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Reviewing the Past and Preparing for the Future with Calvin & Hobbes

"That's one of the remarkable things about life. It's never so bad that it can't get worse."

- Calvin (Bill Watterson)

2020. I'm not sure I need to write anything more than that, but they give me an entire page to fill. So, I went back to an old friend for some help in working through what we've gone through and where we're going. This year has felt like an eternity spent in Mrs. Wormwood's class with Moe waiting for us in the playground, but we've got Stupendous Man to help us through.

"You know, Hobbes, some days even my lucky rocket ship underpants don't help."

- Calvin (Bill Watterson)

Things were rough this year. No matter how much planning one did, the world seemed to conspire against us and throw endless challenges in our way. For the Borough, I'm not sure anything highlights this quite as well as the Gym rehabilitation project. With crumbling stairs and a bowed-out wall, the gym has been on the Borough's project list for a long time, but we had trouble finding contractors willing to do the job (at a reasonable price). Finally, in early 2020, we were able to get a contractor lined up and the project scheduled. We should have learned from the first sign that things were not going to go well. A week before the contractor was due to start removing the brick façade, the upper part of the wall collapsed. Oof. When the contractor was able to get more bricks out of the way, they immediately asked for the structural engineer to come in for an inspection. That inspection went as well as a night with Calvin's babysitter, Rosalyn. Structural cracks were found throughout the inner load-bearing wall (as well as the wall on the opposite side). We began making plans to build a new wall and sought pricing for that. Then the wind picked up and took part of the roof with it. While the shingles could have been replaced, the boards under the shingles were found to be thin and flimsy. In the end, the cost to repair the gym (not to make it any better... just to repair it) rose to well over $500,000. The Borough then sought out pricing for demolition of the gym. That should end the problems, right? No, this is 2020. After tearing down the gym, the contractor found a black mastic coating on the cement base, which had to be tested for possible asbestos. Good news: No asbestos. Bad news: Lead is found. What should have been a simple process of crushing and recycling concrete turned into an environmental cleanup, complete with air monitoring systems and ACHD oversight.

"Life is like topography, Hobbes. There are summits of happiness and success, flat stretches of boring routine and valleys of frustration and failure."

- Calvin (Bill Watterson)

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We have certainly seen peaks and valleys throughout the year, with a very small amount of flat boring stretches. But the fact that we had summits at all is a tribute to the community and those always working to improve it. There are still those who stand atop a summit and see nothing but the valleys beyond, but Dormont is full of people working to climb higher and higher, despite the challenging terrain.

The Coronavirus also brought us the Coronachoir. When the Borough could not longer safely hold in-person meetings, it found a home on Zoom and saw more regular attendance than anyone can remember. When the Zoning consultants could no longer hold the planned in-person events to get public feedback, they came up with Chalk Art, the Walk and Tell, an online survey, and drive-in movie style presentations. We also saw the creation of Neighborhood Aid with our neighbor and partner, Mt. Lebanon. Beyond the organization and staffing done by the municipalities, this project has relied on the big hearts of our incredible residents to help those in need throughout our communities. And alongside Neighborhood Aid, the Dormont Free Pantry has continued to grow to serve the needs of our neighbors. It's been like having an army of Spaceman Spiffs guarding our community.

"We're so busy watching out for what's just ahead of us that we don't take time to enjoy where we are."

- Calvin (Bill Watterson)

For the next couple months, I propose we listen to Calvin and try not to worry about what's waiting just ahead. We know that we will still be dealing with the pandemic. As I write this, cases are rising to new highs. But, we know what to do. Wear a mask, keep our distance, and wash our hands. We should all be well-practiced at all of this by now. So instead of worrying about murder Hornets or Killer Zombie Snowmen, let's focus on where we are.

We have one of the lowest case rates in the region. We have great neighbors. We are part of a community that takes care of one another in a time of need.

"Wow, it really snowed last night! Isn't it wonderful? Everything familiar has disappeared! The world looks brand new!

A new year ... a fresh, clean start! It's like having a big white sheet of paper to draw on! A day full of possibilities! It's a magical world, Hobbes, ol' buddy ... let's go exploring!"

- Calvin (Bill Watterson)

It is a magical world and the snow will be here soon. Take advantage of the time to reconnect with your own inner-Calvin and dream of a better tomorrow.

Best regards,

Ben

Borough of Dormont

Office of the Mayor
Jason P. Walsh

Commendation for the
Citizens of The Borough of Dormont

In the early evening hours of October 13th, 2020. The Dormont Police Department responded to a call for a minor child that was missing. Within minutes our Police and Fire departments were searching for the missing child, calling in other departments for assistance, and getting the word out on social media.

When the alert hit social media, our community instantly responded. Residents poured out of their homes to offer assistance. They drove through the neighborhoods, walked the streets, and notified everyone they knew to be on the lookout for this missing child.

This reminded me of a quote from Coretta Scott King: "*The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members*." On that chilly fall evening in October I was witness to the overwhelming compassion of our community. An entire community came together, amid a pandemic, to search for and eventually locate a young child in distress. To call 2020 disenchanting would be an understatement but what I witnessed restored my faith in humanity.

I have never been more proud to be a Dormonter than I was on that evening. The residents of The Borough of Dormont should be commended for their good deeds. Thank you all for your support of our community and thank you all for a job well done.

BOROUGH OF DORMONT:
Mayor Jason P. Walsh

LETTER FROM SENATOR WAYNE FONTANA

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Staying Connected

As COVID-19 continues to present challenges we have not faced in our lifetimes, I wanted to remind everyone how best to stay connected. This year has been a difficult struggle for many as we try and navigate our daily lives while confronted with a pandemic that threatens lives, wellness and our economy. Moving into winter, much uncertainty remains.

Please know, I have been committed to providing services to the constituents I am proud to serve throughout this pandemic and will continue to do so moving forward. Whether we're working remotely, or are open by appointment only, myself and my staff will continue to put forth maximum effort in serving you. It is critical that we continue to function as best we can as safely as possible.

I want to encourage anyone who is not getting my weekly News & Views to sign up on my website at www.senatorfontana.com and receive these updates in your email inbox. Throughout this pandemic, updates to policies, safety orders, and more have changed quickly and frequently, and I have been able to communicate this important information through the ENews.

Heading into 2021, I look forward to tackling the challenges we are faced with and ones that may be yet to come on behalf of the residents of Dormont. Please let me know how I can be of assistance by contacting my office at 412-344-2551 or emailing me at fontana@pasenate.com.

I wish everyone good health. Stay safe!

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAN MILLER

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Dear Friends,

With the ever-evolving pressures of climate change it is important that we continue to update and improve our infrastructure. Stormwater flooding in particular has caused a significant issue to our area. As many of you know, this type of flooding is hard to contain without detailed planning and can cause costly damage to property and bodily harm.

This is why I am excited to announce that Dormont's stormwater authority has been awarded a $200,000 grant to make improvements within the borough.

The funding, which I was glad to champion, was awarded through the Allegheny County Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund. This program was established to fund community and economic development projects in Allegheny County through revenues generated from all casinos. It provides grants for single and multi-year projects to promote development.

The funding awarded to Dormont will go toward the installation of seven new inlets and installation of 450 linear feet of new storm sewers on LaSalle and Louisiana avenues. This is a project that has needed to be done for quite some time and will be integral in protecting your property and health. I look forward to seeing the product once these projects are complete.

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Open enrollment on the health care marketplace has begun and lasts through December 15 on HealthCare.gov. During this public health crisis, access to quality, affordable health coverage is more important than ever.

Financial help is available and most people using HealthCare.gov qualify for financial assistance. Free help is available if you have questions about signing up or want to talk through your options with a trained professional. Call 1-800-318-2596 or visit https://localhelp.healthcare.gov.

In Washington, we are working on a bipartisan basis on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to address the veteran suicide crisis. Every day, 17 veterans, National Guard members, and reservists die by suicide. If you are a veteran in crisis and need assistance, help is available. **Please call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1.**

Recently, the bipartisan Whole Veteran Act, which I sponsored, was signed into law by the President. It will require the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to submit a report to Congress with an analysis of the accessibility and availability of services through the Whole Health program at various VA facilities across the country. Visit https://www.va.gov/wholehealth/ to learn more about the VA's Whole Health program.

As always, my office is here to serve you. If you need assistance with a federal agency or just have a question, please feel free to give us a call at (412) 344-5583.

Official Actions

JULY 6, 2020

• Accepted Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L (A. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2020, B. Motion to approve the Warrant List June 2020, C. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for June 2020, D. Motion to Approve the Engineer's Report for the Month of June 2020, E. Motion to Accept the Building Code Enforcement Report, F. Motion to Accept the Police Department Report for May 2020, G. Motion to Accept the Police Department Report June 2020, H. Motion to Approve Execution of an Easement Agreement with the Owner of Parcel ID#0063-H for a 20-Foot-Wide Drainage Easement. I. Motion to Approve Change Order #1 in the Amount Of $795.43, for the 2020 Operation & Maintenance Contract, J. Motion to Approve Upgrade Order Agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation for the Emergency Repairs Needed for the Municipal Center Elevator at a Cost of $50,817.00, K. Motion to Approve Bryan Taylor as a Volunteer Firefighter, L. Motion to Approve David Estridge as a Volunteer Firefighter).

• Adopted Proclamation 12, 2020, a PROCLAMATION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING AMY CONSTANTINE KLINE FOR HER VISION AND CREATION OF THE DORMONT CORONACHOIR.

• Adopted Resolution 7, 2020, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY REQUESTING GRANT FUNDING UNDER THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY ("ALCOSAN") GREEN REVITALIZATION OF OUR WATERWAYS (GROW) PROGRAM TO BE USED FOR SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION.

• Adopted Resolution 8, 2020, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING a VEHICLE LEASE THROUGH KS STATEBANK FOR AN ELGIN PELICAN STREETSWEEPER.

• Adopted Resolution 9, 2020, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING RESOLUTION #1, 2020.

• Adopted Resolution 10, 2020, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT TO REGISTER AS a PENNDOT BUSINESS PARTNER IN ECMS.

• Authorized the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor to Create a Draft "Rooney Rule" for the Borough of Dormont to Minimize Employment Barriers to People of Color.

• Authorized the Advertisement for non-binding Bids (for the gym) to Ben and Wayne Specifications.

AUGUST 3, 2020

• Accepted Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G (A. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2020, B. Motion to Approve Warrant List July 2020, C. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for July 2020, D. Motion to Accept the July Engineering Report, E. Motion to Approve Volunteer Firefighter Chris Stone, F. Motion to Approve Volunteer Firefighter Jesse Pellow, G. Motion to Approve Volunteer Firefighter Lori Williams).

• Adopted Resolution 11, 2020, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RECIPIENT AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT CARES REIMBURSABLE EXPENDITURES FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND RECIPIENT AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, TO ACT AS THE RESPRESENTATIVE FOR THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT WITH RESPECT TO THE EXPENDITURES FORM, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

• Advertised Ordinance 1636, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE ISSUING OF BUILDING PERMITS, SIGNED PERMITS AND/OR GRADING PERMITS AND PROHIBITING THE REVIEW OF LAND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ON STRUCTURES AND/OR PARCELS IN CASES IN WHICH THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY OR APPLICANT IS IN ARREARS ON PROPERTY TAXES, MUNICIPAL FEES, CHARGES, JUDGEMENTS, LIENS OR EARNED INCOME TAXES.

• Reviewed the Gym Demo Bids.

AUGUST 31, 2020

• Approved the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K (A. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes for August 2020, B. Motion to Approve Warrant List August 2020, C. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for August 2020, D. Motion to Accept the Engineer's

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Report for August 2020, E. Motion to Approve Change Order #1 for the Municipal Building Water Proofing Project in the Amount of $8,000 to Construct the Retaining Wall in the Parking Lot, F. Motion to Accept the Police Report for July 2020, G. Motion to Approve the 2021 Police Pension Plan Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation, H. Motion to Approve the 2021 Non-Police Employees' Pension Plan Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation, I. Motion to Authorize the Borough Manager to Spend an Amount Not to Exceed $7000 to Purchase New Signage for the William and Muriel Moreland Dormont Municipal Center, J. Motion to Accept Resignation of George Pitcher from the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission, K. Motion to Accept Resignation of Sgt. Ralf Zawischa from the Dormont Police Department Effective September 1, 2020).

- **Adopted Resolution 12, 2020, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN.**
- **Adopted Resolution 13, 2020, a RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE ACTIVE ALLEGHENY GRANT PROGRAM.**
- **Approved the Dormont Investment Policy**
- **Approved the Recommendation of the Manager to Purchase Municipal Software Services from Tyler Technologies with One Time Fees of $70,670 and Recurring Fees of $33,813 for a Period of Five Years.**
- **Approved the Purchase and Financing of a Ford Police Interceptor Utility and Equipment at a Cost of $52,460.00.**
- **Authorized the Solicitor and Beth Bachman to Draft a Contract with Simons Concessions with a $10 Overnight Charge Daily.**
- **Amended the Motion to Include 2020 Only and Change the Verbiage to Leave the Supplier Name Generic.**
- **Approved Lease and Finance a 2020 Ford Escape to Replace Our Current Borough Vehicle.**

LifeSpan

MEALS ON WHEELS

11th Annual Holiday Sweet Treats Cookie Campaign

450 Dozen cookies are needed to distribute ½ dozen cookies to brighten our Seniors this holiday season.

Simply donate **2-3 Dozen** homemade cookies by **Friday December 11th, 2020**

Cookies can be dropped off at:
LifeSpan Main Office
314 East 8th Ave.
Homestead, PA 15120

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Please call **412-464-1300** for questions
or additional drop off locations.
You can also visit our website at: www.lifespanpa.org

Dormont AARP

Dormont AARP usually meets the Second Thursday of every month at 12:00 Noon at the Unity Presbyterian Church, 1146 Greentree Road (at intersection with Potomac Ave.) There is a large parking lot behind the Church.

Unfortunately, because of the COVIC-19 VIRUS, we have been unable to hold meetings since last February. We are all hoping that by sometime early in 2021 there will be a vaccine for this Virus, and we can, once again, have our monthly meetings with speakers and entertainment, refreshments, and camaraderie.

For additional information, please call
Zita Reis, President at 412-720-5973 or
Beverly Festor, Membership at 412-563-3961.

Dormont | Mt. Lebanon | Castle Shannon
ROTARY CLUB

The Dormont, Mt. Lebanon, Castle Shannon Rotary Club invites you to join us at a meeting. Rotary is a volunteer organization of business and professional leaders. Normally the club meets weekly at The Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 3319 West Liberty Avenue at noon on Monday. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have been meeting on line via ZOOM. During meetings, members and guests hear about updates on the club's activities. We also hear from various speakers informing us about timely topics.

Meetings last only one hour and we expect to gradually start back to regular weekly, in person meetings in the near future. We will begin on November 2nd, meeting every other week at the church, while still providing a virtual experience for those members uncomfortable coming to the church. The camaraderie and friendships shared while looking to help others in our communities is a welcome break in the hectic workday. For meeting information email Marilyn Raimondi at marilyn0900@verizon.net

Rotary was founded in 1905 as the world's first service organization.
Clubs are nonpolitical and open to every race, culture and creed.
New members are always welcome.

Dormont Athletic Booster Association

Serving the Youth of Dormont and K.O. School District Since 1949

Thank you to Dormont Borough, our coaches & especially the parents of our participants for a successful Summer & Fall baseball season! Despite the challenges of COVID, we were able to host two seasons that had no issues related to the pandemic! Thank you all for taking special care to follow our guidelines and keep our players safe!

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

We are currently planning to offer baseball & softball in the Spring of 2021. Registration will likely open in January and 3-month payment plans will be available to ease the burden of fees. We may also be offering Tennis lessons, as we had planned to last Spring. Stay tuned to our email blasts for more information!

To join our mailing list email dormontsports@gmail.com or register an account at www.dormontboosters.com.

BECOME A SPONSOR

If you own a business or know someone who does, please consider giving back to the community and supporting our youth by sponsoring a team or a sign at Pop Murray Field! This is a great way to reach a local audience to advertise your business. We estimate 10,000+ visitors to Pop Murray every season. Sponsor checks will be due by April 1, 2021 for the Spring Season. Email us at dormontsports@gmail.com for more information or check out our Website for costs.

We are always looking for new members! Please consider joining DABA to give back to your community! Fill out a membership form on our Website and we'll be in touch.

2021 Trash and Recycling Information

Dear Dormont Borough Resident,

Your community provides a comprehensive solid waste program designed to encourage recycling and waste reduction, reduce litter in our neighborhoods and ensure that waste is disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. This guide includes various services that are available to residents. Waste Management pledges to provide the high-quality service residents expect and deserve.

REGULAR CURBSIDE COLLECTION: Trash will be collected once every week on **TUESDAY**. Recycling will be collected every other week, also on **TUESDAY**. Please see the calendar to identify your collection week. Place material at the curb after 6 p.m. on the prior day or before 6 a.m. on the scheduled collection day.

SERVICE INQUIRES: Residents should contact Waste Management to report a missed pick up. A representative can be reached at 1-800-866-4460 or through live chat or email at www.wm.com. In the event of inclement weather, visit www.wm.com/alerts for service updates, delays and cancellations.

HOLIDAY SERVICE: Please reference the calendar for observed holidays.

GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTION:

- Garbage should be properly secured in containers (40 gallons or less) or plastic bags, weighing 50 pounds or less. Place garbage at curbside, in one area, and do not exceed 15 bags/cans and 2 bulk items per week.
- Grass clippings and weeds should be in plastic bags.
- Furniture items, appliances, household goods and disassembled children's swing sets (cut to 4-foot length) will be accepted at curbside.
- Carpet should be rolled and tied in lengths not to exceed 48 inches so that one man can lift.
- Empty paint cans and dried paint are acceptable. Paint can be dried by air drying or soaking up with newspaper or kitty litter. Lids should be left off.

EXCLUDED ITEMS:

- Building material may be picked up for a fee by contacting Waste Management at 800-866-4460
- Hazardous Household Waste and Electronic Waste (including paint, thinners, cleaners, pesticides/herbicides, etc.) - see At Your Door Special Collection Program
- Automobile parts including wheel rims and tires
- Trees, branches and bushes
- Ashes from furnaces and fireplaces
- Stones and dirt

WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dormont Borough
2021 Collection Schedule

Recycling will be collected bi-weekly. Please see below for your recycling service schedule. Recyclables must be clearly marked as recycling. Please do not bag recyclables.

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Recycle Week Holiday

RECYCLE RIGHT

ALWAYS RECYCLE

Plastic Bottles, Jars & Jugs (labeled #1 and #2)

Food & Beverage Cans Steel, tin & aluminum soda, vegetable, fruit & tuna cans

Paper
Brown paper bags, non confidential office paper, newspaper, magazines

Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR MIXED RECYCLING CONTAINER

NO Food or Liquids

NO Foam Cups & Containers

NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film

Empty recyclables directly into your bin.

NO Glass Bottles & Containers

NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet

NO Green Waste

NO Batteries – check local programs for proper disposal

To learn more, visit:
wm.com/recycleright

WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Attention Residents of Dormont Borough, Pennsylvania

Home Collection Program for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-Waste

As part of the residential solid waste contract with Waste Management, effective immediately, you have a convenient new opportunity to dispose of your household hazardous waste (HHW) - safely, easily and responsibly. Introducing the At Your Door Special Collection Program, a residential service offered by Waste Management to provide year-round collections for you.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

1.To Participate, you must set up a collection appointment.

There are two ways to schedule a collection:

- Go to www.WMAtYourDoor.com
- Call 1-800-449-7587 (Monday-Friday 8:00am-8:00pm Eastern Time)

Our representatives will guide you through the steps toward a safe and successful collection. You will be asked several questions, including your address and the type and amount of HHW available for the pick up. You will be provided a convenient collection date and information about where to place the containment bag for collection. A kit will be sent to your home in plenty of time for you to gather and pack your HHW.

2. Preparing for collection

The collection kit includes an instruction sheet and other items to help pack and secure your household hazardous waste (HHW). Please read and follow the instruction sheet included in the kit.

3. HHW is collected

On the scheduled date, the customer service technician will collect HHW directly from your home. They will sort and pack the HHW for proper transportation, recycling and disposal. Participants will receive a postage-paid survey card to complete and mail back to help track the program.

4. You have more HHW than will fit into the Kit?

Remember, this service is available year-round. Just schedule another collection! Small quantities may be combined with your neighbors. Representatives are available from Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM ET. Leave a message after hours, weekends and holidays. Email us at: AtYourDoor@WM.com

Managing Household Hazardous Waste: The best method of managing Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is to prevent its generation in the first place. This involves selecting the least toxic item "to do the job" and buying only the minimum amounts necessary. Buying in large quantities is not a bargain if half of it has to be discarded. In the future, please consider buying environmentally friendly products.

Did You Know?

Latex paint is not a hazardous waste. It can often be donated to community groups and other organizations for re-use. Please consider this option before disposal.

Used motor oil is not hazardous, but may pollute our groundwater, waterways and soil if not properly managed. Many automotive stations, auto parts and supply stores will accept used motor oil for recycling.

Automotive batteries may be exchanged at the place of purchase. Many battery retailers offer recycling even if you are not purchasing a new battery. In some cases, there may be a charge. Some scrap yards will also purchase lead acid batteries.

For more information on HHW, visit DEP at www.dep.pa.gov or at www.pa.gov

WASTE MANAGEMENT

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DORMONT Historical Society

The coming of winter, unfortunately, has brought no change in the corona virus situation. Our museum and meeting room in the municipal center are still closed to the public and most of our activities have been curtailed. Hopefully, the upcoming Christmas holiday season will bring a welcome beacon of light to these dark times. A good way to celebrate and safely shop for that unique something is by giving a gift from the Dormont Historical Society. This year we are proud to announce the arrival of our new video, "A Walk Through Time - The Legacy of Dormont." This DVD locally produced in cooperation with Dream Catcher Films, Inc. takes the viewer through the "history, culture and essence of Dormont." The DVD, which runs about 50 minutes, costs $20 ($22 if mailed). We also have the 2021 Dormont Memories calendar available for $5.00 ($6.50 if mailed) and the Dormont ceramic tile trivet for $10 ($18 if mailed). Copies of the Dormont book by Arcadia Publishing are also still available for $10 ($12 if mailed). All these items can be ordered by check to the Dormont Historical Society at 1444 Hillsdale Ave, Pgh PA 15216. If you would like an item mailed to an address other than your home address, please indicate that in your request. Once again, thank you for all your support in the past and as we begin our third decade serving the community we look forward to many more years of service and a return to "normal" times.

Dormont Public Library

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Curbside Pickup Service:

You order your meals to go, why not your books and DVDs? Item requests can be placed through the online catalogue or by calling us at 412.531.8754 and picked up at your convenience; we'll check your requests out to your card and notify you when they're ready, so your experience will remain 100% contact-free.

Our Curbside hours are:
Monday / Wednesday / Thursday: 9 AM - 6 PM
Tuesday: 9 AM - 3 PM
Friday: 1 PM - 5 PM
Saturday: 9 AM - 5 PM

Book Bundles:

We know you miss browsing the shelves for that book that just jumps out at you. We can't make that happen, but we *can* put together a selection of materials for you to enjoy! Just give us a call or email us at dormontprogramming@einetwork.net and let us know what you like – we'll do the rest.

Put it on Paper:

Need to print, scan, or fax? Send an email with your materials attached to dormont@einetwork.net and tell us any special instructions we need to know; we'll give you a price and get things ready for you! We are only accepting card payments at this time (min. charge $2). Not looking for a virtual experience? Schedule a computer visit! Appointments are 30 minutes in length and will be available on a limited basis, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 2:00-4:15PM.

Enjoy Books:

Just because you're social distancing, doesn't mean you have to distance yourself from supporting your favourite businesses! Enjoy coupon books are now available for $30 and available for pickup through our Curbside service. Visit https://dormontlibrary.org/enjoy2021 or call us to purchase.

Borough of Dormont
Stormwater
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Winter News

From the Authority Board and Staff!

Completed: 11th Alley Project

A stormwater project was recently completed in 11th Alley at the intersection of Piedmont Avenue to control storm water during rain events by installing 250 feet of corrugated pipe, 3 catch basin inlets, and 1 manhole. Baiano Construction completed the project with minimal disruption to traffic patterns. This project will address stormwater flooding issues near the intersection of 11th Alley and Piedmont Avenue. The 11th Alley project was completed entirely with funds from the stormwater management fee.

Grant Awards

The Dormont Stormwater Authority was awarded 2 grants in the latest round of Allegheny County Gaming Economic Development Fund (GEDF) grants. The grants will be used to complete projects on:

Athens Alley Watershed - $185,000
This project upgrades the storm sewer system at Kelton Ave. and W. Liberty Ave. including installation of 530 LF of new pipe, 4 inlets, and 2 manholes.

LaSalle Ave/Louisiana Ave - $200,000
This project upgrades the storm sewer system including 1,350 LF of new pipe, 6 manholes, and the installation of 11 inlets.

Thank You
Senator Wayne Fontana!

We appreciate your support and commitment to the Dormont community.

Winter Stormwater Tips
Prevent Pollution

DO

Do pile snow in locations with the most opportunity to infiltrate into the ground.

Do clear away snow that has been thrown onto the storm drains.

Do pile snow where water does not pond.

DON'T

Don't shovel snow into the street where contaminants will make their way to storm drains, catch basins, or manholes.

Don't pile snow onto rain gardens, bioswales, or bioretention areas.

Don't use deicing road salt when temperatures are 15 degrees or below – it doesn't work!

Did you know?

Leaves can be a great source of nutrients for your property – consider mulching them into your yard or garden.

Normal snow accumulation does not pose a threat to rain gardens so there is no need to shovel your rain garden.

More salt does not equal more melting snow – follow product instructions and sweep up any material remaining after the snow/ice melts

2021 Road Resurfacing Projects

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Road Resurfacing Program was suspended for the year. The streets previously included under the 2020 project will be included under the 2021 road & alley resurfacing project. These streets are:

1. **Hillsdale Avenue, from Annex Avenue to Delwood Avenue, Total Reconstruction.**
2. **Arkansas Avenue, from Illinois Avenue to Belplain Avenue, Mill & Overlay.**
3. **11th Alley, from Piedmont Avenue to Latonia Avenue, Mill & Overlay.**

In addition to these streets, the following street is anticipated to be addressed as well:

4. **Kilton Road (a.k.a. Reed Alley), from Dell Avenue to the Post Office, Total Reconstruction.**

One final street is also being considered for 2021, that being Linden Avenue a dead-end alley off LaSalle Avenue. Council is considering the reconstruction of this alley as a loop road to Louisiana Avenue or simply resurfacing the existing dead-end surface. At the time of the writing of this article a final decision had not been made to reconstruct. Look to future newsletter articles for updates.

2019 Road Resurfacing Project

Dwight Avenue, from LaSalle Avenue to the eastern end, was originally planned to be reconstructed in 2019. However, this project was placed on hold pending the receipt of a drainage easement at the eastern end to allow the construction of a drainage outfall. This easement was finalized in June and construction of the outfall began the end of July. After completion of the outfall the street was fully reconstructed and completed in August 2020.

2021 Utility Work Involving Road Resurfacing

Although the details have not been finalized at the time of the writing of this article, the following projects are anticipated to be started and completed by various utility companies in 2021 and will require road restoration:

Pennsylvania American Water

1. Broadway Avenue from Potomac Avenue to Dormont Avenue – Full water main replacement.
2. Delwood Avenue from Kelton Avenue to Dormont Avenue – Full water main replacement.
3. Voelkel Avenue from Ordinance Avenue to Potomac Avenue was replaced in 2020. The trench has been sealed with hot mix asphalt for the winter. In the spring of 2021, the PAW will transfer the water services from the old main to the new and abandon the old main When complete the entire project area will be resurfaced.

Peoples Gas

1. Hillsdale Avenue from Texas Avenue to 1122 Hillsdale Avenue – Gas main replacement. As part of this project they would also be replacing the main on Lima Alley. At the time of the writing of this article, the tentative start date was November 15, 2020.
2. West Liberty Avenue from Biltmore Avenue to Mississippi Avenue – Gas main replacement. This project is tentatively scheduled for 2021, but there is a good chance it will be pushed back to 2022.

We at the Borough understand the impacts these projects will have on the residents and the motoring public that use these streets. Although we have no control of the scheduling of the utility work, we will do our best to work with the various utility companies to make the public aware of the pending work and the various construction schedules as they develop. When available, these updates will be posted on the Borough Facebook page, the Borough website and our "SavvyCitizen" app. If you would like email notification of pending construction, please contact the Borough offices at 412-561-8900 X221 or 222 and leave your email address. You will be added to our email chain and will receive email alerts.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING WATER PROOFING PROJECT

As mentioned in the summer newsletter, for many years the Borough municipal building had been experiencing ongoing damage due to water intrusion. This water damage significantly impacted the first-floor conference room and the police station, which occupies the basement level of the municipal building, where one of the jail cells was completely unusable. In February 2020 three separate contracts were issued to address the water proofing of the building.

Contract #1: Concrete & Waterproofing Project

The project was completed by the end of August. With the removal of the gym, the access drive to the back parking lot was able to be relocated towards the gym providing room for the retaining wall, that now provides an architectural feature, including a planter, to the concrete patio area constructed above the police station. With the elimination of the leaks into the police station, the much-needed repairs to the water damaged areas of the police station were completed by our public works department. Not completed at the writing of this article is the access drive to the back-parking lot anticipated to be completed by the end of November.

Contract #2: Gymnasium Demolition Project

The demolition contract was awarded in August. The project was anticipated to be completed in September, but due to COVID-19 and delays in receipt of mobilization permits from PennDOT, the start of demolition was delayed to October. At the time of the writing of this article, demolition was anticipated to be completed by the end of November. Plans for the use of the soon to be vacant gymnasium site have not been finalized. Uses being considered include expansion of the parking lot, a park and a community garden. There is time to discuss options since a post demolition site typically is allowed a minimum of one year to settle.

Contract #3: Installation of ADA Doors Project

The project originally included installation of ADA compliant doors at the gym, the municipal building and the police station. With the decision to demolish the gym, this project was scaled back to eliminate the doors at the gym. For the municipal building and the police station the project included removal and replacement of the existing double doors and installation of ADA push-button actuators. The project began in August of 2020 and was completed in September.

2021 SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECTS

GROW Grant Projects

In October 2020 the Borough was awarded a GROW Grant from the ALCOSAN in the amount of $60,300 on a $275,000 project. This grant was awarded to be used to rehabilitate sanitary sewers to eliminate excessive groundwater inflow and infiltration (I&I) that parallel the Peermont Avenue corridor of the Borough. This project consists of manhole-to-manhole cured in place polyethene lining (CIPP) of 17 sewers. This project will be put out to bid over the winter and is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2021.

2021 Manhole-To-Manhole Sewer Lining (CIPP) Project

In 2020, 20% of the Borough's sanitary sewer system was closed circuit televised (CCTVed) as part of the annual operation and maintenance (O&M) program. During this televising, 10 sewers with significant structural defects, or where there was significant I&I, were identified. These sewers will be CIPP lined to restore the structural integrity of the pipe and to eliminate I&I. This work will be combined with the GROW Grant project above.

2021 Open Cut Spot Repair Project

During the O&M CCTV work performed in 2020, seventeen (17) structural sewer defects, located throughout the Borough, were identified that were too severe to be repaired by CIPP lining. These repairs generally include replacement of short sections of collapsed pipe and the installation of new manholes. For these, the roadways will have to be excavated to make the repairs. These individual repairs typically take 1-2 days to complete. This work is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2021 and last approximately 2-months.

2021 Sewer Grouting Project

During the O&M CCTV work performed in 2020, fifteen (15) sewer defects, located throughout the Borough, showed significant I&I at the lateral connection to the main. Based upon the results of this inspection, a project will be prepared to grout the individual "WYE" connections. This project is anticipated to be bid in late summer of 2021 with construction to begin in mid-to-late fall lasting approximately 2-months.

2020 Manhole Rehabilitation Project

In 2019, approximately 355 manholes were inspected. Based upon the results of this inspection, a manhole rehabilitation project will be prepared to address structural defects and I&I found. This project is anticipated to be bid in late spring of 2020 with construction to begin in mid-to-late summer lasting approximately 4-months.

Annual O&M Project

Annually, the Borough issues an operation and maintenance (O&M) contract to CCTV approximately 20% of the sanitary sewers. This way, every sewer is inspected every 5 years. The work under this project will be started in March of 2021. Based upon the results of this inspection, the 2022 sewer repair projects will be planned.

Snow Removal Ordinance

Dear Residence,

During winter months when snow falls, it is the responsibility of the property owners or tenants of the property to remove snow and ice from the entire sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.

The Borough of Dormont Snow Removal Ordinance No. 1491 (Ch 181 §181-19) requires all Borough of Dormont property owners and tenants to clear snow and ice from their **entire** sidewalk within 24 hours after snow has stopped falling. If your property is located on a corner lot, you are responsible to remove snow and ice from the front, side and rear sections of sidewalk adjacent to your property. The ordinance also prohibits transferring or depositing snow on highways, streets, or alleys within the Borough of Dormont.

Failure to Comply and Remove Snow and Ice from the Entire Sidewalk may Result in the Following:

- The Borough or Third-Party Agency removing snow and ice from sidewalk and the property owner being liable for costs.
- You also may also be subject to fines resulting in the Borough filing legal action against you to obtain compliance.

Your cooperation and responsiveness are greatly appreciated: Should you have any questions please contact the Building-Code Department at (412) 561-8900 ext. 233 or 235

Thank you

Neighborhood Aid

Answers, Errands and Assistance

If the COVID-19 pandemic has left you needing help, turn to Neighborhood Aid, a caring network of trusted staff and volunteers who can answer your questions, connect you with resources and get you the help you need.

Call: 412-253-4104

Or visit: Neighborhoodaid.org

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2021 RECREATION & EVENTS

Follow the Borough of Dormont as well as the Borough of Dormont Recreation Board on Facebook for latest information on 2021 events. Information is also always posted on the Borough's website boro.dormont.pa.us

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Breaker's	MeKong	Retail or Service Shop	Chelsea's	Fire PGH	Eat N Park	Vincenzo's

How to play

Make $10 minimum purchases starting September 19th from a Dormont business listed on the card. Complete a row either **horizonal** or **vertical** to win a prize! *Get "DORMONT" horizontally to win a t-shirt. Get 5 in a row vertically to win a Dormont glass.*

How to claim your prize

Once you complete a "DORMONT" Bingo or vertical Bingo, send an email with BINGO in the subject line to Beth Bachman at BBachman@boro.dormont.pa.us to claim your prize. Please include pictures of your receipts, name, shirt size and address.
You can also show your receipts and pick up your prize at the Hollywood Theater.

Cover all spots to be entered for a giftcard grand prize! All entries are also entered to win a gift card from a Dormont retailer.

***Game will expire once all prizes have been claimed or December 31, whichever comes first.**

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NEWS AND SCHEDULE

Our hauler is Waste Management Inc. Waste Management will be sending out a separate mailer and calendar explaining all of their services. They have three phone numbers: Customer Service 1-800-866-4460; the big, green debris bags 1-877-789-2247; Household Hazardous Waste 1-800-449-7587.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING: Waste Management will pick-up your Christmas trees this year. Simply place your tree at the curb after you have taken it down. Unfortunately there is no longer a demand for the mulch from the trees. Allegheny County has tree drop off sites in their parks if you wish to recycle your tree. Go to www.county.allegheny.pa.us/parks or watch the local newspapers and TV stations

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WILL NOT HAVE AN AFFECT ON YOUR GARBAGE AND RECYCLIG PICK UP.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING: TVs, computer monitors, printers, etc., are no longer accepted with the regular garbage. Please call 1-800-449-7587 for a special pickup of these items.

FREON: All Freon must be removed from refrigerators, ac units, etc., before they can be picked up with the trash. Call the borough office at 412-561-8900 x1 for more information.