



Borough Of Tatamy

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Tatamy hosts annual Easter Egg hunt

With sirens blaring and lights flashing, the Easter Bunny, aka Junior Councilman Sam Maczko, made a stop in Tatamy at the annual Easter Egg hunt at Braden Park on Saturday, March 30.

"I had a good time. It was fun," Maczko said. "The kids liked it."

It was his first time as the Easter Bunny, but he said he would be happy to do it again next year.

The event was originally planned for the prior Saturday, but it had to be canceled due to too much rain, and couldn't be rescheduled for the next day because the field was too mushy.

"It's one of our town's favorite community events. We put a lot of effort into it," Mayor Jim Pallante said. "When you see how happy everyone is and having a good time – as long as the weather cooperates, we finally got the weather to cooperate – you couldn't ask for anything better than that."

Hundreds of children and their families came out for the event for children. The baseball field was sectioned off for each aged group, and all of the children ran out to hunt for the more than 2,500 plastic eggs filled with goodies and prize slips.



Above, children race out into the baseball field at Braden Park in Tatamy on March 30 for the annual Easter Egg hunt. This year, it also featured a Touch-A-Truck event.

At right, the Easter Bunny waves to the crowd of children and their families just before Mayor Jim Pallante addresses the group and does the countdown for the hunt



The prize eggs contained a plastic gold coin with a number written on it that corresponds to a specific prize basket or for this year, a huge stuffed Teddy Bear. Other eggs had a slip of paper in them that read either stuffed toy prize or gift bag. The children brought their papers to the prize table to redeem them and select their new toy. The stuffed animals were donated by Mayor Pallante.

Once they were done collecting their prizes and going through their eggs, children and their families were treated to a free hot dog, chips, treats and water, courtesy of the borough.

“Instead of the event being done in a few minutes, the borough decided to make it an event where people gather, linger, and visit with friends and neighbors,” Pallante said.

“I think it really went well. I saw a lot of kids with smiles on their faces,” said borough manager Mark Saginario. “Overall, it was a great community event, and really brought them together.”

New this year, the children had an opportunity to have a seat on a white bench with the Easter Bunny and get their picture taken. A spring backdrop behind the white bench were set up near the baseball diamond.

“Adding that photo backdrop was just more reason to congregate by the Bunny, and it looks like a benefit for the children. They like it,” Pallante said.

On the way to meet the Easter Bunny, children also got up close to Tatamy’s fire trucks and construction trucks in the borough’s first ever Touch-A-Truck event. Volunteer fire fighters from the town were on hand to answer questions and show the children around the trucks.

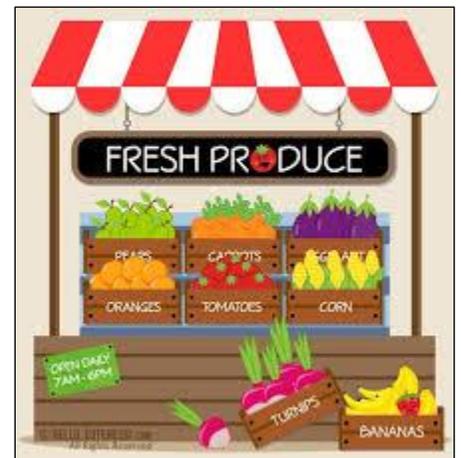
“I think the Touch-a-Truck was great,” Saginario said, despite missing half the trucks that couldn’t attend due to rescheduling. “We’re definitely going to bring that back again. If it keeps smiles on kids’ faces I think we’re good.”

A Farmers Market is coming to Tatamy

The Easter Egg hunt is just one of many events planned in Tatamy. Kellyn and Llantrisant are organizing the 2024 Tatamy Farmers Market in June, July and August. Also, a first-ever event, the Farmers Market will be held Friday afternoons around 3 p.m. on June 7 and 21, July 12 and 26, and Aug. 9 and 23 on the grounds of Llantrisant and the Grist Mill at 336 Bushkill Street.

If the Farmers Market is successful, then organizers will extend the event to Sept. 6 and 20.

Amanda Pietrobono, director of Operations and Culinary Medicine with the Kellyn Foundation, said craft vendors are also welcome to participate in the farmers market. Please contact her for more information at 610-248-8558 or amanda@kellyn.org.



Here is a preview of other events run by both the borough and by local organizations.

- **Werkheiser Family Park Dedication** – On Friday, April 12, the borough will get together at 6 p.m. to hold the dedication of the Werkheiser Family Park. Renovations to the existing park

are currently being worked on by the Parks and Recreation Committee. Nancy Werkheiser is curator of the Tatamy Historical Society, and the Werkheiser family is one of Tatamy's generational families.

- **Spring Craft Fair** – Come Saturday, May 11, there will be a craft fair 9 to 1 p.m. in the 700 block on Broad Street. If you would like to participate, and show your craft skills, contact Kellie Nolder at the borough office at 610-252-7123. The event is free to attend, and free to participate.



- **Memorial Day Service** – The Tatamy Historical Society will host the Memorial Day Service at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 27 in front of the borough building. Please come out to honor our lost service members.

- **National Night Out** – Plans are in the works to participate in National Night Out in August. The national event gives the public to meet our law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel. Watch our Facebook page for upcoming details.

- **Tatamy Yard Sale** – Residents of the borough are invited to participate in the Tatamy-wide yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 24. Now is your chance to sale some of those items you haven't used in a year. No cost to participate.

- **Tatamy Fall Festival** – Our Second Annual Tatamy Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Sept. 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the 700 block on Broad Street. Come out and enjoy some music, good food, and fellowship with your neighbors. There also will be a 5K Fun Run through the town in the morning. Registration is free. If you have a business or are a performer and would like to participate in the fall festival, please call Kellie Nolder at 610-252-7123. The event is free to attend, and free to participate.



- **The Historical Society Car Show** – the car show is set to roll into town on Sunday, Oct. 6, so Save the Date. Check out our website and Facebook page for more information as it gets closer to the date of the event.
- **Lehigh Valley VegStock 2024** – The annual VegStock event will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 on the grounds near Llantrisant Retreat and Wellness Center, 336 Bushkill Street.
- **Halloween Trick-or-Treating** – Our little ghosts and goblins will be able to take to the streets for trick-or-treating from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31.
- **Veteran's Day Remembrance** – Come ring the school bell in the municipal building at 11 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11 to honor all of our veterans who have served our country. The event is planned by the Tatamy Historical Society.



- **Christmas Tree Lighting** – The weekend after Thanksgiving, the Tatamy Historical Society will host the Christmas Tree Lighting at the borough building at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. Join us for this festive event to kick start the holiday season.

- **Tatamy's First Countdown to the New Year** – the year will wrap up with Tatamy's first-ever Countdown to the New Year for children and their families to enjoy some early evening fun. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with countdown at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the borough building. Refreshments will be available. The event is sponsored by the Whitfield Masonic Lodge in Tatamy.

Food oil, grease creates problem in drains

At their meeting on April 1, Tatamy Borough Council was made aware of a problematic grease clog in the sewer pipe near the newest housing development in north Tatamy.

Michael Lester, a council member and chairman of the Tatamy Borough Sewer Authority, said that when crews inspected a sewer pipe in Tatamy Farms, they discovered it was completely clogged with food oil and grease.

“The blockage was found where Tatamy Farms connects into the existing borough sewer line,” Lester said. “It was a buildup of food grease and oil that lined the pipes and just made it smaller and smaller and smaller until nothing could get through.”

Fortunately, the company that was hired to send a camera down the sewer line to inspect it, found the problem in the new sewer line before it backed up into homes, Lester said. They were able to open up the clog enough to alleviate some of the problem, but the clog needs to be cleaned out. The cost to flush out a sewer system can be upwards of about \$15,000.

“That got destroyed in a year and half, so if we’re going to have to do that and spend that kind of money every year and half that’s excessive,” Lester said. “We typically flush sewer lines every 10 to 15 years.”

People don’t realize that the hot food oils and grease they wash down the drain coagulate as it cools in the cold pipes, eventually building up in the pipe and causing a clog.

“It doesn’t affect the home that does it. It affects people downstream as it hardens,” Lester said.

Engineers are able to track the grease buildup back to the houses that cause it, Lester said. If the problem persists, the borough may have to do that.

Instead of throwing food oils and grease down the drain, people should dump it into a container, seal the container, and throw it into their trash cans.

“It just can’t go down the drain. That’s the big problem,” Lester said.

The tips provided by the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority also said people should scrape food and grease from plates and utensils into the garbage can, and use paper towels to clean up oil and grease instead of a kitchen towel or sponge.



Top: In tips for residents, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority used this picture to give people an example of a municipal pipe clogged with food, oil and grease.

Bottom: The clog can be seen four feet from the top of the entrance to this horizontal pipe.

Council welcomes new & returning members

In addition to returning council members Pamela Pearson and Robert Wagner, Tatamy council welcomed new members Deborah Frace and Michael Lester during the reorganization meeting in January.

This is Michael Lester's first time on council, but he does serve as the chairman of the Tatamy Borough Sewer Authority and is a member of the Tatamy Borough Planning Commission.

"I like being a council member, because I want to help Tatamy stay the great place that it already is," Lester said. "I have two kids and I want Tatamy to continue being a place where I can be proud to raise my kids."

Lester said he is interested in ensuring that future growth is done responsibly.

"I want to help set Tatamy up for a successful future by making smart choices now," he said. "I encourage people to be involved in the community, attend meetings and make your voice heard on issues that matter to you."

This is also the first time Deborah Frace has been a council member.

"I chose to be a member of council, because I wanted to support the community that has supported us," she said.

Frace said her husband was born and raised in Tatamy. They bought their house in 1997 and raised their children here. They are members of Hope Lutheran Church, and have fond memories of what Tatamy was and want to preserve that heritage.

"I like being on council so I'm aware of what is going on in our borough and give my input and support for the betterment of our community," she said. "As a council member, my goal is to preserve and recognize our heritage, while also accepting change in our borough and surrounding areas for Tatamy's benefit. I want to be sure we are protected with the best police force, fire company and emergency management. I want our parks and playgrounds to be up to date and worthwhile for all residents."

In addition to serving on the council, Frace has served on the Shafer Elementary PTA board, and she was an officer for several years for the Nazareth Football Booster Club. Frace also served two terms as a council member at Hope Lutheran Church, with some of those years as the board's secretary.

"As a council member, I was elected to serve the people. Please reach out to me if there's anything I can do to assist or support you and your family," she said.



Mark Saginario, a Notary Public and borough manager, swears in council members, from left to right, Michael Lester, Robert Wagner, Pamela Pearson and Deborah Frace at the reorganization meeting in January at Llantrisant Retreat and Wellness Center, where the meetings are held each month.

Pearson rejoins council and a term as vice president

Pamela Pearson was re-elected in November to her fourth term on Tatamy Borough Council. Her first term began in January 2012, and she became vice president in 2015.

Prior to serving on council, she was on the Tatamy Zoning Hearing Board for four years.

“Shortly after moving to Tatamy in 2005, I inquired about joining a committee when I saw a sign hanging up on my way to the post office, and over time one thing led to another,” she said. “I enjoy using my skills to help our community in any way possible.”

Pearson said she thinks one of the most important things Council has accomplished over the years is becoming better at long-term planning.

“A few years ago, we created a strategic planning committee that worked to prioritize various projects (for example building or vehicle maintenance, infrastructure upgrades, repairs, etc.), developed cost estimates and figured out how to fund these projects,” she said. “Additionally, we’ve allowed the borough administration to grow with the needs of the community.”

“I’ve met some wonderful people and I’m proud of how well we all work together as a team with our collective goal of making Tatamy a better place for all who live, work and pass through here,” Pearson said.



Tatamy borough has a new junior council member

A sophomore at the Nazareth Area High School, Sam Maczko joined the borough council in January.

At NAHS, Maczko is a part of the high school history club and a member of the high school track and cross-country teams.

“I am interested in being a junior councilman, because I would like to be involved in my local community and learn about local government,” he said. “I have always liked living in Tatamy. I think we have a nice closeknit community, and I’ve grown up having great neighbors and friends close by.”

Maczko said he didn’t come into council with any specific goals.

“I would like to help volunteer,, play an active role in my community and learn as much as I can about how a local government operates,” he said.



Sam Maczko and Council President Robert Hayes on Sam’s first day on council in January.



Calling all 2024 graduates

Graduation season is just around the corner!

Tatamy Borough would like to give a great big shout out in our newsletter to all of our high school and college graduates in the Class of 2024. We know you are proud of your graduate, so tell us about him or her.

Please email your graduate's name and school to Kristine Porter, Council Pro-tempore, at kporter@tatamypa.gov. Feel free to include more information, such as his or her future plans, a photo, hobbies, sports, clubs, honors or why you are so proud of your graduate. We will run these announcements in our next issue.

Borough information

2024 TATAMY MEETING DATES:

- Borough Council: 1st Monday of the month – 7 p.m.
- Parks & Recreation Committee: 2nd Monday of the month – 6 p.m.
- Planning Commission: 2nd Tuesday of the month – 7 p.m.
- Public Works & Facilities Committee: 2nd Wednesday of the month – 6 p.m.
- Environmental Steering: 2nd Thursday of the month – 6 p.m.
- Sewer Authority: 2nd Thursday of the month – 7:30 p.m.
- Community & Economic Development Committee: 3rd Wednesday of the month – 5 p.m.
- Public Safety Committee: 3rd Thursday of the month – 6 p.m.
- Bushkill Stream Conservancy: 4th Monday of the Month – 7 p.m.
- Personnel, Finance, & Administration: last Wednesday prior to Council meeting – 6 p.m.
- Workplace Safety Committee: 4th Thursday of the month – 2 p.m.

2024 LIST OF BOROUGH OFFICIALS:

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Council Vice-President Pamela Pearson – 610-392-4423, ppearson@tatamypa.gov

2024 HOLIDAYS: BOROUGH OFFICE CLOSED: Memorial Day – Monday, May 27; Juneteenth – Wednesday, June 19; Independence Day – Thursday, July 4; Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 2; Columbus Day – Monday, Oct. 14; Veterans Day – Monday, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving – Thursday, Nov. 28; and Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25.

Celebrate

Palmer Township
Earth Day 2024

with the Palmer Township
Environmental Steering Committee

Saturday April 20th, 2024

10 AM - 2 PM

Fairview Park - 3501 Fairview Ave, Easton

Join your neighbors to see how you can help preserve our township,
our state and our planet.

Presentations

10 AM: Bee Nice

Pollinators help farmers produce our food
and make our gardens richer and more
beautiful.

11 AM: Stash the Trash

Plastics are entering our food and
water. Reducing our waste stream can
prolong the life of our landfills; avoiding
the questions of where to place new ones
and how to pay for them.

Noon: Slow the Flow

Stormwater is causing pain and expense
to Palmer residents. Find out about ways
to minimize both while improving your
property and budget.

Ongoing Events

Native Plant Sale

Plants that have evolved to thrive locally will
be available to beautify your yard and
garden. Master Gardeners from the Penn
State Extension can offer advice and answer
questions.

EVs and Owners

Battery Electric Vehicles are in our future.
Discuss expense, charging and range with
people who have lived with them for years.

Preservation Groups

Find out about hikes, nature walks and
opportunities for volunteering.

Trail, Road and Park Clean-up

Fairview Park and other spaces will be
cleaned by volunteers. Come early to help.

Contact

earthstewardsofpalmer@gmail.com.



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