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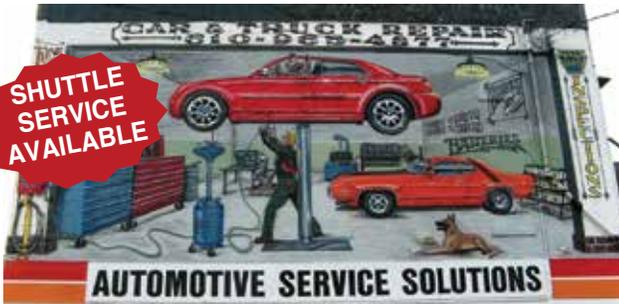
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Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Except holidays)

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor

Ronald Conrad

Borough Council:

Ron Karboski, Borough Council President

Greg Hutchison, Borough Vice-President

Barry Bloch, Todd Rutledge

Lisa Yeager, Carl Sell, John Yerman

Borough Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m., except on legal holidays when the meeting is held the following Tuesday.

Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie, PA

Tax Collector:

Cynthia Hartzell, 60 S. Chestnut Street, Macungie
phone: 610-928-0394

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board and Commission meetings are held at:
Macungie Institute

510 E. Main St., Macungie, PA

Planning Commission:

Allen Crawford, Chairperson

Leslie Lapidakis, Vice-Chairperson

Donna Kohut, Carl Sell, Glenn Granitz

The Planning Commission meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., if an application is brought before the board.

Zoning Hearing Board:

Jeffrey Hartman, Chairman

Gregory Reinbold, Vice Chairman

Justin Huddleston, Terry Kohler and Alan Printz

The Zoning Hearing Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., if an application is brought to the board.

Borough Authority:

Jeffrey Stauffer, Chairman

Robert Bogert, Vice-Chairman

Todd Ritter, Carla Lundgren, Lorraine Walters

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2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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Borough Manager: John A. Brown

Administrative Assistant: Ashley Rinker

Borough Clerk/Assistant Treasurer: Vacant

Police Department:

Sergeant Travis Kocher

Corporal Michael Mullen

Officers Todd Bernhard, Matthew Santiago, Kyle Bernhard

Public Works Supervisor: Tracy Smith

Waterworks Operator: Douglas G. McNair

Public Works: Michael Smith, Ryan Keiser

Macungie Institute Manager: Darlene Misselbeck

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer: Joseph Peterson

Engineer: Stan Wojciechowski, PE, Barry Isett and Associates

Solicitor: Patrick Armstrong Esq., Grim, Biehn and Thatcher

Auditor: Campbell, Rappold, Yurasits

Important Telephone Numbers

Macungie Borough Hall Office: 610-966-2503

District Justice Donna Butler: 610-967-2888

East Penn School District: 610-966-8300

Emmaus Public Library: 610-965-9284

Police, Fire or Medical Emergency: 911

Kalmbach Memorial Park: 610-965-1140

Lehigh County Courthouse: 610-782-3000

Macungie Institute-Community Center: 610-966-7830

Macungie Post Office: 610-966-3672

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Important Websites

Borough of Macungie: macungie.pa.us

Kalmbach Memorial Park: kalmbachpark.com

Macungie Historical Society: macungie.org

Macungie Memorial Park: macungiepark.com

Macungie Farmers' Market: macungiefarmersmarket.com

Macungie Institute: macungieinstitute.com

Macungie VFW: macungievets.com

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Greetings! I hope that you are enjoying this wonderful time of year. I'm excited to share some of the fun things going on here!

If you would like more information on events or rentals, please visit our website or send me an email. I am very happy to help!

Have a great day,
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The Friends of the Macungie Institute was established in 2012 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, governed by a Board of Directors.

The mission of the Friends of the Macungie Institute is simple:

- supporting the Macungie Institute by helping provide educational and recreational opportunities for the community,
- provide additional income through fundraising events and
- by volunteering as needed.

The "Friends" consist of members from different stages of life who all share a desire to see the Institute flourish. The events held by the Friends this year included Bingo in April and October, the Annual Meeting in November, a bus trip to Lancaster for a show and lunch, and the annual Victorian Holiday Tea in December.

If you would like more information, please go to our website www.macungieinstitute.com/friends-of-the-mi.html



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The Tree of Life provides an opportunity to recognize loved ones at our Community Center.

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SKINCARE TIPS FOR FALL AND WINTER MONTHS

While the intensity of UV rays might diminish with the waning of summer, it's crucial to recognize that these rays can still wreak havoc on your skin throughout the autumn and winter months. Safeguarding your skin against damage and the potential life-altering consequences involves establishing a comprehensive skincare routine. Presented here are some of the top skincare recommendations we've curated for the fall season:

1. **Shower Mindfully:** Long, hot showers tend to strip away natural oils that protect your skin from drying out. Embrace shorter, lukewarm showers to counteract this effect as the temperature drops.
2. **Exfoliate with Care:** The cooler weather often leads to skin dryness. This induces your body to compensate by producing additional oil, which can potentially clog your pores. Exfoliants remove surface dirt and debris, which can help aid in avoiding clogged pores. However, the selection of a gentle exfoliant is paramount to prevent the elimination of vital oils.
3. **Moisturize:** Cool air can make your skin dry, causing discomfort, itchiness, and even cracking. Make sure to use a combination of hydrating and Vitamin C serums, followed by a moisturizer into your routine. This will ensure your skin is healthy, protected, and moisturized during the day.
4. **Incorporate Sun Protection:** Applying sunscreen to all exposed areas of your skin during daylight hours is pivotal in maintaining skin that's both safeguarded and radiant. It can slow down skin aging and is key to preventing skin diseases caused by UV light.
5. **Have a Nighttime Routine:** Having a nighttime routine that encompasses cleansing and moisturizing. By cleansing away pollutants and allowing your skin to regenerate, you set the stage for optimal skin renewal.
6. **Hydrate:** The significance of hydration extends beyond skincare into overall health. Sufficient hydration not only bolsters general well-being but also plays a pivotal role in skincare. Skin that's well-hydrated possesses increased resilience against the array of challenges that autumn and winter might pose.
7. **See a Dermatologist for a Regular Check-up:** Dermatologists are skin care experts. We can do a lot on our own, but when it comes down to being certain your skin is healthy, seeing a dermatologist is essential. Regular check-ups facilitate the detection and treatment of skin concerns, including potentially hazardous conditions like skin cancers. We encourage you to schedule your next dermatological appointment as early as you can and have at least a consistent annual appointment, to ensure your skin and general well-being are in ideal condition.

Dermatology Partners is a privately owned physician-led dermatology group with locations throughout the Mid-Atlantic. Its providers treat a full spectrum of diseases of the skin, hair, and nails as well as specializing in the detection and treatment of skin cancers, including Mohs surgery. The organization prides itself on its ability to offer patients immediate appointments so there is no need to wait weeks or months to receive care.

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MAYOR'S COLUMN

I hope that everyone had a wonderful spring and summer. It was great to see everyone out and about enjoying our parks and community activities. There will be many events to enjoy this fall and winter. The Macungie Institute, Kalmbach Park, and Memorial Park all have many great events planned so check their websites for upcoming events. Also, our Halloween parade, trick or treat night, Christmas tree lighting, and the Macungie Holiday event that features a scavenger hunt and Christmas parade provide a great time for everyone to come out and enjoy our community events.

It is an honor to serve as your mayor. As the mayor of the borough, my main responsibility is to oversee the police department. Our dedicated Officers along with myself will continue to work toward building trust, reducing crime, creating a safe environment, and enhancing the quality of life in our community. Please follow the department's website and Facebook page for special community events with our Police Officers. A local community Police Department can offer services that the State Police cannot, such as automatically responding to medical emergencies and fire calls and being at community events. Our Officers have saved lives because they can respond quickly to calls. I want to thank the community for all of the support that you have given the Police Department over the years.

We are also very lucky to have our own local volunteer fire department right here in town. Our fire department is located within 1 mile of most of our residents. Some people in the Lehigh Valley are served by departments that are 2 to 3 or more miles away from where they live. I watched a video of one of our Firefighters walking on the roof of a burning building to cut open holes to allow smoke and heat out of the building. I was also on the scene at an apartment building fire in the Borough and watched our Firefighters and Police rescue residents from the building and take them to the fire station to give them shelter and give them food and drinks until they had a place to go. They do not just fight fires they also help out at community events like directing traffic and helping people cross the streets at the car shows, on trick-or-treat night and at our Christmas tree lighting ceremony. They are a big part of our Halloween and Christmas parades. These brave men and women leave family gatherings and their warm beds on the coldest of winter nights and are willing to risk their lives and endure intense training in order to volunteer for us to feel protected. Whenever you see a First Responder, Police, Fire, or EMS say thank you for all that they do for us.

Remember Government works best when the community gets involved. So, attend meetings, write letters, and send e-mails. I look forward to seeing you around town. I wish you all good health and happiness!

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More than ever your donations are needed to help us meet our mission of saving lives and serving the community in times of crisis. Recent trends in the healthcare insurance industry have strained ambulance services across the country.

Please consider donating to our annual subscription drive which is mailed in October of each year. This effort is a major funding source for our organization making up nearly 15% of our annual income! Your help is needed!

Community members with questions regarding the subscription program or our organization in general may contact us at (610) 966-2601 or visit our website www.macamb.org.



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Monthly Adult Events:

Libby Lessons.** RSVP to Lauri for help with Libby by OverDrive for eBooks and other digital collections. Remember to bring your charged device and your library card to your 30-minute appointment. Days & times vary.

Daytime Book Group.** 1st Tues. @ 2 PM. Some copies are available to borrow at the front desk.

Sept 5 And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie
Oct 3 The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict
Nov 7 The Round House by Louise Erdrich
Dec 5 Anxious People by Fredrik Bachman

Career Coaching. 2nd Mondays @ 6 pm via video conferencing appointment one-on-one with Bill Miner of Careerlink.

Crochet Club. Wednesdays @ 6 pm. Drop in for our weekly crocheting club! All skill levels are encouraged to join in. Bring your current crochet project or get started with advice from more experienced crocheters.

Notary Public Service.** Most Thursdays, 4-6 PM. The library is now offering notary services, free of charge, by appointment only for the residents of Emmaus Borough, Macungie Borough, or Upper Milford Township. Please call the library at 610-965-9284 to make an appointment, indicating the type of notarization requested.

Rep. Wild's Mobile Office. 2nd Thursdays @ 2-5 pm. Drop in to meet with a rep from Susan Wild's office who will be available for in-person constituent services.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group.** 2nd Tuesdays @ 10:30 AM. Presented by Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter hosted by South Mountain Memory Care, and facilitated by Careen Steel, CDP. Please RSVP to Register at 610-965-7662 or email careensteele@gmail.com

Creative Writing Group.** 3rd Tuesdays @ 1 PM. Join us for an in-person creative writing group with Pat Johnson, a long-time creative writer. The group welcomes those who want to write creatively for fun and/or publication. All are welcome.

Find Your Ancestors.** 3rd Wednesdays @ 5 PM. Sign up in advance for a 30-minute appointment with Chris to get in-person assistance uncovering your family tree and insight using Ancestry.com.

Game Night. 4th Mondays @ 6:30 pm. Board games for all ages!

Memoir Writing Group.** 4th Tuesdays @ 1 PM. Join author Jerry Waxler and others on a ZOOM video conference to write about your life.

Special Adult Events:

A Matter of Balance Fall Prevention Program. Eight weekly sessions Thursdays Sept 7th-Oct 26th from 10 am-noon. Hosted by Allentown Health Bureau. Waiting list only.

Historical Lehigh in Pictures Monday, October 9th @ 6:30 pm. Join Gary Heller, a photographer with a mission to document old buildings, for a fascinating look at local historic structures. He will have photos and stories of his photo shoots around Lehigh County and beyond. There will be time for questions at the end.

Haunted Transportation Monday, October 23rd @ 6:30 pm. Join L'aura Hladik Hoffman from the New Jersey Ghost Hunters Society to hear about the ghostly sightings on air, land, and sea.

Monthly Family, Kid & Teen Events :

Storytime! October through December weekly Wednesdays @10:30 AM. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to join us with their adults for stories, singing, crafts, and fun!

Facebook Writing Prompts. 1st Thursdays @ 7 PM. Join us on Facebook for a new prompt every 15 minutes – write about each one or save them for later, share your work, or keep it private. The choices are yours at this all-ages event.

First Friday Movie Matinee. 1st Fridays @ noon.

Block Party. 1st Saturdays @ 11 AM from October through December. For all little builders of preschool and elementary ages and their caretakers. Miss Sue will open the block cabinet in the children's wing and we will make amazing things together.

Teen Writers Group.** 2nd Thursdays @ 6 PM. Join Miss Sue to write from new prompts and talk about the process of writing – reading aloud not required!

Books 'n' Barks*. 4th Thursdays @ 6:30 PM. Read to the Lehigh Valley Therapy Dogs – no registration needed – bring your own books or choose one from the library.

Special Youth Events:

Yippee Puppet Show: Don't Be a Bully, You Chicken Sat. Sept 9 @ 2 pm. All ages. RSVP encouraged.

Afternoon Adventure Storytime Fri Sept 22nd @3:30pm. All ages, drop in.

Annual Solar Eclipse Event Saturday, October 14th @ 11:45am-2pm.

Buckets Full of Nature: Owls Saturday, October 21st @ 2 pm. Lehigh County Conservation District visits for elementary school-aged children.

Family Place Library Parent-Child Workshops October 24th-November 21st 10 am-noon. Please RSVP for children under 6 years and their caregivers.

** Please send Adult Event RSVPs to Lauri by email to epcollection@cliu.org or call 610-965- 9284 x210, and send Kids & Teens Event RSVPs to Miss Sue by email to epkids@cliu.org.



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October:

- 5: Farmer's Market on Lumber Street
- 5,6: Hatboro Dog Club Show
- 7: Gem and Mineral Collector Show
- 8: Montgomery County Dog Club Show
- 11: Food Truck Wednesday In The Park 4pm - 8pm
- 12: Farmer's Market on Lumber Street
- 14: Barktoberfest Pet Fair by the Gazebo
- 14: Crafter/Vendor Event by the Monument
- 18: Food Truck Wednesday In The Park 4pm - 8pm
- 19: Farmer's Market on Lumber Street
- 21: Bottle Collector Show
- 21: Cruise Night - Vehicles start arriving around 1pm. DJ starts at 4pm
- 25: Food Truck Wednesday In The Park 4pm - 8pm
- 26: Farmer's Market on Lumber Street -Last Market of the season!
- 29: Halloween Parade and Festival
- 31: Board of Director's Meeting - Public is welcome: 7pm - downstairs of Memorial Hall

November:

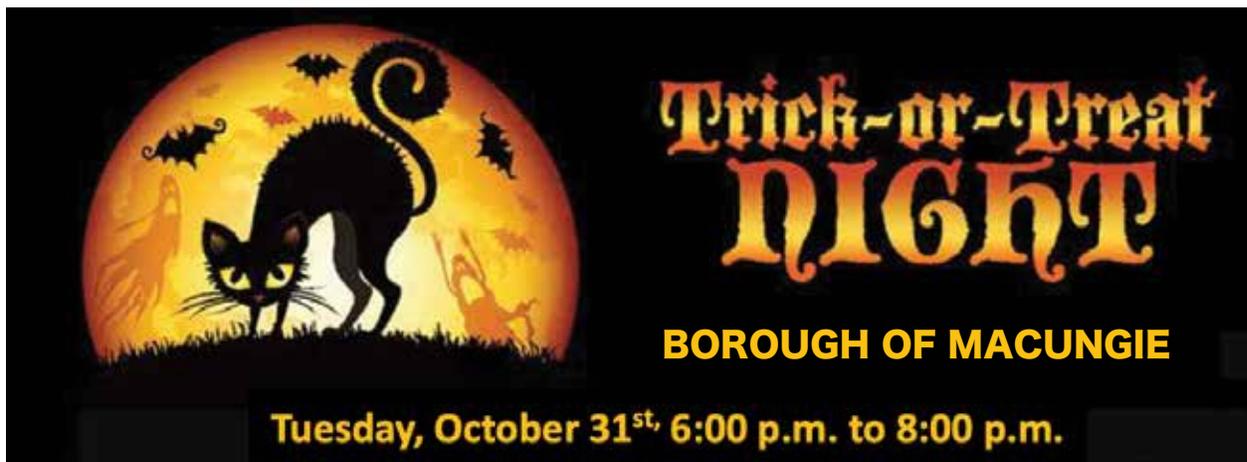
- 11: Veteran's Day USA
- 11: Fall Vendor Fair in Memorial Hall
- 18: Shop Small Holiday Craft Fair
- 28: Board of Director's Meeting - Public is welcome: 7pm - downstairs of Memorial Hall

December:

- 2: Beer Collector's Show
- 9: Macungie Holiday
- 25: Best Wishes for Happy Holidays
- 26: Board of Director's Meeting - Public is welcome: 7pm - downstairs of Memorial Hall

MACUNGIE HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Macungie Halloween Parade will be coordinated by the Macungie Memorial Park, it will be on Sunday, October 29th at 7:15 pm starting at Main and Buttonwood Street. NO RAIN DATE. The parade will start forming at 6:00 p.m. at Eyer Middle School and Shoemaker School parking lots. Registration forms are available online at macungiepark.com. If there are questions please email macungiememorialparkevents.com. Donations can be mailed to Macungie Memorial Park (PO Box 193, 50 N Poplar Street, Macungie PA 18062). There will be a Halloween Festival at the park from 4:00 pm-7:30 pm. Food trucks, entertainment, and activities for children will be provided and the parade will go through the park around 7:30 pm. The full parade route will be posted online.



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The Town Beautification Committee is a non-profit, volunteer group of Borough residents who strive to keep Macungie Beautiful. The committee holds different community events and fundraisers to help support projects throughout the Borough. Some of those projects have included the snowmen and the Christmas tree at the Flower Park, holiday decorations throughout the Borough, seasonal banners along Main Street, the Town Clock at the Macungie Institute, historic lights on Lehigh Street and at the Macungie Institute Community Center.

“VOLUNTEERS DO NOT NECESSARILY HAVE THE TIME; THEY JUST HAVE THE HEART.” ~Elizabeth Andrew

To purchase or for event information, please call Roseann at 610-393-1122, email macungietownbeautification@gmail.com, check the Macungie Town Beautification Facebook page or The Macungie Institute Community Center at www.macungieinstitute.com. Anyone interested is welcome to join our committee! The committee meets at 6:30 PM, the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Macungie Institute. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events!

Join Us:

Winter Fest
12/29/23
4PM to 6PM
at the Macungie Insitute
Pictures with Frosty,
Kids Craft,
Hot Dogs and Mac & Cheese,
Walking Tacos,
Hot Chocolate Bar,
Bake Sale

Souvenirs:

Town Beautification has Macungie souvenirs for sale:
Notecards \$20 for 10 or \$2 a piece
Magnets \$5
Decals \$2
T-shirts \$10
All these items make a great stocking stuffer!



9/11 Memorial
in the Flower Park
Walk the candle lined paths of the flower park in memory of those who lost their lives on that day.

Annual Tree Lighting 11/28/23
at the Flower Park
Carols & a brass ensemble.
Refreshments provided by
Town Beautification Committee.



MACUNGIE FLOWER PARK



The Macungie Flower Park was beautiful again this year. Thank you to all our volunteers!

We appreciate the help of some younger groups this year. The students from Salem Christian School and two local Girl Scout Groups helped us. Also, a huge thank you to Colt Hershinger for donating the mulch and to Carl Sell for his generous donation.



We are looking forward to next year. If you would like to volunteer, call the Macungie Borough Office at 610-966-2503 to leave your name and number.



2023

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December 9, 2023 9:00AM

Events will be taking place during the day,
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Check out www.MacungieHoliday.com or Macungie
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A British Invasion

At 8 p.m. on February 9th, 1964, 73 million Americans tuned in to the Ed Sullivan Show to see The Beatles for their first live performance in the US. This was the beginning of what was to become known as the British Invasion – when so many of the popular music groups of the 1960s from across the pond came to the new world and music was forever changed! On Fridays October 27th & November 3rd, and Saturdays October 28th & November 4th, the Macungie Minstrelaires will be bringing the music of the British Invasion to Lower Macungie Middle School. Come sing and dance along to the songs you grew up with and relive the wonderful sounds and memories of the British Invasion! For more info and tickets, please visit our website - <https://macungie-minstrelaires.org/>

PROPERTY TAX/RENT REBATE PROGRAM EXPANDED

By State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh)



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More seniors and people with disabilities will be eligible for increased property tax or rent relief in 2024 under a new Pennsylvania law.

Act 7 of 2023 increases income limits for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program for homeowners and renters to \$45,000 annually. The law also raises the maximum rebate each homeowner or renter can receive from \$650 to \$1,000.

Thanks to the new law, more than 150,000 additional Pennsylvania residents will be eligible for assistance, which is more important than ever due to rising costs driven by inflation. The expansion will be in effect in 2024 when residents apply for assistance based on rent and property taxes paid in 2023.

There is still time to apply for the 2023 rebate, which is based on rent and property taxes paid in 2022. Apply online at www.mypath.pa.gov or contact my Lower Macungie Township office for free assistance. Our phone numbers are 610-965-9933 or 1-833-933-3675 (toll-free). The deadline to apply for a rebate is Dec. 31, 2023.

The easiest way to check the status of a payment is to use the "Where's My Rebate? Tool" on the Department of Revenue's website at www.revenue.pa.gov. A Social Security number, claim year and date of birth are required to do so.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program benefits eligible residents 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

While I am pleased we are helping more taxpayers through this program, there are still too many who are struggling to make ends meet. The Commonwealth needs to do even more to reduce or eliminate school property taxes.

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FALL 2023 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Borough has contracted for fall leaf collection in 2023. There will be no charge for the collection procedure. Leaves will be collected curbside during the following weeks:

November 13th

November 20th

November 27th

December 4th



- Leaves must be at the curb before 7:00 a.m. and will be picked up when the contractor passes through. The contractor will not make special trips to pick up leaves placed at the curb after they have picked up leaves in the area.
- Leaves must be raked to the edge of the road into long narrow rows not more than 18 inches into the road.
 - **Note:** For your safety and that of the public, leaf piles placed in the road beyond 18 inches from the edge of the road are a hazard to the motoring public, school buses, and emergency vehicles.
- Leaves not placed as described or leaves left around parked cars will not be removed. Do not mix tarps, dog waste, branches, twigs, rocks, shrubbery, grass clippings, or plastic bags in with leaves.
- **Also, you can use your 2023 Yard Waste Pass to take leaves to the Emmaus Yard Waste Site.**

BOROUGH HALL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Borough Office and the Macungie Institute will be closed on the following days for the Holiday season:

Thanksgiving: Thursday, November 23, 2023, & Friday, November 24, 2023

Christmas: Friday, December 22, 2023, and Monday, December 25, 2023

New Year's Day: Monday, January 1, 2023



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A NOTE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO SNOW PREPAREDNESS

The Public Works Department is dedicated to the safety of all of our residents. The process of snow removal, which varies due to the intensity of each snow event, is a challenge for all of us. In an effort to prepare our residents for impending snowstorms, we offer this guide to keep you informed as to what to expect when it snows.

SAFETY FIRST!

If a weather emergency is declared it is mandatory that all vehicles be moved from the streets. This allows access to snow plowing equipment so that these roads can remain open to emergency vehicles. Any vehicles in violation of the weather emergency requirements may be subject to towing and the cost of reclamation.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:

- Cedar Street (north side) from Church St. to Spring St.
- Church St. (east side), from Main St. to the South Borough Line.
- Lea St. (east side), from Main St. to Cotton St.
- Locust St. (north side), from Church St. to the West Borough Line.
- Main St. (north and south side) from the Borough line to Borough Line
- Poplar St. (west side) from Main St. to Hickory St.

DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS:

During a declared snow and ice emergency only, parking will be provided for residents at the following locations:

- Borough Hall Parking Lot
- Macungie Institute Parking Lot
- Flower Park Parking Lot

Plowing occurs as needed when weather conditions arise. Our priority is to keep emergency routes and roads open to allow for emergency vehicles and school buses. We attempt to maintain at least one lane of traffic on these roads. Residential streets, secondary roads, and cul-de-sacs are plowed after emergency routes are open.

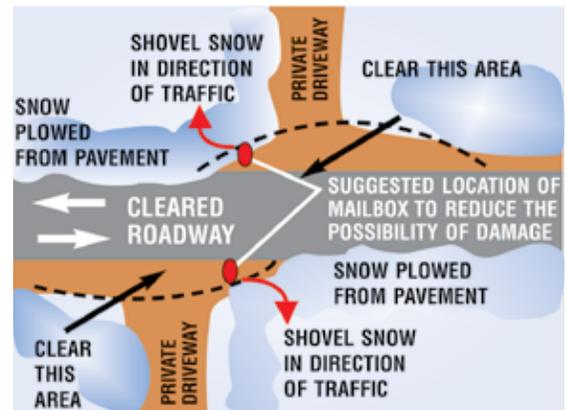
If possible, we plow from curb to curb. This may take several return trips to your neighborhood depending upon the severity of the snow and because of obstructions on your street. If cars are parked on your street, we will remove as much snow as possible.

Note: Our plow trucks do not travel at speeds of more than 20 mph faster speeds create a throwback effect on the windshield. The force of snow being thrown from a plow creates the illusion that the vehicle is moving at a fast rate of speed. As we clean your street; we have no place to push the snow except to the curb line. Be aware that if you clean your driveway, sidewalk, or mailbox before we are finished with your street, it will be plowed back in. This is unavoidable, so please save yourself the aggravation and wait until we have made our final pass.

SNOW REMOVAL TIP...if your driveway is cleared before the street is completed, clear an area to the left of the driveway entrance (standing in the driveway, facing the street). When your street is plowed, the snow from the plow can be unloaded in this area instead of your driveway. The more snow you can clear from this area, the less will be deposited at your driveway entrance.

DO NOT SHOVEL OR SNOW BLOW SNOW INTO THE ROADWAYS... this practice is illegal under the State Motor Vehicle Code and Borough of Macungie CODE OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 296 ARTICLE IV. And, it is extremely hazardous. Property owners are also advised that they are responsible for any actions of snow removal services that they hire.

MOVE YOUR VEHICLES...to off-street parking whenever possible. Parked cars are a hindrance and hazard to our snow removal efforts.



REMOVE OTHER OBSTRUCTIONS...such as garbage cans, recycling containers, basketball hoops, and trailers.

SIDEWALKS...are the responsibility of the property owner. Our ordinance requires that all sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall or the ice has formed.

HANDICAPPED RAMPS...If you have a handicapped ramp on your sidewalk, you are responsible for maintaining that ramp free of ice and snow, so it is accessible by pedestrians. The same rule applies to handicapped ramps that apply to sidewalks.

PLEASE HAVE PATIENCE...Snow removal is a tedious and time-consuming job. Our crews work many hours under very difficult conditions to keep you safe. Travel should be limited during a snowfall and immediately after, unless absolutely necessary. REMEMBER... we are all trying to achieve the same goal of keeping our roadways safe and traffic moving. During snow events SAFETY is paramount, convenience is secondary. Hopefully, we can work together to achieve these goals.

Please follow the television and radio stations as well as our website and Facebook for Snow Emergencies:

- WFMZ – Channel 69
- B104 – Facility Manager
- WLEV 100.7 FM
- CAT Country 96.1 FM
- WAEB 790 AM
- OLDIES 1470 AM
- WZZO 95 FM
- WWW.MACUNGIE.PA.US
- WWW.FACEBOOK.COM MACUNGIEBOROUGH



BOROUGH OF MACUNGIE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

With the winter season approaching we want to remind residents that shoveling, throwing, or depositing snow onto the roadway is not permitted. Not only does this create a road hazard but it is also a state violation and a borough ordinance violation which could result in a citation being issued to the resident. Our department will continue to announce snow emergencies on the Police Department Nixle System. Residents can sign up for Nixle alerts by texting 18062 to 888777 on their mobile phone. This is a free service and enrollment can be stopped at any time by texting STOP to 888777. During snow emergencies please have vehicles removed from designated emergency routes ASAP. A list of roads designated as emergency routes is listed on the borough website.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING

REPORT CRIMINAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY. FOR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY, CONTACT OUR NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER AT 610-966-2222. DO NOT GET PERSONALLY INVOLVED OR CONFRONT THE SUSPECT(S). BE A GOOD WITNESS. DO NOT BECOME A VICTIM.



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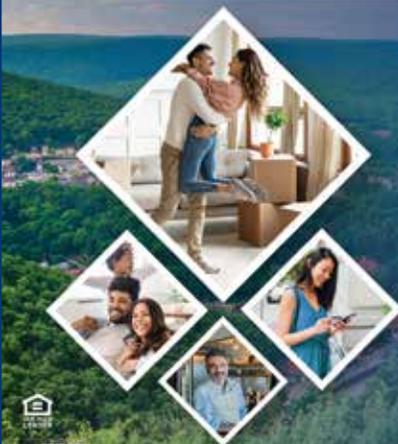
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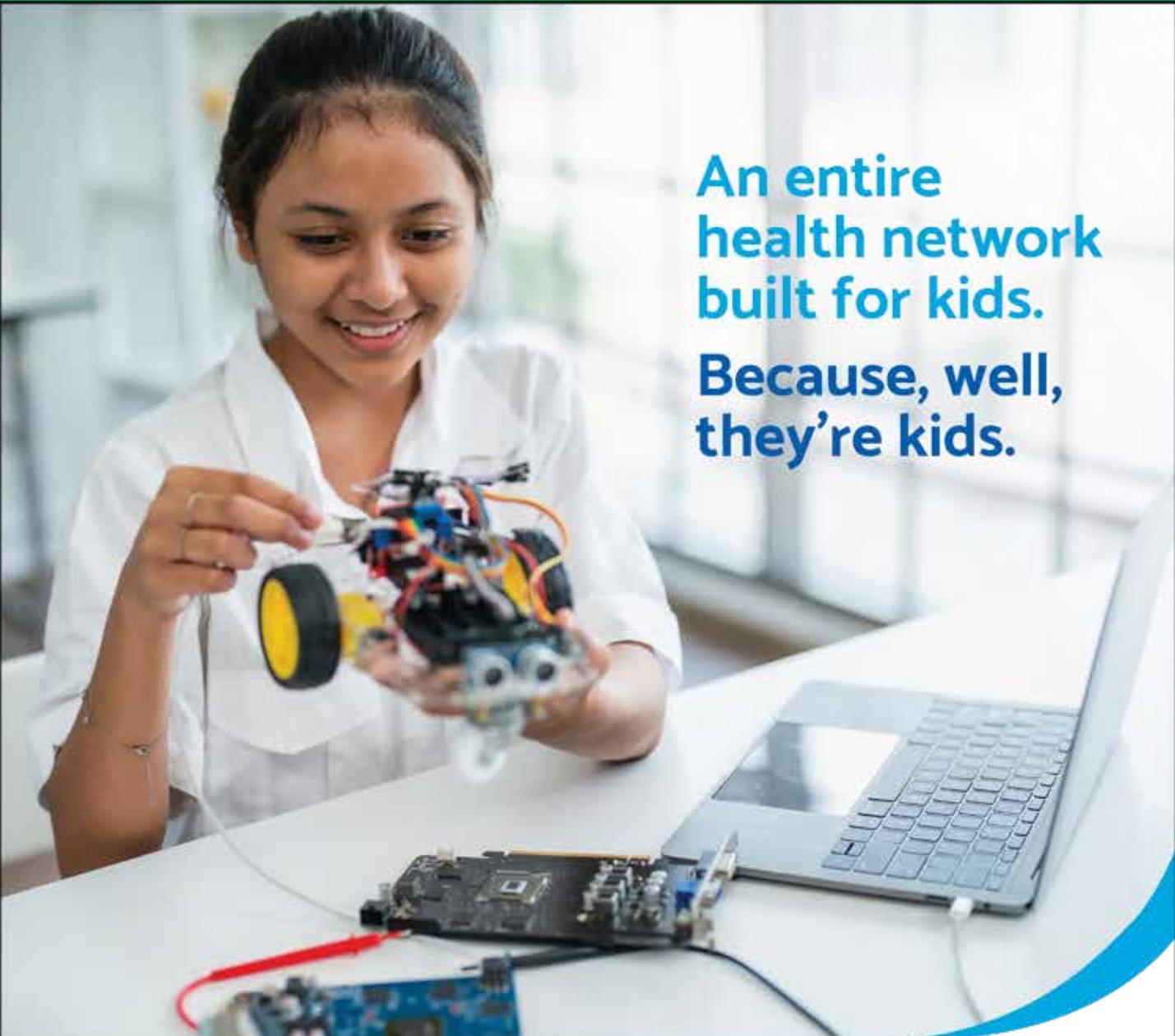
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