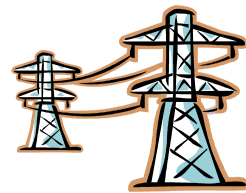


# Lansdale Borough Electric Wire

## A Newsletter for Borough Electric Customers

### April 2013



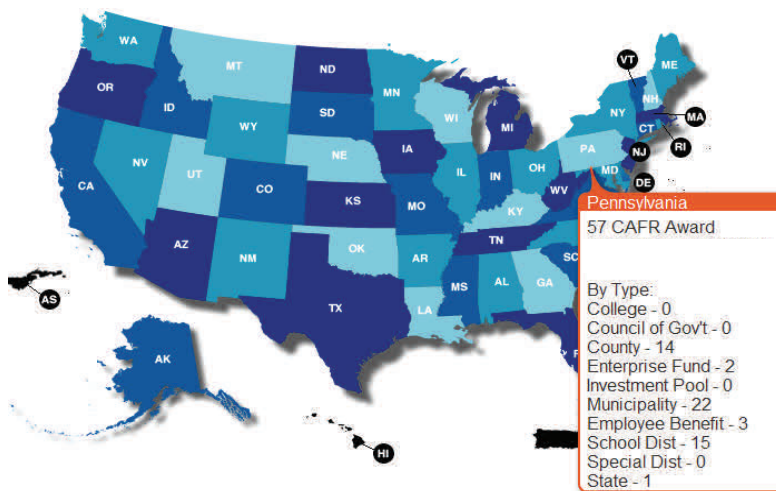
### BOROUGH AWARDED GFOA CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) presented Lansdale Borough Finance Director, Brian Shapiro, with the Certificate for Excellence in Financial Reporting for 2012. This award is given by GFOA to organizations that go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles and prepare financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure to those they serve. The prestigious acknowledgement, selected by a group of individuals with expertise in public-sector financial reporting and other experts within the Financial field, recognizes individual governments that are successful in providing greater disclosure.

Of all the reporting districts in Pennsylvania, only fifty-seven entities won the award; of those fifty-seven

only twenty-two were municipal governments. These twenty-two winning municipalities represent only 0.86% of the 2,562 municipalities located in Pennsylvania. Additionally, Lansdale is proud to be one of only 3,751 national organizations to receive this award.

Congratulations Brian on achieving this significant accomplishment!



### BOROUGH BRAND TO BE INCORPORATED IN BOROUGH UTILITY BILLS

As Borough Electric Rates have been streamlined, both the Electric and Customer Service Departments have been working together to make customer bills simpler to understand as well. As part of

this process, the bills will be in the Borough Brand color palette and will include account information, previous and current month usage, meter readings, utility consumption chart as well as account balance. If you have any issues reading your bill, please contact Customer Service at 215-361-8318.

### BOROUGH AUDITORS COMMEND FINANCE DEPARTMENT ON STATE OF BOROUGH FINANCES

During the March Administration and Finance Committee meeting, Borough auditor Edward Furman, CPA reported that the Borough records were complete and ready for audit as soon as they arrived in the Borough to begin the annual Audit.

Significant findings from the 2012 audit include:

- Overall solid debt to equity ratio
- Increase in cash at year end as a result of positive operations
- OPEB obligation to be watched yearly, not a significant liability like in other municipalities
- One time capital payment of \$7 million for the year related to Merck proceeds
- General Fund unassigned balance at recommended levels

Check your mail for the Parks & Recreation Spring / Summer Newsletter coming in early May!

# NEW PARKS & RECREATION CAMP OFFERINGS

## GEOVENTURES “THE OUTDOORS REDISCOVERED



- Geocaching Adventures: ages 10—16yrs
- Critter Scene Investigation: ages 7—12yrs

## MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

- A dozen different sports—coed, ages 7-14yrs

Visit the Parks and Recreation section of the website [www.lansdale.org](http://www.lansdale.org) for more information on our pools as well as department programs and activities.

## 2013 SPRING CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

The annual spring clean up will take place this year during the week of May 6, 2013. Collection will begin at 6:00 am on scheduled days; if pick up in a section is not completed on the day scheduled, it will be completed on the following day. Please place items to be picked up in biodegradable paper leaf bags, not provided by the Borough, no larger than the 30 gallon size and no heavier than 50 pounds. For more information, please visit [www.lansdale.org](http://www.lansdale.org).

Section One:  
*(West Main Street,  
North Broad Street,  
North Borough Line  
Squirrel Lane)*

**May 6**

Section Two:  
*(East Main Street,  
North Broad Street,  
North Borough Line,  
North Wales Road)*

**May 7**

Section Three:  
*(West Main Street,  
South Broad Street,  
Whites Road, West  
Borough Line)*

**May 9**

Section Four:  
*(South Broad Street,  
East Main Street,  
Wissahickon Creek and  
South Borough Line)*

**May 10**

May 1	<b>Committee Meetings:</b> Parks & Recreation  Admin & Finance  Public Works  Electric  Public Safety  Code Enforcement  <b>Work Session</b>	6:30 pm 2nd Floor Conference  7:00 pm Caucus Room  7:00 pm Council Chambers  8:00 pm 2nd Floor Conference  8:00 pm Caucus Room  8:00 pm Council Chambers  9:00 pm Council Chambers
May 3	First Friday	6:00—9:00 pm Downtown Lansdale
May 4	Bicycle Safety Workshop	9:00 am Whites Road Park
May 6	Library Committee Meeting	6:30 pm Lansdale Library
May 8	Parking Authority	7:00 pm Council Chambers
May 11	Yard Waste Drop Off	7:00—11:00 am Utilities Complex (9th & Moyers Road)
May 14	Lansdale Historical Society Presents “Religion Comes to Lansdale”	7:30 pm Parks Building
May 15	Council Business Meeting	7:00 pm Council Chambers
May 17	Pool Registration	6:00—7:00 pm Parks Building
May 18	Pool Registration	9:00—10:00 am Parks Building
May 20	Pool Registration Joint CC & EDC Meeting Planning Commission	6:00—7:00 pm Parks Building  6:30 pm Council Chambers  7:30 pm Council Chambers
May 25	Opening Day Whites Road Pool	12:00 noon—7:00 pm
May 27	Memorial Day BOROUGH OFFICES CLOSED	9:00 am   Parade 10:00 am   Ceremony
May 28	Whites Road Concert Series: Mike Guldin and Rollin’ & Tumblin’	7:00 pm Whites Road Park

