



**Jersey Shore Borough**  
**2022**  
**Spring Newsletter**

## Zoning, Codes & Planning

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**Permits:** Permits are required for everything except painting, wall coverings, and floor coverings. Residents are required to complete an application form prior to a permit being issued. To make an appointment, please contact Jim Douty by calling 570-398-0104.

**Grass, Weeds & Other Vegetation:** Under the International Property Maintenance Code, grass, weeds, or other vegetation that is not edible may not grow to exceed a height of eight (8) inches. **No person shall willfully cast, blow, or otherwise deposit upon any street, alley or sidewalk any grass, weeds, vegetation, including but not limited to lawn clippings.**

**Garbage/Rubbish:** Under the International Property Maintenance Code all exterior properties shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish and garbage and shall be disposed of in a clean and sanitary manner in approved leakproof, covered containers. The owner of every dwelling shall supply an approved leakproof, covered outside garbage container.

**Yard Sales:** No person shall conduct a yard sale over a period of time in excess of 48 hours or place a sign advertising a yard sale on a utility pole, telephone pole, street, alley, sidewalk or public property. Signs can be placed on the community bulletin board located at 232 Pennsylvania Avenue no more than 72 (seventy-two) hours prior to the commencement of the yard sale and shall be removed within 24 (twenty-four) hours after the conclusion of the yard sale.

**Dumpsters:** A dumpster may not be placed on any Borough Street without obtaining a permit from the Borough Office 48 hours **prior** to the dumpster being placed. Dumpsters must be covered, display two reflective devices on all four corners, surrounded by orange traffic cones, and lighted lanterns of red/amber during periods of darkness.

**Signs:** PennDOT regulations prohibit signs to be placed on the bridge crossing Rails to Trails on Bridge Street. Any signs posted will be removed by the Codes Officer.

*Nothing in this section shall be construed as a full Ordinance. A full text copy of all Ordinances and the IPMC above are available at the Borough Office.*

## Rental Inspection Ordinance

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In 2013, Jersey Shore Borough Council adopted the Rental Inspection Ordinance, Ordinance 2013-08 to promote the safe and sanitary conditions of rental housing; maintain and increase property values throughout the Borough; reduce deteriorating rental housing; preserve neighborhoods and quality of life; and encourage owner and renter responsibility for the condition of rented properties. All properties designated as offering rental space in the Borough are required to obtain a Rental Unit Occupancy License for all existing properties currently being rented and for any new properties before they are offered for rent. If you own a property in the Borough which is offered for rent, you will receive a letter from the Central Keystone Council of Government (CKCOG) indicating when your property is due for registration. You will need to complete a Rental Property Application and Registration Statement for each building you own and pay a registration fee of \$50 per unit, which will be billed to you annually. Each property will be required to be inspected every four (4) years. If your annual fees are up to date, you will not be billed for the inspection fee. If there are complaints regarding the rental unit, the Code Officer can require an inspection at any time, upon reasonable notice. If an inspection is required due to a complaint, the property owner will be billed at the CKCOG hourly rate. If the unit(s) are found to meet all applicable codes, you will receive a letter stating your property is in compliance and a Certificate of Inspection placard. However, if there are any issues with your property, you will receive a letter listing the items that did not pass inspection and the time frame you have to repair those items. Once you have completed the repairs to the items that did not pass inspection, you will be required to contact CKCOG to have the property inspected again. Once your property has passed all inspections, you will receive a sticker for the current year to place on your Certificate of Inspection placard. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley at the Borough Office or Meagan at the Central Keystone Council of Governments at 570-522-1326.

## Announcements

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**Community Bulletin Board** - The Community Bulletin Board is located in the grassy area near the recycling center on N. Pennsylvania Avenue.

**Recycling Center** - N. Pennsylvania Avenue - is a full service recycling center. Single-stream recycling may be available through your trash hauler.

**Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program** - Homeowners in the Borough who meet certain income guidelines may be eligible for assistance with home repairs through the Rehabilitation Program. Please contact SEDA –COG at 800-326-9310 x 7252. Contractors are invited to register to be on the bidding list. Please contact SEDA-COG for more information.

## Brush Area:

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Residents of the Borough can sign out the key from the Borough Office Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents must have their vehicles loaded before signing out the key and the key must be returned between each load, if more than one load is required. You must present your driver's license to sign out the key.

April through June and September through November the brush area is open from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays. No key is needed, but you must have your driver's license.

## Jersey Shore Borough Council

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### 1st Ward:

Dennis Thompson—570-220-3199

Denise Robbins—570-398-7349

### 2nd Ward:

Janet Barnhart - 570-398-4532

Barbara Schmouder, Council Vice President - 570-398-0125

### 3rd: Ward:

Sean Simcox, Council President- 570-398-3443

Dick Delaney - 570-220-0546

### 4th Ward:

Scott Bierly - 570-660-8542

Steve Kanski—386-624-2211

### Mayor:

Sally Ann Combs - 570-974-1467

## Street Sweeping

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Street sweeping is scheduled for the week of April 18 - 22, 2022.

First Ward - April 18, 19

Second Ward - April 19, 20

Third Ward - April 20, 21

Fourth Ward - April 21, 22

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Borough Office at 570-398-0104.



## Borough Council Meetings

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Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

### 2022 Meetings

May 9	June 13
July 11	August 8
September 12	October 10
November 14	December 12

The Borough will advertise any and all Special Meetings or Work Sessions that may be held throughout the year in a newspaper of general circulation.

## Committee/Commission Meetings

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Meetings held in Borough Council Chambers

Police Commission: First Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.  
(September - First Thursday)

Recreation Committee: First Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Codes Committee: First Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., as needed

## Community Events

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6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jacob's Bike Safety Fair - May 7, 2022

Jersey Shore Community Pool Opening Day - Date TBA

Christmas in July - Date TBA

Residential Tire Collection Event - May 13-14, 2022

(Residents are allowed to bring up to 12 car or light truck tires free of charge (with/without rims))

National Night out - August 2, 2022

Please check our website for upcoming events and announcements at [www.jerseyshoreboro.org](http://www.jerseyshoreboro.org)

## Jersey Shore Pool

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Pool memberships and daily rates are available at the Borough Office.

Adult Swim - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily

Other swimming programs/activities to come such as Mommy/Daddy & Me swim, Diving class, and more!

Please contact Bonnie Messersmith at the Borough Office for more details.

# The Shore Spotlight

## Borough Manager's Corner

As Borough Manager, it is my privilege to serve the citizens of Jersey Shore as well as the Borough Council. In the role of Borough Manager, the ever-present goal is to serve the needs of all the residents of the Borough while maintaining an efficient system based on fiscal responsibility. This includes administering the daily operations of the Borough and investing in the Borough for future growth and economic development. With the support of the Council, the Borough is in the process of implementing several major developments plans. The first of these is the beginning phases of the Active Transportation Plan, which connects the entire Borough to the Rail to Trails system. This summer, it is the goal of the Borough to start the trail connector work, connecting Alleghany Street to the DCNR parking lot on Railroad Street; this work is being funded through grants provided by the State. The Borough is also looking at updating the Thompson Street Rec Field, which would include an Inclusive Playground, redoing the Basketball Courts, parts of the Walking Trail, and the Park parking lot. The Borough is in the process of applying for grants for this project and will be using American Rescue Funds, along with local support from Businesses and Organizations. The Inclusive playground is the vision of the Jersey Shore Rec Committee, and they will be working alongside the Borough to bring both the Active Transportation Plan and the Thompson Rec Field, work to completion.

Along with the projects, the Borough will continue to invest in the Borough infrastructure by implementing several road projects this year. The Borough is currently quoting the road paving projects this year and is looking to continue implementing our five-year paving plans with the goal of paving Locust Street and Kerr Avenue this year. Other improvements will include putting a new drainage system on Wye Alley and McClintock Alley around the YMCA to get those roads ready for reconstruction and paving in the near future. Lastly, the bridge on Wilson Street will be completed by this fall, which was accomplished by joining with the county's Bridge Bundling Program and will replace one of several bridges in the Borough that requires attention.

At the Borough office, there is always a project in the works with the goal of improving the Borough for future generations. If you would ever like to discuss the projects or concerns, please feel free to schedule a meeting with me at any time by contacting the Borough Office. We look forward to a great year, and are very excited about the coming events and increased development in the Borough.

Sincerely,

Borough Manager Cody L. Hoover

# Jersey Shore Resources



## Transform Jersey Shore Area 2022

Homeowner applications are available at the JS Library, JS and Avis Post Offices, the New Love Center Café and Pastry, STEP office, YMCA and Borough office.

Applications need to be completed by June 3, 2022. The work week will be August 1-5, 2022.

For more information, or to volunteer please call: (570) 398-1509 or (570) 916-1487



Greater Hope Care Center is one of the over 2,700 life-affirming pregnancy care/resource centers in our nation. And did you know that we are right in the heart of Jersey Shore located at 224 South Broad Street? We are volunteer driven and donation based. All of our services are free, including pregnancy tests in addition to the provision of necessities for mom and her baby like diapers and clothes, parenting classes and life skill mentoring curriculum.

Greater Hope Care Center is so important because we provide an alternative to abortion. We help moms navigate the system, support them with material aid, connect them with community programs and fill in the gaps where needs exist.

You matter! That's why all our clients are served without regard to age, race, income, nationality, religious affiliation, disability or any other circumstances. Everyone that walks through our doors, calls, texts or reaches out to us will always be treated with kindness, compassion, and in a caring manner. That's our promise to you! Let us help give you some perspective about the situation you face. Call our 24/7 hope-line. Let's talk.

## Meet Our Staff

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Borough Manager: Cody Hoover - [manager@jerseyshoreboro.org](mailto:manager@jerseyshoreboro.org)

Cody is the chief administrative officer of the Borough and is responsible to Council, as a whole, for the proper and efficient administration of the Borough's affairs.

Bookkeeper: Bonnie Messersmith - [programco@jerseyshoreboro.org](mailto:programco@jerseyshoreboro.org)

Bonnie provides fiscal services, oversees the community pool, and other departmental coordination as needed.

Administrative Assistant: Ashley Miller – [admin@jerseyshoreboro.org](mailto:admin@jerseyshoreboro.org)

Ashley provides administrative support to the Borough Manager. Ashley maintains office files and the Borough website.

Zoning & Codes Officer: Jim Douty – [zoning@jerseyshoreboro.org](mailto:zoning@jerseyshoreboro.org)

Jim is responsible for the review and issuance of all zoning permits as well as inspecting work done under a zoning permit, as well as enforcing certain Borough Ordinances and Codes as required by the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC).

## Contact Us

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