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DENVER BOROUGH
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DENVER, PA 17517
717- 336-2831

Denver Borough – A Brief History



The Borough of Denver is a quaint, "small town" located in Northern Lancaster County near the regional transportation hubs of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Interstate 76, PA Route 272, and U.S. Route 222. The Borough initially started as a settlement 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 post offices in the country and found only one with the name of Denver. The name of the area officially was 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. Since its inception, the Borough has secured its place as the second largest Denver in the United States, and with an area of 1.1 square miles, has become known as the "Mile Wide Town."

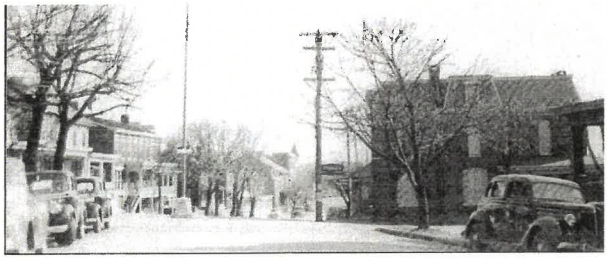
The Borough has continued to grow and prosper during the last 125 years. Industries today include manufacturers of wiring, battery cables and extension cords, graphite products, woven materials, and meats. Other businesses include a feed mill, pharmacy, bank, drug store, contractors, several garages, contractors, and various professional services including a veterinary hospital.

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.

In 2025, the Borough celebrated its **125th Anniversary** with a Proclamation issued by Mayor Rodney L. Redcay designating the year 2025 to be the Quasquicentennial Celebration of Denver Borough and its residents.

As part of this special occasion, various boards and committees in the Borough planned and held monthly events to commemorate this anniversary including a street pole banner contest; a Memorial Day Parade and Celebration; a community movie night at the Denver Memorial park; the annual Denver Fair and the first ever Denver 5K Race; a Discover Denver event on Main Street focusing on the history of the Borough; and the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Denver's future is bright, with a renewed commitment toward zoning, economic development, and community revitalization. The Borough works well with surrounding communities and has developed an enhanced park and recreation system which improves the quality of life for residents and visitors to our community.



DENVER BOROUGH GOVERNMENT

Elected Officials

Borough Council

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. Councilmembers elect the 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 Water and Sewer Committee.

Borough Council meets on the second and last Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Denver Borough Municipal Building, 501 Main Street, Denver, PA. All Borough Council meetings are open to the public.

Mayor

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. The Mayor also has the authority to perform marriage ceremonies.

Tax Collector

The Tax Collector is an elected position with the authority to collect all municipal and county real estate taxes levied in the Borough. The Tax Collector serves a four (4) year term of office. Currently, Real Estate taxes in the Borough are collected by the Lancaster County Treasure's office.

Borough Staff

Administration

The Borough Manager/Secretary reports to Borough Council and is responsible for the proper and efficient administration of daily affairs of the Borough. Implementation of Borough Council's policy decisions and the preparation of the annual budget are key responsibilities of the administrative staff. Questions regarding water and sewer billings, ordinance information, and public concerns should be directed to this office.

Recreation Division

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

Public Works

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

Police and Fire Services

Denver Borough currently contracts with East Cocalico Township for police services. The East Cocalico Police Department provides 24-hour a day, seven days per week coverage to Denver Borough and the other municipalities that make up the Cocalico School District.

The Denver Volunteer Fire Company #1, which is located at 425 Locust Street, provides fire protection services for residents of the Borough.

Boards and Commissions

Denver Borough Planning Commission

The Denver Borough Planning Commission is a committee 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 land development plans.

Denver Borough Recreation Board

The Denver Borough Recreation Board serves as advisory body 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.

Denver Borough Shade Tree Commission

The Denver Borough Shade Tree Commission is responsible for overseeing the planting, removal, maintenance, and protection of shade trees on the streets, and highways in the Borough.

Denver Water Committee

The Denver Borough Water Committee has been given the charge to study and make recommendations to Borough Council for the construction of a new water storage reservoir in the Borough.

Denver Borough Zoning Hearing Board

The Denver Borough 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.

Denver Borough Facts

2010 Population	-	3,861
2020 Population	-	3,792
Area	-	1.31 square miles

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

BICYCLE LICENSES

Bicycle licenses are required for all bicycles used within the Borough. A fee of $.50 per license will be paid upon license issuance. The Borough will also provide you with a copy of the registration in case of loss or theft.

CONSTRUCTION CODE PERMITS

Residents are required to obtain a construction code and/or zoning permit for various types of projects including but not limited to the following: changes to buildings, structures, and accessory buildings; additions to accessory structures; utility sheds; new patios and porches; swimming pools - both in ground and above ground; fences; sidewalks and curbs; driveways; interior alterations; plumbing and electrical improvements; HVAC installations; landscaping in the Borough right-of-way; and the removal or demolition of any building or structure.

In regard to non-commercial swimming pools, the Borough requires a permit for all pools with a water depth greater than 24-inches. Residents are encouraged to contact the Municipal Building at 336-2831 to determine whether a building permit is needed and/or to obtain a copy of the building permit application.

BURNING PERMITS

According to the 1993 Fire Prevention Code adopted by Borough Council, any citizen, business, or industry needing to do an open, controlled burning must apply for a Burning Permit at least one week prior to burning. Permits can be acquired at the Denver Fire Hall.

DISPOSAL OF BRUSH – DENVER BOROUGH COMPOST LOT

The designated site is for the depositing of grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree limbs, and branches that originate in the Borough of Denver for composting is located at the Denver Borough Lot, 800 Main Street. Access to the Borough's Composting Site is limited to residents who obtain an active "Borough Lot Access Card" and who follow the rules and regulations. Please contact the Municipal Building at 717-336-2831 to purchase an access card prior to the disposal. There will be an annual fee for the lot card each year. Disposal of trash, large appliances, tires, etc. is not permitted.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection is provided for Borough residents on Mondays and Thursdays for an eight (8) week period during the months of October, November, and December. The Public Works Department starts collecting leaves on the northern end of the Borough on Monday and finishes the Borough by Tuesday. The Department collects leaves again starting at the northern end of town on Thursday and finishes the Borough by Friday. Residents are requested to rake their leaves into the gutter in front of their homes to be collected by the Borough.

STATE ROADS

The following State roads are owned and maintained by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation:

Main Street	South 4th Street	Monroe Street
North 6th Street	Lancaster Avenue	Snyder Street

STREET SWEEPING

Denver Borough contracts annually with a professional street sweeping company to clean the Borough streets. The program is scheduled during late April/early May of each year. Streets will be posted "No Parking" for the day(s) and times that they are going to be swept.

TRASH AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Denver Borough residents should adhere to the following stipulations in the Borough's solid waste ordinance adhere to the following general regulations regarding the storage of trash and designated recyclable materials:

Each person who owns or occupies a residential unit in the Borough shall 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.

All regulated municipal waste and recyclable materials shall be stored to prevent the attraction, harborage, or breeding of insects and rodents and to eliminate conditions harmful to the public health or which create safety hazards, odors, unsightliness, and public nuisances.

A sufficient number of containers shall be provided to contain all regulated municipal waste and recyclable materials generated during periods between regularly scheduled collections.

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.

For a list of approved trash haulers in the Borough, visit the Borough's website, go to "Our Community," and click on "Trash & Recycling."

WATER AND SEWER BILLS

Water and sewer utility bills are prepared quarterly by the Borough of Denver and distributed by mail or E-Statements to property owners. To view the current water and sewer rates, visit the Borough's website, go to "Our Community," and click on "Water and Sewer Billing Rates."

WEBSITE

The Denver Borough website address is www.denverboro.net

WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Borough's Public Works Department provides winter maintenance and snow removal services to all Borough roads as well as to the State roads listed above. Streets will be plowed when the snow accumulates to two (2) inches or more. Snow emergency routes and major arteries will be cleared first. Streets feeding the main arteries will be cleared second, with all other streets third, and alleys cleared last.

Property owners are required to clear a path of at least 30-inches in width on their public sidewalks within twenty-four hours after the cessation of a snow, sleet, ice, or freezing rain event. Please note it is illegal to throw snow and/or ice from your sidewalk/driveway onto any alley, street, or highway in the Borough's public transportation system.

The Snow Emergency Routes in the Borough:

Juniper Street from North 5th Street to North 6th Street;
Locust Street from North 6th Street to North 4th Street;
Main Street from Snyder Street to North 8th Street;
Monroe Street from North 3rd Street to Snyder Street;
North 3rd Street from Main Street to the Bridge;
North 5th Street from Locust Street to Juniper Street;
North 6th Street Main Street to the Borough Line;
South 4th Street from Main Street to Lancaster Avenue; and,
Walnut Street from North 3rd Street to North 8th Street.

During the existence of a snow emergency, it shall be unlawful to park a motor vehicle or to allow that vehicle to remain parked on the side of any snow emergency route designated in which parking is prohibited until the snow emergency is removed. Off-street parking is permitted in the Borough's Main Street Parking Lot (in the spaces not provided for Unruh Insurance); in the Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church's Parking Lot on Walnut Street across from the church and limited to the first two (2) rows of parking rows parallel to Madison Street in the Trinity United Methodist Church Parking Lot.

Once the Snow Emergency is lifted, all vehicles must be removed from the off-street parking lots to permit snow removal. Failure to adhere to this restriction may result in the loss of the use of these facilities for Snow Emergency parking.

DENVER BOROUGH INFORMATION SHEET

PUBLIC/UTILITY SERVICES

POLICE SERVICES

Denver Borough contracts with East Cocalico Township for police services. The East Cocalico Township Police Department provides 24-hour a day, seven days per week coverage to Denver Borough and the other municipalities that make up the Cocalico School District.

East Cocalico Police Department
100 Hill Road
Denver, PA 17517
911
Office: 717- 336-1725
Fax: 717- 336-1737



Police Chief Steve Savage

FIRE SERVICES

The Denver Volunteer Fire Company #1 provides fire protection services for residents of the Borough.

Denver Volunteer Fire Company No. 1
425 Locust Street
Denver, PA 17517
911
Office: 717- 336-2911



Fire Chief Shannon Hilton

AMBULANCE SERVICES

The following ambulance services provide emergency medical services to residents in the Borough of Denver:

Reinholds Community Ambulance Association
Reinholds, PA 17569
Emergency - 911
Business Calls - 717- 336-0217
Provides service to all Borough residents located north of the PA Turnpike.



Cocalico Area Ambulance Association
12 West Church Street
Reamstown, PA 17567
Emergency - 911
Business Calls - 717- 336-3958 General Inquires: ems@cafd17.com
Provides service to all Borough residents located south of the PA Turnpike.

HOSPITAL

WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital is located approximately within five (5) miles of the Borough.

WellSpan Ephrata Community Hospital
169 Martin Avenue
Ephrata, PA 17522
717- 733-0311

CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE

Cable television service in Denver Borough is provided by Blue Ridge Cable located in Ephrata, PA. Services include basic cable, premium channels, and pay-per-view.

Blue Ridge Cable Communications
804 Academy Heights Avenue
Ephrata, PA 17522
717- 733-4111

LOCAL TELEPHONE SERVICE

Windstream Communications
800-600-5050
Residential 800-347-1991
www.windstream.com

ELECTRIC SERVICE PROVIDER

PPL Inc.
1-800-342-5775

NATURAL GAS SERVICES

UGI Utilities, Inc. provides natural gas service and billing in the Borough of Denver. Additional information regarding service and rates can be obtained by contacting UGI directly at the following address:

UGI Utilities, Inc.
225 Morgantown Road
PO Box 13009
Reading, PA 19612-3009
1-800-322-4431

WATER/SEWER SERVICES

The Borough of Denver provides water and sewer services and billing to residents. Questions regarding water and sewer service, billings, and/or problems should be directed to the Denver Borough Municipal Building at 717-336-2831 Ext. 1.

Water and sewer utility bills are prepared quarterly by the Borough of Denver and distributed by mail or E-Statements to property owners.

To view the current water and sewer rates, visit the Borough's website, go to "Our Community," and click on "Water and Sewer Billing Rates."

TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTORS IN DENVER BOROUGH

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All regulated municipal waste and recyclable materials shall be stored to prevent the attraction, harborage, or breeding of insects and rodents and to eliminate conditions harmful to the public health or which create safety hazards, odors, unsightliness, and public nuisances.

STREETLIGHTS

Contact the Borough Municipal Building to report any problems with the streetlights. If possible, when reporting a problem include the pole number which is on the pole and the location of the pole. Call 717-336-2831 Ext.1.

Fairview Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery Annex

As of Tuesday, July 28, 2020, ownership of The Fairview Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery Annex was transferred to the Borough of Denver and the Borough is responsible for overseeing the maintenance and care of the cemeteries; capital improvements; the sale of lots and graves at both cemeteries; and the coordination of internments at the cemeteries.

All burials and services in the Fairview Cemetery and the Fairview Cemetery Annex shall be scheduled through Denver Borough through the administrative staff, for additional information, please contact Joan High, Office Assistant, at 717-336-2831, Ext. 6. Business Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Borough of Denver recognizes that its municipal cemeteries are sacred grounds reserved as a final resting place for the deceased. It is the desire of the Borough to operate and maintain cemeteries that are beautiful, dignified, and an appropriate resting place for departed love ones.

Interactive Map

An interactive map of the Fairview Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery Annex can be accessed by from the Borough's Website www.denverboro.net under the subheading Cemeteries. The map will provide information on graves at the cemetery including information concerning available lots, reserved lots, and occupied lots. You can use this feature to research people either buried or interred in the facilities as well as to determine a potential location for the purchase of a future grave site.



Fairview Cemetery
101 North 4th Street
Denver, PA 17517

The Fairview Cemetery is located on North 4th Street between Walnut Street and Locust Street in the center of the Borough. This 5.37 acre site is the resting place of many of the founding residents from the Borough. This facility is maintained by the Borough. For more information about the Fairview Cemetery please contact the Denver Borough Municipal Building at 717-336-2831, Ext. 6.



Fairview Cemetery Annex
1180 Steinmetz Road
Denver, PA 17517

The Fairview Cemetery Annex is a 5.56 acre site located at 1180 Steinmetz Road in West Cocalico Township. This facility is maintained by the Borough. For more information please contact the Denver Borough Municipal Building at 717-336-2831, Ext. 6.

Cemetery Association

The Borough of Denver has established a Cemetery Association consisting of three (3) voting members appointed by Borough Council and who serve as an advisory body to Borough Council. The Cemetery Association shall perform such studies as shall be requested by Borough Council and may provide recommendations upon its own motion relating to issues concerning the operation of the Cemetery. The Cemetery Association may advise the Borough on capital improvements for cemetery purposes and for funding for such improvements from the permanent lot care fund.

Perpetual Care Fund

In the past, the Fairview Cemetery and Fairview Cemetery Annex were cared for from the proceeds of lot sales, service charges, and donations. In 2020, the Borough assumed responsibility for the cemeteries through a transfer from the Fairview Cemetery Association. In order to assure a more reliable means for permanent care, the Borough has established a Perpetual Care Fund ("the Fund") to provide maintenance of the cemeteries. This Fund is maintained in part by fees received from lot sales.

The amount set aside into the Fund from each lot sale will vary from time to time as determined by resolution of Borough Council in accordance with the provisions of the Borough Code. The Borough shall maintain a record of the amounts deposited and expenditures made so that the operation of the cemeteries shall be paid from the Fund and shall not become a general expense of the Borough. The Fund may also be increased by gifts, bequests, a portion of memorial charges, and other service revenues.

BOROUGH OF DENVER PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The Borough of Denver currently has approximately 42-acres of dedicated 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. Listed below is a summary of the facilities in the Borough.

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 3,500-feet 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.

Denver Memorial Park – Annex

North 9th Street and Spruce Street
Denver, PA 17517



The Denver Memorial Park Annex is a 12-acre tract of open space/park land owned by Denver Borough and located adjacent to the Denver Memorial Park. The Borough used a combination of grant funds from the Community Parks Initiative Program, the Keystone Grant Program, and developer's fees to purchase 6.5-acres of park and open space land. The remaining 4.5-acre tract of land was donated to the Borough by the Park Association in February, 2000. The facility includes a Little League baseball field, a multi-use football/lacrosse/soccer field, and an 80 lineal foot extension of the Borough's walking trail.

Denver Community Pool

400 Monroe Street
Denver, PA 17517



The Denver Community Pool is located on the eastern end of the Borough where the PA Turnpike overpasses Monroe Street. The Pool complex is set on a 4.4-acre tract of land that includes two (2) swimming pools (1 adult and 1 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 serves on average approximately 275 patrons daily between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

North 4th Street Playground

North 4th Street and Locust Street
Denver, PA 17517





Denver Borough also owns 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, and a variety of outdoor playground equipment that was installed in 2015

Bon View Estates Linear Park

Monroe Street
Denver, PA 17517



The Bon View Estates Linear Park is 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 frontage along the Little Cocalico Creek offers potential greenway linkage for much of the eastern half of the Borough. The Denver Pool, while nearby, is separated from the linear park by the PA Turnpike. The current facilities include an undeveloped wooded lot and creek side along the Little Cocalico Creek.

Cocalico School District

The Cocalico School District currently owns approximately 60-acres of outdoor recreation land and facilities. These facilities include 1 football stadium, 1 football practice field, a track, two (2) baseball fields; 2 softball fields; 1 turf field, 2 field hockey fields; six (6) soccer fields; five (5) tennis courts; and 2 playgrounds with assorted playground equipment located by the Denver Elementary School.





Denver Dog Park Information

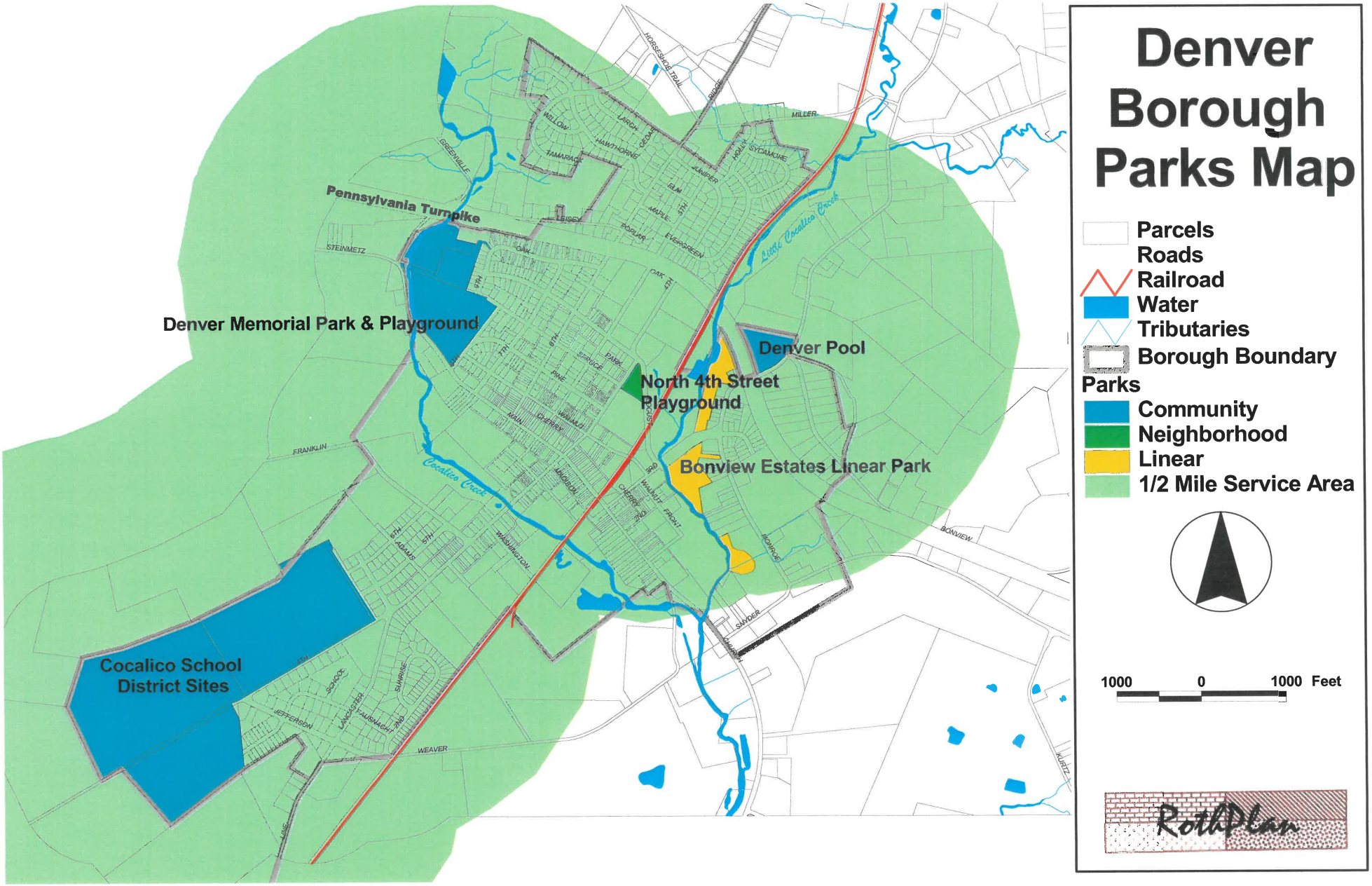
Denver Memorial Park and Playground
801 Main Street
Denver, PA 17517

Hours:
April 1st through October 31st - 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
November 1st through March 31st - 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Denver Dog Park is an off-leash park where dogs can play, exercise, and socialize with other dogs. The Denver Dog Park is free to the public and use of this facility is at your own risk.

The Denver Dog Park includes separate areas for small dogs and large dogs. The small dog area measures 50 feet by 60 feet and the large dog area measures 60 feet by 100 feet.

The facility is enclosed with a six-foot (6') high chain link fence with three (3) small gates for access. The main gate provides access into the facility and two (2) additional gates provide separate access into the small dog and big dog areas. The amenities at the site include a waste can, a dog waste bag station, and benches.


Denver Borough Parks Map
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Roads
Railroad
Water
Tributaries
Borough Boundary
Parks
Community
Neighborhood
Linear
1/2 Mile Service Area
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Pennsylvania Turnpike
Denver Memorial Park & Playground
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North 4th Street Playground
Bonview Estates Linear Park
Cocalico School District Sites
Cocalico Creek
Little Cocalico Creek
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