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ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW



Municipal Authority Community Engagement Awards



WINNER: Electronic Communications



Tree Planting Request Form



DID YOU KNOW? TREES

- Increase property values
- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- Save energy, cut heating, and air-conditioning costs
- Shade and cool neighborhoods reducing temperatures on the hottest summer days
- Clean pollutants out of the air and water
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Buffer and reduce noise
- Promote community interaction and renewal
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

By signing the Tree Planting Request Form, you agree that:

- An Authority/TreeVitalize representative will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for a tree to be planted.
- An Authority/TreeVitalize representative will determine an appropriate tree species for your location.
- You will water the tree (approximately 20 gallons per week – cost is less than \$1 per year) April through November for two (2) years.
- You will protect your tree from damage from road salt, cars, lawn mowers, etc.
- You will notify the Authority if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.

You understand that:

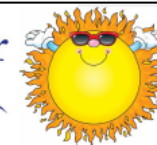
- Your request for a tree may be denied – not all sites are appropriate for the tree planting.
- The tree species for your location will be assigned.
- Street trees and trees in the public right-of-way are the property and responsibility of the Borough.
- Street trees planted outside of the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only the Borough's Shade Tree Commission can



PROPERTY OWNERS:

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY AND KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR RECORDS.

[CLICK HERE](#) TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION



SUMMER -2024
FROM THE
AUTHORITY
BOARD AND STAFF!

Over \$1.2 million in grants awarded for Dormont Stormwater Projects

The Stormwater Authority received great news from Senator Wayne Fontana's Office – additional grant funds in the amount of \$200,000 from the PA Small Water and Sewer program were awarded to complete a stormwater project in Dormont Park. This project will include the installation of a water retention system under the park surface along Dormont Avenue and a rain garden to retain the water along the hillside. This project is designed to meet the state requirement to reduce the total maximum daily load of pollutants into the watershed.

Thank you Senator Fontana for your continued support!

The stormwater work continues on Piedmont, Easemont, and Laconia Avenues as part of the long-term project to control flooding in low-lying areas. Please be patient with the interruptions and construction material – it will lead to permanent improvements for residents.



Back by Popular Demand Residential Tree Planting Program

To All Dormont Property Owners:
The Stormwater Authority in cooperation with the Dormont Shade Tree Commission, Urban Plantscapes, Eisler Nurseries, and the W. PA Conservancy are once again sponsoring a residential tree planting for the FALL of 2024.

Please visit: www.dormontstormwater.org to register for a free tree planting in your front yard with technical assistance for planting and care.

CONTACT US
manager@dormontstormwater.org

Follow us @DSWAuthority

Like us @ <https://www.facebook.com/Borough-of-Dormont-Stormwater-Authority>

Join a virtual meeting – 3rd Wednesdays 6pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83709154668>

Borough of Dormont Stormwater Authority 1444 Hillsdale Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15216 412.561.8900 x240



Dormont Stormwater Authority

WINNER: Community Events



Borough of Dormont Stormwater Authority

You are cordially invited to the **2023 Summer Workshop:**

"Trees: Soak Up the Rain"

When: Saturday, June 3 at 11am
Where: Dormont Recreation Center (Above the Pool Building)
Prizes, Raffle, Refreshments

Sponsored by:
Dormont Stormwater Authority
Dormont Shade Tree Commission
TreeVitalize - W. PA Conservancy

PLANT A TREE IN '23!
Did you know? A deciduous tree retains about 20% of the rain that falls on its canopy and can control 4,000 gallons of stormwater in a year. Join us on **June 3** to learn all about the benefits of planting trees and sign up for our free Residential Tree Program for FALL of 2023.

Register for the workshop online at dormontstormwater.org or just walk in.

Borough of Dormont Stormwater Authority

Summer Virtual Workshop
Sponsored by Dormont Stormwater Authority

Join us for a Virtual Workshop on Tuesday July 21 - Participants Have Two Options
Noon - Lunch and Learn
6PM - Evening Event

For More Information Contact: manager@dormontstormwater.org
Log on to Zoom Virtual Meeting at Noon or 6PM at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85305984150>

Learn How You Can Be a Clean Water Friend

- Getting the Most from Your Rain Barrel
 - Trey Marks, Stormworks
- Street Trees, Yard Trees, and Canopies
 - Kinsey Miller, Tree Pittsburgh
- Backyard Habitats and Rain Gardens
 - Roxanne Swan, Audobon of W. PA

Did You Know? You Can Get Credits On Your Stormwater Bill For:
Rain Barrels
Peak Flow Reduction
Rain Gardens

All Participants Will Receive Gift Cards and Coupons - It's Our Way of Saying "Thank You" For Being A Clean Water Friend!

DORMONT GOES GREEN

THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT
INCORPORATED 1909

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 FROM 11AM-1PM
DORMONT POOL PARKING LOT

Celebration & education event following Dormont's Annual Spring Litter Clean Up

Try an Ebike thanks to Adam Solar Rides, interact and meet with Pennsylvania Resources Council, Dormont Stormwater & more!

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Borough of Dormont Stormwater Authority | **PRC Pennsylvania Resources Council** | **ZIEROS Zero Waste & Sustainable Provisions** | **DORMONT FIRE DEPT STATION 17E**

Millie's Ice Cream & VAYA on site!

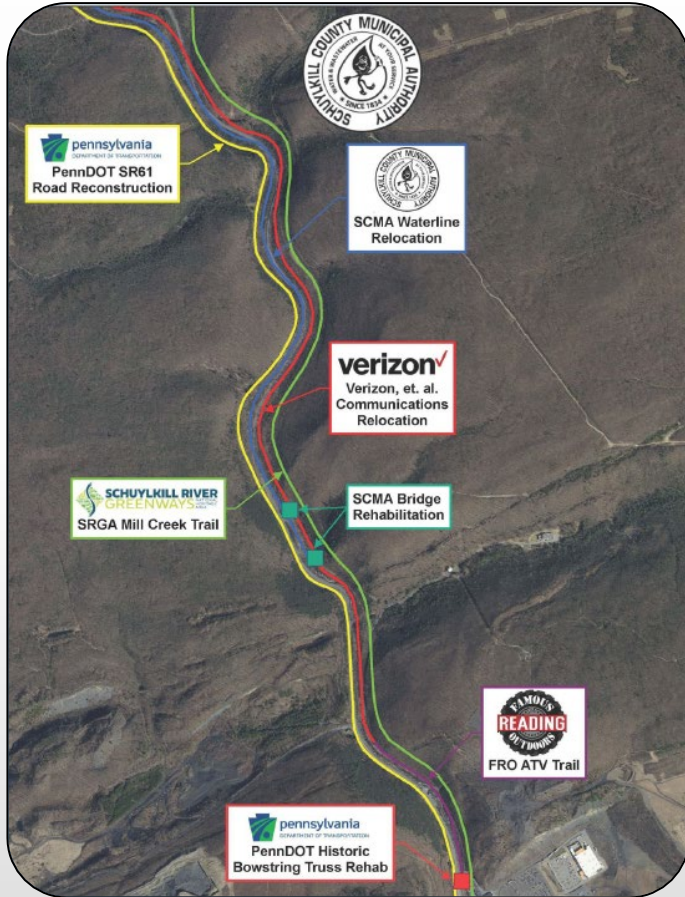
All volunteers from the Spring Litter Clean Up will receive a coupon for a free scoop from Millie's!

millie's | **VAYA MEXICAN STREET FOOD**



Dormont Stormwater Authority

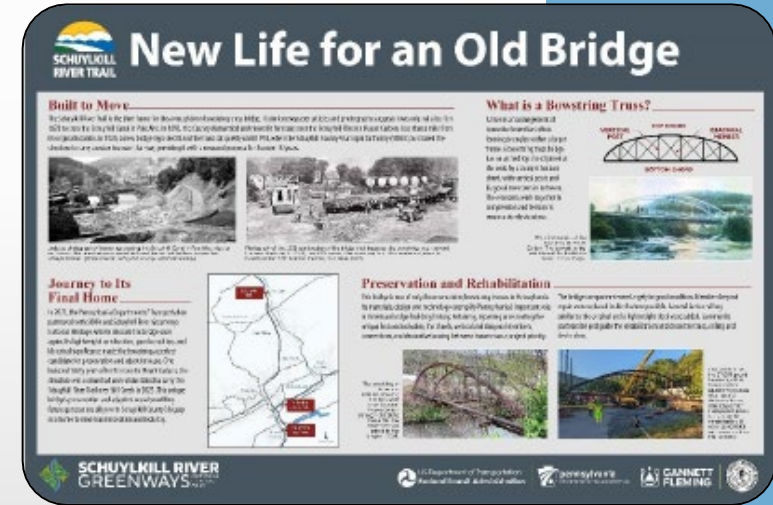
WINNER: Partnerships



BEFORE/AFTER OF REHABILITATED AND RELOCATED 1878 HISTORIC BOWSTRING TRUSS



BEFORE/AFTER OF RAILROAD BRIDGE REHABILITATION



WINNER: Internal Communications



The North Penn Water Authority
October, November & December 2021

Message from Tony...

I want to thank all of our employees for another fine year of service to the North Penn Water Authority. We have certainly accomplished a lot this year, in all departments, that we can be justifiably proud of. We all know how challenging it has been over the past two years especially, in dealing with the virus pandemic, which required our organization to make many modifications to our normal work practices, while still remaining open and continuing to provide the vital water service to our customers as an essential life-sustaining business. I appreciate the resilience and commitment demonstrated by all of our employees in responding to these unprecedented circumstances.

Due to the combined efforts of our dedicated staff, this organization continues to excel in providing a high caliber of reliable, quality service to our customers. I am very grateful to each of you for the part that you play in making that happen. I look forward to a new year of challenges, opportunities, and successes at NPWA, as we hope that 2022 will be a good year for all of us. I want to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Staff News

We extend a warm welcome to Nicole Peck, who started her employment with us on October 18th as our Payroll Benefits Coordinator in the Finance Department.

We also welcome Justin Salyer, who joined us on November 29th as our new Inventory and Purchasing Coordinator in the Finance Department.

Congratulations to Tim Orr on the birth of his son Benjamin Oliver Orr on Dec. 12. Baby and mom, Anna, are all doing fine.

Congratulations to Michelle Vidarsdottir and her husband who are expecting their first child, a daughter, on May 20, 2022.

Congratulations to Angelo Covatton and his wife who are expecting their second child, a daughter, on May 24, 2022.

Congratulations to Justin Salyer and his wife who are expecting their third child in July, 2022.

Congratulations to Kane Chell who recently became engaged to Emily. They met in college five years ago and are planning to get married in April, 2023.

Congratulations to Helene Dunn, whose daughter Morgan was married (again), after the last month's Covid shutdown of her wedding last December. A very memorable place in front of family and friends on December 4th, and the Christmas themed reception was held at the Blue Hotel in Pottsville. Morgan and Justin made it Pottsville with their daughters, Hailey and Dorely.

Congratulations also to Steve Fisher, who purchased a new home in Harbor in October.

Our sincerest condolences are extended to all our staff mourning the passing of our Chief Administrative Officer, Maryann Regan, on November 6th after 26 years of service at NPWA.

We also offer condolences to Nina Spohnleiner for the passing of her grandmother, to Thang Nguyen whose brother passed away, and to Judy Tobias for the passing of her father-in-law in November.

5 Tips for Beating the Winter Doldrums



As the days get darker and colder, some people get more moody and tired. While 4 to 6 percent of Americans suffer from seasonal affective disorder, or

SAD, more suffer from a lesser form known as the winter blues.

Symptoms can start as early as September, but January is the peak month, says Norman Rosenthal, a clinical professor of psychiatry at Georgetown University School of Medicine. Fortunately, there are ways to keep spirits high, from staying better to reducing the living room. Says Rosenthal: "You have to put together a coalition of treatments in order to get the best effect."

1. Meditate to Reduce Stress: Reducing stress is one of the first things you should do to combat the winter blues, says Rosenthal. He suggests setting aside a few minutes each day to meditate. A study published in Psychoneuroendocrinology found that a highly stressed group of people at risk for depression reduced their stress levels after meditating for 12 minutes a day.

In addition to daily meditation, Rosenthal says to yoga class once a week and says it's a potent stress reliever. "It has both an aerobic component and meditative component. It's a complete discipline." Some yoga studios also offer meditation classes.

2. Try Light Therapy: The reduced amount of natural sunlight in the northern hemisphere in January and February is a major contributor to feeling blue. That's why the use of artificial light through lamps or light boxes is touted as a key treatment for mood disorders. A study in the American Journal of Psychiatry found the effects of light therapy to be comparable to those from antidepressants.

Want a quick boost? The SAD Lamp app (\$1.99) turns your iPhone into a portable-stimulator alarm clock, emitting a bright glow from the screen.

3. Exercise in the Morning: The benefits of exercise are plentiful, but the time of day you work out also matters. Studies show that morning exercisers report better sleep, burn more calories throughout the day, and have lower blood pressure. A problem in winter is getting to the gym in the early morning. Rosenthal says that hiring a personal trainer for a few months is one way to commit to a fitness program. Or try working out at home in front of a light box for added energy.

If time is a factor, consider short but intense interval

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North Penn Water Authority Employee Newsletter APRIL 2024



Message From Tony...

We will soon be activating a new bulk water dispensing station on our property, to be installed on a concrete pad next to the parking lot near the rear garage bay. The blue and white enclosure looks like a small storage shed. Inside are mounted piping and an electronic control panel that will be utilized whenever a large tanker truck needs to be filled with water for bulk sales. Instead of hooking up to one of our hydrants, which is the current practice, they will connect directly to the fill station's piping. This arrangement will give North Penn Water Authority much better control, monitoring, and tracking of all water sold in bulk for filling pools and other needs. It will also make it easier for us to handle the billing of this type of water usage, using the computer software integrated into this new system, and to analyze reports on the water sold.

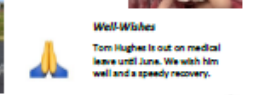
Each bulk hauling company, like Aqua Duck, Ammons, and others, will have their own account number with the Authority that can be entered on a keypad, so that everything can be tracked more accurately and efficiently.



We no longer allow bulk water haulers to connect to any hydrant in our system at other locations. We normally see an increase in the number of bulk hauling trucks coming onto our property to fill up in the spring and summer, and we expect that number and frequency will increase, now that we have placed more limits on where and how they can hook up. However, we anticipate that the situation will be

manageable, and we hope that everyone involved will be patient and cooperative as we implement this new procedure. We are making this change for several good reasons, including the need to better protect the integrity of our water distribution system.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Kane and Emily on the birth of their first daughter, Olivia Mary, born on March 14 at 10:00am. She already was the best-dressed category for her age group. NPWACuture



Well-Wishes
Tom Hughes is out on medical leave until June. We wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Condolences
Our deepest condolences to the following employees who lost family members recently:

- Nick Hale on the loss of his father
- Alicia Vona on the loss of her mother-in-law
- Madison Simmer on the loss of her grandmother
- Heldi Palmer on the loss of her father-in-law
- Kevin Sees on the loss of his grandmother
- Shana Constantar on the loss of her great aunt
- Kane Gull on the loss of his grandmother

Get involved with non-profits and community outreach, as well as sports participation. She will be a great addition to the team!

Save-the-Dates
We will hold our 2nd Annual Bring Your Child or Grandchild to Work Day on Wednesday, August 7! More details to come!

- Volunteers needed for the following events:
Lansdale Day - June 1
Lansdale Founder Day - August 24
New Britain Fall Fest - September 21
Rochester Fest - October 2
Mardi Gras Parade - November 23

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New Board Member

A warm welcome to our new board member, Michael Filatrault, who was appointed for five years to represent New Britain Township. Michael replaced long-time Board member, Helen Hart, who served for 20 years. Michael has worked in the pharmaceutical business for almost all of his 30-year career, formerly at Merck and currently at Pfizer. He has a BS degree in Chemical Engineering from Cornell University and an MBA degree from Villanova, and has served on numerous boards and volunteered with several organizations. We look forward to moving NPWA into the future with Michael on board, literally!

Happy Retirement!

We'd like to wish a Happy Retirement to Bruce Sandstrom in our NPWA Lab at Forest Park. Bruce retired on April 4 after 20 years with NPWA! Not only was Bruce instrumental in the lab, he also volunteered for many NPWA outreach events over the years, including Earth Day events and school events and presentations. He was also a willing participant whenever the APR Team needed new lab photos! Bruce, you will be missed. Best wishes in your retirement!



WINNER: Best of Show



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Over 4.5 million views as of this post and climbing! Don't miss our Executive Director, Tony Bellitto's testimony yesterday in front of the House of Representatives' Consumer Protection, Technology & Utilities Committee ...see more

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WATERSHED
Scams, big bills and bargains: Why Pa.'s public water officials won't stop talking
Facing the rising prospect of privatization, the remaining public water officials in Philadelphia's suburbs take pride in holding out and keeping water bills low.

By **Kenny Cooper** · July 10, 2024

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PEOPLE SHOULD SEE PRIVATIZATION FOR WHAT IT REALLY IS. A SCAM.
NPWA Executive Director, Tony Bellitto, Testifies in front of PA House Committee

December 13, 2023- Lansdale, Pa.- On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Anthony J. Bellitto, executive director of North Penn Water Authority, testified in Harrisburg in front of the House of Representatives' Consumer Protection, Technology & Utilities Committee to support the amendment of Act 12, and reiterate the benefits of keeping authorities publicly owned.

Bellitto's powerful message has been received far-and-wide with a clip of his testimony receiving 4.6 million views and counting, <https://x.com/MorePerfectUS/status/1734508783823847638?ps=20>

In his closing statement, Bellitto said "...I would state that people should see privatization for what it really is. A scam. It is a loan disguised as a gift wrapped up with empty promises and must be paid back with interest through exorbitant rate increases resulting in no better service for the customers while the private company's upper management and investors fill their own pockets with obscene amounts of profits and they laugh all the way to the bank."

In 2016, Act 12 — sponsored by former State Rep. Robert Godshall — passed the Pennsylvania House and Senate and was signed into law by Gov. Tom Wolf. This act allows private utility/for profit companies to buy public utilities at a higher cost to residents. Since then, private water companies and utilities have swept through Pennsylvania, buying up smaller public utilities that are often in good shape and well-maintained and offering huge up-front payments to municipalities.

Bellitto said, "...Act 12 has been called a fair market value. There is nothing fair about it. It's actually predatory pricing. It's an odd situation when both the buyer and the seller have incentive for the price being as high as possible because the buyer is going to get that back in full with interest... it's the continuous stream of customers they are actually purchasing. That has the value. One way to put it is that they're purchasing not only the eggs but the goose that lays the golden egg. They're purchasing that customer base." Bellitto continued with "Act 12 should be modified by adding a voter referendum so that the rate paying customers have the opportunity to voice whether or not they are in favor of privatization, and number 2 the scope should be to deal with only distressed systems which are financially troubled and which are operationally deficient. Those are criteria that can actually be quantified."

View Tony's entire testimony here: <https://youtu.be/PolX1181m0Ts?t=1435>

For more information or to speak with Tony Bellitto about Act 12 and the benefits of Authority ownership, please call 215-855-3617 x130.

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