



Borough of Chambersburg

A full service municipality in Franklin County celebrating over 65 years of consumer owned natural gas service over 120 years of community electric and a regional wastewater, water, storm sewer and municipal solid waste utility

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Minor Incident at Chambersburg Aquatic Center - Everyone & Everything Okay

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania – We had a very successful opening of the new facility on Saturday, May 26, 2018.

"Please be advised that we had a slight incident on Sunday at the Aquatic Center" explained Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill.

It actually began Saturday when our Concessions Stand Manager went to the hospital with chest pains. We assumed it was medical or stress.

Sunday, many more employees felt light headed, nauseous, and weak. Recreation Department Superintendent Julie Redding acted quickly and with the assistance of the Fire Department determined that there was carbon monoxide in the Concessions Stand.

This is not considered a Hazmat event, just a mechanical malfunction.

In total between ten and fifteen employees, with their parents, and two adult employees, were brought to the hospital for testing and observation.

Everyone is fine. All were released after routine testing.

Staff determined that the deep fryer and ventilation hood were the culprits.

Workers were exposed to carbon monoxide but no one was diagnosed with poisoning.

Julie Redding and the Borough Manager were at the hospital and the kids and parents were very understanding. By Sunday evening all employees had been released to go home. Everyone was very thankful the malfunction was quickly identified.

The Borough will of course pay for all costs associated with this malfunction.

The Chambersburg Health Inspector had issued permission to reopen the Concessions Stand on Monday, without the fryer, of course. Monday, Memorial Day, was an incredibly successful. The facility was packed.

"In the end, the teamwork was great, and everyone is appreciative" noted Julie Redding.

Obviously, the facility had a much slower day on Sunday because of the weather; but the Aquatic Center was very busy on Saturday and Monday; and, now it will remain open for the balance of the summer.

Please contact Julie Redding at jredding@chambersburgpa.gov with any questions.

Chambersburg is a unique community. Chambersburg supplies more services than any other municipality in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In addition to typical town functions, Chambersburg is Pennsylvania's only municipality supplying electric and gas. Chambersburg is 1 of 35 Boroughs to operate a municipal non-profit electric utility. Chambersburg is the largest municipal electric utility in the State, twice as large as the second largest, Ephrata, Lancaster County; and, the only one to operate generation stations. Chambersburg is 1 of 2 municipalities in PA to operate a natural gas utility. The other is Philadelphia, which does not operate an electric utility. Nationally, Chambersburg is 1 of 2,000 communities to have its own electric system and 1 of 800 communities to have a natural gas system but 1 of only about 50 to operate both. Chambersburg manages a regional water system, a regional sanitary sewer system (not through an independent Authority), and a new storm sewer utility; one of the first storm sewer utilities to form under the new Federal mandate to regulate stormwater.

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