



# PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

## SPRING 2019

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Borough Website: [www.penbrook.org](http://www.penbrook.org)



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### VOTER INFO

Last day to register to vote in the May 2019 Primary is April 22, 2019

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Last day to apply for an absentee ballot for the May 2019 Primary is May 14, 2019

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The 2019 Primary Election is May 21, 2019. New voters will need a picture ID (Driver License or PennDOT issued ID, etc.) to vote.

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To vote in the 2019 Primary Election, you must be a registered member of a political party. You can register or change your political party when you register to vote.

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There are a limited number of voter registration forms available at the Borough.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 9**— Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. Tickets are just \$5.00 but Veterans and kids under age 5 EAT FREE! Breakfast starts 7 AM and ends at 11 AM. It's Delicious!!!!

**March 10** — Daylight Savings Starts. Set clocks **forward** 1 hour.

**March 17** — St. Patrick's Day - Everyone is Irish today!

**April 13** — Borough Storm Drain and Litter Cleanup. Open to all volunteers ages 9 and up. Meet at the Community Building at 9:45 am to register and pick up free vests, gloves, trash bags and safety info. Water will be provided. Contact Tammy at penbrookward1a@gmail.com or Carmen at csgrun@gmail.com for more info. Rain Date is April 27th. Come and Volunteer.

**April 20**— The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Community Park for Children ages 1-10. Please bring your own basket. The fun starts very promptly at 10 AM.

**April 21** — Easter Sunday

**May 5** — Cinco de Mayo — Mexican Independence Day.

**May 6**— Street Sweeping all week.

**May 12** — Mother's Day

**May 27**— Memorial Day. Remember those who gave their lives defending the United States of America throughout its many wars for peace.

**June 1**— The Borough-wide Penbrook Revitalization Yard Sale. See Page 4 for complete information.

## TRASH —RECYCLING BINS—GRASS CLIPPINGS

1. Your beige 33 gallon yard waste container is picked up ONLY on the last Wednesday of the month from April through October. Put ONLY yard debris in this container. **DO NOT PUT GRASS CLIPPINGS IN THIS CONTAINER—PUT THEM IN THE TRASH.** You are allowed to drill holes in the bottom for drainage.
2. Please do not blow grass clippings into the street. The clippings end up in the storm drains and become pollutants in the Spring and Paxton Creeks.
3. **Please move your trash /recycling bins from the street after pickup. Thank you.**
4. Cleaning out basement or closets? Trash toter full? You can purchase extra bag tags at the community building for \$4. Additional trash will not be picked up without a tag.
5. Trash collectors are not allowed to take any electronic items (computers, monitors, mice, cell phones, TV's, etc.) You must recycle these items at the County Recycling Center off of Cameron Street. Call 717-982-6772 for more information.
6. Your toter with the light blue top is for recycling. You can recycle empty glass bottles and jars, all types of plastic items, aluminum and steel cans. Please empty the containers and rinse them out before putting them in the toter. Newspaper can be recycled too.
7. Plate and window glass and mirrors should be put in the trash not the recycle toter.

## 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

RADIO Stations for Emergency Alerts  
WNNK 104 FM  
WRKZ 107 FM

### BOROUGH MEETINGS

- Council Meetings—7:30pm  
Monday at the Community Building on March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th and July 2nd
- Caucus Meetings—6:30pm  
Monday at the Community Building on March 19th, April 16th, May 21st, June 18th and July 16th
- Penbrook Authority—6:30 pm, Meet 3rd Wednesday at the Community Building on March 21st, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th and July 18th.

All Meetings are held at the Penbrook Community Center, 150 S. 28th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103. 717-232-3733

The building is handicap accessible from the Elm Street side.

Penbrook Revitalization meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM at the Borough Building.



Happy Easter to All

## Answers from the Penbrook Authority

The Authority will be providing letters to new property owners to explain why they are getting bills for stormwater services to educate them about what the Authority does for the Borough. Frequently asked questions include the following:

Where did the Stormwater Fee come from?

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) mandated Penbrook Borough, and other municipalities, to reduce the amount of pollutants running into the two area creeks. These are Paxton Creek and Spring Creek. Our water runoff goes into our drainage system, then to the creeks, and then both run to the Susquehanna River and ultimately to the Chesapeake Bay where their pollution is causing problems. Unfortunately, this mandate did not come with money to fix the problem. This left a big financial burden on the borough and a responsibility to come up with a plan to lessen the pollutants. The fee for each property is based on the total square footage of the property.

What if I did not get a bill for this fee?

If this is the first time you are hearing about the Stormwater Authority fee and you are a new property owner, check your settlement papers to see if the fee was paid then. If not, you will want to check with Keystone Collections Group, P.O. Box 449, Irwin, PA 15642 or call 724-978-0300 to see if your Authority fee has been paid and is current. If it has not you will want to pay it immediately to ensure no liens are placed on your new property.

How and why was the Stormwater Authority board created?

The Penbrook Borough Council voted in 2017 on behalf of all parcel owners and the Authority Board was created. Their purpose is to govern and oversee the DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) mandate is followed through within the best interest of the parcel owners of Penbrook. The Stormwater Authority board meets every third Wednesday of the month and welcomes you to attend. At these meetings you will hear the updates on projects and news of work being done with your money. You can ask questions and voice concerns. Please take time to visit the website ([www.penbrook.org](http://www.penbrook.org)) and become familiar with things so you know what questions you have. This Stormwater Authority board cares very much about Penbrook Community. We understand that none of us want to pay this Stormwater fee but all of us should want to have clean water and take care of our community. We look forward to seeing you at the next Authority meeting.

## POLICE NEWS

New Weapons

The Penbrook Police Department recently obtained new side arms for all officers using a grant from the Dauphin County District Attorney's Office. The new weapons are lighter and easier to clean than the 20 year old HR's the department has been using. Training on the new Glocks is currently being conducted. Once all officers are deemed proficient in the new weapons, they will be put into service.

New Officers

The department recently lost two long time officers to retirement. As replacements the department has hired two full-time and two part time officers. One full-time officer is currently attending the Police Academy, the other has completed that training and is now undergoing probationary training with other active duty members of the force. You may see two officers riding in patrol cars during this time. [See Page 3 for further information.](#)

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## New Penbrook Police Officers are on Duty

### Part—Time Officers

Officer John Perry joined the force in November of 2018. Born in New York, he is the youngest of 4 children. His family moved to Chattanooga, TN. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. He has worked in Tennessee as a police officer. He and his wife and three children moved to the Harrisburg Area where he has been working as an officer in Highspire.

Officer Steven Prisbe joined the force in June 2018. He was born in Chicago and has 2 brothers and a sister. Steven has a Bachelor of Science degree. He joined the Army and served honorably for 3 years. He worked for the City of Harrisburg and retired with the rank of Sergeant. He is married and has 2 children, He is also active as an assistant Scout Master with the Boy Scouts.

### **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](mailto:penbrookward1a@gmail.com)  
or 717-236-3064.



## Facts about the Penbrook Authority

1. The authority was created by Borough Council to manage the stormwater system in the Borough as mandated by DEP.
2. The authority has established a set fee for all property owners based on the square feet of their properties.
3. These fees are used to repair the system where needed such as recent sinkholes and needed upgrades to inlets.
4. The authority reduced fees by 7% for its present fiscal year and passed the savings on to property owners.
5. Mrs. Tammy Sweger has recently concluded her year as Authority Board President. The board wishes to thank her for her leadership and efforts during the last fiscal year.

### Continuing Work on Asylum Run

The Borough has advertised for bids for the building of a temporary road beside the Asylum Run Sanitary Sewer line. Once a bid is accepted, work will begin on the road which will allow access to the forested area that surrounds the line at the old Harrisburg Hospital grounds. Susquehanna Township is working with the Borough to gain access as well because their line is about 30 feet away from the borough line. Once the temporary road is installed, work will begin with televising the line to see its condition and what repairs are needed.

As you probably have already experienced, the Borough Office and Police Department phone systems have been upgraded. In order to expedite your call, the extension numbers are listed below for 717-232-3733

- #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 Dispatch @  
717- 558-6900

### **SCHOOL IS IN SESSION**

Drivers are reminded to stop at least ten feet before reaching the school bus when the red signal lights are flashing and side stop signal arms are activated.

### **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

## PENBROOK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—SPRING 2019

### Walk with a Doc—Save the Dates



Take some time from your busy schedule to walk with a real doctor. Get a little exercise and a little more knowledge to empower you. Short walks to interesting places you probably don't know.

Saturday March 9, 2019 - In conjunction with the Penbrook Lions Club pancake breakfast.

Saturday April 20, 2019 - After the Penbrook Lion Club Easter Egg Hunt. Meet at the Borough Building at 10:15 AM

Saturday June 1, 2019 - In conjunction with the Penbrook Revitalization Yard Sale. Meet at the Borough Building at 10:00 AM.

All walks are easy and entertaining. Come with us and Walk with a Doc.

### Poll Workers Needed

The Borough of Penbrook needs Poll Workers for the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. **This is a paid position.**

Training is required. Contact the Dauphin County Election Bureau at 717-780-6360 to sign up for a class.

Classes are being held at the following locations:

May 14th

Lower Swatara Township Firehouse 1350 Fulling Mill Rd at 9 AM, 11:30 AM, 2 PM and 5:30 PM.

May 16th

Dauphin County Administration Building 2 S. 2nd Street, Fourth Floor Meeting Room, Harrisburg at 10 AM, 2 PM and 5 PM

May 17th

Upper Dauphin High School Auditorium, 220 N. Church St., Elizabethtown at 5 PM.

**YOU MUST REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING TRAINING. TRAINING SESSIONS ARE ALSO PAID FOR.**

### Penbrook Revitalization Yard Sale

Saturday, June 1st, 2019 from 8 am to 1 pm.

Got too much stuff in your attic, basement or garage?

Set out a table or two and get cash for your unwanted items.

Add your place to the Yard Sale listing at our website by May 28th.

Helpful hints for conducting a successful yard sale will also be available on our website at [www.penbrook.org](http://www.penbrook.org)

Tell your neighbors and have a Block Yard Sale!

Get the grill going! Have fun and make some cash!!!



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 April 23 or June 11 from 5PM to 8PM  
To support the Leos, send a check to the "Leo Club" at the Borough Hall.

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 from 6PM to 8PM on the first and third Tuesday of each month

Come and Help Your Community.