



PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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VOTER INFO

Last Day to Register to Vote
October 20th

Last Day to Apply for a
Mail-In Ballot
October 28th

Election Day is Tuesday
November 4th

*To vote, you must be 18, a US
Citizen and live at least 30
days prior to the election in
Pennsylvania and the Election
District where you live.*

Go to
www.PAVoterServices.pa.gov
To Register.

2025 Little Valley Summer Program



The Summer of '25 is one to remember for the Little Valley Summer Program. It was the year of laughter, kindness, friendship and fun! This year, 19 campers enjoyed hosting 14 organizations, businesses, clubs and programs. These groups taught us about sports, the importance of history, our environment, how to care for others and yourself. They taught us about science, technology, engineering, mathematics! We engaged in activities like BINGO, rock painting, kickball, water balloons, and of course ice pops! We ended our time together with a trip to Zoo America where we enjoyed a lesson on various animals. That trip created memories, relationships and a summer park family. There was only one way to end the summer. We had to have a family picnic which included laughter, jokes, food, many photos and of course camp awards.

The Little Valley Summer Program is free to all children in the borough ages 6-12 thanks to our donors JT Dorsey, Carmen Gonzales, Penbrook UCC, Ray O'Leary, Penbrook Lions & Leo Club, Dave's House of Hair, Senior Life Harrisburg, Herb & Herb Electric.

BOROUGH MEETINGS

Parks Committee

9/10, 10/8, 11/12

Planning Committee

9/25, 10/23, 11/25

Council

9/2, 10/6, 11/3

Caucus

9/15, 10/20, 11/17

Budget: September 8, 22. October 14, 27 November 10, 24

All meetings are held at the Community Building, 150 S. 28th St. and begin at 6:30 PM. The building is handicap accessible from the Elm St. side. Use the handicap ramp to the automatic door and press the button.

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Walk with a Doc – Park RX



September 8, 2025 6:00-7:00PM

Monday, September 8

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Veteran's Park

Free

Walk Leader: Holly G. Dolan, MAT, MCHES | Manager, Community Engagement | Office for Cancer Health Equity | Penn State College of Medicine

Walk Topic: Colon Cancer Awareness - Including an Inflatable larger-than-life walk thru colon!

The walk location has a mixture of both flat and elevated terrain. The full walk is estimated to take 1-hour based on the pace of the walkers. We encourage you to come out and join the walk for as long or as little as you are able. All ages are welcome to attend, but we do ask that children be accompanied by a responsible adult.

This is a FREE walk, but we ask that you pre-register. This walk is appropriate for all ages and children are welcome to attend but should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Dogs are welcome as long as they are on a leash. A Park Rx wellness program sponsored by Highmark Blue Shield and supported by Penn State Health with program coordination between Penbrook Parks & Recreation, Susquehanna Township Parks and Recreation, Capital Area Greenbelt Association and Dauphin County Parks & Recreation.



October 4, 2025 10:00-11:00AM

Saturday, October 4

10:00 – 11:00 am

Reservoir Park

Free

Join us for a 1.25-mile walk at Reservoir Park! This Walk With A Doc program is designed to provide some general health information and a moderately-paced walk around Reservoir Park and the National Civil War Museum including a portion of the Greenbelt. The group will meet up in the parking area of the National Civil War Museum then walk the 1.25-mile loop around Reservoir Park and the National Civil War Museum.

This walk is on paved roadways, but there are some elevated areas. The full walk is estimated to take about 45 minutes based on the pace of the walkers. We encourage you to come out and join the walk for as long or as little as you are able. All ages are welcome to attend, but we do ask that children be accompanied by a responsible adult. Dogs are welcome as long as they are on a leash.

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Community Park Revitalization

The Parks Subcommittee is thrilled to announce that we are beginning the planning process for a multi-year effort to reimagine and revitalize Penbrook Community Park!

This exciting project represents a major investment in our park to ensure it better serves the needs and interests of the entire community.

We need your input! Would you like to see pickleball courts added, a new basketball court, dedicated soccer fields, concert performance area, more benches, a walking-path or something else, then make your voice heard. Be on the lookout for a survey coming soon and please join us for our working meetings which will be part of the regularly scheduled park subcommittee meeting on the second Wednesday of each month.



Free Family Fun: Take a Stroll Through the StoryWalk!

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the **Penbrook Leos, Lions, and the Friends of Love Memorial Library** for their ongoing commitment to keeping the **StoryWalk** fresh and engaging for our community. Since 2021, these dedicated partners have worked together each season to update the StoryWalk, which begins at the Greenbelt Paxtang Trailhead.

The StoryWalk, built and maintained by the Penbrook Leos and sponsored by the Friends of Love Memorial Library, features **20 storyboards** placed about 20 paces apart along the trail.

This Fall, we invite you and your family to enjoy the outdoors while reading a story. It's a fun and educational way to connect with nature, stay active, and share a love of reading!

PENBROOK REVITALIZATION, INC.: BUILDING A STRONGER, MORE VIBRANT COMMUNITY



Since its founding in 2002, **Penbrook Revitalization, Inc. (PRI)** has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for Penbrook residents and supporting the growth of local businesses. Organized as a 501(c)(3) and a DCED Main Street Affiliate, PRI's mission is to enhance the borough's living environment, safety, and economic vitality through a variety of projects and community initiatives.

As part of its economic development efforts, PRI launched the **Penbrook Property of Merit (PPOM) program** in 2008. This program celebrates both residential and business property owners who maintain their properties in an outstanding manner. By recognizing these efforts, PPOM highlights how one property owner's dedication can positively influence an entire neighborhood.

PRI also sponsors community traditions, including the **Borough's Annual Yard Sale** held on the first Saturday in June, **is actively assisting seniors and veterans** with property maintenance to stay compliant with borough codes, and was instrumental in the vision and support of the Elm Street Station Park renovation. It continues helping maintain the park area as a certified Keep PA Beautiful supporter.

If you are interested in being part of this amazing, impactful organization, please reach out by emailing penbrookrevitalization@gmail.com.

Through these initiatives and the dedication of its volunteers, Penbrook Revitalization, Inc. continues to foster a stronger, cleaner, and more vibrant community for residents and businesses alike.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Ages 14 and up.

Paid per call incentive program.

Paid Training.

Newly renovated day room with kitchen and shower.

Fire prevention week

Sunday October 5th through Saturday October 11th.

Fire company open house Saturday October 11th 12-4.

Fire company demonstrations, recruitment opportunities and much more. Please check our Facebook page for more information!

To inquire about becoming a member or for more information about future events like our Facebook page at citizens fire company #1 of Penbrook or email us at penbrookfire30@gmail.com



FALL STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Raking leaves onto a stormwater inlet creates more pollution of local streams and waterways. Not only do leaves contribute to stream pollution, they can cause localized flooding if they clog storm drains and pipes. Help protect nearby waterways from excess nutrients and never rake leaves into a storm drain.



Leaves can be a great source of nutrients for your property, so consider mulching them into fertilizer for your yard or garden. However, a decaying mat of leaves on your lawn can expose it to mold and disease. If your lawn is covered with more than 50 percent of decaying leaves, consider bagging or composting leaves, rather than mulching.

Leaf Pick-Up Schedule for 2025

To get rid of the leaves from your property, sweep them into the street at the curb, during the week when your section of the Borough will have them collected. Please do not call the Borough Offices to have your leaves picked up, they will be collected on the schedule below. The dividing line between the North and South sides of the Borough is Walnut Street. If you are living north of Walnut, including the north side of Walnut Street, use the North Side Schedule, if not, use the South Side Schedule.

Collection will be starting each week below. The starting day for each week is listed below.

North of Walnut Street
October 6th & 20th
November 3rd & 17th
December 1st

South of Walnut Street
October 13th & 27th
November 10th & 24th
December 8th

Notice: All future pick-up of woody waste by the trash collectors will be on the 4th Thursday of each month from April to October, and 11/21/25

Leaf collection ends after the first snowfall, or December 11th, whichever comes first

Fitness every Thursday:

What: Light Aerobics

Where: Penbrook Community Building



When: Thursdays, 10:15-11:00am

Cost: Free

Who: Penbrook community members

Contact: tammymarie7@hotmail.com



Penbrook Borough

FALL FEST

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY

September 27th, 2025

3pm-6pm

Penbrook Community Park

**RAIN DATE:
SATURDAY
OCTOBER 4TH**

FUN FOR ALL

- **Live Entertainment**
- **Food • Giveaways**
- **Kids' Activities**



PENBROOK ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP.



Left to right: Jake Bragunier, Joseph Hogarth, Robin Bloss, Becky Ramper, Paul Goff

Robin Bloss (property management) enforcing property maintenance, trash issues, illegal dumping, abandoned vehicles on private property, storage of hazardous materials.. pmcodes@penbrook.org

Jacob Bragunier (codes) issues building and zoning permits, enforces code violations, property maintenance, rental inspections when requested.. codes@penbrook.org

Becky Ramper (administration assistant) processes business and rental licenses, all invoices and incoming payments and drop box requests
.. admin@penbrook.org

Paul Goff (public works operator) filling pot holes, leaf collection, mowing public areas, sewer system inspections, storm water maintenance..
ms4@penbrook.org

Joseph Hogarth (Borough Manager) Chief of Police, Treasurer, Secretary, open records officer.. manager@penbrook.org

Penbrook Lions Pancake Breakfast



Saturday, November 8th
7:00am - 11:00am

Penbrook Borough Building

All you can eat pancakes

\$5 per person. Veterans eat FREE

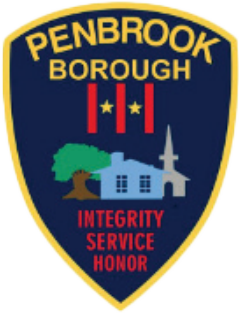


Just a few reminders:

Trick or treat is October 31st. Check the boroughs facebook page or website for more information.

The Penbrook Historical Society is looking for pictures of the old Penbrook pool. They can be turned into Becky Ramper at the Borough office.

Daylight savings ends November 2nd. Remember to change your batteries in your smoke alarms and CO detectors.



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Penbrook Mayor



Hello Penbrook! My name is John McDonald, Jr, your mayor of beautiful Penbrook. I am married to my beautiful wife Brenda, and we have three children. My family and I have lived in Penbrook since October 2009.

I work at the Dauphin County Prison as a Corrections Officer. Two of my favorite hobbies and stress relievers are going to the gym and riding my motorcycle. I am also a huge sports fan and watching my Washington Commanders on Sunday's are the best times.

I loved Penbrook when I moved here 16 years ago and I love it now. Penbrook is a walkable town, and I would love to see a coffee shop or a sit-down restaurant in our downtown area for our families and residents to enjoy. An inviting area where you would find enjoyment gathering or walking around our town. I would also love to see the remainder of our parks revamped so children throughout the borough have a safe place to play, all within walking distance of their home.

Please come to a borough council meeting to learn more about Penbrook. I would love to meet you!

Thank you, Mayor McDonald Jr

