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## FROM THE MAYOR

I hope everyone had wonderful holidays, enjoyed all the bright lights around town, and savored the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl win! It has been a busy winter, particularly for our New Cumberland Library. We opened the New Cumberland Community Archives and Kenneth N. Ross Jr Research Room in the fall, finished renovations in the main lobby at the end of December; completed a five year strategic plan and hired a new Library Director in February. Our Library is a gem for our community; it is unique in its relationship with the Borough and has community support through the Friends of the Library and Foundation Hall. Our strategic plan envisions an even more vibrant and active library; particularly as we embark on our 50th anniversary in our current historic location in July of 2026. If you or your family has not been to the library recently, stop by and see all the programming and enhancements that have been made. Our mission is to encourage lifelong learning for everyone in our community!! Enjoy all of the Spring activities here in New Cumberland; and I look forward to seeing you at our annual Library Plant Sale and the Earth and Arts Fest on the grounds of the Library April 26th and 27th! Take good care and please continue to look after your neighbor and your neighborhood!

Peace

*Joan*

## BOROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PENN WASTE RATE INCREASE

New Cumberland Borough is in its third year of a three-year solid waste and recycling contract with Penn Waste. Like many other nearby municipalities, our rates for collection costs increased substantially in 2023. Penn Waste noted the primary reasons for the rate increases were increased fuel and labor costs.

In 2025, trash and recycling services will remain the same, but the cost will increase from \$94/quarter to \$99/quarter per dwelling unit starting with the 2025 1st quarter bill, which is mailed February 1, 2025, and due March 1, 2025.

### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are now accepting applications for individuals interested in a paid summer position working outside on the grounds of New Cumberland Borough's parks and facilities. We are looking for individuals who work hard and well with others. Experience in commercial landscaping or basic construction projects in the community is a plus.

This is a paid seasonal position with a rate of \$15-\$20 per hour. Skills and experience are considered. 30-35 hours per week during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3:30 pm.. Monday-Friday and some weekends.

Applications for Employment can be downloaded on [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com), under the "Permits & Documents" menu under "Permits and Forms" and emailed to [info@newcumberlandborough.com](mailto:info@newcumberlandborough.com), or mailed or dropped off at the Borough Office at 1120 Market St., New Cumberland 17070. If you have questions, please call (717) 774-0404.



# GENERAL INFORMATION & DIRECTORY

## NEW CUMBERLAND BOROUGH OFFICE

1120 Market St, New Cumberland, PA 17070  
**Hours:** Monday – Thursday 8:15 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.  
Friday 8:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
**Email:** [info@newcumberlandborough.com](mailto:info@newcumberlandborough.com)  
**Phone:** (717) 774-0404  
**Website:** [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com)

## BOROUGH DIRECTORY

*Unless indicated otherwise, the phone number for the following contacts is (717) 774-0404.*

**Borough Manager,** Nathaniel Dysard  
**Building Code Official,** Approved Codes ..... (717) 506-0464  
**Chief of Police,** Richard Wiley ..... (717) 774-0400  
**Codes & Zoning,** Brian Searle  
**EMS, Deputy Chief,** Edward Erlsten ..... (717) 774-0193  
**Fire Chief,** Jeff Gouldy ..... (717) 774-0193  
**Library Director,** Nicholas Means ..... (717) 774-7820  
**Public Works,** Mark Hinton ..... (717) 774-7827

## OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Emergency** ..... **911**  
**Ambulance** (non-emergency) ..... (717) 774-0193  
**Cumberland County Courthouse** ..... (888) 697-0371  
**District Justice** ..... (717) 737-3434  
**Fire Department** (non-emergency) ..... (717) 774-0193  
**New Cumberland Library** ..... (717) 774-7820  
**New Cumberland Post Office** ..... (717) 774-7092  
**Police Office** (non-emergency) ..... (717) 774-0400  
**Senior Citizens Center** ..... (717) 774-0409  
**State Representative,** Sheryl Delozier ..... (717) 761-4665  
**State Senator,** Mike Regan ..... (717) 432-1730  
**Tax Collector,** Robin Gasperetti ..... (717) 774-7424  
**PA American Water** ..... (800) 565-7292  
**Penn Waste** ..... (717) 767-4456  
**PPL/Street Light Problems** ..... (800) 342-5775

## SCHOOLS

**Cedar Cliff High School** ..... (717) 737-8654  
**Red Land High School** ..... (717) 938-6561  
**Trinity High School** ..... (717) 761-1116  
**New Cumberland Middle School** ..... (717) 774-0162  
**Hillside Elementary** ..... (717) 774-1321  
**St. Theresa School** ..... (717) 774-7464

## BOROUGH COUNCIL – Four-year term

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**Gennifer R. Richie,** Vice-President (2025)  
**Donald W. Kibler** (2025)  
**Thaddeus Eisenhower** (2025)  
**Fred D. Miles** (2025)  
**Drew Lawrence** (2027)  
**Gibby Parthemore** (2027)

## LIBRARY BOARD

**Kevin L. Hall,** President (2025)  
**Judith Hawthorn,** Vice-President (2024)  
**George L. Labecki,** Treasurer (2025)  
**Jessica Wolfe** (2027)  
**Joan Erney** (2025)  
**Gennifer R. Richie,** Liaison (2026)  
**Vacancy**

## TAX COLLECTOR – Four-year term

**Robin Gasperetti** (2025)

## VACANCY BOARD – One-year term

**Vacancy, Borough Council**

## MAYOR

**Joan Erney** (2025)

## CONSTABLE – Six-year term

**Thomas Daucheux,** First Ward (2027)  
**Vacant,** Second Ward (2027)

## DISTRICT JUSTICE – Six-year term

**Christopher Delozier** (2025)

## PLANNING COMMISSION – Four-year term

**Faith T. Curran,** Chairperson (2027)  
**Fred D. Miles,** Vice-Chairperson (2028)  
**Norman J. Kennard,** Secretary (2025)  
**Ira Beckerman** (2028)  
**George Estep** (2026)  
**Jennifer McElrath** (2027)  
**Janet Anderson** (2025)  
**Steve Hoffman,** Consultant – Cumberland County  
Planning Commission

## POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – Six-year term

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**Gerald Ahnell,** Secretary (2026)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

**Solicitor,** **Johnson Duffie** – Michael Cassidy, Esq.  
**Borough Engineer,** Dawood Engineering, Inc  
**Auditor,** Hamilton & Musser, P.C.  
**Insurance Broker of Record,** Kocman Insurance Group (KIG)  
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**John M. Repetz,** Chairperson (2024)  
**Rebecca Parthemore** (2025)  
**Maria D. D'Agostino** (2026)  
**Michael J. Pykosh,** Solicitor

## BOROUGH CALENDAR

### March 2025

Mar 12.....Borough Council Meeting  
Mar 13 .....Food Truck & Restaurant Rally  
Mar 15 .....St. Patrick's Day Party  
Mar 18 .....Library Board Meeting  
Mar 19 .....Planning Commission Meeting  
Mar 29 .....Youth Trout Day

### April 2025

Apr 9.....Borough Council Meeting  
Apr 10.....Food Truck & Restaurant Rally  
Apr 15.....Library Board Meeting  
Apr 16 .....Planning Commission Meeting  
Apr 18.....Borough Office Closed  
Apr 19.....Yard Waste Collection  
Apr 27 .....Earth & Arts Festival

### May 2025

May 8.....Food Truck & Restaurant Rally  
May 14 .....Borough Council Meeting  
May 20.....Primary Election Day  
May 20.....Library Board Meeting  
May 20.....Planning Commission Meeting  
May 26.....Borough Office Closed  
May 26 .....Memorial Day Parade

**For more details and events,  
visit [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com)**

## 2025 BOROUGH BUDGET

One of the most important tasks New Cumberland Borough staff undertakes each year is development and management of the annual budget, which operates on a calendar year, January to December. The Borough Manager is charged with preparing and submitting the budget to Borough Council for consideration and adoption each year. In August and September, staff prepares a draft of the coming year's budget. In October and November, Borough Council conducts budget workshops. These meetings are always advertised on the website and are open to the public to attend in person. The budget meetings for 2025 were held on October 21st at 6:30pm and a follow-up meeting was held on October 29th at 6:30pm. Both meetings were held in Council Chambers at the borough office. During these meetings Borough Council reviews and provides input on the proposed budgets for each of our funds, which includes General, Capital Improvements, and Liquid Fuels. At the conclusion of these meetings a Borough Council reviewed draft is introduced to the public and put on display in November with the goal of adoption at the December Borough Council Meeting.

The adopted 2025 budget may be viewed here: <https://newcumberlandborough.com/government/budget/>

As with any budget, there are 2 main columns: money we bring in (revenue) and money we pay out (expenditures). The Borough's budget is also comprised of two primary sections: the Operating budget and Capital Improvements budget. Each of these sections has its own revenue and expenditures columns. We'll start with the Operating budget. The **Operating budget** is what it takes to run the Borough and comprises about 65 percent of the total budget. It is divided into ten categories. In total there are roughly 90-line items in the Operating Budget.

The revenue for the Operating budget comes from two main sources: the Real Estate tax (40%) and the Earned Income tax (20%). We share the Earned Income Tax revenue with the school district. Other revenue comes from fees, fines, rentals, grants, and investments. For 2025 the Borough will be implementing a \$52.00 Local Services Tax and a 5% tax increase. As a built-out community, New Cumberland is not able to realize an increasing tax base or population growth through development, seen in many nearby townships. Inflation, increasing cost of goods, and wage COLA's exceed the minimal revenue growth from the Borough's two main revenue streams, real estate tax and earned income tax.

The **Capital Improvement Budget** includes replacing police cars on a regular basis; Borough Office renovations; emergency radio upgrades; replacing dump trucks, fire trucks and backhoes when needed; sidewalk ramps for wheelchairs; improvements to the downtown area and the Borough's parks; and consultant and engineering fees for master development plans.

The revenue for the Capital Improvement budget comes from grants (which we often must match), interest from investments, cell tower rental income and transferring funds from the Borough's Capital Reserve. Most of the current Capital reserve is from the sale of the sewage treatment plant in 2016.

In general, the Operating Budget is rather rigid. Over the years the staff has grown or shrunk to accommodate workload or budget constraints. Sometimes a position will go from part-time to full-time, or vice-versa. Building or equipment upgrades can be delayed, if necessary, but this is what it takes to run the Borough. The Capital Improvement Budget can be more discretionary, perhaps, but one can only put off replacing a police car or fire truck, or repairing a park pavilion or garage roof, for so long. Many of the projects in the Capital Improvement Budget are funded by county, state, and federal grants, although the Borough often has to match the grant. The good news is that for every dollar we spend in a matching grant, we generate two and sometimes three dollars' worth of purchasing power.

## TAX COLLECTOR INFORMATION

- If serviced by a mortgage company, forward one portion of your bill immediately to the company. Keep the remainder for your records.
- Payments can be mailed or put in drop slot at the Tax Collector Office. If you require an official receipt, send your check, ALL COPIES OF THE TAX BILL and a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- No personal or business checks will be accepted after 12/14/25 for 2025 taxes. After 12/14/25, acceptable payment types are certified funds, cashier's check, money order and/or cash.
- After 12/31/25 your unpaid bill will be returned to the Tax Claim Bureau for collection and filing of a lien against your property.
- Notify the Tax Collector of address changes. Tax bills are not forwarded. Non receipt of a tax bill does not excuse the taxpayer from payment responsibility.
- No partial or postdated checks will be accepted, and payment must be received or U.S. postmarked by the due date.
- If assistance is required, please contact your Tax Collector prior to visiting the office.
- To ensure proper credit, a tax bill or tax bill number should be included with all tax payments and your phone number.

### 2025 Office Hours

March: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th  
April: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th  
June: 4th & 25th  
July: 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
August: 6th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 26th, 27th, 28th  
October: 1st & 29th  
November: 26th  
December: 17th & 29th

*Office Closed January, February, May, and September, including Holidays & Election Days Hours are subject to change.*

**For in-person payments bring all copies.**

**Robin Gasperetti, Tax Collector**  
1113 Bridge Street New Cumberland, PA 17070-1634  
Phone: (717) 774-7424

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

To keep neighborhoods safe, healthy and vibrant, there are local municipal rules for properties about everything from structural defects to uncut grass and junk in the yard/porch. The Codes Enforcement Officer is continually in the process of performing exterior inspections of properties within the Borough. These inspections include commercial and residential (owner occupied and non-owner-occupied) properties. The responsibility for maintenance and upkeep falls on the property owners, operators, and occupants of the property. Violations are enforced by fines and other costs.

### Grass/Weeds/Trees

- No grass, weeds, or other vegetation not edible or planted for some useful purpose shall be allowed to grow to a height more than six inches, to emit any unpleasant or noxious odor or to conceal any filthy deposit.
- Do not allow cut grass, hedge clippings, brush, or other cut materials to lie in borough streets. This debris accumulates and tends to clog storm sewer catch basins and lines.
- Tree branches and shrubs overhanging the streets, highways, avenues and alleys are to be a clear height of twelve (12) feet above the surface of a street, highway, avenue or alley.
- Branches and shrubs overhanging any sidewalk adjacent to the property must be a clear height of eight (8) feet above the surface of the sidewalk on or adjacent to the owner's property

## POLICE, FIRE & EMS

### FIRE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you thought about volunteering somewhere but wanted to really make a difference? Volunteering at the New Cumberland Fire Department isn't just for Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians. We are also always looking for help with fundraising events, administrative tasks, and traffic control. Being a volunteer with your local fire department, in any capacity, is both one of the most meaningful ways to serve your family, friends, neighbors, and your community and a way to make lifelong friendships. We invite you to learn more about volunteering at the New Cumberland Fire Dept. Reach out to us on Facebook, through our website [NCFD10.com](http://NCFD10.com), or stop by our weekly training on Wednesday evenings (starts at 7p.m.) to chat and pick up a membership application.



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This service is funded by the Recorder of Deeds Record Improvement Fund, so it does not use county tax dollars. Sign up for the Cumberland County Records Notification Service: [www.landex.com/recordalert/cumberland](http://www.landex.com/recordalert/cumberland).

## DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE!

Senate Bill 37, known as Paul Miller's Law, prohibits drivers from using handheld cell phones or other electronic devices while driving. This means no more texting, emailing, or browsing the internet while behind the wheel.

### Why is this important?

- **Distracted driving is dangerous:** It takes your attention away from the road, increasing the risk of accidents.
- **It's the law:** Violations can result in fines and other penalties.

### Let's keep our roads safe!

- **Put your phone down:** Use hands-free technology to make calls or listen to messages.
- **Focus on the road:** Pay attention to what's happening around you.
- **Plan ahead:** Set your destination in your GPS before you start driving.

### TITLE 75: Section 1621. Texting while driving.

**(a) Prohibition.--**Except as provided under subsection (c), a driver may not engage in texting while driving a commercial motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle.

**(b) Employer.--**Except as provided under subsection (c), an employer may not permit or require a driver of the employer to engage in texting while driving a commercial motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle.

**(c) Emergency use exception.--**Texting while driving shall be permissible by a driver of a commercial motor vehicle or motor carrier vehicle if necessary to communicate with a law enforcement official or other emergency service.

### **(d) Penalties.--**

(1) A person who violates subsection (a) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.

(2) A person who violates subsection (b) commits a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$500.

## REMINDER TO KEEP YOUR VEHICLE LOCKED

It's a car that's left running, unlocked, and unattended. Puffers (a running car) are easy targets for thieves! "I was only away from my car for a minute!" We hear this often. Whether you're just running in to grab a cup of coffee or warming up the car before leaving for work, it only takes seconds to steal an unattended vehicle.

Please don't leave your car to warm up alone unless you have a remote-start function that keeps the vehicle locked and safe. Lock your car, take your keys, and hide your stuff. Follow these simple tips to protect your property and spare yourself the hassle and expense of having your car stolen. It's common sense but not common practice.

Plan ahead for peace of mind.

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# DISTRACTED DRIVING DON'T DO THIS WHILE DRIVING

## Infographic



Drivers in their **20's** make up **27%** of the distracted drivers in fatal crashes. (NHTSA)



5 seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting. (VTI)



An estimated 421,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver in 2012. This was a nine percent increase from the estimated 387,000 people injured in 2011. (distraction.gov)

**71%** of teens and young adults say they have composed/sent SMS messages while driving. (NHSTA)



Headset cell phone use is not substantially safer than hand-held use. (VTI)

You're **2X** more likely to crash if you text while driving. (VTI)

Activities performed when completing a phone call (reaching for the phone, looking up a contact and dialing the number) increased crash risk by three times. (VTI 2013)



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# SPRING CLEANING

## STREET SWEEPING

Regular street sweeping improves the appearance and safety of public roadways and reduces the number of pollutants that are conveyed to the Borough's storm sewer system, which ultimately discharges to area waterways.

- Bi-weekly sweeping begins during the first week of April.
- During the months of July and August, the sweeper is operated one week in each month, usually the third week.
- Bi-weekly sweeping resumes during the first week of September and continues to the beginning of leaf collection season. Leaf collection usually starts the third week of October.
- The sweeper runs in conjunction with the leaf collection equipment, usually through the first week of December.
- Street cleaning can be more thorough and complete if vehicles are not on the street when the street is cleaned. Much like when there is a snowstorm, residents with driveways are asked to use them so the entire street can be cleaned on that day.
- Please avoid placing grass clippings, sticks and other debris in the roadway.
- Property owners are asked to keep trees trimmed to the required height so the sweeper can work close to the curb without causing damage to the machine.

## YARD WASTE COLLECTION

It's almost the time of year that some of us dread, while others can't wait...yard work season. Did you know there is a right way and time to dispose of the by-product from all your hard work in the yard?

**What:** Yard waste is material such as tree trimmings, shrubbery, and other organic landscape vegetation. It does NOT include grass clippings, fruits and vegetables, tree stumps, dirt, and stones. These non-yard waste items can be disposed of with your normal trash collection if it is in a container. For grass clippings, it's suggested you practice grass-cycling and leave them on your lawn. The benefits are great for your lawn, saves you time and keeps them out of the landfill.

**How:** Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper bags or bundle it with biodegradable twine in easy-to handle bundles. Bundles may be no longer than five feet in length; not exceed six inches in diameter; and not weigh more than 30 pounds each. An unlimited number of brown paper bags or bundles may be placed at the curb. Do not put yard waste in plastic bags. It will not be collected.

**When:** New Cumberland Borough's yard waste pick up is the 3rd Saturday in April and October. In 2025, that is April 19th and October 18th. Once prepared, yard waste must be placed at the curb on one of the days above before 6 a.m. Do not put yard waste out during your regular collection day.

### DO NOT PLACE THESE ITEMS OUT FOR YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Grass Clippings



Fruits & Vegetables



Tree Stumps



Dirt & Stones



## GARAGE/YARD SALE LICENSE

In accordance with Borough Ordinance No. 472, a license is required to have a garage or yard sale. Only two sales are permitted each year. The first license is free, the second costs \$10. No sign may be larger than 2 feet x 2 feet, and no sign may be placed on trees or poles within the public right-of-way. You can download a Garage/Yard Sale License at [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com) or pick one up at the Borough Office at 1120 Market St, New Cumberland PA 17070.

## PROTECTING YOUR WATERSHED

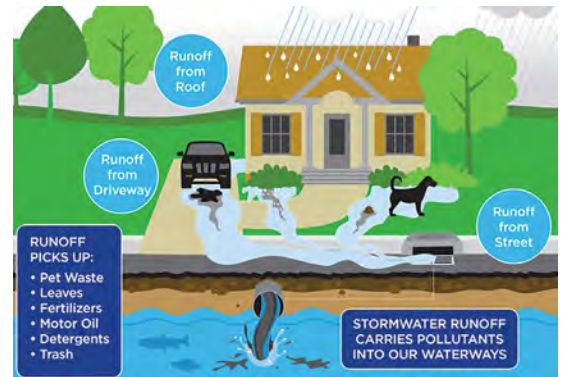
Some Pennsylvanians live in town, some Pennsylvanians live in the country, but all Pennsylvanians live in a watershed. A watershed is an area of land where all the water flows toward the lowest point, usually a stream, lake, or river. The watershed then eventually drains into larger bodies of water, such as the Chesapeake Bay and Lake Erie.

There are over 15,000 miles of streams and rivers impaired in Pennsylvania. Agricultural, business, and residential development have changed Pennsylvania's landscape, replacing natural areas with hard surfaces such as compacted soil, parking lots, roads, and roofs. Rainfall that would naturally soak into the ground and be absorbed by tree and vegetation roots now "runs off" these hard surfaces. This stormwater runoff carries pollutants from these surfaces into streams, rivers, and lakes. Pollutants include:

- nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorus) from manure and other crop fertilizers
- sediment (eroded dirt)
- vehicle fluids and other toxic contaminants
- lawn fertilizers and pesticides
- road salt
- viruses and bacteria from pet waste or faulty septic systems
- cigarette butts and other litter

### 7 Ways Residents Can Reduce Runoff Pollution

1. Take a more natural approach to your yard. Use less lawn fertilizer and plant a rain garden with native plants to reduce the amount of stormwater running off your property. **Never apply them before a rainstorm as much of it will be washed into nearby storm drains. Consider using organic fertilizers.** For these tips and many others, check out: [stormwaterguide.org/static/HomeownersGuide.pdf](https://stormwaterguide.org/static/HomeownersGuide.pdf).
2. If there's a stream on your property, plant trees and shrubs on the banks. Don't mow to the edge of the stream.
3. Maintain your vehicles and fix leaks. Always recycle or properly dispose of products that contain chemicals. Never dispose of chemicals in the lawn or storm drain. Cumberland County has a Household Hazardous Waste Program (HHWP) that's offered four times a year at their Cumberland County Recycling Center, 1001 Claremont Road, Carlisle, PA. Appointments are required and a fee of \$0.75/lb will be charged. Find more details and sign up at [cumberlandcountypa.gov](https://cumberlandcountypa.gov). In 2025, the HHWP events will be:
  - **Thursday, April 10, 2025, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
  - **Saturday, May 31, 2025, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
  - **Saturday, August 16, 2025, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
  - **Thursday, October 23, 2025, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
4. Never dump anything down a storm drain.
5. Take your vehicle to the car wash. If you wash your car at home, wash it on your lawn, not in the street or your driveway.
6. Drive less, and take a bus, carpool, bike or walk.
7. Pick up after your pet. Pet waste can be a source of bacteria and can lead to contamination of our waterways.




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## EVERY LITTER BIT MATTERS

Little litter is a big problem for Pennsylvania, but Pennsylvanians are fighting back. Small pieces of litter might seem insignificant, but they make up most of the litter found in public spaces around Pennsylvania. Research shows that small litter adds up by attracting more litter, not to mention it can be toxic over time, and it costs PA millions each year to clean up. We're calling on Pennsylvanians to "Fight Dirty" by keeping our state free from litter and ensuring every piece of waste – no matter how small – is disposed of properly. There are four easy-to-remember facts about litter that can help Pennsylvania fight back against litter:



**1. Every litter bit matters.** Little litter is a big problem for Pennsylvania. In fact, 85% of the litter along PA roadways is four inches or less. Toss your trash—no matter how small—into a garbage can. Not on our roads.

**2. Litter attracts litter.** Research shows that when an individual sees litter, they're more likely to toss a can, candy wrapper, or cigarette butt in the same place. Take care of your trash before it attracts more.

**3. Cigarette butts are toxic.** They may seem small and harmless, but cigarette butts are filled with dangerous chemicals which are toxic to wildlife and humans. They account for one-third of all litter and can take up to ten years to decompose. Stash them until you can trash them.

**4. Litter costs us all.** Each year, Pennsylvania spends \$350 million to combat thousands of pounds of litter. Those funds could be used for road repairs, transportation, and safety improvements. Instead, they're thrown away on cleaning up trash.

Fighting dirty doesn't have to take a lot of work. We can all do our part to tackle the big problem of litter with small, simple actions. These tips can help you make little changes in your life to reduce litter in your community. Share these tips with friends, family and community members to further the impact and help PA Fight Dirty.

### 10 Ways to be Anti-Litter

1. Keep a reusable bag in your car to stash trash like food wrappers until you get home, stop at a gas station, or pass a garbage can.
2. Stop trash at its source by living the reduce-reuse-recycle lifestyle. Ask for less packaging, shun single-use plastics, make items last for as long as possible and buy used whenever possible. If you must buy, recycle right! Find out what items you can and can't recycle at [newcumberlandborough.com/living-here/trash-recycling/recycling/](http://newcumberlandborough.com/living-here/trash-recycling/recycling/).
3. Cover your trash and recycling bins when you take them to the curb. If you sweep the sidewalk in front of your home, bag any trash and put it in a trash can instead of sweeping it into the street.
4. Cover items being transported in a truck bed. Uncovered trucks are one of the top three sources of litter in PA.
5. Follow the Leave No Trace code in Pennsylvania's parks and forests. It's a small price to pay for our beautiful and free parks.
6. If you are a smoker, keep a container in your car and pocket for cigarette butts. Cigarette butts contain plastic, leach nicotine and heavy metals and take about 10 years to break down.
7. Report illegal dump sites. Use the online form [keeppabeautiful.org/contact-us/report-a-dumpsite/](http://keeppabeautiful.org/contact-us/report-a-dumpsite/), which is easy and confidential.
8. Join a local volunteer litter cleanup event at [keeppabeautiful.org/programs/pick-up-pa/](http://keeppabeautiful.org/programs/pick-up-pa/). Free supplies are provided for PUP events March 1 to May 31 and Sept. 1 to Nov. 30.
9. Adopt a highway at [adoptahighway.pennDOT.gov/](http://adoptahighway.pennDOT.gov/). It's easy to apply, and PennDOT provides supplies.
10. If you're a teacher, school administrator, or parent, start a Litter Free School Zone program to get students in the habit of taking care of their trash. Find materials at [keeppabeautiful.org/programs/education/](http://keeppabeautiful.org/programs/education/).

This was adapted from the PA Litter Action Plan spearheaded by The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Department of Transportation (PennDOT).

## DUMPSTER PERMITS

Shared spaces are at the heart of community living, and their effective management ensures safety, accessibility, and order. The Borough of New Cumberland has established clear regulations for the placement of Portable On-Demand Storage Units (PODs) on public streets and private property. These rules are designed to prevent accidents, protect property, and maintain a safe environment for residents and businesses alike.



For those planning a home cleanout, renovation, or repair project, obtaining a dumpster permit from the Borough Office is essential. These permits are issued for a one-week period and require a \$15.00 fee for each week the permit is needed. This simple process helps ensure compliance with local laws, keeps your project on track, and supports the community by preserving parking access and minimizing potential hazards.

Additionally, for projects involving renovations or repairs, it's important to determine if a zoning permit and/or building permit is required. These permits account for changes to impervious coverage on your property and help the County properly assess the value of your home. Submitting these permits ensures your project complies with local zoning ordinances and supports accurate property valuation.

## DOES YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT REQUIRE A PERMIT?

As a property owner, it is your responsibility to check on permit requirements. Please don't rely on your contractor to obtain permits. The Borough's zoning and building code ordinances contain permitting requirements for many home improvement projects. Some projects may require both a building and zoning permit, while others may only require a zoning or building permit, or no permit at all. Below are a few illustrative projects that would require permits (this list is not exhaustive, and many other types of projects may require permits). If you are unsure if a permit is required, contact the Borough Office and ask to speak with Brian Searle, Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officer.

**Reminder:** Zoning permits are good for 1 year from issue date. If a project is not completed after 1 year, they can be extended for 1 more year, with an updated permit.

### Building Permit & Zoning Permit

- Any garage, carport, shed, pool house, or greenhouse that is not attached to a single-family detached dwelling and is 1,000 square feet or larger
- Addition to any principal structure
- Enclosing a porch or patio
- Installing or building a sunroom or three-seasons room
- Installing a deck that is more than 30" above ground level at any point around the perimeter of a deck
- Installing a deck less than 30" above ground level if it has a roof or covering above it
- Installing an indoor or outdoor hot tub or spa
- Installing any swimming pool (in-ground, above-ground, inflatable) that has a water depth of 24" or more, including temporary and floating collar type pools
- Installing a fence higher than 6 feet or a retaining wall higher than 4 feet

### Zoning Permit Only

- A garage, carport, shed greenhouse, gazebo, pool house or other structure less than 1,000 square feet
- All fences, regardless of height, except for underground (invisible) dog fences
- Installing an uncovered deck that is less than 30" above ground at all points around the perimeter of the deck
- Installing a pergola
- Installing an uncovered patio
- Installing or expanding a driveway or parking pad

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For a complete list of upcoming programs visit us at [www.wsrec.org](http://www.wsrec.org) or call 717-920-9515.

### S.T.E.A.M. Children's Learning at its Best!

#### CHALLENGE ISLAND Kid's Night Out

Parents – plan a special night out while your kids ages 6+ gain some scientific knowledge! Children work in collaborative teams to take on various STEAM challenges using only the materials in their treasure chest and their creativity. We provide pizza, a bottled water, and all supplies in this fun, screen-free activity.

#### BUILD THEM UP SNAPOLOGY of Camp Hill

Our STEAM Club blends social development, academic enrichment and FUN while your child learns engineering concept, builds and programs robots, produces stop motion animation movies, drives RC vehicles and constructs themed LEGO projects.

#### MORE FOR YOUTH & KIDS

Spring Tennis – Ages 5 – 15

Soccer Shots – K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Youth Art Fun – Ages 4 -6<sup>th</sup> Grade

STEAM Battles – Family Night Out

Tiger Rock Martial Arts – Ages 4 - Adult

#### Active Wellness – 18+

Body Toning, BOX, Cardio Step, Muscle Pump, Yoga, Pilates, SalsaTone, Kickboxing & Abs, Tai Chi, Belly Dance, & Zumba!

#### Aquatics

Adult Swim Lessons, AquaFit, Aquacise, Hydro Hike, & H2O.

#### Enrichment – Family & Multi-Age Activities

Painting Workshops, Beginner Kayak, Family Night Out, Puppy/Dog Training 101, Adult CPR/AED Certification, Intro to Beekeeping, Medicare 101, & Beginner Bonsai Workshop.

#### KINDERDANCE ACTIVITIES

Start your preschooler off on the right foot. *Kinderdance*, 3 – 5-year-old children with the focus is on coordination, movement, and exercise to music. *Kinder Tots*, for 2-year-olds. Includes movement, music, fitness, and fun! Blending of color, numbers, and shape learning right into the class. *Kinder Gym*, Boys and girls 3-5 years will be introduced to tumbling and the pre-apparatus skills of gymnastics.

## Looking Ahead...

#### PLAYZONE SUMMER DAY CAMP

We anticipate PlayZone being held June 9 – Aug. 1 at Highland ES. Registration will begin mid to late March.

#### SUMMER BLAST

Children entering grades 1-6 (completed kindergarten) are invited to enjoy fun games and activities in an outdoor setting. Enroll on a weekly basis or the entire 7-week program at a discount. *Registration will be available in the summer brochure.*

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Join us to learn:

- What hiatal hernias are and how they occur
- How to recognize the symptoms
- Treatment options, including lifestyle changes, medications and minimally invasive surgery
- How hiatal hernias can be repaired during weight loss surgery

**Date: Monday, March 17 | 6:30–7:30 p.m.**

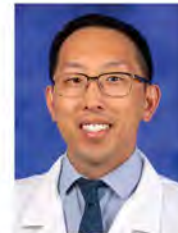
This meeting will be hosted using Microsoft Teams. The meeting link will be sent those who register.

**Register by  
Monday, March 10**

Scan QR code or  
call 1-800-243-1455, option 3



## Presenters



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Board-certified minimally  
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**Dr. Gary Aghazarian**  
Board-certified minimally  
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*Please note: This session is not a substitute for medical advice.*



# RECREATION

## COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you haven't already, we encourage you to check out New Cumberland Borough's Community Garden located near the Borough Office at 12th & Market Streets, New Cumberland (across the street from the Police Department). The Community Garden launched in 2021 and has 26 individual growing plots. It is meant to be a community asset where residents of the community can get their "green thumb" on. This project was one that was identified by the New Cumberland Revitalization Initiative / Safe-Active-Healthy Team as one that aligns well with the recreational and environmental interests of the community.

The garden plots are granted to residents of New Cumberland Borough on a "first-come, first-served" basis who make timely application, and who demonstrate that they will use the assigned plot actively and responsibly.



### Key Information:

- **Plot Renewals:** Residents wishing to renew their plot will be given "first right" to renew the plot that they had last year, provided that the renewal application is submitted by March 15, 2025. After that date, any unrenewed plots will be available to new applicants.
  - **New Applications for Plots:** Those wishing to newly apply can initiate their application process, starting March 15, 2025. It is first-come, first-served and based on availability.
  - Approved renewal and new garden plot holders will be free to start their gardening work immediately following approval of application.
  - Applications and Plot Plan can be downloaded on [newcumberlandborough.com](http://newcumberlandborough.com) under the Living Here section.
  - If an applicant wishes to be assigned a certain plot, the Borough will make its best effort to accommodate depending on availability. Applicant should refer to the Garden Plot Plan noting the desired Plot #, and then contact the Borough Office to determine availability.
- Your completed application, along with a check for \$30 (made payable to the Borough of New Cumberland) can be hand delivered or mailed to the Borough Office at 1120 Market Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070. The nominal fee of \$30 per year per plot is to help with maintenance costs.
- For information, please call the Borough Office at (717) 774-0404.

## RENT A PAVILION IN BOROUGH PARK

Are you looking for an outdoor space to host a birthday party or family reunion? New Cumberland Borough Park has five facilities available for rent: four pavilions with picnic tables and one gazebo. The sizes of the pavilions vary, with the smallest capacity at 35 people to the largest at 150 people. To be eligible, you must be a resident of the Borough. Facilities are assigned based on availability. A non-refundable fee is due when the application is filed: pavilions range in rental cost from the smallest and mid-sized at \$25/day to the largest at \$50/day, and the gazebo is \$50/day. The concession stand is not available for rent. View the map and photos of each facility and download a rental application online at [newcumberlandborough.com/living-here/rent-a-pavilion-or-facility/](http://newcumberlandborough.com/living-here/rent-a-pavilion-or-facility/) or pick one up at the Borough Office.



# EVENTS IN THE BOROUGH

Find all these events on the Borough's online calendar: [newcumberlandborough.com/government/calendar/](http://newcumberlandborough.com/government/calendar/). **Please note, events marked with an \* are pending approval. Please check the website above for updates.**

## FOOD TRUCK & RESTAURANT RALLY

**Thursday, March 13, April 10 & May 8** - Community members are invited to attend the New Cumberland Food Truck & Restaurant Rally on the second Thursday of each month from March through December 2025. From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., rain or shine, food trucks line the perimeter of Market Square in downtown New Cumberland. Tempt your taste buds with fresh, savory fare from numerous area food trucks. After your bellies are full, we encourage you to take a stroll around our downtown and stop by the many businesses that stay open late and have special promotions.



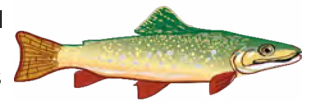
## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY



**Saturday, March 15** - We are proud to present the second annual St. Patrick's Day Party from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., in the heart of downtown New Cumberland on the 300 Block of Bridge Street. Join us for the ultimate St. Patrick's Day celebration! Our party guarantees an unforgettable experience with live music that will get you on your feet and dancing all day long. Don't miss the chance to kiss the Blarney Stone for good luck or take a shot at our thrilling ice luge. Contests for best red hair, provided by Salon La Vie or Best Knee's, A first ever Dog Parade. Tattoo pop up by American Anchor. Face Painting for the kids. Explore a variety of crafters and food vendors offering an Irish flair. All your favorite drinks at Dead Lightning, Wild Rabbit and Iron Bridge Music Festival.

## 2nd ANNUAL SKYLER MONTGOMERY YOUTH TROUT DAY

**Saturday, March 29** - The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) will hold its annual Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Day statewide to encourage local youth to get outside, fish or learn to fish. The New Cumberland Olde Towne Association, Nicks 114 and Dead Lightning Distillery is hosting a special event at Borough Park along the Yellow Breeches Creek. This free event from 8 a.m. to Noon will include fishing tackle giveaways, light refreshments, and fishing assistance from seasoned anglers. Pre-registration is required. Please help us plan appropriately for this event by registering in advance at [www.ncyouthfishing.com](http://www.ncyouthfishing.com). Fishing licenses and permits are required, find more information at [www.FishandBoat.com](http://www.FishandBoat.com).



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING



**Thursday, April 10** - Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) consists of products in the home that are corrosive (drain cleaners or bleach), flammable (gasoline or kerosene), reactive (chemistry kits and photographic chemicals), or toxic (pesticides and insecticides). Penn Waste is NOT authorized to pick up these materials. These materials may NOT be placed in your curbside trash. Cumberland County offers an HHW collection recycling program to give the residents of Cumberland County an alternative disposal method for these types of wastes. Bring your HHW to Cumberland County Recycling Center, 1001 Claremont Rd, Carlisle April 10, 2025, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Appointments are required and a fee of \$0.75/lb will be charged.

## EARTH & ARTS FESTIVAL

**Sunday, April 27** - The New Cumberland Earth & Arts Festival, held on the grounds of the New Cumberland Public Library 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., is a place to celebrate, learn, grow, and create. The festival features earth-friendly advocates and artisans, workshops, wildlife demos, a sustainable fashion fair, interactive art, live music, food trucks, and much more.



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY



**Monday, May 28** - Please join us in the American spirit of paying our respects to those who gave up their lives so we could remain free. A brief Memorial Ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m. at the VFW Memorial located in Veteran's Park at Park Avenue and Bridge Street in New Cumberland Borough. The parade will begin immediately following the Memorial Ceremony (approximately 12:00 p.m.) and proceed down Bridge Street to Third Street turning left and ending at Market Square.



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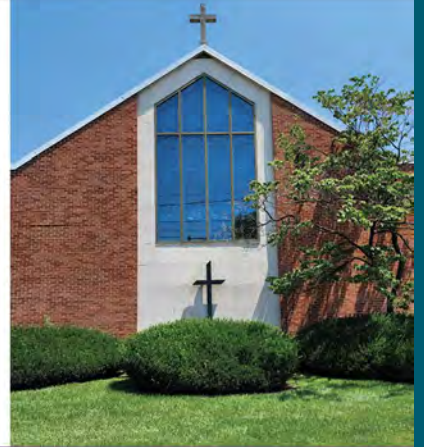
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### FREE Gravestone Cleaning Workshops ON MAY 17 & 20

- Join one of two workshops led by Elaine Brinley:
- Saturday, May 17, from 9am to 12noon
  - Tuesday, May 20, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm



### Veterans' Memorial Event THURSDAY MAY 22, from 12NOON TO 2PM

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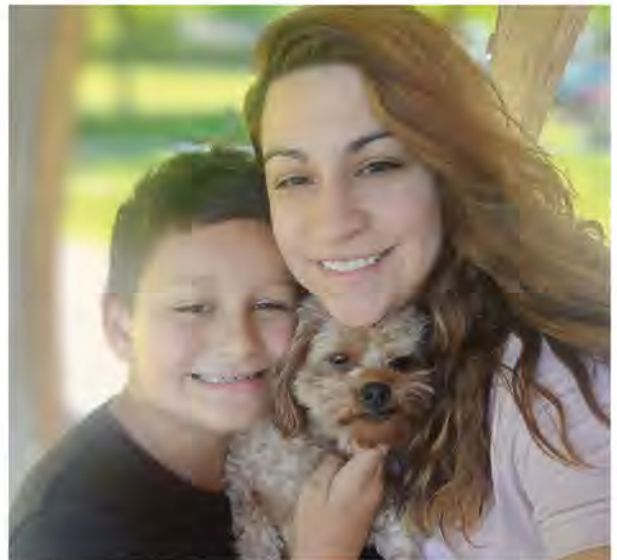
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