



# Mayor's Newsletter

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Spring is a time of new beginnings.

New grass, new leaves on the trees, fresh spring flowers blooming everywhere. What a beautiful community we live in. We were very fortunate to have had an unusually mild winter. It is always nice to have a less great impact on our heating bills. Although we only had a few minor snowfalls, our highway department did a good job keeping the streets clear. As fortunate as we were, it is always satisfying to put the uncertainty of winter behind us, and welcome springtime in the northeast.

On March 20, 2019 Spring arrived. It means the sun rises earlier providing us with longer days, and an incentive to get outdoors for welcome activities and exercise. The nicer weather has the kids chafing at the bit to get outside and enjoy. In a few months, school will have ended for the summer break. I encourage you to spend some time now, developing a plan of activities for your children during the summer. It's our job as the adults and family leaders to lead by example and provide good safe activities for our kids.

I know that I invariably broach the subject of supervising our adolescents, in the process of developing from children into adults. We all want the best for our children, and ascertaining this requires effort, thoughtfulness and hard work. I believe that we need to have expectations of maturity and self-control, as well as a responsible communication style to help guide them. We need to be warm and nurturing while maintaining sensible disciplinary strategies. My concerns run extremely deep, especially with the opiate related drug epidemic currently besieging the country. It is common wisdom that many people become addicts after their first opiate experience, and we all know about adolescent curiosity. This can lead to a lifetime of pain for the entire family and often results in death. Please know where your children are and who their friends are.

It is my firm belief that communication is not only at the heart of our being able to function as a community, it is central to our feeling of trust in one another and confidence that each of us is fully vested in our neighborhood.

I believe it is a positive influence for our youngsters to participate in organized sports. They learn teamwork and cooperation, sportsmanship and respect.

While the competitive nature of sport can create challenges to ethical learning, and lead to unintentional consequences, if well-executed, it can be a uniquely well-suited environment to learning reasoning, developing character, and gaining valuable life skills and lessons. So, come out with your children and play ball. The Ramblers football team engages in tackle football starting in early June. Registration begins in April. You can Google Sharon Hill Ramblers to find an application online. If you have questions, call Hakeem Green at 215 429-4316.

I believe youth and families are the cornerstone to building a successful community. Sharon Hill is successful because we are "family strong" and ensuring the success of the community is investing in our families' future. Enjoy a long, lazy and wonderful summer.

Respectfully,  
Mayor Dunfee



**ToniAnne Martinez (Toni)**  
Tax Collector

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**Tax Collector**  
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March 1-31, 2019 • May 1-31, 2019  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
5:00PM - 7:00PM  
HOURS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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if you require an appointment

**OVERNIGHT PARCEL ADDRESS:**  
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## Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will begin on Thursday May 2, 2019 and run until Friday October 18, 2019. Warnings will be issued for 2 weeks. Tickets will be will issued starting Thursday May 16, 2019



## Fire Marshall

Spring Clean!  
Think  
Fire  
Safety

As you are cleaning out this spring, don't forget about fire safety.

- Test your smoke alarms, and replace any alarms that are 10 years old or older.
- Test your carbon monoxide alarms, and replace any alarms that are 7 years old or older.
- Check your dryer vents and clean the hosing.
- Clean clutter inside and outside your home.
- Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.
- Practice your home fire escape plan.

**Sharon Hill Fire Co.  
Station 9**

**"Preventing Fires Through Education"**

For more information and free resources, visit  
[www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).

## Leisure Hours Club of Sharon Hill Senior Citizens

"The Leisure Hours Club of Sharon Hill Senior Citizens is looking for new members."

- Membership in the Club is open to all persons, fifty (50) years of age or older.
- The Club meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m., in Sharon Hill Borough Hall, 250 Sharon Ave.
- The purpose of the Club is to stimulate members to new areas of interest by helping them regain skills and hobbies laid aside during their active years.
- Snacks and refreshments are served at every meeting.
- Special luncheons are held for major holidays, usually at local restaurants.
- At one meeting, each month, in cold weather, hot soup is served at 12 noon.
- Bingo is played at each Club meeting.
- TO JOIN OUR CLUB, visit us any Tuesday at 1 p.m.

## Sharon Hill Art and Culture Commission

### APRIL

Saturday Zumba  
Sharon Hill Paint Night

### May

Mid Week Yoga  
Saturday Zumba continues  
Pre Mother's Day Gift Making (for kids)  
Make and Take for Adults

### June

Mid Week Yoga continues  
Saturday Line Dancing  
Pre Fathers Day Gift Making (for kids)



# Police Department

## SPRING NEWSLETTER - 2019



I would like to remind the residents that the 9:00 PM curfew will still be in effect until Memorial Day. From Memorial Day: until Labor Day, the curfew will move to 10:00 PM. The curfew applies seven (7) days a week for individuals under 18 years of age.

If you are going on vacation at any time, please stop by the police station and give us your information so we can keep an eye on your property.

A reminder to all residents that all vehicles parked on public or private property must have

current registration and inspection. Vehicles without current registration and inspection are considered abandoned and may be subject to towing and citations, at owner's expense.

Finally, we ask all residents to assist the police department in protecting the citizens and property in the borough. If you see anything which may be suspicious or out of the normal, please do not hesitate to call 911. We appreciate your help and remember that 911 is for emergency and non-emergency use.

*Richard Herron, Jr.*  
*Chief of Police*



# Fire Chief

The Sharon Hill Fire Company recently interviewed 34 candidates for the position of Part-Time Firefighter.

After an extensive interview process and background checks, the fire company hired 15 personnel to fill 4 shifts a day from Monday-Friday, 7am-5pm.

The new parttime firefighters come with extensive backgrounds in fire suppression and education along with many years of dedicated service to other organizations.

The hiring of these personnel will increase response times which improves the safety of the residents of Sharon Hill Borough and surrounding communities in which the fire company runs mutual aid.

Having the additional personnel adds to the volunteer base of the fire company improving safety at every incident for both the fire service and the residents.

Please see the Fire Marshall's report for important safety tips.



# Smoke Alarms at Home

**SMOKE ALARMS ARE A KEY PART** of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

### SAFETY TIPS

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.
- Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions, yet mitigate false alarms.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.



### FACTS

- ❗ A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- ❗ Smoke alarms should be installed inside every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level. Smoke alarms should be connected so when one sounds, they all sound. Most homes do not have this level of protection.
- ❗ Roughly 3 out of 5 fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.



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Preventing Fires Through Education**



# The Sharon Hill Fourth of July Festivities



will be Celebrated on  
**Saturday, July 6th, 2019**

Rain Date Sunday, July 7th, 2019

**Calling all Residents.....**

***Did you enjoy last year's 4th of July Festivities and Fireworks?***

**Let's make it even bigger and better this year!**

**If every household in the borough was able to donate at least \$10  
we could have fireworks each and every year!**

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**Sneak peek to some of the festivities**

- Balloon Twister • Moon Bounce • Obstacle course
  - Trackless Train • Wizzer
- and many more rides.**

**FREE Water Ice**

**Popcorn, funnel cakes, cotton candy, hot dogs and drinks will be sold.**

**Come join us for an old fashioned, small town, 4th of July celebration**

**Let's not forget the parade that starts at noon!**

**— WE are looking for parade participants! —**

**SO... if you have a muscle or classic car, a float, bikes, steppers etc.  
please contact the borough office at**

**610-586-8200 or email [finance@sharonhillboro.com](mailto:finance@sharonhillboro.com)**

# TAXES, REBATES, IMPORTANT DATES and THINGS TO KNOW...



## Are you aware that homeowners receive THREE tax bills each year?

- The County bill is issued in January by the County and should be paid to the County. Follow the instructions on your bill to understand your payment options.
- The Borough bill is issued in February by the Borough and should be paid to the Borough Tax Collector. Use the return envelope included with your bill. Cash payment is not accepted.
  - Discount period ends March 31st, Face period ends May 31st and the penalty payment period starts June 1st. The penalty payment is the face value plus 10%.
- The School bill is issued in July by the School District and should be paid to the Borough Tax Collector.
  - Discount period ends August 31st, Face period ends October 31st and the penalty period starts November 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The penalty payment is the face value plus 10%.
  - The School tax Installment- option payment dates are: August 1st, October 1st and December 1st.

## Are you eligible for the trash rebate?

- Are you a Sharon Hill homeowner who currently occupies the home?
- Are you 65 or older?
- Are your Borough taxes paid?
- Do you have a paid stamped receipt from the Tax Collector, as proof of payment?
- If the answer is YES to all of the above, you should stop by the Borough office with your PA. ID, stamped receipt, and see the Borough administrative person.

## Helpful tips to know about your payments:

- Memo fields: ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR FOLIO NUMBER. This 11 digit number is found in the upper right hand corner of your tax bill (it's the same identifier for Borough, School and County) and starts with the number 41-.
- Always send your tax bill with your payment.
- If you require a receipt, send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with YOUR FULL BILL (top and bottom).
- Fold the return envelopes so they are not destroyed by the letter opener.
- Add your phone number to the tax bill in case there are questions or concerns. It's easier to call you, rather than sending you a letter.
- DO NOT STAPLE CHECKS!!!!



## Reminders:

- The Tax Collector has evening hours in May, from 5 to 7PM Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- When calling the tax collector leave a detailed message with your name, address, purpose of call, and your phone number. Allow 48hours for a return call. Calls will be returned in the evening.
- The Tax Collector is also available for appointments as needed.



# PENNSYLVANIA PROPERTY TAX or RENT REBATE PROGRAM 2018

## WHAT IS THE PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM?

A Pennsylvania program providing rebates on property tax or rent paid the previous year by income-eligible seniors and people with disabilities.

## HOW TO APPLY?

Submit the paper application in this booklet to the Department of Revenue. Instructions are inside.

## AM I ELIGIBLE?

The program benefits income-eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older.

HOMEOWNERS	
Income	Maximum Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500
\$15,001 to \$18,000	\$300
\$18,001 to \$35,000	\$250

RENTERS	
Income	Maximum Rebate
\$0 to \$8,000	\$650
\$8,001 to \$15,000	\$500

## CHECK APPLICATION STATUS

Online: Visit [www.revenue.pa.gov](http://www.revenue.pa.gov) and select **Where's my Property Tax/Rent Rebate**

Phone: 1-888-PA-TAXES

Include your phone number on the application to get updates on your rebate. The department makes automated calls in April and June.

## DIRECT DEPOSIT

Get your rebate faster with direct deposit. See Page 12 for details.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Application deadline: **JUNE 30, 2019**

Rebates begin: **EARLY JULY, 2019**

**NOTE:** The department may extend the application deadline if funds are available.

## NEW FOR 2018

As a result of Act 42 of 2018, retired federal civil service employees receiving benefit payments from the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) may now exclude up to 50% of the average annual Social Security benefit amount from their total eligibility income. A new Line 12 was added to the PA-1000, Property Tax or Rent Rebate Claim form to report the exclusion amount when CSRS benefits are included in eligibility income. See Page 9 for additional information.

Other changes to the instructions were also made. Personal representatives filing claims on behalf of eligible decedents must now include DEX-41, Application for Refund/Rebate Due the Decedent. See Page 5 for additional information. In addition, direct deposit requests to representative payee bank accounts now require representative payee verification documentation be provided with the claim form. See Pages 12 and 13 for additional information.

## Recreation Department

*"Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending."*

*Carl Bard*

### What's New?

Keep informed on upcoming events on Nextdoor Sharon Hill, to become a member join:

<https://nextdoor.com/invite/stzyzhuksjysaqhfedvc>

### What to look forward to?

Easter Egg Hunt, Peter Cottontail will be onsite for pictures-Bring your camera.

Date: April 13, 2019

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: Sharon Hill Public Library, 246 Sharon Hill Ave., Sharon Hill, PA 19079

\*The Egg Hunt will depend on weather, conditions may require we ONLY hand out candy bags and take pictures. In addition, location may change if the weather is inclement.

### Looking back on 2018

#### Easter Egg Hunt:

The Easter Egg Hunt at Memorial Park was a success, providing candy and prizes to all and taking beautiful pictures of families with the Easter Bunny.

#### Sharon Hill Beautification Program:

May 4th, The Recreation Board collaborated with Home Depot (Ridley Park Location) providing hanging baskets, vegetables, shrubs, soil and mulch to Sharon Hill residents.

#### Trunk or Treat:

October 31th, Our 3rd year of Trunk or Treat was more amazing than last year, with the addition of the Haunted Library, which featured visits from IT and Zombies. Our local businesses and residents provided goodies to all and participated in a car-decorating contest.

#### Sr. Luncheon:

Heritage Ballrooms from 1-5PM

The event is for **CURRENT SHARON HILL RESIDENTS**, 55 years or older. Providing Buffet lunch, open bar, music and door prizes.

**SAVE THE DATE:** December 14th, the second saturday of the month, 2019 for next year's event. Look for more details in your October 2019 newsletter.

## Dates for Recreation Event

- April 13, 2019- Easter Egg Hunt -12:00 Noon (Sharon Hill Public Library)
- October 31, 2019- Trunk or Treat -6:30PM (Sharon Hill Public Library)
- December 7, 2019- Tree Lighting Brunch with Santa & Frosty 11:00AM (Borough Hall, 2nd Floor)
- December 14, 2019- Sr. Luncheon -1:00PM (Heritage Ballrooms, Holmes PA)



# Sharon Hill Public Library

## COME ONE, COME ALL!!!

The Sharon Hill Public Library (S.H.P.L.) has been Renovated!!

Come see the beautiful updates and pick up a S.H.P.L. Brochure which will include information for ALL AGES. Visit our New Addition S.T.R.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) \*Maker Space featuring a 3D Printer with so much more.

We are looking forward to S.H.P.L. Re-Grand Opening:

Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

Introducing the Grand Opening of S.H.P.L. Rhythm and Brunch Café. Enjoy some light refreshments created by Master Chef Reeky, owner of Rhythm and Brunch in Philadelphia. He has 20 years of experience. After earning his BA degree in Culinary Arts, he traveled across the globe including Europe, mastering his skills and techniques for ALL to enjoy.

The Staff of the Sharon Hill Public Library would like to thank Our Patrons for their PATIENCE!!!

And Look Forward to seeing YOU!!!

## Guest Speaker:

Eugene J. Richardson, Jr. was born on September 18, 1925 in Cleveland, Ohio. His early education took place primarily in Toledo, Ohio.

Dr. Richardson was living in Camden, NJ when he earned the status of Pre-Aviation Cadet and entered active duty October 1943 at Kessler Field, Mississippi for basic military training. In February 1944, Eugene went to Tuskegee Alabama for pilot training and subsequently received his pilot's wings and officer's commission on March 11, 1945 with Class 45A.

Eugene trained for combat in the P-40 and P-47 aircraft at Walterboro Army Air Field, South Carolina:

When the war ended May 1945 and he left military service July 1946 to pursue his goal of higher education. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Temple University, Philadelphia and a Master and Doctors Degree in Education from Pennsylvania State University.

Dr. Richardson taught math and science, was a vice principal and principal of middle schools in the School District of Philadelphia. He retired after 35 years of service.

Eugene enjoys skiing, sailing, rowing and lecturing. He is a partner with his wife in a consulting business, Career Consciousness, Inc. and FIND YOUR WINGS.



# Sharon Hill Borough Resident

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