



DANVILLE BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT RICHARDSON'S REPORT

As summer comes into full bloom, we have the best time of the year to get outside and enjoy nature. Danville is the perfect place to enjoy that, with a rich abundance of places to go which provide a number of things to do. In this letter we're going to look at some of the best options you have right here in Danville or very nearby.

Memorial Park is always a peaceful place to sit and enjoy the weather, taking in the beauty of the majestic trees planted there and the lovely Grove Presbyterian Church directly across Bloom Street. Throughout the park there are paths dedicated to our military servicemen and women which add a level of awe to the experience as well as and chance to enjoy lovely outdoor memorial art.

Speaking of Memorial Park, we can never overlook the Summer Concert Series that is held there all summer long every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Coming up for the remainder of the concert season we have, on July 3 Such & Such, which is the music of Chris Shipe, Suzanne Walzer, and friends; July 10 The Clickard Consortium (Cool Jazz Orchestra); on July 17- Westbranch Barbershop Chorus, which will bring us some classic barbershop harmonies; on July 24 will be the "Stars Rising" who are local youth performers; on July 31 we will have Brian Crane and Fred Krug who offer timeless songs and intricate harmonies; and then finally on August 15 the series finale with Seasoned Sounds Big Band, full sound band featuring authentic swing era tunes. That is once again an excellent selection, so please do bring a lawn chair and enjoy some free outdoor music!

Then, of course, we have the various other local parks and fields: there is Hess Recreation Area where you can find trails, a picnic pavilion, a skate park, and open fields; FQ Hartman Fields, where there is also a picnic pavilion with restroom facilities and where you could catch a little league baseball or softball game (this is also where the All Star Games are played at Echo Field in June and July, as well as the Umpire Classic Softball Tournaments to be held July 7); Washies Playground, owned and operated by the Washington Fire and Hose Company, where you can find a playground and several baseball fields; Hopewell Park, where mountain bike trails of various degrees of intensity run throughout the Borough Farm, and where will be held the Hopewell Challenge Bike Race on September 1; Riverfront Park, where is located a lovely relic from Danville's past, a now-restored fountain, and is a gorgeously landscaped photo opportunity and view of the river; Zamboni Park, directly across the street from Riverfront Park, is maintained by local resident and is another beautiful gem to enjoy; and finally Montgomery Park, a sidewalk trail along the river with benches for taking a break to enjoy the view.

Finally, no discussion of Danville's outdoor opportunities would be complete without some reference to our impressive and ever-growing network of hiking trails. While there are plans to expand these outward to link with more and more other trails, as of now there are numerous places you can go to enjoy a few hours' lovely distraction hiking among nature.

I hope you take advantage of the recreational opportunities Danville offers you, and I further hope this summer finds you happy, healthy, and well.

Scott Richardson, Council President



UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Concert Series – Tuesday Nights – through August 15, 2018

All concerts will be held in Memorial Park. In case of inclement weather concert will be held across the street in Grove Presbyterian Church. **List of performers is available on the Arts Council Website.** Danville Memorial Park (Bloom & Church Streets, Danville, PA) www.danvilleartscouncil.org – 570.284.4502, Free Admission

4th Annual Danville Heritage Festival – Friday, July 20 through Sunday, July 22, 2018

A unique celebration of our region's heritage, the Festival will be centered at the Hess Recreation Area and will feature live history demonstrations, speakers, and live music throughout the weekend. Check out the website for a list of confirmed happenings. Hess Recreation Area (Meadow Lane, Danville, PA) www.DanvilleHeritage.com – vanwags@yahoo.com, Free Admission

Service 1st 7th Annual Charity Duck Derby – Saturday, August 4, 2018 1:00 P.M.

During the event, thousands of rubber ducks will be dropped into the Susquehanna River, each one racing toward the finish line. Adults 18 and over can purchase as many ducks as you would like. Tickets are on sale in all branches and online now through July 31. Each ticket is numbered, and on the day of the event a corresponding numbered duck will be dropped into the river. The ticket holder whose number matches the first duck to cross the finish line will win \$500. Funds raised benefit the Janet Weis Children's Hospital, the Danville Area Little League, and Heart to Hand Ministries. Danville/Riverside Bridge - www.service1.org/promo-landing-pages/duck-derby - 800.562.6049, Single Duck \$5, Pack of 5 Ducks \$20

Hopewell Challenge Mountain Bike Race – Saturday, September 1, 2018

The Hopewell Challenge is a mountain bike race on purpose-built, single-track trails located in rural Central Pennsylvania near the banks of the Susquehanna River. There are three skill levels – Beginning 6.27 miles, Intermediate 12.54 miles, and Expert 18.81 miles. Hopewell Park (1000 Montour Blvd, Danville, PA) – <https://david-decoteau.squarespace.com/hopewell-challenge> 570.336.2060 - Visit Website for Registration Details

Fall Arts & Crafts Festival – Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The annual Fall Arts & Crafts Festival is held the first Saturday after Labor Day. More than 30 years old, the Fall Arts & Crafts Festival is a yearly tradition unlike any other in central Pennsylvania, drawing thousands of visitors and more than 125 crafters and artisans from throughout the region. It is concentrated on Mill Street in the heart of downtown Danville's business district. Whatever form or medium of expression you prefer, you will find it at the Fall Arts & Crafts Festival! Downtown Danville (Mill Street, Danville, PA) www.visitdanvillepa.org – 570.284.4502, Free Admission

Starry Night Danville – Saturday, September 12, 2018 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Each step of the 8.5K, 28,000 foot course (or optional one mile walk) represents a child living with a brain tumor diagnosis. The highlight of the evening is a lantern-lighting ceremony to symbolize hope for a cure and to honor our stars, children with brain tumors. To honor our "Stars", children with or survivors of pediatric brain tumors (and their families) will participate for FREE! They will also have a VIP tent. Food, raffles and entertainment provided! T-Shirts to the first 100 registered participants. If you participated in our car raffle last year, bring your ticket to the registration table on race day and receive a \$10 rebate on your registration. Hess Fields (300 Meadow Lane, Danville, PA) <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Danville/StarryNightDanville>

Residential Water Meter Program

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC), in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), is requiring the Borough to reduce the amount of water lost throughout our water distribution system. Installing water meters at every property within the Borough is the most cost effective and efficient way to achieve this. This “plan” must be in place before the Borough applies for the next Susquehanna River water withdrawal permit which will be in 2022. The DMA intends to fund and facilitate this project, with meters to be installed by the end of 2019. More information will be available to the residents as it becomes available.

Danville Municipal Authority Projects Prolong Life of the Water System

The Danville Municipal Authority is taking a proactive approach to extend the useful life of the clarifiers and the water treatment plant by installing dome covers, thereby removing the factors that lead to expedited deterioration through natural causes. The dome covers are clear-span and self-supporting structures with primary horizontal forces contained by an integral aluminum tension ring. The triangular spaces created by the arrangement of the structural members are closed with light gauge aluminum panels. The dome covers will be provided with energy efficient LED lighting and an energy efficient blast ventilation system set to automatically operate when temperatures rise above a preset high setting. The covers will trap natural heat from escaping to the atmosphere and minimize freezing of the raw water surfaces during winter months and eliminate sunlight that promotes the growth of the algae during the summer months.



Clarifier covers at water treatment plant

The Municipal Authority also completed a major refurbishment of our water storage tanks on Reservoir Street. They were sandblasted, primed and repainted. New systems to automatically mix the stored water were installed that will maintain a better product for our customers. A block building was constructed to house new electrical equipment.



Water storage tanks of Reservoir Road

Saving Money Means Better Service

A natural gas line will be installed to service the wastewater treatment plant this year. Natural gas is less expensive - this change will allow the Authority to expend additional resources on infrastructure improvements. The water and sewer personnel are often in the Borough making repairs on, or replacing, pipes and valves in need of service. Repaired and new pieces of our system keep our water flowing and toilets flushing. Please watch out for utility work in our streets as you travel throughout the Borough.

Water Plant Superintendent Receives Operator of the Year award

Brad Horne, Superintendent of the Danville Water Treatment Plant, received the Operator of the Year award at the annual Pennsylvania Rural Water Association conference in March. He has worked for the borough for over 20 years and has done every job along the way. He was promoted to Superintendent in 2012. Brad was nominated for the honor by Jane Graham, Superintendent of the Wastewater treatment plant.



Brad Horne, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The Borough will place gold ribbons on our parking meters in recognition of this cause.

Jim Wilson Retiring as Executive Director of Danville Business Alliance

The Borough would like to recognize Mr. Jim Wilson for his outstanding service as Executive Director of the Danville Business Alliance. He made a huge impact on our downtown and will be missed! We wish him the best in his retirement. Thank you Jim!

Visit [www. Danvilleboro.org](http://www.Danvilleboro.org) to sign up for email updates and to update your SwiftReach account with the correct phone number!

Flood Committee

- Flood Resiliency Task Force will be hosting a seminar on the Flood Insurance Policy Declaration Page instructed by Stettler Insurance.
- Gutelius Excavating is working on the levee raising project on Hospital Run and the Upper Susquehanna Levee Systems. This work is necessary to have FEMA certify our flood protection system and show it on their new Flood Insurance Rate Map. The new FIRM will have changes to the flood zones based on this certification.

Streets Committee

- Street paving will be completed on the following streets this summer: West Market Street from Chestnut Street to Mill Street, Wall Street from Franklin Street to Liberty Street, State Street from Wall Street to Franklin Street, Dey Street, Clinton Street, Honeymoon Street, Water Street from Church Street to Front Street, Sechler Street, DL&W Avenue, and Upper Mulberry Street.
- Sidewalks on Rooney Avenue and the stamped concrete sidewalk on the Cut&Cover have been removed and replaced by Sudol Paving.

EMA Committee

- You probably have noticed the emergency sirens are working again! There are two different sirens - one for fire and one for flood. We plan to offer some educational materials on this in the near future.
- A new Flood Emergency Action Plan is being developed to meet the Army Corps of Engineers and DEP requirements. Copies will be available from the Borough office.
- All Borough employees and elected officials have or are now completing the required National Incident Management System (NIMS) ISO-700 training course.

Fire Safety Committee

- The Danville Fire Department will be launching a fund raising campaign to raise money to purchase a new ladder truck. The current ladder truck is 16 years old and will need to be replaced in the next 5 to 10 years. In order to allow adequate time to gather enough money to make the purchase we are starting the donation drive now. The Fire Department will also apply for grant funding and solicit contributions from local businesses for this \$1.3 million investment. This is the only ladder truck in Montour County. For more information please contact your local fire company.