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Fall/Winter 2024

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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, Carl Sell, John Yerman,
Robert Rozak, Jr., Todd Ritter

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
Donna Kohut, Vice-Chairperson
Carl Sell, Glenn Granitz, Michael Hinkle

*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:

Alan Printz, Chairman
Terry Kohler, Vice Chairman
Gregory Reinbold, Member

*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, Lorraine Walters

*The Borough Authority meets on the
2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.*

Administration

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, Matthew Miklich, Cole Surridge

Public Works Supervisor: Tracy Smith

Waterworks Operator: Douglas G. McNair

Public Works: Michael Smith, Ryan Keiser

Macungie Institute Manager: Vicki Kocher

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

Macungie Memorial Park: 610-966-4289

Macungie VFW: 610-966-4949

Police Administration: 610-966-2222

RCN Customer Service: 800-254-1376

Service Electric Customer Service: 800-232-9100

UGI Customer Service: 800-276-2722

PPL Customer Service: 800-342-5775 or 484-634-4900

Tax Collector: 610-928-0394

Verizon Customer Service: 800-483-4600

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

BOARD VACANCY AVAILABLE

Would you like to make a difference in your community? If so, have you ever considered volunteering on a board? Interested parties should send a letter of interest to:

Borough of Macungie, 21 Locust St., Macungie, PA 18062 or via email to: info@macungie.pa.us

Christmas Tree Collection

CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE PICKED UP BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

JANUARY 13TH • JANUARY 20TH

TREES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THEY ARE IN PLASTIC BAGS, BOUND WITH TWINE, AND/OR HAVE ANY
ORNAMENTS ON THEM, INCLUDING LIGHTS.

IF YOUR TREE IS TALLER THAN 6 FT., PLEASE CUT IT IN HALF BUT DO NOT
REMOVE THE BRANCHES FROM THE TREE.

IF YOU WISH TO REMOVE YOUR TREE EARLIER, OR LATER, IT CAN BE TAKEN
TO THE EMMAUS COMPOST CENTER FOR RECYCLING.



FALL 2024 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The Borough has contracted for fall leaf collection in 2024. There will be no charge for the collection procedure. Leaves will be collected curbside during the following weeks:

November 11th

November 18th

November 25th

December 2nd

- 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 2024 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 28 &
Friday, November 29

Christmas: Tuesday, December 24 &
Wednesday, December 25

New Year's Day: Wednesday, January 1



MAYOR'S COLUMN

I hope everyone had a great Spring and Summer and enjoyed the events around town. We got to enjoy the Farmer's Market, Food Truck Nights, and days at the Memorial Park pool. We also had great car and truck shows at the park. As I am writing this letter a new committee is planning a Halloween parade to be held on October 12th and the Macungie Volunteer Fire Department is planning a fundraiser to be held on October 26th at Macungie Park.

I am so proud of our town volunteers. Our volunteers are dedicated and help to make our community special. There are many opportunities to volunteer around town. You can volunteer at Macungie Memorial Park or join our Town Beautification Committee. You can also volunteer to help keep the Flower Park Garden down by the tracks looking beautiful.

There are also events at the Macungie Institute that need volunteers. Our Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of rebuilding with new leadership and is looking for volunteers. So, thank you to everyone who volunteers or is planning to volunteer to make our community special.

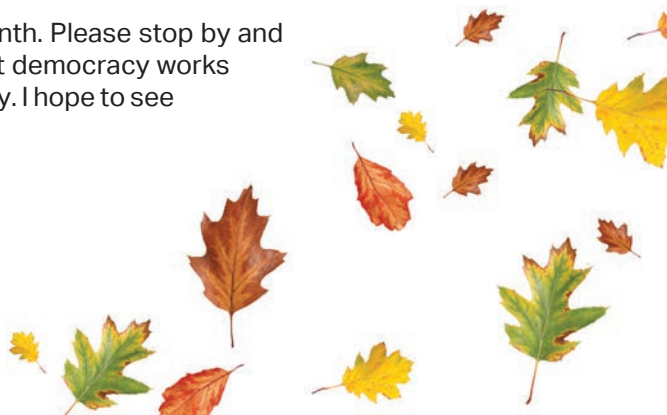
The Fall season means school buses are on our roads and students walking to bus stops so please be cautious on our roads and help keep everyone safe.

It is an honor to be your mayor. I want to thank the community for all the support that you have shown our Police force over the years. Your support is greatly appreciated. Remember that you are the eyes and ears of our Police Department. If you see or hear something that you think is suspicious or makes you think that something is not right, please do not hesitate to call our Police Department to check it out.

Our council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Please stop by and share your ideas and concerns with me and the council. Remember that democracy works best when people become involved with their government and community. I hope to see you around town and wish you all good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

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MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK EVENTS

October:

- 2,3,4,6: Hatboro Dog Club and Montgomery County Kennel Club Shows
- 3: Macungie Farmer's Market
- 5: Minerafest
- 8: Board of Director's Meeting - Public is welcome: 7 pm - downstairs of Memorial Hall
- 10: Macungie Farmer's Market
- 12: Barktoberfest Pet Fair
- 17: Macungie Farmer's Market
- 19: Sniff N' Go Dog Event By Keystone Agility Club
- 19: Cruise Night - Vehicles start arriving at 2 pm, DJ starts at 4 pm. Refreshments available at 2 pm
- 19: Forks of the Delaware Bottle Collectors Show and Sale
- 24: Macungie Farmer's Market

November:

- 1,2,3: Allentown Dog Training Club Show
- 5: Election Day
- 9: Welcome Fall Vendor Craft Fair
- 12: Board of Director's Meeting - Public is welcome: 7 pm - downstairs of Memorial Hall
- 16: Shop Small Holiday Craft Fair
- 28: Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving

December:

- 6: Breweries Collectible Show
- 10: Board of Director's Meeting - Public is welcome: 7 pm - downstairs of Memorial Hall
- 14: Macungie Holiday
- 25: Merry Christmas!
- 31: Happy New Year!



The Borough of Macungie would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and recognize them each as a supporter and cornerstones of our community. For it is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents. The Borough would like to further request that citizens, in response, patronize these businesses first when given a choice as these businesses are saving each citizen tax dollars.





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With the approach of the colder weather, heating systems and fireplaces will once again be in use. The Lower Macungie Fire Department would like to offer some safety tips so you can be warm and safe in your home. There are three (3) main problems we deal with when it comes to heating systems. One problem is carbon monoxide another is heating system malfunctions and the last is exterior venting pipes that are obstructed.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a product of combustion, a process that occurs in those homes that heat and/or cook with gas, oil, coal, or wood. Carbon monoxide is very dangerous since it is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless gas that will literally prevent oxygen from binding with cells in the human body. Some of the symptoms associated with CO poisoning are nausea, vomiting, dizziness, confusion, red skin, and being unusually tired. It is important that if you experience any of these symptoms to exit the house immediately and call 911. This is especially true if other members of the household, or your pets, are also showing symptoms of being ill.

There are, however, simple things you can do to protect yourself from CO poisoning. First is to have your heating system, fireplace, and chimney maintained and serviced as recommended by the manufacturer. Changing the filter, cleaning, and examining the chimney flue as a part of regular service intervals will decrease the chances of CO building up. A well-maintained heating system and fireplace will burn and ventilate more effectively than one that is not serviced or where the venting system is not performing adequately.

It is also important that all exhaust vent pipes are free from obstruction where they exhaust the gases on the exterior of your home. Shrubs, bushes, flowers, and snow can all restrict the exhaust from venting properly which may cause it to then begin to build up in the home itself.

Additionally, an important safety item you can use in your home are carbon monoxide detectors. It is recommended that you have at least one (1) CO detector per floor of the home and one (1) in each bedroom. These detectors are specifically designed to recognize CO and alert you of a potential problem. If you feel ill or have a CO detector alarm, call 911 immediately as we have specialized equipment that can test for CO build-up within your home.

The Lower Macungie Fire Department wants you to be safe and comfortable in your home and a little prevention can save you from a serious illness or fire in your home. If you would like more information on The Lower Macungie Fire Department and the volunteers that run it, feel free to call us at 610-398-0996 or visit our website: www.firestation30.org.

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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!

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- 9-22-24 CASH BINGO
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MACUNGIE MEMORIAL PARK
- 12-7-24 HOLIDAY VICTORIAN TEA
MEMBER TICKETS GO ON SALE 9/17
NON-MEMBER TICKET SALES 9/24
- 12-9-24 BOROUGH RESIDENT SENIOR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
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- 12-11-24 HOLIDAY BUS TRIP
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MACUNGIE HOLIDAY



December 14, 2024 9:00AM

Events will be taking place during the day,
throughout the Borough.

Check out www.MacungieHoliday.com or Macungie
Holiday Facebook Page for more information!



Macungie Town Beautification



Adopt a Scarecrow
Help decorate Main Street this fall!
\$18 each

The Town Beautification Committee is a non-profit, volunteer group of Borough residents who strive to keep Macungie Beautiful. The committee holds community events and fundraisers to help support projects throughout the Borough.



**"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
This is from Aesop's The Lion and the Mouse.**

To order a scarecrow or for event information, please email macungietownbeautification@gmail.com or check the Macungie Town Beautification Facebook page.

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!



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.

2024 Spring Fling Event



Upcoming Events:

Holiday Pallet Painting
Saturday, 11/9/24 3pm
at the Macungie Institute
3 designs available
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You may have heard the acronym MS4 mentioned in conversation but have no idea what it means. MS4 is a bit of a catchword these days. MS4 stands for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The MS4 is a system of conveyances, generally owned by a public entity (e.g., Borough of Macungie, PennDOT, or the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission), that discharges stormwater runoff to waters of the Commonwealth. The system is designed specifically to collect or convey stormwater, and only stormwater. Anything that enters a system that is not entirely composed of stormwater is considered an illicit discharge!

The storm sewer system is not a combined sewer system. The Borough's stormwater conveyance system, unlike the sanitary sewer system, conveys surface water runoff from rain, irrigation, and outdoor water use directly to our waters without treatment. The conveyance system includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Catch basins
- Gutters
- Sidewalks
- Detention & retention ponds
- Man-made channels
- Vegetated swales
- Curbs
- Infiltration beds
- Streets
- Ditches
- Rain gardens

In the Borough of Macungie, the stormwater conveyance system ultimately discharges to the Lehigh River, which then flows to the Delaware River. In our Borough, the MS4 is monitored for erosion, flooding, and hazardous spills to ensure the best quality runoff into our waterways. **Please be mindful of what you allow to enter the storm sewer system!**

E&S (Erosion & Sediment) CONTROL HOTLINE

If stormwater is "cloudy" or "dirty" and originates from an area of active earth disturbance, you will receive the quickest response by contacting the Lehigh County Conservation District at 610-391-9583. The Conservation District is responsible for investigating all erosion and sediment control concerns relating to active construction sites on behalf of the Borough. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and the specific location of the origin of the sediment-laden runoff.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION & ELIMINATION (IDD&E)

As per Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations, Borough of Macungie is required to implement and administer a program for the detection, elimination, and prevention of illicit discharges into our regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Examples of illicit substances include:

- Automobile oil
- Chlorinated pool water
- Construction site runoff
- Laundry wash water
- Paint
- Septic system drainage
- Grease generated by food preparation in commercial operations
- Household chemical products
- Yard waste (including grass clippings)
- Sanitary waste (among other things)

IDD&E HOTLINES

If you witness a potential illicit discharge into the waters of the Commonwealth or any other event that could adversely affect water quality, we ask that you contact the Lehigh County Office of Emergency Services immediately by dialing 610-437-5252. You may also notify the Borough at 610-966-2503 and/or DEP's Bethlehem Office at 610-861-2070. Again, please be sure to reach out as soon as you witness an event. As time passes, it becomes increasingly difficult to trace the source of the event.





Emmaus Public Library, 11 E. Main St, Emmaus, PA 18049

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Your library card is a free ticket to so many resources! Your card provides access to over 1.4 million physical library materials through our borrowing agreements with other local libraries (20 libraries have teamed up to provide this service). Your card also provides you with 24/7 access to a host of online resources – traditional research, learning a new language, downloading ebooks or audiobooks, streaming films & television shows, and live online tutoring and homework help. And that's just getting started!

The Emmaus Public Library has more than just books. You can borrow DVDs, CDs, museum passes, and mobile hot spots. We offer free computers (with printing available for a small fee) and wi-fi access. Need something notarized? We offer residents of Emmaus Borough, Macungie Borough, and Upper Milford Township free notary service by appointment. We also offer hundreds of free events and classes for all ages throughout the year – everything from storytimes to book discussion groups to crochet club. There is truly something for everybody at Emmaus Public Library.

Whether you are a regular library user or brand new to the library, we invite you to visit us soon. Get a library card or use your library card. Our staff and volunteers look forward to helping you get the most from your library card.

MONTHLY EVENTS

The Emmaus Public Library hosts a variety of events and classes for all ages every month. Please visit our website www.emmauspl.org for the most current schedule and to see all of our special event offerings.

Take a look at the following monthly events, which are just a small sample of what the library offers:

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 Tuesday @ 2 PM. Some copies are available to borrow at the front desk.

October 1 – To Kill A Mockingbird (Harper Lee)

November 5 – Lessons in Chemistry (Bonnie Garmus)

December 3 – The Good Sister (Sally Hepworth)

Pinterest Party: 1st Mondays @ 6 pm. All supplies for the first 24 people are provided. First come, first served.

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.

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 csteele@southmountainmemorycare.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.

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

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.

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 do 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 is 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.



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

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.

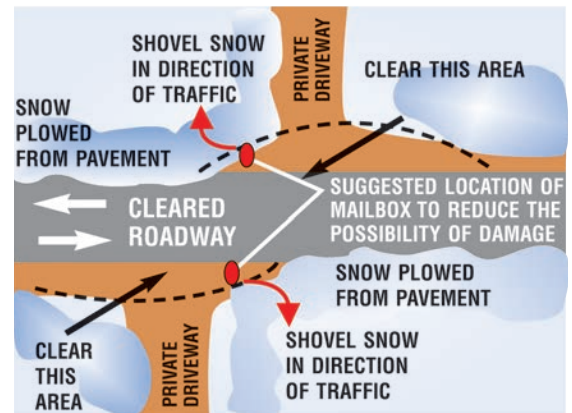
If possible, we plow from curb to curb. This may take several return trips to your neighborhood depending upon the severity of the snow and because of obstructions on your street. If cars are parked on your street, we will remove as much snow as possible.

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
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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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