



July 2022

Greencastle Borough NEWSLETTER



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8:30 am to 7 pm

Tuesday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am to 1 pm

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Borough Council

1st Monday - 7 pm

Planning Commission

2nd Monday - 6 pm

Water Authority

3rd Monday - 5:30 pm

Borough Council Workshop

4th Monday - 7 pm

Borough Hall

60 N. Washington Street

Greencastle, PA 17225

717-597-7143

www.greencastlepa.gov



Stormwater

Besore Library Bioswale

As funded through a state grant, in 2021 the Borough completed a collaborative project with the Besore Library to install a bioswale on the library property.

A bioswale is a shallow depression that holds runoff. As seen in the photo at right, the Besore Library bioswale is planted with specially selected native vegetation that will filter runoff, as well as increase infiltration.

Bioswales reduce the amount of runoff and remove pollutants. As the water pools in the depression, it can infiltrate deeper into the soil, or be used by the vegetation.



MS4 Workgroup

In 2020, the Borough created the MS4 workgroup as an advisory, information gathering, and action planning group. The workgroup is comprised of community members as well as the Mayor, Borough staff, and several Council members.

The Borough is currently looking for additional members to join the MS4 workgroup as Council plans to increase stormwater projects and awareness. Anyone interested in volunteering for the MS4 workgroup may contact the Borough at 717-597-7143 or via email at office@greencastlepa.gov.

Stormwater: SPIF & MS4

Stormwater is the water that runs off land after precipitation. The Borough manages stormwater through a system of inlets, piping, and water quality improving structures. The primary role of the Borough's stormwater system is to protect property from flooding and water damage.

To better support stormwater infrastructure maintenance and fund capital improvement projects, the Borough implemented a Stormwater Pollutant Impact Fee (SPIF) in May 2019.

Through this fee, all Borough properties are charged a quarterly amount based on the mapped impervious coverage of each parcel. Examples of impervious areas include structures, driveways, private sidewalks, and gravel.

The Borough is designated as a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) community. In May 2020, the Borough of Greencastle received a waiver allowing a five-year exemption from the MS4 mandated requirements. The current waiver will expire in May 2025.

2022 Stormwater Budget

The 2022 stormwater budget included a \$0.25 increase in the SPIF rate. This rate change will increase the fund's annual revenue by \$30,000 and impacts the average residential property SPIF billing by \$2.00 per quarter

Impacts on Our Borough

Below are simple tasks all Borough residents and property owners can do to improve stormwater quality.

Lawn Chemicals

Use chemicals like fertilizers and pesticides only according to instructions on the product.

Pet Waste

Always pick up after your pet and ensure no waste is discarded in or near inlets.

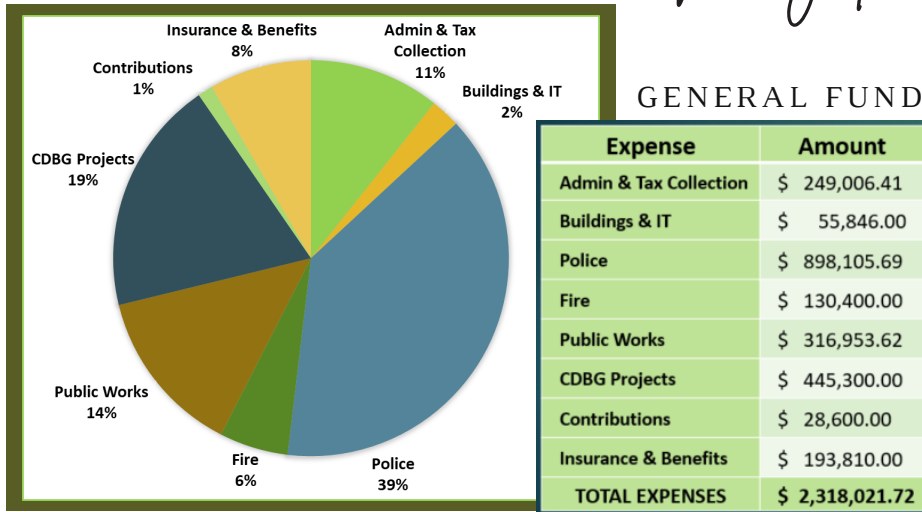
Car Maintenance

Do not wash your car where it will drain into the stormwater system.

Tree Planting

Trees provide many invaluable benefits. If you are interested in planting a Borough shade tree, please contact the Borough office.

2022 Budget



Code Enforcement

The summer months bring not only warmer weather, but also an increase in code violations.

Chapter 132 of the Borough Code reviews the property maintenance requirement in the Borough. Items such as weeds, junk, and trash are all considered to be nuisances and are enforceable violations.

Anyone who would like to report a potential violation can notify Borough Code Enforcement Officer Ericka Faight at 717-597-9506, ext. 202.

2022 Budget Highlights

The 2022 budget maintains municipal services at the same level residences experienced in 2021.

The 2022 budget had no increase in the property tax millage rates, with the last increase occurring in 2018.

American Rescue Plan Act

This legislation was signed into law in March 2021 and allocated \$1.9 trillion in aid to combat the COVID-19 crisis. The Borough's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation is \$417,211.48.

2022 Budgeted Uses of ARPA:

- \$90,000 to Rescue Hose Co
- \$60,000 for stormwater infrastructure improvements

Capital Projects

Police Department
License Plate Reader
Body Cameras

Sewer Department
Tractor
Line Cleaning & Televising

Grant Funded Projects
S. Ridge ADA Ramps
S. Jefferson St. Reconstruction
Grant, Ridge & Elm ADA Ramps

GIS Mapping

ARRO Consulting will be completing a comprehensive mapping of the entire Borough which staff will utilize for various applications.

NOTABLE ORDINANCES

CHAPTER 95 - OPEN BURNING

No open burning is allowed between the hours of 6:00 pm to 7:00 am.

CHAPTER 130 - NOISE

Operation of machinery or equipment is prohibited between the hours of 11:00 pm and 7:00 am.

CHAPTER 132 - MAINTENANCE

All weeds, brush, or grass in excess of 10 inches in height is a violation.

CHAPTER 205 - ZONING

All alteration, reconstruction, and demolition work requires an approved land use permit.

Square Lighting

The Borough and the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce are working to replace the lights around the Center Square. The existing lights are over 30 years old and will be updated to more efficient LEDs.

Once the new lighting style is selected, donations will be accepted and lights can be sponsored by individuals, groups, or businesses.



If you, your group or business would like to sponsor a light, please contact the Borough.

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Sidewalk Days

July 8th - 10 am to 8 pm
July 9th - 9 am to 4 pm

3rd Saturday in the Square

August 20th - 9 am to 1 pm
September 17th - 9 am to 1 pm

Old Home Week

August 6th to 13th
Full schedule available at
<https://oldhomeweek.org>

Food Truck 4th Fridays

July 22nd
August 26th
September 23rd

Greencastle Farm Market

June through October
1st Friday of the Month
2 pm to 7 pm

