



Fairfield Borough Newsletter

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Tips for Staying Safe on the Roads and Sidewalks this Winter



On the Roads

- Check local forecasts before heading out. Visit www.weather.gov.
- Get your vehicle winter ready. Have a mechanic check antifreeze levels, battery & ignition system, brakes, tire pressure, exhaust system, air filters, heater and defroster, lights & hazard lights, oil, thermostat, windshield wiper equipment & washer fluid levels.
- Maintain your vehicle. Ensure your gas tank is full & minimize drain on your battery.
- Be sure to thoroughly clean your vehicle of all snow and ice. Scrape your vehicle windows, as well as, de-ice your windshield wipers before driving in winter conditions.
- Slow down and increase your follow distance. Avoid sudden stops, sharp turns or abrupt changes in speed.
- Use your headlights at all times.
- Know how to handle a skid, remain calm, avoid slamming on the brakes! Take your foot off the pedals and steer in your desired direction. As your vehicle turns back in the correct direction, you will likely need to steer in the opposite direction to stay on your desired path.
- Know what to do if your stranded— display a sign that indicates you need help or tie a bright colored cloth to your antenna or door. When the snow lets up, raise your hood as another signal for help. Run your engine ten minutes per hour to stay warm & to charge your phone. Open the window slightly to let fresh air in and prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Keep an emergency supply kit in your vehicle; including jumper cables, flares or reflective triangles, ice scraper, snow shovel, cellphone charger, blankets, a map, sand or kitty litter, a flashlight and water.

Walking Safely



- Use ice melt or salt as needed on sidewalks and steps and shovel or plow your driveway regularly.
- Keep an eye out for black ice. It blends in with the pavement underneath, making the surface not only slippery, but almost invisible. If it's a particularly dark area, its best to avoid it completely.
- Wear appropriate footwear. Boots with thick soles will keep you warm and make it easy to walk through slush and snow. Footwear with non-slip rubber soles are best for extra icy days.
- Walk on designated walkways and plowed sidewalks. Also make sure to always use crosswalks when available.
- Take slow, short steps. Keep your feet flat, pointed slightly outward and keep your arms at your sides for balance.
- Use handrails when available. They will help you keep your balance when going up and down stairs that are covered with snow and/or ice.
- If you start to fall, here's what to do...cover your head as much as possible and rotate your body so you fall on your side, instead of your back or front. Also, if you can, try to keep your body loose and arms and legs bent to avoid injury.

Please note: State statute and Borough ordinance both prohibit depositing snow or ice from private property onto a state or borough roadway. Yes, you must clear your sidewalk within 24 hours of the end of any snow or ice event. No, don't blow or shovel the snow into the road.

The York Adams Tax Bureau **WILL NO LONGER** mail out Individual Annual or Quarterly Estimated Income Tax Return Forms. They encourage you to use their secure online filing system, PALite, by typing www.palite.org in your online browser. It is safe, secure and there is no convenience fee. Payments are made via ACH debit directly from your bank account. The system will also calculate your payment for you! If you have a questions concerning your tax filings, please call our Taxpayer Services Department at (717) 334-4000 option 1 to reach a representative from their Gettysburg office. YATB will also prepare your local tax return for **FREE** if you bring your earnings information to their office. Their office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.



Thank you to the Fairfield Municipal Authority for distributing the Borough newsletter with their quarterly billing!

Congratulations to this year's Holiday Decorating Contest winners!

The 2024 Christmas elves who hosted this year's Holiday Decorating Contest express their sincere appreciation to the many residents and businesses who went above and beyond to decorate for the holidays and to the judges who shared their expertise in awarding prizes after evaluating more than **60** delightfully decorated properties in the Borough. **Prize winners are:**

West Side

1st place 38 McGinley Dr.
 2nd place 209 W Main St.
 3rd place 12 W Main St.



East Side

33 Hillview Ct.
 49 Water St.
 13 E Main St.



Honorable mentions

15 W Main St.
 119 N Miller St.



29 Hillview Ct.
 54 Longhorn Ln.



Fairfield Borough residents are invited to attend any (or all) **municipal meetings**. Unless otherwise indicated, meetings are held in the Village Hall at 108 West Main Street.

Borough Council meets the first Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM and again on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 PM. This year the December meeting will be held on the third Tuesday, December 16th. A public comment period for residents is set aside at the beginning and near the end of every Borough Council meeting. Agendas are posted in advance of each meeting on the "Minutes and Agendas" page of the Borough website.

FREMA, the **Fairfield Regional Emergency Management Agency**, meets on the third Monday of every other month, beginning on February 17th, at 6:00 PM.

The **Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)** meets as needed on the Thursday before the regular Borough Council meeting.

Joint Parks & Recreation Board meets on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM. These meetings are held at the Hamiltonban Township municipal building.

Municipal Authority Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month, beginning at 7:00 PM.

Pippinfest Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month from January thru October, with additional meetings August 19 & 26 and September 02, 16 & 23. Meetings start at 7:00 pm. **

Planning Commission meets on the second Monday of every month, as needed, beginning at 6:30PM.

****Pippinfest always welcomes volunteers to help during the planning process or only for the festival weekend. This year's festival dates are Saturday and Sunday, Sept 27th & 28th.**

The **Fairfield Area Historical Society** is always looking to add new members. Those with a special interest in local history may wish to become a member of the Fairfield Area Historical Society whose mission it is to preserve and protect the historical heritage of Fairfield and its surrounding area. Please visit our website at <http://www.fairfieldpahistorical society.org>. If you are interested in joining, go to the "About" tab then to the "Membership" tab. There you will find all the information about becoming a member.

The **Fairfield Borough Planning Commission** has two seats available. Terms are for a period of four years. All members must be citizens of the Fairfield Borough. If you are interested in serving on the Planning Commission, please contact the Borough Office at 717-642-5640.

Fairfield Community Fire Company Calendar

(All dates and times are subject to change)

Jan 16 - Bingo Doors open at 5:30 pm. Early Birds at 6:50 pm. Regular Bingo at 7:00 pm.

Jan 18 - Sportsman/Cash Drawing Dinner Donation of \$25 per ticket, Doors will open at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. You must be 18 years old to attend.

Feb - April Fool's Money Raffle Tickets on sale \$10 (5,3,2) Only 250 tickets available. Call 717-642-8842

Feb 7 - Bingo

Mar 29 - Sportsman/Cash Draw

May 15 - Bingo

Feb 20 - Bingo

Apr 1 - April Fool's Money Raffle Drawing

May 18 - Early Day Cruise

Mar 1 - Meat Raffle

Apr 4 - Bingo

June 6 - Bingo

Mar 7 - Bingo

Apr 17 - Bingo

June 14 - Outdoor Event

Mar 20 - Bingo

May 2 - Bingo

June 19 - Bingo