



PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

WINTER 2018

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

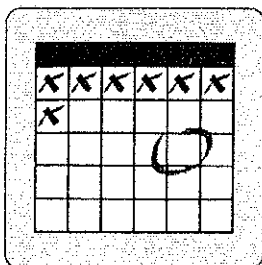
Santa Visits Penbrook
December 8, 2019

Christmas Day
December 25th

New Years Day
January 1, 2019

Martin Luther
King Day Jr.
January 21, 2019

Presidents Day
February 18, 2019



Police Chief David Hiester Retires

It is with some regret that the Borough Council announces the retirement of long time Chief of Police David Hiester. Chief Hiester has served the Borough for nearly 40 years.

Beginning as a regular police officer in 1979, he was named Chief of Police about 20 years ago. He led the department through many changes; from doing reports on paper through computerizing the department. He has overseen the purchase and outfitting of vehicles with the most up-to-date equipment and officers with advanced training.

The Borough will greatly miss both his guidance and leadership and wishes him the best in his retirement. The borough will recognize his service through the issuance of a resolution at the December 3rd meeting.

Penbrook Tax and Other Fee Changes

The Council of Penbrook Borough has determined that there will be no raise in taxes for 2019. Council has met since August to plan for changes to the number and type of employees and their benefits. Through this hard work Council has been able to hold the line on taxes.

Unfortunately the Borough must raise the cost of trash removal and sanitary sewer use. The cost of trash removal is due to the extension of the current contract with Republic Services. The new fee will be \$265 per dwelling unit served.

The cost of sanitary sewer service will also increase. This fee is controlled by Capital Region Water which provides water treatment services to us. This is not the same as the stormwater fee set last summer.

SNOW CLEARANCE NOTICE—ALTERNATE SIDE OF STREET

Snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of a storm. When clearing the sidewalk **DO NOT PUT THE SNOW IN THE STREET.** You already pay to have your street cleared, putting the snow in the street after it has been cleared means that the Borough employees that plowed your street will have to plow it again, costing twice as much.

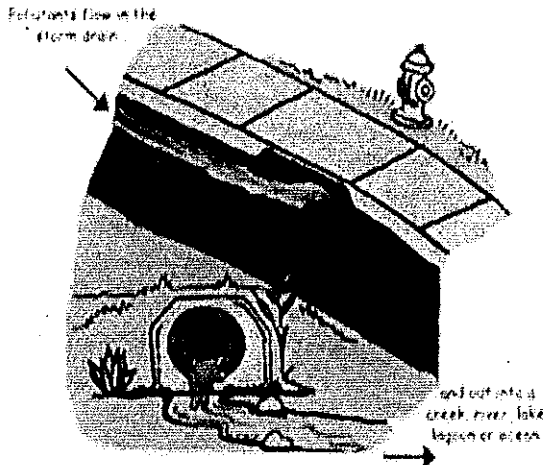
After a severe snow storm, the borough may invoke alternate side of the street parking so employees can clear the snow completely from the pavement. When this is done, watch the TV stations listed on Page 2 for information on which side of the street will be cleared first. Alternate side of the street parking means that on the odd or even day for the street to be cleared, you must remove your car from that side of the street depending on the last digit of the address number. Addresses ending with 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 should be free of cars on odd number days and addresses ending with 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0 on even number days.

Emergency Numbers and Information Contacts

POLICE & FIRE Emergency — Call 911
Police Non-Emergency— 717-558-6900

TV Channels for Emergency Alerts
WHTM Channel 27
WHP Channel 21
WGAL Channel 8

RADIO Stations for Emergency Alerts
WNNK 104 FM
WRKZ 107 FM
WIMX 1460 AM/99.3 FM



Yes! You Can Help Reduce Stormwater Pollution!

Did you know that most of the rain and snow that falls in Penbrook Borough drains into Spring Creek and Paxton Creek?

Did you know that these creeks are polluted? As stormwater flows across the ground, it picks up lawn fertilizers, pet waste, garbage, soil, car oil, gasoline, coolant, lawn clippings, and many other items that can harm water quality. The Borough is required to reduce water pollution, and we need your help!

Here are some things you can do to help:

- Close your trash and recycling lids.
- Keep nearby storm drains free from leaves and trash.
- Wash your car at a local car wash. If you wash your car in your driveway, the soapy suds will run down the street and eventually end up in the stream.
- Pick up your pet's waste.
- Check for oil leaks under your vehicle and repair as soon as possible.
- Call the Borough office if you see someone dumping any substance into a storm drain. Only stormwater belongs in a storm drain!
- Visit the Penbrook.org website and click on Storm Water Authority to learn what projects the Borough is working on to reduce Stormwater pollution

The Asylum Run Project

The Asylum Run is a sanitary sewer line running from Locust Lane down to approximately Pine Street near the Pennsylvania Farm Show. The line was installed in the 1960's across what was then the Harrisburg State Hospital. Originally it was placed in a grassy area far enough away from a stream that it would not be a problem.

Since then new medicines were developed which allowed patients to live at home with family. Since fewer and fewer people needed the services of the hospital, fewer buildings were needed and eventually in January 2006 the hospital closed. When buildings were not needed they were torn down and the land was allowed to lie fallow. Trees and wildlife gradually began to take over the open areas until the Asylum Run pipe wound up in the middle of a forest.

Today most of the pipe cannot be accessed at all. When the pipe began to break because the tree roots were creeping into it, the roots caused leaks and block the pipe causing sewage overflows at the manholes near the creek. Because the pipe leaks and causes overflowing sewage the borough has been fined by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the overflows which endanger the nearby stream.

The Borough sought an easement to legally allow repair because the pipe is on state land. That took about a year. Then we needed to get permission from DEP to install a temporary road beside the stream. That was obtained from DEP and bids were sought to have contractors install the road. Once the road is installed early next year, work can begin to repair the pipe itself.

As you can imagine, all of this work will cost a lot of money, much more than the borough ever has on hand. To pay for all the work, the borough reviewed a number of options including loans from several banks, PENNVEST (state) loans and municipal bonds. Finally, the least expensive option turned out to be a municipal bond in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Once funding is secured, the borough will get bids on the work to actually repair the pipe. Future newsletters will update you on the progress to complete this work.



PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES

6:30PM to 8:00PM on January 9, 2019 and February 13, 2019. The Committee meets at the Penbrook Borough Building. All meetings are open to

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COMMUNITY NOTES

AIR HORN

Residents have asked about the infrequent use of the air horn as a notice of a fire. At this time the air horn is only used to notify the volunteer firemen and not for public notice. Please ignore the air horn at this time.

2018 MID-TERM ELECTION

The election held on November 6th was one of the best in the history of the Borough. More than 68% of all eligible voters cast their vote in the election. Thanks to all the voters.

WHEN A STREET LIGHT IS OUT

If you notice a street light out in your neighborhood, please notify PPL. First write down the two sets of serial numbers on the pole. The first one begins with "S" and the second is right under it. Then call PPL at 800-342-5775 and press 1 at the main menu to report the problem. You do not need an account number.

DISCARDING LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

When you are finished with your live Christmas Tree, the trash haulers will pick up the tree if it is with your discarded recyclables on either the last Wednesday in December or the first Wednesday in January of 2019. Place the tree at the curb with your trash. The trash hauler is not obligated to pick up trees after January 2, 2019.

PAYING BOROUGH TAXES AND FEES

Keystone Collections is collecting payments for the Penbrook Authority and the Per Capita and Occupation taxes for the Borough of Penbrook

All of the above fees and taxes can be paid at online at:

Pay.keystonecollections.com/Payment

Keystone Collections Group would like to remind all the residents of Penbrook who have not yet paid their 2018 Per Capita and Occupation Taxes that these taxes are due on or before December 31, 2018.

Delinquent Taxes and Fees will be sent to collections.

TRASH, RECYCLABLES AND BULK ITEMS

The trash hauler will take up to 4 bags of trash from residences each week. Toters are provided for trash and recyclables from the hauler. Homes served by the hauler are allowed to set out 1 bulk item for pick up each week. Items that contain refrigerants such as refrigerators and A/C units need special handling. If you are not sure if an item needs special handling or will be picked up or call (800)210-9675.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

Driving on snow or ice is dangerous but when they cover leaves driving becomes extremely treacherous because leaves can slip even when covered with snow or ice.

TRASH & RECYCLING TOTERS

Please remember to return both your trash and recycling toters to your property after they are emptied, **NOT IN THE STREET** — THANK YOU!

EMERGENCY ALERT RADIO STATIONS:

WHP 580 AM/WRBT 94.9 FM

EMERGENCY ALERT TV STATIONS:

WHTM 27 WHP 21 WGAL 8

CONTACTING COUNCIL MEMBERS

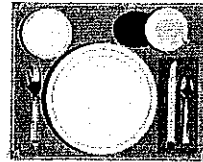
When you have a problem or concern that you feel should be addressed by the Borough, you can contact a member for your ward using the email address shown at the bottom of page 2 of this newsletter. Please do not call them directly because, just like you, council members have jobs too.

Using email will allow your member to do some research on your question before calling you back. Some questions will take more than one day and may require the member to visit a property to actually see what the problem is before contacting you.

If there is an emergency call 911, first!

LIONS CLUB PORK & SAUERKRAUT DINNER

On January 1st the Penbrook Lions Club will hold their annual FREE Pork and Sauerkraut dinner. This annual event is a free gift to the residents of the borough from the Penbrook Lions Club. The dinner will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM on New Years Day.



Phone Numbers for Borough Personnel.
Dial 717-232-3733 then select one of the following:

- #1—Assistant Treasurer/Office
- #2—Codes Department
- #3—Penbrook Authority
- #4—Borough Manager
- #5—Chief of Police

If you have a Police or Fire Emergency Dial 911

For Police Non-Emergencies call Dauphin County Dispatch at 717-558-6900

The offices will be closed on Christmas, December 25th, New Years Day, January 1st, Martin Luther King Day, January 21st and Presidents Day February 18th

PENBROOK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—WINTER 2018

ANNUAL BOROUGH MEETING CALENDAR

Council Meetings

January 7
 February 4
 March 4
 April 1
 May 6
 June 3
 July 1
 August 5
 September 4 (Wed.)
 October 7
 November 4
 December 2

All meetings on
 Monday unless
 indicated

Caucus Meetings

January 22 (Tues)
 February 19 (Tues)
 March 18
 April 15
 May 20
 June 17
 July 15
 August 19
 September 16
 October 21
 November 18
 December 16

Meetings at the
 Borough Hall

Authority Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Budget Meetings: August 12 & 26, September 9 & 23
 October 14 & 28, November 11 & 25, December 9

Penbrook COG Event Schedule

Penbrook Church of God
 2755 Canby Street
 Penbrook, PA 17103

CHRISTMAS EVE BEDTIME STORY

Monday December 24th at 6:00 PM
 At the Fellowship Hall

A Christmas Story followed by hot chocolate
 and cookies. Parents and children encour-
 aged to wear your PJ's!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Monday December 24th at 7:30 PM
 Carol Singing
 Candle Lighting
 Special Music

Starting January 6, 2019

Worship Schedule

9 AM Traditional Worship
 10 AM Sunday School
 11 AM Contemporary Worship

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Attention Penbrook
Senior Residents:

Do you need help with something?
 If so, please tell us your need, name, and
 phone number.
 Contact us at penbrookward1a@gmail.com
 or 717-236-3064.



This Newsletter was personally delivered to
 you free of charge by members of the
 Penbrook Leos Club.

Support them by dining at Friendly's
 Restaurant on Eisenhower Blvd
 On December 12th from 5PM to 8PM

LEO CLUB GREENBELT CLEAN-UP

The Penbrook Leo Club will meet on Feb. 24th at
 the Community Park Pavilion (Boas & S. 31st St) to
 begin clean-up of the Harrisburg Greenbelt from
 1PM to 2PM.

Come and join us. Vests, gloves, trash bags and
 water will be provided.

The Leo Club is a group (ages 12 to 17)
 sponsored by the Penbrook Lions Club to
 promote civic pride and help the community.
 They meet at the Penbrook Community
 Building 6PM to 8PM.

Meeting Dates:
 December 4th and 18th
 January 15th
 February 5th and 19th