

Mayor of Souderton Dan Yocum Mayor's Memo!

(A newsletter sent with your sewer and trash bills...not the most flattering association but saves a few bucks on postage!)



I hope everyone is enjoying their summer in Souderton! I think we are all ready to again enjoy a “normal” summer this year. One thing I love about this time of year in our town is seeing our friends and neighbors outside to say hello. That is something that sets Souderton apart from other communities. We hold on to what so many other small towns have lost; a compassion and admiration for our neighbors and our community.

Another thing that I love about summer in Souderton is enjoying our parks. You might take it for granted, but Souderton has a wonderful park system. We have five parks within the Borough limits. That’s not bad for a one-square mile town!

Chestnut Street Playground

Located at the corner of Chestnut Street and Wile Avenue

Renovated in 2015, this park features playground equipment for all ages of children, swings, a gazebo, and open space.

West Street Park

Located at the bottom of West Street

West Street Park is tucked behind residential neighborhoods and features a small stream that cuts through the park as well as tennis courts, playground equipment, swings, and open space.

Lawn Avenue Park

Located at Lawn Avenue and Washington Avenue

This park might be a bit difficult to find, but well worth it! Featuring a fenced in playground, swings, a tot lot for young children, and baseball field.

Holly Hill Park

Located at Wile Avenue and Diamond Street

With nearly 4 acres of open space, this park features a paved walking path and seating area. It is a perfect place for a peaceful stroll or to walk the dog.



Borough Events

Fourth of July

Borough Offices Closed

Souderton Pool Members Only Day

Borough Council Meeting

Monday July 11th 7pm

Souderton Borough Office

3rd Friday

Friday, July 15th 6-9pm

Main & Chestnut Street

Concert Sundaes Schedule

*FREE concert, every Sunday
7pm in Souderton Park*

Allentown Band (30th year at Concert Sundaes): Sunday, July 3rd

Tookany Creek Band: Sunday, July 10th

Sound of the Street: Sunday, July 17th

Philadelphia Boys Choir: Sunday, July 24th

Barbone Street Jazz: Sunday, July 31st

And of course...!

Souderton Community Park

Located at the top of Main Street and Wile Avenue



Severely diseased trees from Souderton Park were becoming a public safety issue.

As I'm sure you've noticed, great progress has started on Souderton Community Park, which is undergoing a full renovation in partnership with the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club to be completed in 2025. It is all very exciting! More on that in a future newsletter.

One thing that you may have also noticed during the early stages of that renovation is that several large trees had to come down in the park. I heard from many of you how upsetting that was to see. First, please know that we take these things very seriously. We tried to limit the number of affected trees to as few as possible. Unfortunately, as our arborist assessed the situation, it became clear that several more trees were in various stages of serious disease to the point of being a hazard to public safety. As a result, more trees than expected had to come down. Thoughts of Joni Mitchell come to mind... *paving paradise to put up a parking lot.*

I am proud to announce a new initiative in Souderton Borough that I am calling **One, Two, TREE!** Under the One, Two, Tree initiative, for every *ONE* tree that has to be taken down for any reason on Souderton Borough property, *TWO* new trees will be planted somewhere else in the Borough to replace it.

The One, Two, TREE initiative will ensure a green and shaded Souderton for generations to come.

The trees for this initiative have been generously donated by Highland Hill Farm in Doylestown. **THANK YOU!** Marge Hirst, who owns Highland Hill Farm along with her husband Bill, grew up in Souderton. She was born on Railroad Avenue, then moved to School Lane, and eventually to Fairview Avenue. She was also a long-time teacher in the Souderton Area School District. Though the Hirst's are not Borough residents anymore, they generously offered their support to Marge's hometown. Their generosity allows the One, Two, Tree initiative to be executed at little or no cost to the taxpayer. Please remember the kindness of Highland Hill Farm when you have tree, shrub, and plant needs. They are located just about 20 minutes away at 5275 Swamp Rd, Doylestown, PA 18902.



Public Works employee Seph Renner with Bill Hirst, owner of Highland Hill Farms.

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