



Mars Borough

Summer 2020 Newsletter

BOROUGH MEETINGS

Borough Council meetings are held twice each month in the Borough Building on Spring Avenue starting at 7:00 PM. Upcoming meetings are:

<i>BUSINESS MEETING</i>	<i>AGENDA PLANNING</i>
July 6, 2020	July 20, 2020
August 3, 2020	August 17, 2020
September 8, 2020	September 21, 2020

COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We are following the latest Covid-19 guidelines as issued by the Commonwealth.

- 😊 When visiting the Borough office, facemasks are required.
- 😊 Facemasks are required when attending council meetings. Seating in our council room has been adjusted to follow social distancing guidelines.

2020 PAVING PROJECTS

This month our Public Works Department will be attending to potholes on our streets. Several larger paving projects are being prepped: sections of Spring Avenue, a section of Clay Avenue, and the parking lot on Railroad Street.

Mars Applefest

The Rich-Mar Rotary, sponsors of our annual APPLEFEST, are going ahead with plans for this year's Applefest in October. Of course, they will follow Covid-19 guidelines and things may change. You can always find current info at www.MarsApplefest.com.

JULY 4th FIREWORKS



Mars was one of the few municipalities that celebrated Independence Day with fireworks! We thank our sponsors for their generosity.

Mars Bank	Mars Animal Depot
Fleming Tire	Jimmy's Grill
Paul Friedline's Auto	Abella Enterprises
Karen & Dave Winsko	Terry & Sandy Dillner
	Fritz Baehr
	Joe & Marcia Holland
	Rob & Mary Lou Bost

CUTTING YOUR LAWN

You are reminded that, as you mow your grass, it is prohibited to blow grass cuttings onto the street. When it rains, grass clippings on the street are washed toward the storm drains. The clippings lay on top of the grates, block additional debris and clog the grates. Borough Police monitor this situation and issue warnings and fines.



There is only 1 official Mars Borough Facebook page!

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www.facebook.com/MarsBorough



CODE RED

Last year, Mars began using the **CODE RED** public alert system. When an emergency occurs, you are alerted by a phone call to your cell phone or land-line phone.

If you haven't received such calls specifically from Mars Borough, it is because we do not have your phone number in the system. To join **Mars Borough CODE RED**, you can sign up on our website (www.MarsBorough.com) or call the borough office @ 724-625-1858.

Message from Mayor Hartung

I appreciate and thank the Mars Ministerium and the Rev. Peter de Vries of Old Union Presbyterian Church, who took the lead in forming a Prayer Vigil on Racial Justice in the town of Mars, PA, on June 17, 2020. A Prayer Vigil on the day five years after the Charleston Church shooting. Every precaution was taken by our police department to keep people at the prayer vigil safe, and at the same time businesses and property safe, too. A key responsibility of the mayor and police is to keep the community safe!

"It was a massive demonstration of the unity of the pastors," said Rev. de Vries following the vigil.

All the leaders endorsed the same message that God created people equally and that people have the power to recognize that and to do something about it.

Do we have problems in understanding racial justice? We sure do!

The conversation in the town square has people reflecting on racial injustice way beyond those who just attended the vigil. This is more than a Black issue or a 'city' issue. As demonstrated in Mars, small-town America needs to reach out and reflect on how we can make the world a better place. Let's pray that it happens.

MARS BOROUGH WATER DEPARTMENT

Payments can be made several ways as described on our website. If you are mailing a check, the correct address is:

**Mars Borough
PO Box 395
Mars PA 16046**

HOME PROJECTS

Before beginning any home improvement project such as a fence, an addition, a backyard shed, pool, driveway, etc., please visit the **ZONING & PERMIT** link on our webpage for information.

Many projects require permits and inspections!

Questions? Please call our office at:

724-625-1858.

TRAIN WHISTLE

We've had some complaints about loud train whistles. Please note that trains follow federal regulations regarding blowing whistles when travelling through towns.



SHOPPING IN DOWNTOWN MARS

Our downtown shops, doctors, dentists, barbers, salons, restaurants, and florist are open and welcome your business! Parking is easy on Grand Avenue, and additional public parking can be found in the lot on Railroad Street.

PROPERTY TAX DEADLINE

Due to the Covid-19 crisis, the Face Value (regular taxes) for Borough and County Property Tax deadlines have been extended to **November 30, 2020**.

The Penalty Period will be **December 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020**.

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OFFICE HOURS – Weekdays
8:00-1:00 & 2:00-4:00
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