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**News from our Boyertown Police Chief Barry Leatherman ~  
POLICE DEPARTMENT MERGER – PROTECT AND SERVE TIMES TWO**

The Borough is working closely with our neighbors at Colebrookdale Township on the creation of a regional police department to serve the combined area. After about 2 years of discussion, and seeking answers to various questions and potential hurdles, the governing bodies of both municipalities have embraced the concept and taken formal steps to move it forward. A target date of April 1 has been set for start of operations of the new department, although that remains contingent upon the completion of various prerequisite tasks. When the transition occurs residents will see a different appearance of the police cars and uniforms, as we seek to blend the two, previously separate and distinct groups, into one integrated, cohesive team. Police officers of the **Eastern Berks Regional Police Department** will still patrol, answer calls, and provide all the services residents are accustomed to throughout the combined area currently served by the Boyertown and Colebrookdale departments. The new department will be headquartered at 16 W. Philadelphia Avenue, and residents will be able to contact the police there or at the same phone numbers they have been using. Office: 610-369-3050; Dispatch: 1-800-372-9111; EMERGENCY: 911. No decrease in the level of service is planned. The merger is intended to improve the long-term sustainability of the service the community has come to expect.

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**Boyertown Community Ambulance partners with LVHN to save lives!**  
Boyertown and all of Berks County just got a little bit safer, thanks to a new partnership between Boyertown Community Ambulance Service and the Lehigh Valley Health Network mobile stroke unit. The mobile stroke unit enables treatment to begin right in the field. This saves time and

reduces potential brain damage, while the patient is transported to an appropriate stroke-certified facility of their choice. A 2016 summary report by the Berks County Health Collaborative showed a significantly higher risk of stroke for residents of Berks County!! In fact, it was a leading cause of death in Berks, a higher rate than both the national and state average.

The unit will be equipped with computed tomography and video and telehealth technology to help caregivers first, determine what type of stroke the patient is experiencing, and then begin treatment before arriving at the hospital. The stroke unit is equipped with clot-busting and blood thickening medications that can be administered to the patient on the way to a stroke center, rather than waiting until the patient arrives to begin treatment.

“Almost 2 million brain cells die every minute during a stroke” said neurologist Dr Yevgeniy Isayev, director of the Comprehensive Stroke Center at LVH- Cedar Crest. “Mobile stroke care could improve intervention time by up to 20 to 30 minutes, which could have a significant impact on the outcome for the patient.”

Stroke experts have a saying: Time is brain. If you think you are having a stroke, call 9-1-1.

Be sure to support the Boyertown Community Ambulance!



Pottstown Area Rapid Transit (PART) has announced new routes. Effective January 2, PART now has service from Pottstown to Boyertown and Gilbertsville! This will be a great benefit for shopping, jobs, doctor appointments, etc.

The Orange Line starts at 6AM and stops at Walmart, Upland Square, Boyertown Shopping Center, Douglas Twp Center (Giant) in Gilbertsville all day long until 5:45PM. The adult fare is \$2.25 with special fees for students, seniors, medicare, etc.

For schedule details, fares and further information, visit [www.pottstownarearapidtransit.com](http://www.pottstownarearapidtransit.com), facebook, twitter or call 610-970-6512 or 610-326-5413.

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Earth Day will be celebrated again this year in the Boyertown Community Park on Saturday, April 25 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 is 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Friday, February 7 – BMBA Sweetheart Stroll, 5PM – 9PM. Tour starts at Ellixson’s, 121 E Philadelphia Ave; \$15 per person

Friday, February 14 – Valentine’s Day

Monday, February 17 – President’s Day

Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Savings Time

Wednesday, March 18 – Boyertown Progress Dinner

Thursday, April 2 – Sunday, April 5 – Boyertown Area Senior High School presents MAMMA MIA!

Sunday, April 12 – Easter Sunday

Monday, April 13 – last day to register before the primary.

**Saturday, April 18** – Coming Out of Hibernation. Please note that portions of E Philadelphia Ave will be closed from 10AM – 3PM for this event.

Saturday, April 25, 11AM – 3PM – EarthFest in the Boyertown Community Park

Tuesday, April 28 – PA General Primary Election

