

October 14, 2010

Dear Resident,

We would like to bring a number of topics to your attention:

Burning Regulations- Council has passed an Ordinance prohibiting outdoor burning of rubbish, leaves and other non-woody vegetation. Open burning of dry, woody vegetative matter such as twigs, sticks, branches and logs is allowed, with common sense safety requirements as described on the enclosed flier. Accumulation of rubbish and other objectionable materials on public or private property is prohibited. *Residents are required to trim back vegetation on their properties that extend into roads or obscure sight triangles at intersections (this includes up to heights of 8'.)*

Leaf Disposal – The Borough does not provide leaf collection services. Many of our residents bag leaves for a private contractor to pick up, while other compost leaves for use in their gardens next spring. Please remember not to rake leaves into piles along the side of the roadways as they blow into the street, block storm drains and create hazards.

Snowplowing. Each winter we encounter problems with cars parked in our roadways making it difficult for our snow plower to do an effective job. If you have a steep driveway, we recommend that you to park your car in your driveway near the street rather than on the roadway. While the plower will make every effort to avoid depositing piles of snow at driveway entrances or near mailboxes, sometimes it is unavoidable, particularly during periods of heavy snow. Please be understanding if you are inconvenienced by an errant pile of snow. If you utilize a private contractor to clear your driveway, please ask the contractor to avoid creating a driving hazard by depositing a pile of snow on the edge of a Borough roadway.

Town Watch. The State Police tell us that our Borough has one of the most effective town watch organizations in the state. Did you know that we have three radio-controlled town watch patrols every day that drive throughout the Borough? Would you be willing to devote one hour a month to this worthy effort? Please contact Dick Jacob, our Town Watch Captain, at 610-565-3195.

South Media Fire Company - The South Media Fire Company is currently looking for new members. They are a 100% volunteer organization that provides fire and rescue services to the residents of Rose Valley Borough. They respond to over 300 emergencies every year and provide FREE training to all members in firefighting, rescue, emergency medical and hazardous materials operations. You do not need to be an interior front line firefighter to be a member. They need support firefighters, drivers, mechanics, administrators, grant writers, clerical staff, cooks and more in order to run an effective and efficient fire company. Interested people are invited to come to the Fire Station, 535 Washington Ave, Media, any Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. They accept members who are 14 years old and above. For more information, check out the website – www.southmediafire.com or call the fire station at 610-566-6151.

Rose Valley's Website: The Borough has a website whose address is www.rosevalleyborough.org. Current Borough events, Minutes of Council Meetings and other relevant information are posted regularly.

Helen Kate Furness Library. The Library is in need of volunteers. If you can spare a few hours a month volunteering it would be of great help and a wonderful contribution to our community. The Board of Directors is also in need of people willing to serve. Please call Sandi Nailor, Head Librarian, at 610-566-9331 for information.

Rose Valley Alert System. If you are interested in being added to Rose Valley's Alert system to received notices about emergency issues, please send your e-mail address to rosevalleyborough@comcast.net.

Deer Management. The Borough is seeking donations to pay for the deer cull. Checks (in any amount) should be made out to Rose Valley Borough and mailed to P. O. Box 198, Rose Valley, Pa. 19065. Call the Borough Office if you have any questions.

Holiday Gift Ideas. With the holiday season approaching – The Rose Valley Museum and Historical Society is selling beautiful “Fireplaces of Rose Valley” holiday cards featuring the fireplace of Dave and Sherry Carson, Porter Lane. The cost of the cards are \$20.00 for 10 cards and can be purchased in the borough Office. . We also have History of Rose Valley - Vol.I and II - \$28.50 a piece; The Rose Valley Cookbook - \$15.00; Price Pillar Ornaments - \$10.00 a piece; and Rose Valley Banners - \$45.00. If interested, call the Borough Office – Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at 610-566- 2040.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

After careful consideration and in consultation with the Rose Valley Environmental Advisory Council, Rose Valley Borough Council has authorized Eccologix Biodiversity Consulting Group to conduct a limited deer hunt on Borough-owned parkland: the Saul Wildlife Preserve, the Chadwick (Long Point) Wildlife Preserve and the Todmorden Woods. From October 25 through November 19, excluding weekends, these areas will be closed to the public during the hours of active hunting, which are two hours after sunrise and two hours before sunset. The hunters are permitted to be in these areas before and after the active hunting hours to mobilize and demobilize.

The preservation of our woodlands in their natural state for the benefit of current and future Borough residents and all forms of native flora and fauna, as well as the safety of people living in or passing through Rose Valley, are the paramount reasons for reducing (not eliminating) the current deer population. The lack of natural predators has allowed the deer population to reach ecologically unsustainable levels. Deer browsing has resulted in the loss of native species of plants and trees, which destroys the habitat and food sources for a variety of insects, birds and other animals. The damage is cumulative as the native plants are replaced by non-native invasive plants that have little value to wildlife. Additionally, deer are increasingly seeking food sources outside of the parklands, which causes roadway accidents and promotes the transmission to humans of serious deer tick-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease.

The hunt will be by archery only. No hunting with firearms on Borough-owned property is permitted. The hunt is not open to the general public. Only members of Eccologix are authorized to participate.

Residents should be aware that harassment of legal hunters is a crime under Pennsylvania law. Residents who observe hunting on Borough-owned lands outside of the permitted hours, with unauthorized weaponry or by persons not associated with Eccologix are strongly encouraged to contact the Pennsylvania State Game Commission at 610- 926-3136 (press zero for a dispatcher). Residents should NOT personally confront anyone they suspect of unauthorized or illegal activity.

The Borough is prohibited under state law from regulating hunting on private property within Rose Valley. However, any resident who conducts or permits hunting on his or her property is cautioned to advise their hunters not to hunt on Borough-owned property. Additionally, residents are requested to advise their private hunters to avoid crossing into their neighbors' property. Finally, residents who permit hunting on their property are encouraged to report the number of deer taken to the Borough office (610-566-2040). Any deer taken on private land counts toward reduction of the Borough's deer population and may reduce the number of deer targeted for removal in a given year on Borough-owned lands.