

March 1, 2025



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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

- ◆ Civil Service Commission
- ◆ Environmental Advisory Council
Meets 1st Thursday of each month
- ◆ Historical Commission
- ◆ Library Board
Meets bi-monthly at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Marcus Hook Preservation Society
Meets 2nd Monday of each month
- ◆ Marcus Hook Senior Citizens
Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month
- ◆ Planning Commission
Meets as needed
- ◆ Recreation and Park Board
Meets 3rd Monday each month
- ◆ Shade Tree Commission
- ◆ Zoning Hearing Board
Meets as needed
- ◆ Vacant Property Review Committee



MARCUS HOOK TIMES

BRUCE DORBIAK RETIRES



After a 41½ years Bruce Dorkian has retired from his employment with Marcus Hook Borough. Bruce came to Marcus Hook as the town's first Borough Manager in 1983 and after 30 years in that position has worked in a part-time capacity as the Borough's Director of Planning and Development and Zoning Officer.

Going forward Bruce sees a bright future for Marcus Hook Borough. The town will continue on a path that has advanced innovative planning and sound land use practices, attract new development, implement a number of community improvement and infrastructure projects, promote-preserve-enhance the culture and heritage of the town, and to do so while providing a sound and responsible fiscal plan for the forthcoming years.

In his honor Borough Council held a farewell luncheon at the Community Center. Attending were the Mayor, Council, municipal staff - both current and former, municipal consultants, local business representatives and many others who had come to know Bruce during his many years with Marcus Hook Borough.

In his closing remarks Bruce said during his career he had been guided by an inscription on a capitol building in Harrisburg: *Public service is a trust, given in faith, and accepted in honor.* Bruce said the following: "I thank the people of Marcus Hook Borough for putting such trust in me for so many years. It has been an honor of my lifetime."

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Upcoming Recreation Events:



Family
KARAOKE

CURT WELDON COMMUNITY CENTER
7 W. DELAWARE AVE, MARCUS HOOK

5p-7p

FEBRUARY

10 & 24

MARCH

10 & 24

APRIL

14 & 28

MAY 12

**SERVICES GENEROUSLY
DONATED BY PIRATE PEBBLES
KARAOKE**



JOIN US FOR AN
**Easter
Egg Hunt**

APRIL 13, 2025
12 NOON
MICKEY VERNON PARK
7TH & MARKETS.

FOR MARCUS HOOK CHILDREN ONLY.
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
SIGN UP MONDAY 3/17 6:30-8:30 @ COMM.CENTER





MOTHER'S DAY


Morning Tea

SUN

4

MAY

11:00 AM



Join us for a special morning honoring all
Moms with tea, coffee and light refreshments!

RSVP & find out more information via email:

MHRecBoardEvents@yahoo.com





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

FATHER'S DAY

Event



JUNE 8TH @ NOON


KICKBALL
&
DONUTS



MICKEY VERNON PARK,
7TH & MARKET MH
RSVP VIA
MHRECBOARDEVENTS@YAHOO.COM






MARCUS HOOK
OPEN
RECREATION
NIGHTS

**FREE
ENTRY**

*Monday & Wednesday nights
6-7:45 pm*

-  **ARTS & CRAFTS**
-  **BOARD GAMES**
-  **KARAOKE (SELECT NITES)**
-  **TUTORING**
-  **MENTORING**
-  **...AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**ONE TIME PARENT/GUARDIAN REQUIRED TO SIGN
CHILDREN UP ON SITE. FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE EMAIL MHRECBOARDEVENTS@YAHOO.COM**



Thank you to all who made our Grinchmas event a success!!! We hope everyone had fun, We did!



We hope everyone enjoyed the Holiday Decor Contest, here are the 2024 Winners!



Next years date:
Dec 20,2025

Candy Bar Bingo is always a blast.
THANK YOU to Marcus Hook Pharmacy for supporting our event.



Bulk Trash Collection

FEES - SPECIAL ITEMS

Refrigerator	\$20	Dryer	\$15
Freezer	\$20	Stove	\$20
Air Conditioner	\$20	Hot Water Heater	\$15
Dishwasher	\$15	Dehumidifier	\$15
Washer	\$15	Radiator	\$20
Microwave	\$15		

OTHER ITEMS \$10 PER ITEM LISTED BELOW

Air Conditioner	Dishwasher	Paint (water based)
Antenna (TV)	Dryer	Playground Equipment (dismantled)
Auto Parts (100lb limit)	Doors	Pipes
Barbeque Grill	Down spouting	Plaster
Bed Frame	Freezer (doors removed)	Refrigerator (doors removed)
Bicycle	Golf Clubs	Radiator
Box Spring (MUST BE COVERED IN A MATTRESS BAG)	Lawn Furniture	Sink
Cabinets	Laundry Tubs	Toilet or Commode
Car Batteries	Luggage or Trunk	Tires (no rims)
Carpet (rolled in 4" sections)	Lawn Mower	Trash Can(s)
Chair	Metal (misc.)	Washer
Couch or Sofa	Mattress (MUST BE COVERED IN A MATTRESS BAG)	Water Heater
Dehumidifier	Padding (rolled in 4" section)	Wood (over 3' long)

THE BOROUGH WILL NOT COLLECT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Bathtubs	Concrete	Hazardous Materials
Batteries	Construction Materials	Printers
Computer Monitors	Dirt	

Please Note: Mattresses and Box Springs must be bagged and sealed in plastic mattress bags when placed curbside

Bulk Trash is not to be placed out for collection before 6:00 PM on the evening before the day of collection.

REGULATIONS: Bulk Trash Collection

- ⇒ Items must be placed where your residential trash is collected. Where your property backs to a drivable alley, place your refuse alongside of the alley. If there is no drivable alley behind your property, place refuse in front next to the curb. Bulk trash is not to be placed out for collection before 6:00 PM on the evening before the day of collection.
- ⇒ Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.
- ⇒ Mattresses and Box Springs **MUST** be bagged and sealed in a plastic mattress bag and placed at the curbside.
- ⇒ Collection hours are 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM on Wednesday of each week.
- ⇒ Loose materials must be in sturdy containers. Materials in paper bags or cardboard boxes will not be collected.

Marcus Hook Borough contracts to J.P. Mascaro & Sons for residential curbside trash collection.

WEEKLY TRASH COLLECTION

Residential curbside garbage and trash is collected on Tuesday of each week. No refuse or containers are to be set out prior to 6:00 PM on the evening before collection days and shall be removed from the street by darkness on collection days.

TRASH CONTAINERS

Containers shall consist of cans having no more than 30 gallon capacity. Cans should be metal or plastic trash receptacles specifically designed for refuse collection, with close fitting covers, strong handles and solid bottoms. When set out, tops shall be securely in place with no items protruding beyond the top of the can. No container shall be loaded to a weight of more than 50 pounds.

CONTAINER PLACEMENT

No trash containers may be placed in the front yard, on the front porch or at the curb line of any property except on the day designated for collection, or for the period commencing at 6:00 PM on the day proceeding the day designated for trash collection. On scheduled trash col-

lection days all containers shall be placed in alleys in the rear of homes when such alleys are passable by trash vehicles or otherwise in front of homes at curbside; or for streets without curbs, no more than 3 feet off the edge of pavement.

E-WASTE ALERT! DISPOSAL BAN

The Covered Device Recycling Act makes it illegal to dispose many electronic devices in state landfills.



Items like desktops and laptop computers to monitors and peripherals such as printers, keyboards and mice, to tablets like iPads and Kindles, to televisions with viewable screens larger than four inches, are included in the ban.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

When trash collection day falls on a holiday, collection will delay one (1) day (Wednesday). Holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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J. P. Mascaro & Sons
If it's service, it's us!

Questions About Service Call: at 1- 800-432-1616 or on the web at www.jpmascaro.com



BOROUGH OF

MARCUS HOOK

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

MAY 24, 2025 at 12PM

VETERAN & MILITARY GROUPS, MARCHING BANDS, MUMMERS, MOTORCYCLES, CLASSIC CARS, FIRE TRUCKS, CIVIC GROUPS & ORGANIZATIONS, MILITARY VEHICLES, PATRIOTIC FLOATS AND MORE!

THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT NOON AT
THE MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT



Mary M Campbell Library Events:

**MARY M. CAMPBELL
LIBRARY**

Ages
8+

BOOK FOLDING

Saturday, March 22nd
at 12 PM



Register Now!

<https://delcolibraries.libcal.com/event/13838107>

Email: marcushook@delcolibraries.org
Phone: 610-485-6519

Mary M. Campbell Library
Presents

Storytime

Every Tuesday
10:30 am & 2:30 pm

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes
and fun! This story time geared
towards kids 5 and under, but
children of all ages are WELCOME!
No sign-up needed.



MARY M. CAMPBELL
MARCUS HOOK LIBRARY

TEEN DANCE CLUB

WEDNESDAYS @ 4 PM

Get Ready to Move,
Groove, and Have Fun!

marcushook@delcolibraries.org
610-485-6519

MARY M. CAMPBELL
MARCUS HOOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

LEGO CLUB

Did you know playing with LEGO can boost problem-solving
skills and foster creativity in kids? Our Library LEGO Club
isn't just about fun; it's about learning through play! Join us
every Thursday to explore, create, and learn together!

Invite your friends!



EVERY THURSDAY,
FROM 4:30 - 5:30 PM

610-485-6519

marcushook@delcolibraries.org

1015 Green Street, 2nd Floor
Marcus Hook, Pa 19061

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⇒ The **Curt Weldon Community Center** and Gym are now open to the public Mondays Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30 PM to 8:30PM. Gym membership applications are available at the Gym.

Pictured below is the Community Center Computer Room



⇒ **Ben VanCleve** was recently promoted from the Highway Department to the Code Inspection Officer.

⇒ **Slayde Turner** was promoted from Assistant Foreman to Foreman of the Highway Department.

⇒ You can now sign up to receive our Newsletter via email on our website

Message from the Borough Manager



Looking ahead, Spring is just around the corner and with the nice weather comes outdoor projects. As such, you will see a new playground being installed at Market Square Memorial Park as well as work at Mickey Vernon Park. In addition, we will be paving some roads this summer and we hope to begin work at Williamson Field with the next year.

Please take advantage of the nice weather and get out and enjoy our beautiful parks, sit and enjoy the river view, or just get out and walk.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE -

SNOW REMOVAL

The Borough Code Section §175-12 requires that you clear your sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snowfall has ceased.

Section F§175-14 states that failure to do so will result in a fine being imposed. If the Borough has to clear snow and ice from your sidewalk, you will be fined for the total cost to the Borough for the removal along with added Court fees.

Please be reminded that if if you shovel the snow after the fine has been imposed you are still required to pay the fine.



PROPERTY MAINTENANCE -

GRASS & WEEEDS

The Borough Code Section §73-1 requires that you keep your grass and/or weeds mowed to a height of 6 inches or less.

Section §73-3 states that after receiving a 5 day notice from the Code Enforcement Officer or the Police Department you must comply and cut grass, weeds or vegetation to a maximum height of 6 inches.

Section §73-4 states that Failure to do so could result in a . If the Borough has to cut your grass a fine will be imposed plus added Court fees.

Please be reminded that if you cut your grass to the required height after a fine has been imposed you are still required to pay the fine.



NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

In an effort to make payments easier for the Community, the Marcus Hook Borough is pleased to announce we are now accepting credit card payments. This is something that many of our residents and businesses have inquired about, and we are pleased to offer this service both at the Police Station and the Administration offices.

We have partnered with Clover to accept credit card payments for all permit applications, invoices, and tickets. Credit card payments can be processed in person or over the phone. Please note there is a 3% charge to use a credit card. Cash and checks are still accepted. Debit cards are not accepted at this time, but will be in the next few months. We are still working on getting set up for online payments.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit cards for Borough tax payments.



E-NEWSLETTER

You can sign up to receive our Newsletter via email.

To be added to our new Newsletter distribution list, please send your name and email address to office@marcushookboro.org.



Meet the Marcus Hook Boroughs Staff:

JOHN SOLES
Highway Department John has worked for the highway Department for 9 years and he grew up in Marcus Hook.



VISCOSE VILLAGE STREETScape PROJECT ADVANCES

The Borough of Marcus Hook continues to advance a project to improve the streetscape in the historic Viscose Village neighborhood. The project entails the construction of new sidewalks and curbs, street resurfacing, and the installation of historically accurate street lights. Streets in Viscose Village radiate from a central plaza park. Plaza Street is the front door to Viscose Village. Maple Street is the central north-south street in the Village and the widest.

The municipal park is called Robert Haebel Plaza.

In November the second phase of work on Cedar Street was finished. All told six phases of work have been completed.

Phase 1 - Plaza Street - completed spring of 2012

Phase 2A - Maple Street - Plaza Street to Pine Street - completed December 2012

Phase 2B - Maple Street - Pine Street to Chestnut Street - completed in 2016

Phase 3 - Spruce Street - Plaza Street to Chestnut Street - completed in 2020

Phase 4A - Cedar Street - Plaza Street to Pine Street - completed October 2023

Phase 4B - Cedar Street - Pine Street to Chestnut Street - completed November 2024

Looking ahead to 2025 Community Development Block Grant funds in the amount of \$236,125 have been procured for a section of Walnut Street. Catania Engineering is working on the final design, plans, specifications and bidding documents. It is expected this project will advance to bid advertisement in February or March with construction to start in the spring.

In December Borough Council submitted an application applying for funding from the next Community Development Block Grant program year. If approved these funds would be used to complete Walnut Street, the last section of the remaining north-south street in Viscose Village.

Viscose Village is a rare example of a planned industrial community, particularly because of its creative layout and housing design. Approximately 20 acres in size, the original community remains intact in the northeast corner of the Borough from 10th Street to Chestnut Street and from the east side of Walnut Street to the west side of Spruce Street.

Viscose Village is an early model planned industrial community built in 1912-15 for American Viscose Company artificial silk (rayon) workers. The 261 homes, two boarding houses, store, dining hall, and dispensary were designed in the English Domestic Revival style by Bellinger & Parrot of Philadelphia. Many early Village residents were women who worked in the rayon plant, the first in North America to successfully manufacture an artificial fiber.

The public improvements underway will enhance the historic significance of the community and make Borough residents more aware of the many elements that contribute to the character of Viscose Village and Marcus Hook. According to historical photographs, an original feature of the design of the Village was gas street lamps. This project has reintroduced this subtle historic feature.

The completed improvements help to reinforce the traditional neighborhood design elements of Viscose Village. It reinforces the fact that Viscose Village is a very distinctive neighborhood with a variety of unique design and architectural features that should be preserved. The presence of this most unique neighborhood imparts a richness and a small town intimacy and charm to the Borough. This diversity serves to enhance the overall quality of life in the Borough.

It is hoped that the infusion of funds to improve Viscose Village infrastructure will spark reinvestment in the neighborhood's housing stock and improve property values. It is also expected that the project will assist local marketing efforts to promote Marcus Hook as an attractive community of homeowners and a viable market for first-time home buyers.

MARCUS HOOK HISTORY CORNER

ROADSIDE MILE MARKER LOCATED

Hardly a day goes by that a piece of Marcus Hook's history doesn't unveil itself. Just recently the Borough received an inquiry from The Philadelphia Contributorship (America's oldest fire insurance company) asking about a replica mile marker said to have been given to the Borough. This marker was to replace the original The Philadelphia Contributorship along US Route 13 (known near the present-day WEL-over-the-road pipe rack.

No one seems to remember mile marker but we have is located in the garden of office building/museum Philadelphia .

The Philadelphia Contributorship started by Benjamin Frank-nered from Board members Directors of the company used the fine money to purchase Milestones and placed them throughout the area along major roadways. Over the years the milestones were replaced by stones or signs by toll and turnpike companies. By the early 20th Century there were few to be seen and the Directors sought to preserve one. They found one in Marcus Hook and moved it to the company's garden in 1918 with the permission of the Borough of Marcus Hook, provided it was replaced with a "new, legible and conspicuous one." If anyone knows the fate of the replacement mile marker, we would love to hear about it.



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*pictures provided by The Philadelphia Contributorship For The Insurance Of Houses From Loss By Fire



2025 BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Agenda Meetings are held monthly at 6:00 PM, on the Tuesday preceding each regular monthly meeting with the exception of Monday, March 3, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, October 6, November 3 and December 1 at the Municipal Building, located at 1111 Market Street.

Council meetings are held monthly at 7:00 PM, on the following dates: March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 2, October 6, November 3, and December 1, at the Municipal Building, located at 1111 Market Street.

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

The Recreation and Park Board meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 1111 Market Street.

The Marcus Hook Senior Citizens meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 12:00 PM at Cokesbury United Methodist Church located at 307 Market Street. If you are interested in joining the Marcus Hook Senior Citizens, you can either attend a meeting or contact Larry Killinen, Senior Citizens President for more information.

Marcus Hook Preservation Society meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 1111 Market Street.

STAY INFORMED

Borough of Marcus Hook Website:

www.marcushookboro.org

Like us on Facebook:

Borough of Marcus Hook- <https://facebook.com/MarcusHookBoro>

Marcus Hook Police Department- <https://facebook.com/marcushookpd>

Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department - <https://facebook.com/arcusHookTrainerFireDepartment>

Marcus Hook Recreation Board <https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087006985624>

Mary M. Campbell Library - <https://facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067680924763>

Email Newsletter: If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletter, via email, please send an email to office@marcushookbro.org requesting same.

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. Examples include: evacuation notices, bio-terrorism alerts, boil water notices, and missing child reports please visit the Marcus Hook Borough website or <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFC1BF4C3251>



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Mayor of Marcus Hook



Josephine "Gigi" Laird
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