

Summer Newsletter

THE BOROUGH OF MORTON,
DELAWARE COUNTY, PA

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2025



Dear Residents and Friends, we are delighted to welcome you to the latest edition of The Borough of Morton newsletter! We pride ourselves on our rich history, beautiful parks, and a strong sense of community. This newsletter will keep you informed about the latest happenings, events, and important updates within our borough.

As we move into the summer months, Morton is buzzing with activity. Our local parks are perfect for enjoying a game of basketball, baseball, or just about any sport. We encourage residents to take advantage of the upcoming community events which will be highlighted in this issue

We also encourage residents to engage with local businesses that make Morton unique. Morton has over 100 businesses and our local economy thrives when we support our merchants.

In this issue, we want to highlight some of the essential services available to our residents. The Borough Council is continuously working to enhance community amenities and services with ongoing initiatives aimed at improving public safety, waste management, and street maintenance. We urge you to explore our website for the latest updates on these projects and to participate in upcoming council meetings where you can share your thoughts and ideas.

We also want to remind everyone about the importance of community involvement. The strength of Morton lies in our collective efforts to support one another. Whether it's joining a community group, volunteering for local events, or simply reaching out to your neighbors, every act contributes to the fabric of our borough. If you're looking for ways to get involved, be sure to check out the list of volunteer opportunities included in this newsletter.

Thank you for being an essential part of the Borough of Morton. We are excited to continue building a vibrant, inclusive community together. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out. Please visit the [Morton Website](#) for a calendar of events and announcements. We value your input and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Warm regards,

*The Borough of
Morton*

In this newsletter you can expect:

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President
Dickerson

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A message from Council President

One of the commitments made to the residents of Morton Borough was Council would provide transparency, to allow you all to be heard and to take the time to hear what you were saying. On Wednesday, June 25th, you, the community, were saying to each council member that you could not handle or stand an increase in taxes when the county recently raised taxes this year by 27%. The council wants to be clear that even though we will have to consider the probability of raising taxes due to this unexpected situation concerning the closing down of Crozer Health System/ Services, we recognize that we have an emerging Senior population that is struggling to pay their bills and trying to make ends meet.

We heard from the residents, and we listened to what you had to say. At this point in time, based on everything we had been provided, we could not justify anything other than agreeing to work with Springfield Ambulance at \$56,000 for the year, vs \$192,000 or potentially more because of the unknowns from the Swarthmore collaborative.

The council represents the residents /taxpayers of Morton Borough, one and foremost, and we want you to know that on June 25th, 2025, at our council meeting, we heard you, listened to you, and we responded with an overwhelming majority vote to accept Springfield's Proposal for ALS services

Council President
Bernice Clark Dickerson

****BOROUGH HALL RENTAL**** - ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOST A BIRTHDAY PARTY, FAMILY GATHERING, OR PLAY INDOOR BASKETBALL, JUST TO NAME A FEW? WELL, THE MORTON BOROUGH GYM IS THE PLACE! WE HAVE A GREAT RATE FOR RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS FOR RENTING OUR GYM! JUST GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT MORTONBOROPA.ORG AND DOWNLOAD THE MORTON BOROUGH RENTAL CONTRACT & FORM. WE ALSO HAVE ONE FOR THE GIRLS & BOYS YOUTH CLUB. RENT THE GYM TO HOLD PRACTICES (RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY). JUST CALL OR STOP BY THE BOROUGH OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS OR QUESTIONS, 610-543-4565.



Recycling & Trash

Trash collection information:

Trash is collected once a week on Mondays
October 1st through May 31st

**Trash is collected twice a week on
Mondays and Thursdays in the summer -
June 1st through September 30th**

Trash must be placed at the curb in
containers/bags not larger than 20 gallons

**Place trash curbside after sundown the
evening before scheduled collection.**

Remove emptied containers from curbside
as soon as possible

A 4ft. recycling cube is located at the
borough hall in the parking lot next to the
maintenance garage. Newspaper, plastics,
glass, aluminum cans, and cardboard may
be placed in the container.

There presently is NO curbside recycling
program within the borough.

For more information on recycling please
visit:

<https://www.mortonboropa.org/trash>

New Recycling Container

The borough has received a new 6yd recycling container. The container
is at the borough hall next to the current one. Please do not put plastic
bags in the container and any boxes should be flattened. Also, do not
discard any recycle material outside of the container.



Upcoming events



Borough of Morton

- **Morton Community Cleanup Day** - October 11th 10AM - 12PM - meet at the borough hall
- **Morton Blood Drive** - September 16th 2PM @ Borough Hall
- **Old School Dance Classes** - every Friday from 6-7 starting August 2025 at the Borough Hall Gym
- **Line Dancing** - every Saturday at 12PM in the Borough Hall Gym - two step, cha cha, boop and more with teacher Keneth Ellison
- **Chair Exercise Classes** will start in September at the Borough Hall Gym



Morton Rutledge Fire Department

- **Fundraiser - MRFC & Rita's Water Ice**
Wednesday July 30th, 5PM-8PM 1550 Macdade Blvd, Folsom PA
- **Fundraiser - MRFC & The Coffee Station** - August 16th, 7AM - 2PM
Both locations - Morton & Garnett Valley



Morton Police Department

- **Touch a Truck - August 21st 2025** from 6pm-8pm on Alfa Terrace and at Scioscia Field
- **Bike Safety Event** - Tuesday, July 29th - See below under FYI News for additional details.



Delaware County

- **Rose Tree Summer Concerts** - Every Wednesday through Sunday 7PM at Rose Tree park in Media, PA
 - **Dining Under the Stars** - May through September - Media, PA. Click [HERE](#) for details
 - **Fall Book Sale** - Friday - Sunday - September 12-14 Friends of Newtown Public Library. Check the Delco Times for updates and time of event
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Road safety is a priority of the Morton PD. Here are some safe travel tips.

When driving always remember to [Start SMART](#) and [Stay SMART](#).

[Start SMART](#)

- [S](#) Seatbelt on, seat adjusted
- [M](#) Mirrors adjusted
- [A](#) Air conditioning, Heating, defrost set
- [R](#) Radio & volume set
- [T](#) Thoroughly check the area for traffic

[Stay SMART](#)

- [S](#) Watch your SPEED
- [M](#) Mirrors checked frequently while driving
- [A](#) AVOID distractions
- [R](#) RULES of the road are safety first
- [T](#) Give yourself enough TIME to reach your destination safely

Be a responsible driver by applying the [SMART](#) road safety tips listed above. Here are some other tips for road safety!

- DON'T TEXT or use your mobile phones while driving.
- Look out for pedestrians at all times.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- When backing up be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not drink alcohol if you are going to drive.

This is an exciting time of the year with the weather changing, the school year wrapping up and the anticipation of summer vacations and activities.

Mayor Hammock, Chief Lawless and the Morton Police Department wish everyone safe travels this spring and summer!

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TEENS FOR POSITIVE
EMPOWERMENT CLUB

FALL FEST

September 13, 2025
9am - 3pm

Craft/Flea Vendors
| Food | Music

VENDOR SPACES
\$25.00

Amvets Post 118
211 N. Morton Ave, Morton, Pa. 19070

For more information call
610-803-8227

Community Bike Education

 Tuesday July 29th, 2025 12:00 PM Morton Borough Hall 500 Highland Ave. Morton, PA

This FREE event is a fun way to learn how to ride safely. Learn about safe bicycle and scooter riding and the "rules of the road."

HELMET FITTING
Bring your helmet for a fitting. We will have replacements while supplies last

BIKE SKILLS SAFETY EDUCATION

Must be accompanied by an adult.

 **DCTMA**
DELAWARE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

 **DELCO**
Delaware County Community Traffic Safety Program

THE EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY STORMWATER COLLABORATIVE IS A PARTNERSHIP OF 11 MUNICIPALITIES IN DELAWARE COUNTY COMMITTED TO IMPROVING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT. MORTON BOROUGH IS A MEMBER. AS A RESIDENT, YOU HAVE FREE WORKSHOPS AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO YOU. YOU CAN ASK FOR A HOME VISIT TO HAVE YOUR PROPERTY EVALUATED FOR WATER AND PLANTING PROBLEMS. ALSO, YOU CAN RECEIVE FREE NATIVE PLANTS, TREES, OR BUSHES, WHEN AVAILABLE, WITHOUT A HOUSE CALL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VISIT WWW.EDCSC.ORG OR LOOK THEM UP ON FACEBOOK. ADDITIONAL FREE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THE BOROUGH HALL IN THE LOBBY.

PLEASE CHECK OUT THESE ORGANIZATIONS THAT COLLABORATE WITH THE EDCSC – GROWING GREENER COMMUNITIES | PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. THE COLLABORATIVE ALSO HANDLES THE RECORD KEEPING OF THE POLLUTION REDUCTION PLAN REQUIRED FOR YEARLY FILING WITH COMMONWEALTH AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

PLEASE EMAIL EDCSCINGO@GMAIL.COM WITH QUESTIONS OR CONTACT MICHELLE MILLER – MORTON'S REPRESENTATIVE – AT MMILLER@MORTONBOROPA.ORG.

AND EVEN MORE FYI
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Give Yourself the Gift of Health



Are Bringing **FREE Mammogram Screenings** to Chester
Wellness Center in Chester- **August 1, 2025 9am-3pm**
[151 W. 5th Street Chester, PA 19013](#)



Requirements:

- Must be over 40 years old
- Have not had a mammogram in the last 365 days
- No prior diagnosis of Breast Cancer
- Insurance is not required
- Patients with insurance will need a script from their PCP or OBG

To register:

Call our Wellness Line at (484) 276-2100 or email
DelcoWellness@co.delaware.pa.us

MUST PRE-REGISTER by July 25th.
Appointments are limited; call early to schedule.

Borough Committee Initiatives

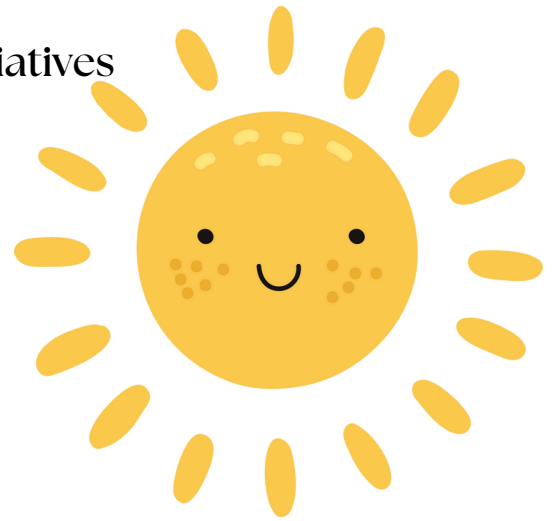
Finance & Administration would like to increase business opportunity in Morton through marketing and development of a "Welcome to Morton Brochure". F&A will continue oversight of the department and to bring Morton into the 21st century with the revamping of the department through hiring of professional staffing and updating personnel policies and office policies. F&A will partner with Community & Economic Development and all committees to re-establish the borough newsletter. Increase community educational/public interest and recreational events at the borough hall to address Morton borough concerns and needs

Public Facilities & Infrastructure - No one likes to live next to a property with trash, overgrown weeds, old furniture, maybe a broken-down car sitting on the lawn. At the direction of the Council, the Code Enforcer will begin a new initiative to address these quality-of-life issues. Please contact the Borough office with any complaints related to:

- High grass and weeds – grass should not be more than 6" in height
- Trash out too early – trash should not be out on the curb prior to sundown on the day before collection
- General property maintenance – properties shall be free of trash and debris, including lawns, porches, and parking areas
- Abandoned vehicles – all vehicles must be registered and operable

The Code Officer will notify you of any violations by placing a door hanger. This is the first step, and we hope that residents will be cooperative in addressing the issue. If the problem persists, violation notices, citations, and fines can be issued.

Thank you for reading!



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