CHRISTIANA BOROUGH NEWS – WINTER 2021/2022

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Phone: 610.593.5199: **Police Department: (Option 1) Questions for water, sewer and trash (Option 2) Borough Manager Bobbi Maser (Option 3). Mayor Mark Carner: 610.593.1195**
If you see suspicious activity, or you are a victim of a crime, immediately report it to the Christiana Police Department.

From Borough Council, Mayor Carner, Borough Manager Bobbi Maser and Police Chief Finfrock

A huge THANK YOU from the Christiana Lions Club for everyone's participation in Christmas in Christiana. Whether you purchased luminaries, were a business sponsor, donated food to the Octorara Food Cupboard, decorated your home, or just enjoyed the day, it was a success because of all of you. Although it was not the best weather to keep the luminaries lit, God answered prayers and held off the rain and high winds until the end of the evening. Over 450 people enjoyed the wagon rides and everyone, young and old, enjoyed Santa and his Christiana Fire Company friends. The following homes were awarded cash prizes as winners in the following categories for their decorations for "Christmas in Christiana" :

Santa's Choice Uptown: 47 E. Gay Street - The Rylee Family
Santa's Choice Downtown: 16 W. Slokom Avenue - The Caller Family
Honorable Mentions: 118 Elizabeth Street - The Goeller Family and
37 Broad Street - The Zimmerman Family
New Addition: 117 Sadsbury Avenue - The Lowry Family
Original Christmas: 404 North Bridge Street - The Palmer Family

"Plans are underway to form a committee to plan future community events including Christmas in Christiana. The first meeting will be late January. Please email Steve Shivery if interested in serving - shiveryfh@mac.com."

Christmas Trees

The Lions Club will again be accepting live Christmas trees for disposal. Please make sure you leave just the tree without netting or any other wrapping or yard waste. This is a free service offered by Christiana Borough and the Christiana Lions Club for residents only.

TOYS for TOTS

thank you

The Christiana Police Department would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who donated for this worthy cause.

THINK SPRING!

~~FIRST DAY OF SPRING BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022. Woohoo! Warmer weather is on the way~~

Snow Removal Ordinance 180

Cold winter weather has arrived which brings along snow and ice; which means you must have the snow/ice removed from your sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow stops falling and/or ice accumulates. If you are unable to remove the ice, you are required to apply an ice melt or sand or similar abrasive to prevent people from falling. You are also reminded that it is illegal to throw snow/ice onto a public roadway or to pile it up against a fire hydrant. Stiff penalties will apply for these violations.

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 13, 2022. Turn clocks ahead 1 hour and change the batteries in your smoke detector(s).

PLEASE KEEP the **Trash Collection Schedule flyer for 2022** which is enclosed with this newsletter. Dates will no longer be printed in the upcoming newsletters. If at any time you are unable to locate the enclosed schedule, you can always view the schedule monthly on line @ www.christianaboro.org under calendar.

Borough Manager's Update

Why did our trash bill increase?

When our contract with Eagle Disposal was set to expire on December 31, 2021, Christiana Borough put the trash service out for competitive bid and by law, must take the lowest bid. After putting it out for bid on 2 separate occasions, Eagle Disposal was the ONLY hauler both times to place a bid for trash service. Increases in disposal, labor and fuel all add to the cost of business and is out of the control of not only the hauler but the borough as well. The new rates are as follows: **Regular rate will be $100 per quarter, increase of $38. The senior citizen rate will be $95.00 per quarter.**

Yard waste bags will no longer be free. They will be $0.50 per bag or $5.00 for 12.

I would also like to remind you to remove your toters from the sidewalks as soon as possible due to safety concerns and request they be stored in a neat fashion to the side or rear of your home. We want Christiana to maintain the curb appeal we have worked so hard to obtain.

The Borough web page is being redesigned. Stay tuned for some exciting new content. Also, the web address has changed from christianaboro.com to www.christianaboro.org

Bobbi Maser

PAPERLESS BILLING DELAY

For residents who have signed up for paperless billing for water, sewer and trash bills, due to technical difficulties, it will not start until the April 2022 billing. For those who have not yet signed up and interested in doing so, the Paperless Billing form can be found on the borough website: www.christianaboro.org

This winter be a good neighbor and help an elderly neighbor or resident who is unable to shovel their driveway, walkway, steps, or even get to the store because of the snow/ice. Your kindness will be greatly appreciated by the individual (s) you help.