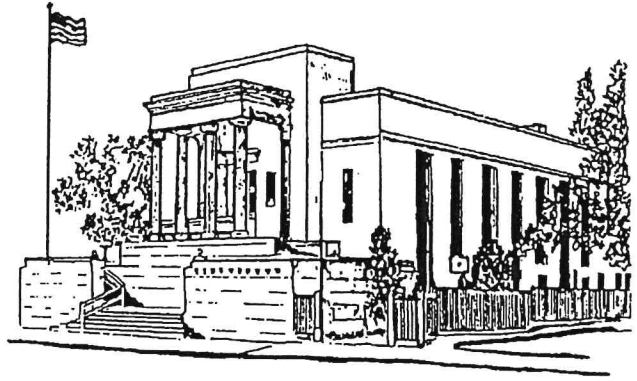


Marcus Hook News



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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL

Dear Residents of the Borough of Marcus Hook,

As we begin the summer of 2023, we hope it brings you plenty of joy and time with loved ones and that you're looking ahead to a season filled with promise and opportunity.

We offer our sincere thanks to all of our neighbors for your continued collaboration, cooperation, and support. You are the foundation of Marcus Hook and your active civic engagement contributes significantly to the progress and advancement of our town. We also express our appreciation to all Marcus Hook employees for their dedication, commitment, and service to our community. The outstanding work you perform each and every day meeting the needs of our residents enhances quality of life and exemplifies what building community is all about. We commend all those residents and employees who have made a special effort to give back to the community. Our programs and activities, to name a few, include our Memorial Day Parade, Summer Concert Series, the Marcus Hook Police Department's National Night Out, No-Shave November Campaign and National Faith and Blue Community Cleanup event, the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department's Santa on the Fire Truck, Fire Safety training at Marcus Hook Elementary School, and Lunch & Learn with Cokesbury United Methodist Church, as well as the Marcus Hook Recreation Board's Slices with Santa & Toys Express, Halloween Table or Treat, Valentine Bingo, Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny, and all of the Mary M. Campbell Library zoom workshops. You are spreading goodwill throughout our community with open and generous hearts.

It is truly an exciting time to be in Marcus Hook. With the demolition complete at the Viscose/FMC site, we will soon see construction begin on a 374,780 square foot e-commerce fulfillment delivery center building. This project has eliminated an eyesore, will generate tax revenue, improve community dynamics, and create new job opportunities for our residents.

As we look forward to the new and exciting opportunities that lie ahead, we remain committed to the Borough of Marcus Hook, and we remain passionate about working cooperatively with all of you to make Marcus Hook the best place to live, work, play, visit and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Council

MARCUS HOOK RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER

The Marcus Hook Recycling Drop-off Center is now OPEN! Marcus Hook Borough held a dedication ceremony on October 19, 2022. The event celebrated the completion of the new Marcus Hook Recycling Drop-off Center, sponsored by Braskem. The new center replaces the one that was formerly housed at the old FMC Building site.

The dedication featured remarks by Greg Grillone, Borough Manager, and Stephanie Whitesell, Plant Manager of Braskem Marcus Hook, and was followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony with Swoop from the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Recycling Drop-off Center will accept glass, cardboard, paper and plastics. There is an igloo specifically for household plastic items made from polypropylene (like yogurt cups, margarine containers, medicine bottles, take out containers), a green dumpster for glass items, and another for paper/cardboard items. There is a bin for televisions as well. The dumping of larger items is strictly prohibited. The Center is available to anyone in the Marcus Hook area. It will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and is camera monitored.

The Marcus Hook Recycling Drop-off Center is located at the Municipal Building located at 1111 Market Street, Marcus Hook, PA.



TOP: (L to R) Marcus Hook Borough Councillor Cheryl Everngham, Mayor Gene Taylor, Philadelphia Eagles mascot, Swoop, Braskem Plant Manager Stephanie Whitesell, Council President Josephine Laird, Councillors John Johnson, Joe Flynn and Chief of Police John Ireland.

BOTTOM: Swoop from the Philadelphia Eagles

RECREATION BOARD ANNUAL EVENTS

The Recreation Board would like to thank the Community for attending the Halloween Table or Treat, Slices with Santa, Valentine Candy Bingo and the Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny. Local children and their parents attended and enjoyed these free events featuring complimentary drinks and goodies, fun and games. The Recreation Board proudly looks forward to serving the community with these annual events!

The Marcus Hook Borough Recreation Board provides a variety of indoor and outdoor recreational programs, community and family events for all ages. For information on Recreation happenings you can find us on Facebook at Marcus Hook Recreation Board - <https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087006985624>, on www.marcushookboro.org, or send an email to MHRecBoardEvents@yahoo.com to join our mailing list!



LEFT: Local children enjoying our "Table or Treat" event at Mickey Vernon Park RIGHT: Local children with Santa Claus, (L to R) Marcus Hook Police Officers Steven Jackson and Justin Fornwalt, and Captain Raymond Betts of the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department TOP: Local Children and the Easter Bunny at Mickey Vernon Park

ARTWORK DONATION

The Marcus Hook Police Department would like to thank Fredrick J. Bartholf Sr., for his donation of artwork to the Marcus Hook Police Department. Mr. Bartholf was honored with a plaque at the October 3rd Council Meeting. He had spent a number of hours on the diamond beaded rendition of Norman Rockwell's "The Runaway."

The framed artwork will be hung at the newly renovated Marcus Hook Police Station. Mr. Bartholf was a long time resident of Marcus Hook Borough until a few years ago. Sadly, he passed away on December 3, 2022 at his home in Aston, PA. The Mayor, Council and the Police Department are grateful for his donation, and are truly sorry to hear of his passing.



*LEFT: Marie Bartholf, Frederick (Smoke) Bartholf Sr., Chief John Ireland and Fred Bartholf Jr.
RIGHT: Frederick (Smoke) Bartholf Sr.*

MARKET SQUARE MEMORIAL PARK DELAWARE RIVER PIER REMOVAL AND RECONSTRUCTION MASTER PLAN

The purpose of this study is to perform an analysis of the feasibility, physically and economically, to replace the existing pier with a new and improved pier that would enhance the riverfront orientation and visitor accessibility to the Delaware River. Major end products of this effort will be a written report, facility recommendations, site plan and preliminary design drawings, and all related costs for the recommended development scenario.

A Master Plan for a new river pier is necessary in order to guide the future development of this resource. A regional view along with a look at the immediate area will focus on projected use of a river pier to establish what is possible at this location. The Plan is to serve as a guide for pier removal and construction permitting, construction, orderly and planned development, use, operations and management. This project requires the expertise of a team of professionals, including engineers, planners, designers with experience in pier design and operations, enterprise facility planning, and riverfront revitalization.

Borough Council has commissioned the firm of Urban Engineers to prepare the Pier Master Plan. This was the same firm that previously prepared the Pier Condition Survey Report in 2016 and have been inspecting the pier every year since. Urban Engineers has clearly pointed out that the deterioration of all pier members is ongoing and will need extensive rehabilitation or full replacement in the coming years. On the basis of this information the Marcus Hook Borough Council is of the belief that spending money to address advancing pier deterioration would be fruitless and a waste of taxpayer money. In lieu of extensive annual repair costs the thinking going forward is to explore the practicality and costs to fully replace the pier with a new and expanded pier.

Funding for the Pier Master Plan comes from two sources: the federal Coastal Zone Management Program as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the Keystone, Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Grant funds from these two programs will cover the contract price of \$82,400.

Public participation is required throughout the planning process to help determine and prioritize community needs. The project consultants are meeting regularly with a Study Committee appointed by Borough Council. Two public meetings are required. The first of these was held on December 7, 2022. At the second public meeting held on June 1, plan findings and recommendations were presented.

These plans will provide a blueprint to guide Borough Council in their quest to improve the quality of life for Marcus Hook residents. The plan seeks to reinforce the Borough as a friendly, pleasant, walkable community with first class park and recreation areas.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- August '22** • A special presentation was made to retirees, Aubrey Mulholland, Municipal Clerk, Catherine Pace, Police Clerk and Patricia Imburgia, Tax Collector. Not in attendance was James Burgess, Highway Foreman. Aubrey and Catherine were presented with Borough logo engraved rocking chairs, Patricia and James were presented with a Borough logo engraved lamp. We thank you for your collective service to Marcus Hook. The Borough is better because of each of your contributions.
- September '22** • Alfonse Brooks, President and Joey Smith, Assistant Chief of the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department, presented Andrew Weldon with a plaque in appreciation of his assistance to the Fire Department through the years he served as Borough Manager.
- October '22** • Chief Ireland requested authorization to submit a grant application for funding to purchase license plate recognition cameras and supporting technology, patrol vehicles, and implementation virtual reality training equipment. This application will be submitted to the Local Law Enforcement Support Grant Program. This grant will fund 100% of the above items.
- November & December '22** • Ordinance No. O-22-8 was presented in November and adopted in December restricting any person from constructing, erecting or maintaining a basketball stand, backboard or other apparatus in or near a municipal road or right-of-way in the Borough.
- December '22** • Marcus Hook Borough Police Department and Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department were positively acknowledged for their commendable service to the Borough of Marcus Hook by voluntarily contributing their time and energy to coordinate and oversee their annual Thanksgiving food drives. These food drives are imperative and allow for some of our residents to enjoy a delicious holiday meal.
- January '23** • It was reported that the Recreation and Park Board's Slices with Santa event was held on December 23, 2022. There were two sessions with Santa and over 100 Borough children receiving gifts.
- February '23** • Marcus Hook Community Development Corporation (MHCDC) Board of Directors notified Borough Council that the MHCDC Board had approved the purchase and donation of an AED (automated external defibrillator) for the Marcus Hook Municipal Building.
- March '23** • The entertainment for the Summer Concert Series was announced for the 37th consecutive year. The 2023 line-up is as follows: The Discoteks, Reunion, Slim and the Perkulators, York Street Hustle, Fabulous Greaseband (and MHPD National Night Out), Quaker City String Band.
- April '23** • It was announced that the Grand Marshall for the 2023 annual Marcus Hook Borough Memorial Day Parade will be Council member William L. Cox. Councilor Cox served honorably from 1963 to 1966 in the US Army. He was stationed in Thailand and Korea and finished his service at West Point. We thank you for your service!
- May '23** • The 2023 Arbor Day Program was held on April 28th at the Marcus Hook Elementary School. One Hawthorne "Winter King" tree was planted on the grounds of the Marcus Hook Community Center. The Borough was presented with its 38th Year Tree City USA recognition materials. Students from the Marcus Hook Elementary School fourth grade class attended and participated in the program.

2023 BOROUGH MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Agenda Meetings are held in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 1111 Market Street, at 6:00 PM, on the Tuesday preceding each regular monthly meeting with the exception of, Monday, June 26, 2023, Monday, July 31, 2023, and Monday, October 30, 2023

Council Meetings are held in the Municipal Building Council Chambers, 1111 Market Street, at 7:00 PM, on the following dates: Jan. 3, Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 10, Aug. 7, Sept. 5, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, and Dec. 4.

Mary M. Campbell Library Board meets on the second Tuesday in January, March, May, July, Sept and November at 7:00 PM. The Library Board meetings are held via Zoom.

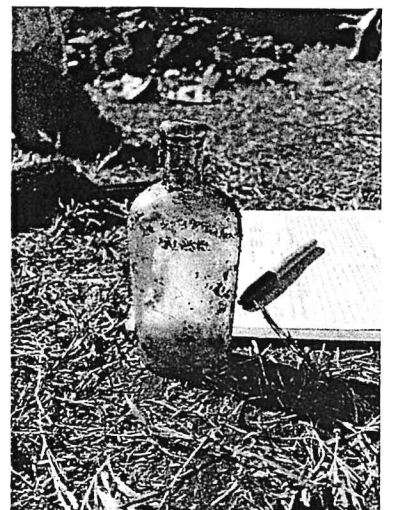
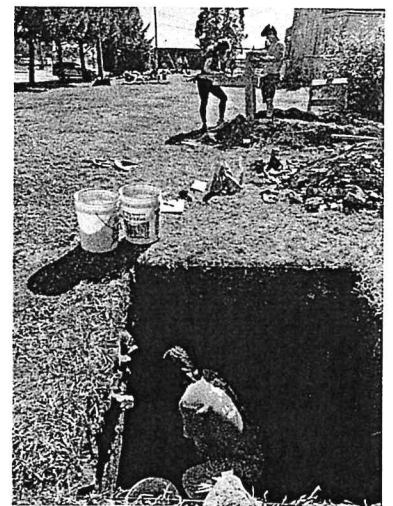
Recreation and Park Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 6:00 PM at the Marcus Hook Municipal Building, 1111 Market Street, Marcus Hook, PA 19061.

Marcus Hook Senior Citizens meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at Cokesbury United Methodist Church at 12:00 PM. If you are interested in joining the Marcus Hook Senior Citizens, you can either attend a meeting or contact Borough Council member Larry Killinen for more information.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIGS HAPPENING AT THE PLANK HOUSE AND 2ND STREET

Dr. Timothy Trussell, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, and his Archaeology Field School and Lab Methods students from Millersville University have been working at the circa 1700 Plank House in Marcus Hook, PA for several years. Strategically located as a port-of-call for Philadelphia and the northernmost point on the Delaware River navigable by large ships, Marcus Hook became a pirate haven in the early 18th century. The house is the oldest in the town and each year the town hosts the Pirate Festival to commemorate its colorful history.

Along with the digs that have been happening at the Plank House, this past summer a group of students began digging on the strip of land between Delaware Avenue and 2nd Street - also known as Discord Lane (so named for the raucous behavior of the pirates that would frequent the establishments along the street). The property is currently owned by Ben and Valerie Kulis. Valerie stated that as a child, she would dig for buried treasure on the property, and is excited that they are properly digging for treasure and artifacts. Dr. Trussell stated that items found in this area are within a 300 year time span, which is an enormous educational opportunity for the students involved. They've found bottles, clay beads, bones, pottery and 4 pipe stems. Two of the pipe stems dated back to around the 1680s. The items are being cleaned, catalogued and added to the national database. We hope that they continue to explore the area to find more important and valuable history of Marcus Hook.



*TOP: Millersville University Students Digging on "Discord Lane"
LEFT & RIGHT: A Bone, Clay Bead, and Bottle found on
"Discord Lane"*

MARCUS HOOK MINI-PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

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COMMUNITIES IN THE FUTURE”***

The purpose of this study is to focus on municipal strategy with identification of items that fit into the Delaware County 2035 Open Space, Recreation and Greenway Plan Goals. These include open space conservation, identification of important trail connections, park improvements and maintenance, with emphasis on green space conservation. Major end products of this effort will be a written report with an executive summary.

Borough Council selected the firm of Thomas Comitta Associate to prepare the plan. Marcus Hook was awarded a maximum grant in the amount of \$42,750 from the second round of the Delaware County Green Ways Municipal Grant program to cover the full cost of the plan.

The Mini-Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan is directed to municipalities in Delaware County with populations under 8,000 and an area of 1.5 square miles or less and not facing a significant increase in growth rate. Generally speaking these are communities that have few municipal parks and no full-time recreation and park staff. Marcus Hook Borough with a population 2,411 within a 1.1 square mile area is expecting the Plan to be tailored to meet the recreation, park and open space needs of the community. The recommendations to be brought forward will cover some of the following areas: park lands and facilities, open space and natural resource conservation, a five-year capital improvement program, street tree planting and maintenance, projected park maintenance needs, operating funds and revenue sources for the parks, recreation, and open space budget, the municipality’s role in the provision of recreation programs and services, and a five-year action plan.

The project consultant is working with a Study Committee, selected by Borough Council, representing a diverse group of people to provide guidance and review of the work. Key person interviews have been conducted. Two public meetings were held: March 31 and June 12, 2023.

EXCITING THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE MARY M. CAMPBELL LIBRARY AND MARCUS HOOK POLICE STATION!

While The Mary M. Campbell Library is temporarily closed during the renovations, they still have programs that are available via Zoom, like painting, watercolor, drawing, jewelry making and crafts. Check out the Borough Calendar on our website at www.marcushookboro.org for information on what programs are available and how to sign up. When the Library reopens they will have an all new Children’s Library, and newly organized reading room space. They are a Fine Free library- which means no overdue charges. They will also partner with Longwood Gardens for a Celebration of Foodways and Culture Community Reading program. The Library is in need of Board members. Marcus Hook residents are encouraged to volunteer their time by serving on the Library Board. Please contact our Librarian, Tianjia Wang, at mhdirector@delcolibraries.org or call the library cell phone number at 267-896-0513 for more information.

The Marcus Hook Police Station is being fully renovated and will feature a handicap accessible new main entrance at the Green Street side of the building. It will also feature a new reception area, interrogation room, locker rooms, offices and bathrooms.

Stay tuned to the website and Facebook for updates on when the Mary M. Campbell Library and Police Station will reopen to the public.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES BEGINS THIRTY-SEVENTH YEAR IN MARCUS HOOK

The Marcus Hook Summer Concert Series will celebrate its thirty-seventh year when the 6-concert series begins on Tuesday evening June 27, 2023. Each year music lovers come out to sit back and relax, and enjoy the music that takes place along the banks of the scenic Delaware River at Marcus Hook's beautiful Market Square Memorial Park. Concerts follow on consecutive Tuesday evenings at the park located at Market Street and Delaware Avenue. Please note, there will be no concert the week of July 3rd, 2023. Marcus Hook Borough Council presents this year's Series with the generous support from the following sponsors: **Energy Transfer, The Jacono Family, Alan McIlvain Company, Monroe Energy, PECO and Prologis**. All programs begin at 7:00 PM. The Marcus Hook Recreation Board has also scheduled Food Trucks to join us at the concerts.

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BOROUGH OF MARCUS HOOK 2023 TRASH COLLECTION CALENDAR

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HOLIDAYS

JAN	1	New Year's Day
JAN	16	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
FEB	20	Presidents Day
MAY	29	Memorial Day
JUN	19	Juneteenth
JUL	4	Independence Day (Trash will be collected Weds July 5th)
SEP	4	Labor Day
OCT	9	Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day
NOV	10	Veterans Day (Observed)
NOV	23	Thanksgiving Day
DEC	25	Christmas Day

ALL TRASH MUST BE IN A BAG INSIDE OF A CAN WITH A LID AND PLACED CURBSIDE TO BE COLLECTED.

Trash will be collected on the days highlighted in GREY.

Bulk Trash items are collected every Wednesday. Bulk Trash Forms can be found on the website or at 1111 Market Street. A fee of \$10 per item is charged for most items.

Christmas Trees are collected by the Borough every Tuesday and Wednesday in January. Trees must be free of lights/ decorations and placed curbside.

The Marcus Hook Recycling Drop- Off Center is now OPEN. Located at 1111 Market Street, Marcus Hook, PA. We accept Plastics, Glass, Paper and Newspaper and Televisions.

Shredding and Recycling Events are held twice a year. Saturday May 20th and Saturday October 21st. More information can be found on the Borough website at www.marcushookboro.org

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CodeRed, Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified by your local emergency response team in the event of emergency situations or critical community alerts, register for Code Red. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports. Please visit our borough website www.marcushookboro.org or <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFC1BF4C3251> to register.