

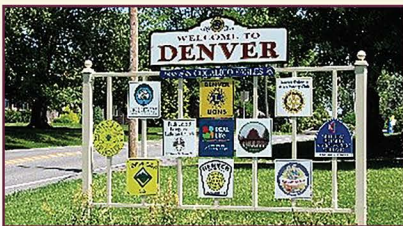


# Borough of Denver

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

“The Mile Wide Town”

*Established 1900*



Denver Borough is pleased to provide you with our 2018-2019 Municipal Directory and Map. Our Directory provides your municipal information in a convenient and easy reference format to highlight elected and appointed officials, public services, and facilities available to all Borough residents.

This publication was sponsored by many local businesses and professionals located in and around Denver Borough. We thank them for their support! It is the Borough's continued hope that as a resident of the Borough, you will find this information useful as you live, work, and play in Denver Borough.

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# Denver Borough Information



## Borough Council

Front Row (l to r): Mayor Rodney L. Redcay, President Blake S. Daub, and Vice President Christopher Flory.  
Back Row (l to r): Todd Stewart, John Palm, Matt Stover, Jason South, and Dan Rogers.

Denver Borough government is a strong council, weak mayor form of government. Borough Council consists of seven (7) members elected by Borough residents for four (4) year overlapping terms. Borough Council reorganize every two (2) years and the members elect the Borough Council President and Vice President.

Borough Council develops policy for the Borough and possesses the authority to enact, revise, repeal, and amend rules, regulations, ordinances, and resolutions deemed beneficial to the Borough. To accomplish these objectives, Borough Council is currently organized into the following functional committees: Community Development Committee; Finance Committee; Municipal Collaboration Committee; Personnel Committee; Planning and Building Committee; Police and Safety Committee; Recreation Committee; Streets and Safety Committee; and the Water and Sewer Committee.

## Mayor

### Rodney L. Redcay

The Mayor is elected to a four (4) year term. The Mayor's duties include preserving order in the Borough, enforcing regulations and ordinances, removing nuisances, and exacting faithful performance of the duties of the officers appointed. Other responsibilities include an active role in emergency management and police functions in the Borough. Mayor Redcay currently serves as the Chairperson for the Borough's Police and Safety Committee.

## Public Meetings

The official meetings of Denver Borough Council are held on the second and last Monday of every month beginning at 7:00 PM. All Borough Council meetings are held at the Denver Borough Mu-

nicipal Building, 501 Main Street, Denver, and are open to the public. A copy of the Meeting Agenda for each Borough Council Meeting is posted on the Borough's website [www.denverboro.net](http://www.denverboro.net) the Friday before the meeting.

## Administration and Finance

The Borough Manager/Secretary reports to Borough Council and is responsible for the proper and efficient administration of the daily affairs of the Borough. Implementation of Borough Council's policy decisions and the preparation of the annual budget are key responsibilities of this office. The Borough Manager/Secretary also acts as the liaison between the residents of the Borough and the duly elected members of Borough Council.

The Finance Division is responsible for all financial aspects of the Borough including budgeting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll. Division staff members work closely with all organization members to ensure the efficient administration of the municipal budget while emphasizing the Borough's long-term financial health.

The Borough Treasurer is responsible for all financial aspects of the Borough including: budgeting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, and revenue management and investments. The Office Assistant is an administrative position responsible for the processing of documents and information, billing and processing water and sewer utility payments and Local Services Tax (LST) records and payments.

## Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division serves to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of Borough citizens through the administration of the provisions of the Borough's Property Maintenance Code, Quality of Life Ordinance, and the Rental Housing Inspection Program. The purpose of these ordinances is to promote and encourage the maintenance of all properties within the Borough limits. These ordinances are intended to assist property owners and tenants in recognizing some problem areas that become hazards to the safety and welfare of the occupants, visitors, neighbors, and/or the public at large.

The complete Borough of Denver Code of Ordinances is available at [www.denverboro.net](http://www.denverboro.net) for your review. The municipal Code of Ordinances is indexed and searchable.

## Public Works Department

The Borough Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and operation of all Borough facilities. The primary duties of the Public Works Department include street repairs, leaf collection, snow removal, storm water maintenance, operation of the water and sewer systems, and the maintenance of the Borough's right-of-ways and easements.

The Public Works Department is located at the Denver Borough Garage at 504 Main Street, Denver. The Public Works Department consists of five (5) staff members including a Director and four (4) Laborer III employees.

## Recreation Division

The Recreation Division is responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of Borough's park, recreation, and open space grounds, facilities, and buildings. The Recreation Division also is responsible for the seasonal operation of the Denver Community Pool.

## Police Services

**Darrick Keppley, Chief**

### East Cocalico Township Police Department

The Borough of Denver contracts with the East Cocalico Township Police Department for police services. The East Cocalico Township Police Department provides 24-hour a day, seven (7) days per week coverage for Denver Borough and East Cocalico Township. The East Cocalico Police Department is located at 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA.

## Fire Services

**Shannon Hilton, Chief**

### Denver Fire Company No. 1



Fire services in the Borough of Denver are provided by the Denver Fire Company No. 1. Located at 425 Locust Street, the

Denver Fire Company serves the Borough of Denver, a part of East and West Cocalico Townships, part of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Interstate 76, and are the first due Rescue and RIT Company for several other surrounding municipalities in both Lancaster and Berks Counties. Founded in 1902, as the Denver Fire Company No. 1, quickly grew in size. Today the company is comprised of around 45 active responding personnel as well as a number of social members and support staff. The Denver Fire Company relies on donations from residents and businesses in the Borough to continue operation.

## Important Phone Numbers:

Denver Borough Municipal ..... 717-336-2831  
Building

Denver Borough Fax ..... 717-336-7190

Denver Borough Email ..... dboro@ptd.net

East Cocalico Police ..... 717-336-1725  
Department (Non-Emergency)

Emergency – Police, Fire, ..... 911  
and Ambulance

Denver Volunteer Fire ..... 717-336-2911  
Company #1

Reamstown Ambulance ..... 717-336-2911  
Association

Reinholds Community ..... 717-336-0217  
Ambulance Association

District Justice ..... 717-336-2801

Denver Post Office ..... 717-336-2230

Cocalico School District Office ..... 717-336-1413

Denver Community Pool ..... 717-336-6106

Denver Memorial Park Pavilion ..... 717-629-7279  
Rental, Contact: Mike Grant

Denver Fair Office ..... 717-336-4072

Adamstown Area Library ..... 717-484-4200

Peter's Porch Food Bank ..... 717-336-2141

Blue Ridge Communications ..... 800-CABLE 77

PP Electric Utilities ..... 800-342-5775

UGI ..... 800-322-4431

Representative Mindy Fee ..... 717-664-4979 or  
(R-37th District) ..... 717-336-2199

Senator Ryan Aument ..... 717-627-0036  
(R-36th District)

Adamstown Borough ..... 717-484-2280

East Cocalico Township ..... 717-336-1720

West Cocalico Township ..... 717-336-8720

Lancaster County Voter ..... 717-299-8293  
Registration Office

Lancaster County Solid Waste ..... 717-397-9968  
Management Authority

Lancaster County Office of Aging .. 717-299-7979

Pennsylvania 2-1-1: Health ..... 211  
& Human Service Information

# History of Denver Borough



Hans Bucher emigrated from Switzerland in 1735 and built a log cabin on a 325-acre tract of land. The area later was called "Bucher-Thal" meaning Bucher's Valley. The present farm, which was built around 1800 at 393 Locust Street,

was built around 1855, replaced the original log cabin. During the late 1700s, rich meadows embraced nearly the entire region. Farming was the chief occupation, although there also was an early mill and by 1774 a blacksmith shop. Other industries followed including a lime manufacturer, weaver's loom, cobbler shop, and in 1840, a quarry operation.

A railroad station was built in the late 1800s and soon tradesmen began to locate in the area. A post office was established in 1868 in the depot. The settlement was called "Union Station." In 1881, with people tiring of being referred to as a railroad station, 19 year old Adam G. Brubaker examined the records of the post offices in the country and found only one with the name of Denver. The name of the area was officially changed to Denver on November 1, 1881.

On September 4, 1900, Denver officially incorporated as a Borough and elected the first Borough officials on October 9, 1900. A volunteer fire company was organized on April 16, 1902.

Denver Borough has continued to grow and prosper during the last 118 years. Industries today include manufacturers of hats, wire, battery cables and extension cords, graphite products, woven materials, and meats. Other businesses include a feed mill, pharmacy, banks, drug store, several garbage, contractors, and various professional services.

The Cocalico School District campus is located on 17-acres of land in the southern end of the Borough and includes an Elementary School, a Middle School, a High School, various auxiliary buildings such as an administration building, a service center, and top quality athletic facilities including Eagle Stadium and Talon Field.

Denver's future is bright, with a renewed commitment toward zoning, economic development, and community revitalization. The Borough boasts of an enhanced park and recreation system that is environmentally friendly. Through a commitment to community involvement and cohesiveness, the Borough continues to thrive as a place where people want to live, work, play, and invest.

## Taxes

### Real Estate Tax

Real Estate Taxes are levied by the Borough of Denver, Lancaster County, and the Cocalico School District. The Borough and County real estate tax notice is combined and collected by the Lancaster County Treasurer. This portion of the tax commonly is referred to as the "Spring Tax." Please contact the Lancaster County Treasurer's Office at 717-299-8222 with any questions concerning this tax.

### School Real Estate Tax

The Cocalico School District's portion of the real estate taxes are billed and mailed by the Cocalico School District and is commonly referred to as the "Fall Tax." Please contact the Cocalico School District at 717-336-1413 with questions concerning the school taxes.

## Boards and Commissions

### Denver Planning Commission

*Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Denver Borough Municipal Building*

The Denver Planning Commission is responsible for making recommendations to Borough Council regarding the adoption of the official map, the adoption and amendment to a municipal zoning ordinance, and all proposed subdivision, land development, and storm water management plans. Critical in its evaluation role, the Planning Commission's task is to ensure that all development occurring within the Borough adheres to the community's zoning and land development ordinances and meets the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

### Denver Recreation Board

*Meets the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Denver Borough Municipal Building*

The Denver Recreation Board serves as an advisory board to Borough Council providing reports and recommendations to Borough Council concerning the provision of park, recreation, and open space programs and facilities in Denver Borough. The Recreation Board's Mission Statement is to provide essential park and recreation programs as well as to promote, coordinate, maintain, and evaluate recreation activities and facilities on an equitable basis for all ages and interests.

### Denver Shade Tree Commission

*Meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Denver Borough Municipal Building*

The Denver Shade Tree Commission is responsible for the exclusive custody and control of shade trees in the Borough and is authorized to plant, remove, maintain, and protect shade trees on the streets and highways in the Borough. Shade trees are defined as any tree, shrub, or other woody plant in or upon any public right-of-way within the Borough or that part of any tree, shrub, or other woody plant which extends within the lines of any right-of-way within the Borough.

### Denver Zoning Hearing Board

*Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month, as needed, at 7:00 PM at the Denver Borough Municipal Building*

The Zoning Hearing Board is responsible for reviewing and making decision on the following issues: appeals from a decision made by the zoning officer; challenges to the validity of the zoning ordinance or zoning map; and requests for variances and special exceptions.

## Trash Collection and Recycling Programs and Guidelines

### Solid Waste Collection

Every person who owns or occupies a residential unit in the Borough is required to provide for the proper collection, transportation, and disposal of regulated municipal waste and designated recyclable materials generated at such residential units by utilizing a licensed hauler to collect and transport such materials to a facility. In the Borough, the following companies are registered as licensed haulers for refuse and recycling removal:

Waste Management .....	1-800-822-4709
Good's Disposal .....	717-336-6385
Purple Heart .....	717-538-0059
Eagle Disposal .....	717-355-9560
Lebanon Farms .....	1-800-533-5356

Refuse and recycling is collected one (1) time per week and is collected on the same day as your recycling. Please contact your licensed hauler for a schedule for the collection in your part of the Borough. No regulated municipal waste or source separated recyclable materials shall be placed at curbside for collection more than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled time for collection.

## Community Events



### Denver Community Fair

The Denver Community Fair is held annually in the Denver Memorial Park and Playground, 801 Main Street, during the first full week after Labor Day week in September. The Fair is a five (5) day event starting on Tuesday and ending Saturday night and includes free entertainment, contests, rides, animal exhibits, fruit and vegetables displays, commercial exhibits and craft exhibits. There is no admission to the Fair. There is a charge for parking but those proceeds go to the local organizations like the Fire Company, Boy Scout Troop and Church. Each year the Fair attracts over 80,000 visitors from throughout the state of Pennsylvania.

**The Annual Caroline Schannauer Pumpkin Painting Contest** is held on the last Saturday in October from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. The contest is located at the Courtyard Cafe located at 349 Main Street, Denver. Children in kindergarten through grade five are invited to participate in this free pumpkin painting event which includes the distribution of treats. Participants are asked to register for the event.

To kickoff the holiday season, on the first Sunday of every December Denver Borough sponsors the **Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** starting at 4:30 PM at the Denver Borough Municipal Building, 501 Main Street, Denver. Free refreshments including hot dogs, oranges, cookies, hot cocoa, and drinks will be provided for all participants. The Denver Fire Company escorts Santa Claus to the Municipal Building to begin the ceremony. The program includes holiday carols and the lighting of the tree by Ms. Denver Fair. Following the tree lighting ceremony, parents and children are invited to meet with Santa Claus in the Borough Council Meeting Room for a photo opportunity (please bring your own camera).

# Borough of Denver Parks and Recreational Facilities

The Borough of Denver currently has approximately 42-acres of open space and park land dedicated for recreational usage including community parks, neighborhood parks, and passive recreation/environmental retreats. The Borough's park system includes a diverse group of facilities including walking and nature trails, a skateboard park, a roller skating/ice skating rink, a band shell, and picnic pavilions.



## Denver Memorial Park and Playground

801 Main Street | Denver, PA 17517

The Denver Memorial Park and Playground is a 12-acre tract of land located on the northern end of Main Street. The Denver Memorial Park consists of the Denver War Memorial; two (2) baseball diamonds; one (1) 3,250-foot linear walking trail; one (1) 100' X 50' Roller Skating/Ice Skating Rink; one (1) 80' x 90' Skateboard Park; three (3) picnic pavilions, one (1) of which includes a stone fireplace; a kitchen; nine (9) charcoal grills; one (1) band stand; 12 picnic tables/benches; a Recreation Center; a Boy Scouts Cabin; a fish pond; a restroom facility; and a variety of outdoor playground equipment.

The Recreation Center, kitchen, and pavilion facilities located in the Denver Memorial Park may be rented by the general public for picnics, parties, events, and gatherings. Michael Grant with the Denver Park Association schedules all facility rentals in the Denver Memorial Park. To schedule a facility or to find additional information, please contact Mr. Grant at 717-629-7279.



## Denver Park Annex

801 Main Street  
Denver, PA 17517

The Denver Park Annex is an 11-acre tract of open space/park land owned by

Denver Borough and located adjacent to the Denver Memorial Park. The Denver Park Annex consists of a Little League baseball field, a multi-use lacrosse/football/soccer field, and a 765-foot long section of the Denver Memorial Park Trail linking the Denver Memorial Park Trail with the sidewalk at Oak Street and North 9th Street.

## North 4th Street Playground

North 4th Street and Locust Street | Denver, PA 17517



The North 4th Street Playground is a 1.4-acre playground located at the corner of North 4th Street and Locust Street. The facility includes a baseball diamond, a small concession stand, a variety of outdoor playground equipment, swings, and an off-street ADA parking space.

## Bon View Estates Linear Park

200 Monroe Street | Denver, PA 17517



The Bon View Estates Linear Park is a 12.72-acre site comprised of three (3) separate parcels that generally follow along the east side of the Little

Cocalico Creek on the east side of the Borough. This site is conveniently accessible to pedestrians from the central areas of the Borough via sidewalks along North 3rd Street and a macadam access drive that served as the former North 3rd Street.

The current facilities include a riparian buffer, a tree arboretum, educational wetland and tree signs, and various benches and picnic tables. The Linear Park also includes an 850 foot long stone dust trail and a series of wood carpet (mulch) trails that connect with the Linear Park driveway and the sidewalk on North 3rd Street. The trail system meanders under the tree canopy along the Little Cocalico Creek and provides access to the tree arboretum and native planting areas located in the Linear Park.



## Denver Community Pool

400 Monroe Street  
Denver, PA 17517

The Denver Community Pool is located at 400 Monroe Street. The Pool complex is set on a 4.4-acre tract of land that includes two (2) swimming pools (one adult and one child), a water slide, a mushroom fountain, a barbecue pit, picnic tables, park benches, and a beach volleyball court. The Pool is owned and operated by the Borough and managed by the Ephrata Recreation Center. The Adamstown YMCA provides swim lessons and the pool serves as the home base for the Denver Sharks Swim Team.



## Cocalico High School Campus Walking Path

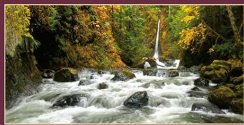
800 South 4th Street  
Denver, PA 17517

As part of the larger athletic field renovation project completed by the Cocalico High School District, a level, wheelchair accessible macadam walking path has been installed on the Cocalico High School campus. The walking path is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile long and links the public sidewalk on South 4th Street just below Jefferson Avenue and loops around the new athletic facilities. A section of the trail also connects with the public sidewalk on Fausnacht Drive.

## Park Rules and Regulations

- Pets must be kept on a leash and all feces deposited by the animal shall be removed.
- No alcoholic beverages permitted.
- No smoking permitted at any time.
- No person shall break, cut, deface, disturb, injure or take any flower, fruit, plant, tree, shrub, bench, building, fence, monuments, or other structure or apparatus.
- No person shall violate any posted rules for or misuse any picnic area, play field, or other.
- No person shall operate any vehicle at any place other than authorized roadways or special areas designed for operation of such vehicles. The speed limit shall be no more than 10 miles per hour.
- No person shall ride upon or utilize in any manner upon any Borough park any pedalcycle, skateboard, scooter, roller skates, or street skates except in areas designated for such use.

# Storm water Management



Stormwater is the water that runs off the land after precipitation, either rain or snowmelt. Rain or snow can drain down into the soil (infiltration), evaporate back into the atmosphere, be used by plants, or flow into streams or water bodies. The water that runs off the land to streams, creeks, rivers, or lakes is referred to as stormwater runoff.

Denver Borough's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is defined as a system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) which are owned or operated by the Borough, designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater. Because the storm water discharges into waterways including the Cocalico Creek, the Little Cocalico Creek, and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay, the system is subject to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations.

Under the NPDES stormwater program, the Borough is required to develop a stormwater management plan that provides the details of how the community will comply with the requirements of the permit. Permits are based on a framework of six (6) minimum control measures:

- Public education and outreach;
- Public participation and involvement;
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination;
- Construction site runoff control;
- Post-construction storm water management in new development and redevelopment; and,
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance.

The goal of the Borough's MS4 program is to reduce the discharge of pollutants into our waterways. The water that runs off your property and from the streets either infiltrates into the ground and becomes groundwater or flows through a series of facilities such as swales and pipes to the waterways. If this water isn't cleaned, all the pollutants the water carries end up in the stream and ultimately into the Chesapeake Bay.

*You can help to keep our water clean by doing the following:*

- Properly disposing of water from your property (rainwater, pool water, sump pumps, etc.);
- Cleaning up after your pets; and,
- Using fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides correctly.

In addition, residents are asked to monitor the stormwater facilities that you see or live near. If you see something that looks wrong or which is causing these facilities to be polluted or blocked, please contact the Denver Borough Municipal Building at 717-336-2831, or send the information by email through the Borough's website at [www.denverboro.net](http://www.denverboro.net). Together, we can make a difference.

