Town Clean-up Day will take place on Saturday, May 17 from 8 AM to 11 AM.

There are new laws concerning what can be placed in the trash and what must be recycled. We are no longer able to take electronics, TV’s, computers, printers etc. We are also not able to take tires, refrigerators, or air conditioners. You may contact the local recycling centers to determine how to dispose of them. The Borough will not be doing a controlled burn on Clean-up Day. No “household garbage” will be accepted. **Items must be brought during the hours listed above**. Scrap metal will be accepted.

Clean- Up Day is open to **Hop Bottom Borough residents ONLY**. This is a service provided by your tax dollars. If you are new to theBorough, you may be asked to provide proof of residence.

**Yard Sale Day**

Town-wide Yard Sale Day is July 12 8:00am-Noon

Hop Bottom Borough’s Yard Sale Day is always a day filled with fun, laughter, and visits with friends. This is an activity that the Borough would like to continue for many years to come. While this day is set up primarily for Borough residents, non-residents are welcome to set up yard sales as well. If you know of anyone outside of the Borough who would like to participate, they may set up in your yard. If you do not have a yard that can accommodate extra tables, contact Amy at the Borough building (507) 289-4032 to reserve a space in the Borough Lot on S. Center Street (across from the Hop Bottom Church or Hope & Peace).

**Local Election Information**

Several Borough offices will have openings in this year’s election, including Mayor and one open Council seat. If you are interested in running for office, please note these important dates: 1st day to circulate and file nomination petitions is February 18; last day to circulate and file nomination petitions is March 11.

**Borough Property Maintenance Representatives**

Northeast Inspection Consultants, Childs, PA is now handling all Borough building permits and can be called upon to enforce all Borough property Maintenance issues. Contact them at (570) 280-2111

JHA companies located in Montrose, PA will still be handling all Borough sewage permits and sewage enforcement issues. Contact them at 844-542-4757



**Hop Bottom Borough Council Information**

Hop Bottom Borough Council meets on the **first Tuesday of each month, at 7 PM** at the Borough Building on Forest Street. All residents are welcome to attend any meeting.

Additionally, the current Borough Secretary/Treasurer will be resigning at the end of this year, and that position will need to be filled. Any interested applicants can request information through hbsec@hotmail.com



**Volunteers Needed**

Hop Bottom Hose Company is looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please stop by the Hose Company, which is located on South Center Street, any Thursday night. You can also speak to any Hose Company member.

**Tax Collector Office Hours – 2025\***

 The Tax Collector will be in the Borough Building, 20 Forest Street

April 14, 15, 16 from 10AM- Noon

April 21, 23 from 4-6PM

\* If hours need to be adjusted, notice will be posted to Facebook and at the Borough Building.

**Hop Bottom Farmer’s Market**

 The Hop Bottom Farmer’s Market will be held May 3rd & 17th; June 7th & 21st; July 12th & 26th, August 9th & 23rd and September 6th & 20th. October dates depend on weather and the availability of vendors. Time is 10am-2pm. Location is the Grace Lutheran church parking lot, inside if raining. Follow Homemade by Connie Mae on Facebook for weekly listings of vendors and products. Contact Connie Mae at 570-904-4560 with any questions.

**Hop Bottom Borough -2025 Calendar of Events**

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| **Grace Lutheran Church Small Business Saturday & Taco Youth Group Fundraiser**Saturday, March 22nd from 10am to 3PM | **Hop Bottom Hose Company****Ham Bingo**April 5, 2025 Doors open at 5pm games start at 6PM |
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| **Clean up Day**Saturday, May 17, 2025Starts 8 AM – Ends 11 AM | **Municipal Primary Election Day** Tuesday, May 20, 2025 |
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| **Yard Sale Day**Saturday, July 12, 20258 AM to 12 PM | **Annual Halloween Party**Thursday, October 23, 2025Starts at 6 PM |
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| **Trick or Treat Night**Friday, October 31, 20256 PM – 8 PM | **Election Day**Tuesday, November 4, 2025 |
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| **Hop Bottom Hose Company Annual Turkey Bingo**Saturday, November 15, 2025Doors open at 6 PMGames start at 7 PM | **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** Sunday, November 30, 2025 Starts at 6 PM on the Island. |
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| **Hop Bottom Hose Company Annual Chicken BBQ**Sunday, February 8, **2026** |  |