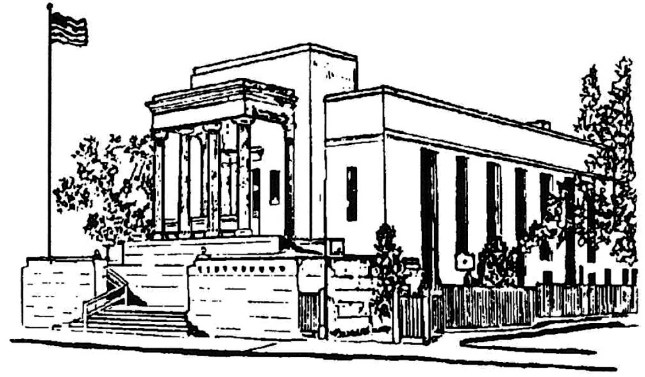


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BILLY “WHITE SHOES” JOHNSON STATUE

On October 15, 2022 at noon Marcus Hook Borough, Sports Legends of Delaware County Museum, teammates, friends and family members of Billy “White Shoes” Johnson, one of the most dynamic punt and kickoff returners in NFL history, will gather at the Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 W. Delaware Avenue, for the unveiling of a statue honoring Johnson. This event is open to the public.

The statue will honor one of Marcus Hook’s famous sons who was named among the 2022 semifinalists for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Johnson is the only player named to the NFL 75th Anniversary All Time Team and the only eligible player on the 100th Anniversary All Time Team who has not been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Ironically, the white shoes Johnson wore when he broke the NFL punt return record are in the Hall of Fame yet the player who wore them is not. In fact, to date no punt or kick return specialist has joined the ranks of NFL greats who are recognized in Canton, Ohio.

Johnson, an All-American while playing at Widener College and College Hall of Fame inductee, played 14 seasons in the NFL for Houston, Atlanta, and Washington. He also played for the Montreal Alouettes. Upon his retirement in 1988 Johnson held a number of NFL records, including punt return yardage (3,317), punt returns (282), and kick/punt returns for touchdowns in a season (4). Johnson also led the Atlanta Falcons in receptions in 1985 and had over 60 receptions in a season twice. Johnson finished his career with 10,785 all-purpose yards, a 13.5 yards per touch average, and 35 touchdowns. Other honors include being selected for the Pro Bowl three times – earning MVP in 1975, the Pro-Football Hall of Fame 1970’s All Decade Team and 1980’s All Decade Team, and the Pro Football Writers Association’s 1983 Comeback Player of the Year. Johnson is also credited for performing the first end zone touchdown dance in NFL history, the Funky Chicken, during his rookie year on October 6, 1974.

Johnson’s father Leonard was a Police Officer for the Marcus Hook Police Department who went on to attain the rank of Sergeant. Many of Johnson’s family members still reside in the Borough and surrounding areas. Johnson currently lives in the Atlanta region with his wife of 48 years, Barbara. They have four children and nine grandchildren. Barbara and Billy are actively involved in the Bible Study Fellowship. He is currently a track coach at Duluth High School in Georgia and also conducts on-field training and mentoring for aspiring athletes at all levels.



Courtesy of Delaware County Daily Times



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LEFT: Family of Billy “White Shoes” Johnson, Coach Bill Manlove – Widener, Jennifer Frudakis-Petry – sculptor, and members of the statue committee.

CENTER: Borough officials, Jennifer Frudakis-Petry – sculptor, and members of the statue committee. RIGHT: Model of Billy “White Shoes” Johnson statue.

FINAL STRUCTURE AT EAST 10TH STREET SITE DEMOLISHED

On Tuesday, June 21st in the late morning you may have heard a loud BOOM if you were in or around Marcus Hook Borough. That boom was the sound of the end of an era, and the beginning of another. Duke Realty and their general contractor IMC together with Alliance Environmental coordinated the demolition of the brick stack located closest to the intersection of 10th Street and Penn Avenue. This brick stack was last used over 45 years ago when the former FMC plant shut its doors. The site remained largely inactive since then until Duke Realty expressed an interest in acquiring the site and redeveloping the 32 acre property into a last-mile distribution/warehouse facility.

Gone are the once-beautiful buildings that lined 10th Street that took you back to the early 1900's and Delaware County's industrial heydays. These buildings have been torn down over the past four to five months to make way for the new planned development of this site. The Borough is excited for the beginning of this next chapter as the expectation is the creation of new jobs and economic development for an otherwise idle 30+ acre property. Keep an eye out over the next 12-18 months as this site is transformed and the new building and development takes place. The site will be unrecognizable compared to what once stood on the property as it will be completed with a 374,780 square foot building and site improvements including new curbs and sidewalks, LED street and parking lot lighting, landscaping, and screening along 10th Street. In addition, the building will be set back from the road approximately 200' which is much further removed from 10th Street than the previous buildings.



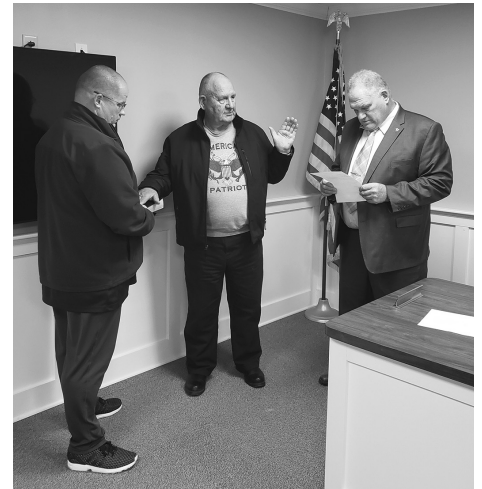
*FMC fume stack being demolished.
Photo credit Duke Realty, LP*



Group photo of representatives from Duke Realty, IMC, and the Marcus Hook Borough prior to the stack demolition. Photo credit Duke Realty, LP

WELCOME TWO NEW BOROUGH COUNCILORS

At the Borough Council Meeting on April 4, 2022, Larry Killinen was appointed and sworn in as a Borough Councilor. Larry is filling the vacant seat created when Paula Ewing moved from the Borough. Paula served on Borough Council from October, 2018 to March, 2022. Larry worked in Marcus Hook Borough's public works department for over 26 years. He has lived in the Borough for the majority of his adult life and raised his family here. Larry was appointed to serve on the following Council Sub-Committees: Municipal Building, Fire and Water, General Government, and Community Development. Larry serves on the Borough's Planning Commission and is also the Chair of the Marcus Hook Senior Citizens non-profit organization.



Newly appointed Councilor, Larry Killinen (center) being sworn-in by Mayor Taylor.

At the Borough Council Meeting on August 1, 2022, John Johnson was appointed and sworn in as a Borough Councilor. John is filling the vacant seat created when Brian Mercadante moved from the Borough. Brian served on Borough Council from August, 2020 to July, 2022. John has lived in Marcus Hook Borough his entire life and previously served as a constable in the first precinct. John's father, Leonard, was a Sergeant with the Marcus Hook Police Department and his brother Billy was an NFL great. John was appointed to serve on the following Council Sub-Committees: Tax Collection, Library, Trash and Recycling.



Left: John Johnson – Newly Appointed Borough Councilor. Right: John Johnson being congratulated by Mayor Taylor.

MARCUS HOOK POLICE DEPARTMENT TEMPORARILY RELOCATES TO THE MARCUS HOOK COMMUNITY CENTER

1015 Green Street, which is where the Marcus Hook Police Department and Mary M. Campbell Library are located, is currently undergoing building-wide renovations, partially funded by a Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant in the amount of \$500,000. The entire first floor and half of the second floor are being renovated to provide much needed improvements to the building in which the Marcus Hook Police Department and Mary M. Campbell Library operate. During these renovations the Marcus Hook Police Department has temporarily relocated to the Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 W. Delaware Avenue (next to Market Square Memorial Park). The Police Department will remain at that location until the renovations are completed, which are scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. Office hours are still 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday.

The Mary M. Campbell Library has temporarily closed for in-person visitors during these renovations, but there are still programs available that are being offered remotely. Check out the Borough's calendar on our website at www.marcushookboro.org for information on which programs are available and how to sign up.

Stay tuned to the website for updates on when 1015 Green Street will reopen to the public.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- November '21** • Borough Council recognized the professional sporting accomplishments of Marcus Hook's own, Billy "White Shoes" Johnson, and named the grounds of the Marcus Hook Community Center as the proposed location for the statue to be erected.
- December '21** • The Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals certified that the aggregate Real Estate Assessment for Marcus Hook Borough for the year 2022 is \$317,137,582.
- January '22** • Borough Council forwarded the nomination of Alfonse Brooks to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for consideration of appointment as the local Emergency Management Coordinator for Marcus Hook Borough.
- February '22** • Mayor Taylor and Borough Council took a moment to express their sincerest thank you to Keith Lockhart who is a Delaware County historian, President of the DELCO Historic Preservation Network, and board member of the Colonial Plantation, Delaware County Historical Society, and Ridley Park Historic Society. Keith delivered to Borough Council the first meeting minute book for the newly incorporated Borough covering the time period May 11, 1892 to March 7, 1904. This meeting minute book, an important piece of Borough history, has been missing for a number of years. Now that the Borough is in possession of this book it has the complete set of meeting minute records since the incorporation of the Borough in 1892.
- March '22** • Borough Council awarded the following contracts for the renovations to 1015 Green Street: General Contracting to BSS Contractors in the amount of \$674,000, Plumbing Contracting to LGB Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$154,150, Mechanical Contracting to LGB Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$588,000, and Electrical Contracting to Electri-Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$309,150.
- April '22** • Borough Council adopted a resolution supporting Marcus Hook Borough's request for grant funding in the amount of \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used to support the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department's request for a replacement ladder truck and a rescue pumper truck.
- May '22** • The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, in a letter dated April 20, 2022 from Ragesh Patel, Regional Manager-Environmental Cleanup and Brownfields, notified FMC Corporation that the Remedial Investigation Report, Risk Assessment Report and Cleanup Plan for the East 10th Street Site was approved in accordance with Pennsylvania Act 2. FMC will now move forward with the implementation of the Cleanup Plan for the site.
- June '22** • Borough Council adopted Ordinance number O-22-3 entitled Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA) Designation providing for a graduated tax exemption for new construction to certain aging and deteriorated industrial property pursuant to Act. No. 76 of 1977. This ordinance was the subject of a public hearing on March 1, 2022.
- July '22** • Borough Council adopted Ordinance No. O-22-4, an ordinance which amends Borough Code Section 83, entitled Curfew, subsections 1, 2, 3, & 4, which extends the Borough curfew to 9:00 PM between the Memorial Day and Labor Day Holidays.

“IT’S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A NEIGHBOR, WOULD YOU BE MINE? COULD YOU BE MINE? PLEASE WON’T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?” - Fred M. Rogers (Mr. Rogers)

You are someone’s neighbor. Are you a good neighbor? Good neighbors care about their properties and invest time and energy to insure the outward appearance of their property does not detract from the neighborhood. Municipal officials have become increasingly concerned with the thoughtless trashing of front and rear yards, streets and sidewalks.

Please do your part. Take an active role in caring for your property, your neighborhood, community and the environment. Keeping Marcus Hook clean requires a commitment from citizens, businesses, elected and public officials, and civic leaders throughout the year.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Property Maintenance

Being a resident of Marcus Hook comes with certain responsibilities and providing for the regular maintenance of your home’s exterior is one of the biggest. Front and rear yards must be well-maintained and kept free from weeds and debris. In addition to cutting your grass do not forget to remove weeds along the curb lines and sidewalks in front of and behind your property. Please throw away all unwanted items that accumulate over time and create an eyesore for neighbors and visitors. All property owners need to recognize the importance to the community of property maintenance.

Sidewalks

Keep your sidewalks in good repair and passible condition. The phrase “good repair” of all sidewalks and curbs within Marcus Hook Borough shall include the removal of any grass, weeds, trash, debris, refuse or foliage located and/or growing in the street or curb joint abutting a public street.

Keep Trash Cans Out of Sight

Borough code regulations require that all trash containers be stored out of public view. No trash containers may be placed in the front yard, or on the front porch, or at the curb line of any property except on the day designated for the pickup of trash or for the period commencing at 6:00 PM on the day preceding the day designated for the pickup of trash. Containers must be removed by darkness on the day of collection.

Bulk Trash Collection

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the Borough’s refuse collection services. Bulk trash collection is offered weekly. To schedule a pick-up call the Municipal Building at 610-485-1341. A fee of \$10 per item is charged for most items.

Marcus Hook: Love It, Don’t Litter It!

Litter can be described as a pollutant that if not brought under control is a cause for civic embarrassment. A candy wrapper tossed here, a cigarette butt thrown there, newspapers, circulars, food wrappers, cups and more... are destructive to the quality of life and environmental quality of the community. Do your part by picking up litter in and around your home. If you start doing this, others may soon follow your lead.

GET YOUR 2023 – 2025 BOROUGH OF MARCUS HOOK PARKING PERMIT

On January 1, 2023 the circular yellow Marcus Hook Borough parking permit sticker that’s on the back window of your vehicle will no longer be valid for permitted parking on Borough streets. These stickers change every three years. The Borough does this to weed out any stickers on vehicles of owners who no longer live in the Borough and to maximize available parking for residents of the Borough who live here.

These stickers are free to our residents and will be available at the Marcus Hook Police Station (temporarily relocated at 7 W. Delaware Avenue) beginning in September, during regular business hours of 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM. The Borough will be holding extended hours on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays before the end of the year for those who can’t make it during regular business hours. Those dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday	November, 9th	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday	November, 19th	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Wednesday	December, 7th	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Saturday	December, 17th	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Application For Permit

Application for a residential parking permit is to be made to the Marcus Hook Police Department by the person desiring the permit. A separate application is required for each motor vehicle. Each application will ask for the name of the owner of the vehicle, the address of the resident, the vehicle’s make, model and registration number, the driver number from the applicant’s current driver’s license, and vehicle insurance information. Each applicant will be required, at the time of making application, to present a valid Pennsylvania Driver’s License, a valid Pennsylvania Vehicle Registration Card, and a valid Pennsylvania Financial Responsibility Card, with license and vehicle registration listing a Marcus Hook address.

Residents are to contact the Police Department when visitors are expected. A separate phone line has been installed to take these calls: 610-497-3264. Simply give your name and address and the vehicle make, model, and license plate number of your visitor’s vehicle.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, ESTEEMED COLLEAGUES

There are a few new faces in the Borough offices if you’ve been by recently. This is because some of our tenured employees have retired. Aubrey Mulholland, Cathi Pace, Irene Wallin, and Patricia “Tish” Imburgia have all retired in 2022. The Borough coordinated a retirement dinner, with support from Energy Transfer, to show these employees and our former tax collector how much we will miss them. On June 24 many of the Borough officials and employees gathered at the IBEW banquet hall on Chichester Avenue to reminisce and say thank you to these dedicated individuals. The combined tenure of these four individuals is over 50 years of service to the Borough and we are all grateful for their contributions and hard work. The Borough will not be the same without them, and we wish them the best in their well-deserved retirement and the years to come.

The Borough is excited to welcome Courtney Sendek, Elaine Lawley, and Jillian Hudson-Hughes to their new positions of Municipal Clerk, Police Clerk, and Tax Collector respectively, and congratulates Tianjia Wang on her promotion to Library Director of the Mary M. Campbell Library. Stop by to say hello and get to know some of the new faces in the Borough offices.



Retirees with Borough Officials.

MARCUS HOOK CELEBRATES 37 YEARS AS A “TREE CITY USA”



TREE CITY USA®
ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

On this year’s Arbor Day (April 29, 2022), 117 Pennsylvania communities were awarded Tree City USA status by the National Arbor Day Foundation for their work planting and caring for trees during 2021. Those communities planted over 11,000 trees and spent over \$20 million on urban forest management or approximately \$5.61 per person in those communities. Approximately 30% of Pennsylvanians live in a Tree City USA community.

On April 29, 2022 Marcus Hook Borough celebrated Arbor Day with the planting of a tree at Market Square Memorial Park on the front lawn area of the Community Center. Marcus Hook was recognized as qualifying for “Tree City USA” status for the 37th straight year. Only twelve communities in Pennsylvania have held the “Tree City USA” designation longer than Marcus Hook.

The Tree City USA program was started in 1976 by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a way to recognize green communities that work to maintain and plant trees. Originally, only 42 communities in 16 states were awarded Tree City USA status. Today, 3,652 communities across the United States are recognized. Philadelphia, the largest city in Pennsylvania with over 1.5 million people, was one of the first Tree City USA communities and has worked to maintain that status for 46 years. Smaller communities in Pennsylvania have earned and maintained Tree City USA status as well. There are ten other communities in Delaware County, aside from Marcus Hook, that have a Tree City USA status.

To be eligible for Tree City USA recognition, communities must meet requirements in four categories:

- Maintaining a tree board or department
- Having a community tree ordinance
- Spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry
- Celebrating Arbor Day

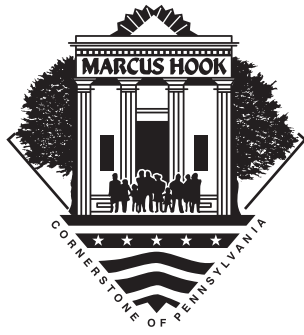
At the Marcus Hook Arbor Day celebration Mayor Taylor and members of Borough Council were entertained by the song stylings of the Marcus Hook Elementary School 4th grade class. Borough Manager, Andrew Weldon, was the master of ceremonies. The school students put the final touches on the planting of a Hawthorn tree located in front of the Community Center.

Our municipal trees are not only pretty and attractive; they are a sign of pride in the community. They reflect neighborliness and a concern for the environment, and are a symbol of Marcus Hook’s vibrancy.

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UPCOMING BOROUGH ACTIVITIES

Marcus Hook Preservation Society's Pirate Festival

When: Saturday, September 17, 2022, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Where: Market Square Memorial Park

Ages: All Ages

Bulk Trash, E-Waste, Shredding Event for Borough Residents

When: Saturday, October 8, 2022, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: Marcus Hook Highway Garage, 1111 Market Street

Table or Treat

When: Late October – Check www.marcushookboro.org for information on a final date!

Where: Market Square Memorial Park

Ages: Children of All Ages

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