News from our Boyertown Police Chief Barry Leatherman ~

New headquarters update – The interior of the new police building at 16 W Philadelphia Ave is nearly complete. The exterior has been delayed because of weather, including temperatures too low for application of finishes. However, work on the exterior has also begun, and should take about two weeks. We will begin moving in and setting up office furniture, receiving training on building systems, and have computer server and network set up in the very near future, and expect to be fully and officially moved before the end of April. This new building will better accommodate the many functions of a modern police department, taking into account the safety and comfort of visitors as well as the needs of the police. Some of the functional features the building will include is a lobby and reception area with seating, a public restroom, and adjacent interview room; a two-bay garage where patrol vehicles can be kept weather protected, and impounded vehicles with evidentiary value can be securely stored and processed; locker rooms and decontamination facilities; evidence processing and storage areas; and a multi-purpose meeting and training room. The building is also intended to serve as the joint EOC (Emergency Operations Center) for Boyertown and Colebrookdale Emergency Management, and is fully served by a stand-by generator.

Earth Day will be celebrated again this year in the Boyertown Community Park on Saturday, April 27 from 11AM – 3PM. Be sure to kick off spring with a day in the park celebrating nature, the environment and healthy living! There will be hands on activities, animals and lots of food!!

Our annual shred event, sponsored by Gerhart, Hartman & Ritner, will be available in front of the pool from 11AM – 1:00PM. Bring your items to be shredded safely and securely. A $10 donation for two grocery size bags in recommended.

The Tree Committee will participate again this year with tree seedlings, plants and perennials. We will also be presented with the “Tree City USA Award” for the 12th consecutive year!! Thank you to the Tree Committee and all the tree lovers in town!

We would also ask that you please consider being a supporter of Boyertown’s Sensational Summer and Fun Days! Your generous sponsorship dollars help us to provide the fireworks and pig races at Fun Days and educational and fun activities during our park events. A $100 donation to the park allows you to be a “Friend of the Park”. Sponsorships of larger amounts are still available. For more information, contact Borough Hall at 610-369-3028.

Staying positive does not meant that things will turn out okay. Rather is is knowing that YOU will be okay not matter how things turn out. ~ unknown
If you are positive, you’ll see opportunities instead of obstacles. ~ Widad Akrawi
Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 20 – Coming Out of Hibernation. Please note that portions of E Philadelphia Ave will be closed from 10AM – 3PM for this event.

Friday, April 26 – Wine Walk/Spring Fling – 5:30 – 8:30PM event starts next to the Peppermint Stick

Saturday, April 27 – Earth Fest in the Boyertown Community Park, 11AM – 3PM

Friday, May 24 – Wine Walk 5:30 – 8:30PM.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 30, 31 and June 1 – Fun Days in the Park

Saturday, June 8 – Philadelphia Ave Street Fair. Portions of E Philadelphia Ave will be closed 10AM – 7PM for this event. Rain date is Sunday, June 9

What’s happening at 39–45 S Reading Ave aka Schaeffer’s Family Restaurant aka My Girls Restaurant?

Update from Keith Kopicki ~

If everything goes as planned, “Grind” will open this summer. Keith Kopicki has been working on this project for quite some time with the assistance of Josh Pennington to get this restaurant up and running. The menu will feature gourmet meat with an upscale atmosphere and quality dishes packed with seasoning and flavor using superior, fresh and locally sourced ingredients. There will be many familiar dishes along with entrees such as Scotch Eggs, Charcuterie, Seafood Manicotti, Lamb Osso Buco, and Crudaiola San Marco. They will attempt to provide some proteins that are not readily available in most areas or restaurants by periodically offering specialty meats like venison, goat, boar and elk and use as little frozen products as possible. The remainder and majority of the menu will offer traditional appetizer, soup, salad, and entree options based off the proteins currently available. While the intent is to have top notch service with a fine dining feel, the restaurant will inspire a sense of community in addition to the exceptional service. At some point, they hope to offer live music, comedy shows, line dancing, singles nights, and murder mystery shows. There will also be a wide selection of bourbon and whiskey. Grind will offer take out, catering, and space for private events.

“Growing up my father taught me if you do something, do it right the first time. I aim to come as close as possible to perfection of service, food, and overall experience as I can in the scope of a welcoming but elegant independent restaurant.”

As summer approaches, please be advised that grass clippings are not to be blown into the borough streets or right of way during the leaf collection time or at any time during grass cutting season.