



PENBROOK BOROUGH

2026 FALL NEWSLETTER

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POLICE & FIRE Emergency
Call 911

Police Non-Emergency
Call 717-558-6900

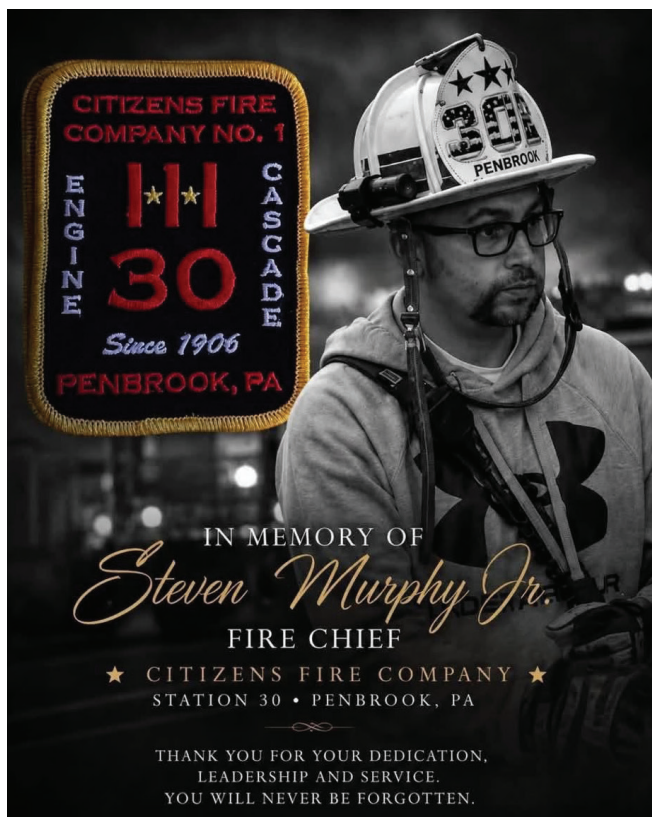
TV CHANNELS FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

WHTM Channel 27
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RADIO STATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

WNNK 104 FM
WRKZ 107 FM
WIMX 1460 AM/99.3 FM

In Memory of Steven Murphy Jr.



On behalf of the Mayor and Penbrook Borough Council, we are incredibly saddened by the unexpected passing of Steven Murphy Jr., Fire Chief of the Citizens Fire Company No.1 of Penbrook. Steven provided more than 20 years of dedicated service to the community and led the fire company with unwavering passion, courage, intention, and selflessness. Steven's commitment to protecting the community will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and deepest condolences are with Steven's family, friends, fellow firefighters, and all who were fortunate to know him during this incredibly difficult time. Please keep Steven's family, friends, and loved ones in your thoughts.

BOROUGH MEETINGS

All meetings start at 6:30pm

Council 9/8, 10/5, 11/2
Caucus 9/21, 10/19, 11/16
Parks 9/9, 10/14, 11/11

Planning Commission 9/23, 10/28, 11/25
Stormwater 9/16, 10/21, 11/18

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PROPERTY TAX REBATE

NEW DEADLINE

Property Tax / Rent Rebate Applications

Giving money back to PA renters and homeowners

Homeowner & Renter Income	Max Rebate
Up to \$8,550	\$1,000
Up to \$16,040	\$770
Up to \$19,240	\$460
Up to \$48,110	\$380

Applications due by **December 31, 2026**

The State's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program application deadline for 2025 has been extended until December 31!

The PTRR Program provides rebates ranging from \$380 to \$1,000 to eligible older adults and people with disabilities who meet certain household income requirements. These rebates help older adults and people with disabilities remain in their homes while making it easier to afford everyday essentials.

if you have any questions or concerns to reach out to Representative Justin Flemings office at (717) 230-1172

FALL STORMWATER TIPS

1. Sweep up grass clippings and fertilizer from driveways, sidewalks and streets, and rake, mulch or compost yard waste. Don't forget to sweep along the curb. Remove leaves from your gutters, ditches and driveways, sidewalks and streets.
2. Fall is the best season to fertilize your lawn and control common weeds. Weed and feed responsibly. Use fertilizers and pesticides only as needed and always read and follow product instructions carefully. Be phosphorus conscious!
3. Consider using alternative lawn-care techniques in addition to, or even instead of, pesticides. Try these: pulling weeds by hand (counts as a workout), or spot-treating weedy areas instead of your entire yard.
4. Resist the urge to let Fido fend for himself when the weather turns colder, and keep on scooping poop. Pet waste contains phosphorus, nitrogen and harmful bacteria.
5. During routine fall tune-ups, check your car and lawn equipment for leaks. A good rainstorm can send gasoline and oil drips from automobiles, lawnmowers and power equipment into waterways.



**Central PA Family Day
Broad Street Market**
5000 Commons Dr., Harrisburg
Stop by this family-focused gathering of local organizations and learn about new programs.

SEPT 12
10AM - 1PM



Senior Fair
Capital Blue Cross
2500 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg
Our annual Senior Fair boasts 70+ vendors, snacks, and giveaways.
(RSVP Requested)

SEPT 18
10AM - 1PM



One-Stop Drop
Farm Show Complex Parking Lot
Paper shredding, Goodwill collection, electronics recycling, and medication disposal in one place!
(RSVP Requested for Large Items)

OCT 17
10AM - 2PM



First Responders Town Hall
Citizens' Fire Co. #1 - Penbrook
134 S 28th St, Harrisburg
Volunteer or professional, come ask questions and share your thoughts.
(RSVP Required)

OCT 28
6 - 7 PM



Veterans Breakfast
Dauphin County Technical School
6001 Locust Lane, Harrisburg
A free breakfast for veterans to thank them for their service.
(RSVP Required)

NOV 2
11AM - 1PM

For more information or to RSVP, please call 717-230-1172 or email RepFleming@pahouse.net. We look forward to seeing you!

2026 EVENTS
JULY - DECEMBER



HELP SHAPE HOW WE KEEP YOU INFORMED!

How would you like to hear from your Borough? We want to make sure you're getting the information that matters—when and where you want it. That's why we're asking for your feedback!

Take our quick 2-minute Communication & Social Media Survey and tell us how informed you feel about what's happening in Penbrook and how you'd like to receive Borough news, events, emergency updates, and other important information. Whether you prefer Facebook, email, our printed newsletter, or another platform, your input will help shape how Penbrook Borough communicates with residents moving forward.

Your feedback matters and will help us better connect with the entire Penbrook community. Scan the QR code or visit the link below to complete the survey by October 30, 2026.



Link address: <https://forms.office.com/r/QUVH76WdAs>

Penbrook Borough -
Communication & Social Media
Platforms



PENBROOK LIONS END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

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On Thursday, June 11th, 2026, the Penbrook Lions held their end of year meeting with lots of celebratory fanfare! KL Tammy planned and presented a very memorable and patriotic themed meeting. Red, white and blue party favors were accompanied by a great dinner spread and an array of certificates acknowledging the dedication and service to our community and beyond.

After a delicious meal, the first order of business was the Installation Ceremony of Officers and Directors for the 2026-2027: President-KL Tammy Sweger, Vice-President & Marketing Chair—Lion Sabrina Herb, Treasurer—Lion Randy Howarth and Secretary—Lion Carmen Gonzalez Hiester. The Directors for 2026-2027: IPP Candy Herb, Lion Ray O'Leary (Membership Chair), Social Director—Lion Virginia Cobb, Vision & Hearing—Dr. Daniel Benny, Health/Wellness & Veterans—Lion David Hiester, CUB Program Advisor—Lion Zuri Payes. Chaplain—Lion Mary Hafer. LEO Advisors: Lions Tammy, Randy and Carmen Castillo.

King Lion Tammy then presented club members with Attendance and Service Certificates. 100% Attendance Certificates to Lions Tammy, Randy, Carmen GH and Dave. The Penbrook Lions documented 1,765 hours of service for the year. Service Awards Certificates were presented to Lions Virginia, Dr. Benny, Sabrina, Ray, Randy, Dave and Carmen GH. Of course, the meeting could not end without the members acknowledging the hard work and dedication of their leader, KL Tammy; they thanked her for her leadership, determination and kindness, and presented her with a decorative plant.



COMMUNITY GARDEN UPDATE

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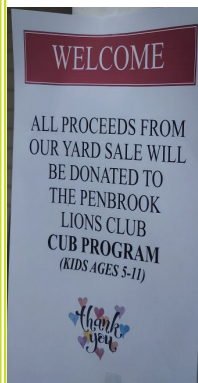
The Penbrook Community Garden, a community service project of the Penbrook Lions & Leo Clubs, continues its mission to provide garden vegetables during the late spring, summer and fall seasons to patrons of the Manna Food Pantry in Penbrook.

This later spring and early summer season has been particularly harsh due to the extreme heat, but Penbrook Lions, Leos and community helpers continue to conduct regular maintenance of the garden, seasonal planting and harvesting, composting, harvesting and delivery of fresh vegetables to the pantry. The weather requires constant vigilance of the crops, continuous and thorough watering and weeding of each plot and lots of Gatorade for the volunteers!

The spring crops (kale, broccoli, zucchini, lettuce, cauliflower, and spinach) have been continuously harvested, and soon the early cabbage will be ready for harvest. Plots have been refurbished and the summer vegetables have been planted (tomatoes, eggplants, sweet and spicy peppers, more lettuce and kale). The volunteers report early in the morning or later in the evening to conduct the necessary tasks...safety of the volunteers is essential during the current heat wave.



PENBROOK LIONS CONDUCT YARD SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE CUB PROGRAM



On Saturday, June 6th, 2026, during the Penbrook Community Yard Sale event, Lions Zuri and Dave combined forces and yard sale items to raise money for the **Penbrook Lions Club CUB Program**. Lion Zuri is the CUB Advisor and has currently recruited seven cubs into the program. They raised \$100.

PENBROOK WORD UNSCRAMBLE

Can you untangle these letters to find words related to our town's parks, landmarks, and history?

KROBOPNE (_____)

ROBGUOH (_____)

TELITL VLEYA (_____)

TEAS RBAHIRGSUR (_____)



MANNA FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Manna Food Pantry needs volunteers on the first three Thursdays and Fridays of each month.

Thursday Mornings (9:00-11:00 a.m.)

Volunteers help prepare for Thursday evening distribution by setting up tables, picking up eggs, milk, and produce from the Food Bank, unloading deliveries, and organizing produce into baskets or bags.

Thursday Evenings (5:30-7:30 p.m.)

Volunteers assist with food distribution by helping clients select items, transporting groceries to vehicles, staffing food stations, and completing cleanup tasks afterward. Spanish-speaking volunteers are especially needed.

Friday Mornings (8:00/8:30-11:00 a.m.)

Volunteers restock pantry shelves and help unload and store deliveries from the Food Bank truck, which typically arrives anytime between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Interested in volunteering?

Contact Gail Mahoney at 717-503-0102 or email manna.foodpantry@gmail.com

Penbrook Borough
FALL FEST
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
3pm-6pm
Penbrook Community Park
FUN FOR ALL

RAIN DATE:
SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 27

Featuring local band **Mojo Filter**
Food Trucks
Free Hotdogs from the Penbrook Lions
Free Activities include:
Caracaturist, Face Painter, Balloon Artist,
GIANT Inflatable Slide
Raffle Giveaways including
Hersheypark Passes, Gift Cards, and More!

THE JT DORSEY FOUNDATION

Fall SOCCER FOR SUCCESS

OPEN FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 4-13

REGISTRATION FEE **\$50** PER PLAYER
WWW.JTDORSEY.ORG
PENBROOK PARK
3106A Hoffer St,
Harrisburg, PA 17103

FALL SEASON
SEPT 14 - OCT 30

SOCCER **MENTORING** **FUN FOR ALL**

Learn soccer skills from the areas best Coach-Mentors
Develop lifeskills through fun games
Engage in your community

MORE INFO
☎ (717) 329-8937
WWW.JTDORSEY.ORG

Be There. Have Fun.
LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

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PENBROOK REVITALIZATION, INC.

Moving Penbrook Forward
www.penbrookrevitalization.org

150 S. 28th St.
Harrisburg, PA
17103

Penbrook Revitalization Inc (PRI) is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 2003 as a DCED Main Street Affiliate. PRI's mission is to provide for and assist in Borough projects to improve the living environment, safety and welfare of its residents and businesses, as well as assist in projects to improve the downtown business area, stimulating economic development.

As part of its economic development mission, PRI implemented the *Property of Merit Program (POM)* in 2008. This program, now in its 18th year, acknowledges homeowners and business owners that maintain properties with "curb appeal" quality, celebrating the effect of one property owner's positive influence on the neighborhood. In 2016, PRI adopted *Elm Street Station Park (ESSP)* and its neighborhood for quarterly cleanups as part of the *Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB)* initiative in *environmental stewardship*. In 2024, PRI sponsored its first *Senior/Veterans POM* project which assists pre-qualified seniors or veterans in qualifying for the POM program award. In addition, each year PRI sponsors the Borough's Annual Community-wide Yard Sale on the first Saturday in June.

If you are interested in serving the community as a board or a committee member or want to learn more about our organization you can contact PRI by visiting our website:
www.penbrookrevitalization.org

SAVE-THE-DATE

PENBROOK REVITALIZATION INC (PRI) 2026 PROPERTY OF MERIT AWARDS PROGRAM [POM] WILL BE HELD ON:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
PENBROOK COMMUNITY PARK PAVILION
RAIN DATE: September 27th, 2026

COME CELEBRATE YOUR NEIGHBOR'S OR FAVORITE BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT IN BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE POM AWARD! LEARN HOW YOU CAN BE NEXT YEAR'S POM WINNER. FREE RAFFLE DRAWINGS AND SNACKS! LIMITED SEATING.



LITTLE VALLEY SUMMER PROGRAM RECAP

The Little Valley Summer Program provided Penbrook's youth with a summer filled with learning, recreation, and unforgettable experiences. Throughout the program, campers participated in a wide variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, STEM projects, environmental education, woodworking, tie-dye, water games, gardening, and team-building activities. They also had the opportunity to learn from and interact with numerous community partners, including local organizations, healthcare professionals, educators, first responders, and Borough volunteers, who generously shared their time, talents, and expertise. The program concluded with a family picnic and awards ceremony, giving campers, families, and camp leaders an opportunity to celebrate another successful summer together and recognize the friendships, accomplishments, and memories made along the way.

The Borough extends its sincere appreciation to the many volunteers, community organizations, and donors whose generosity and dedication made this year's program possible. Their continued support helps provide meaningful opportunities for Penbrook's children each summer. We would also like to offer a special thank you to Summer Program Supervisor, Sabrina Herb, whose outstanding leadership, enthusiasm, and commitment were instrumental in creating a safe, engaging, and memorable experience for every camper. Her hard work, along with the efforts of our volunteers and partners, continues to make the Little Valley Summer Program a valued tradition in our community.

Grand Re-Opening of Little Valley Park

Penbrook Borough was proud to celebrate the Grand Re-Opening of Little Valley Park, marking the completion of significant improvements that have transformed the park into a vibrant, revitalized gathering place for residents of all ages. During the ceremony, Borough Council President Nathan Newcomer spoke about the park's importance to the community and the lasting value of providing safe, welcoming recreational space for families and children. The Borough was honored to welcome State Representative Justin Fleming, State Senator Patty Kim, and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) representative Cheri Matter, along with members of the Penbrook Lions Club,

Penbrook Revitalization, Inc., and many community members and families who joined in celebrating this exciting milestone. The event highlighted the partnerships and community support that made the park's revitalization possible and the shared commitment to investing in Penbrook's future.

LITTLE VALLEY PARK

Grand Re-Opening



Did You Know? LOCAL HISTORY FACTS

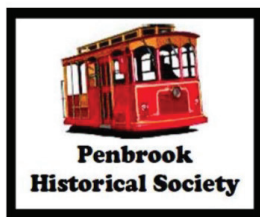
- 1) The Original Name:** Before officially incorporating as Penbrook Borough on July 10, 1894, our community was originally named "East Harrisburg". Even though we gained our independence as our own town, we still share a postal ZIP code with Harrisburg today!
- 2) A Park Transformed:** Little Valley Park, one of our favorite neighborhood spots for sports and play, was originally used as a local landfill decades ago before being completely rebuilt and repurposed into a beautiful green recreation area.
- 3) The Greenbelt Connection:** The famous Capital Area Greenbelt, a massive 20-mile continuous loop trail that encircles the greater Harrisburg region, cuts directly across Penbrook. It makes our borough a premier destination for local cyclists, joggers, and walkers!



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GREEN
HARRIS
PARK
PENBROOK
POLICE
TRAIL
VALLEY
WALK

CAN YOU FIND THE WORDS? 🤔 🤔



Come join us at our upcoming Historical Society meetings in 2026 at the Community Building on Tuesdays at 4:30pm on the following dates:

March 31 June 30
Sept. 29 Dec. 29th

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



**RAIN HAPPENS.
GOOD PLANNING
MATTERS.**



JOIN THE PENBROOK
**STORMWATER
AUTHORITY**

Help protect the community, the waterways, and the future. Contribute to shaping how Penbrook Manages stormwater.

Interested? Email authority@penbrook.org

Coming soon...Penbrook Lions Club is launching a Veteran Banner Program as a



living tribute for our community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces.

If you would like to volunteer, or know of a loved one that you would like to honor, please contact us by mail or through our website:

Penbrook Lions Club
150 S 28th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Website Address: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/penbrookpa>



Just a few reminders:

Trick or treat is October 31 from 5-8 pm

Administrative offices will be closed:

September 7th for Labor Day

October 12th for Columbus Day

November 11th for Veterans Day

November 26th for Thanksgiving

November 27th for Black Friday

VOTER INFO

The primary election will be held on **11/3/26**
from 7 am to 8 pm

Register to vote by 10/19/26

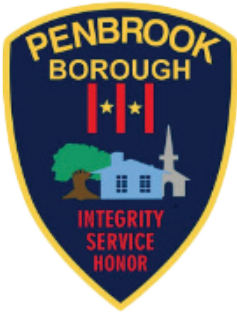
To vote, you must be 18, a US Citizen and live at least 30 days prior to the election in Pennsylvania and the Election District where you live.

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

WORDS UNSCRAMBLE: 1. PENBROOK, 2. BOROUGH, 3. LITTLE VALLEY, 4. EAST HARRISBURG,
(Row 6 across), TRAIL (Row 7 across), PARK (Row 2 across), WALK (Row 4 across).

SOME WORD SEARCH HINTS: BOROUGH (Row 1 across), PENBROOK (Col 1 down & 1 letter to the right), VALLEY (Row 5 across), GREEN (Row 3 across), HARRIS
KEY TO ANSWERS TO THE FUN ZONE (NO PEEKING!):





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NEW RESOURCES PAGE ADDED TO BOROUGH WEBSITE

The Borough has recently compiled a list of some resources available locally, including assistance with temporary housing, shelters, financial and repair support for homes, food insecurity, and more. Penbrook residents can navigate to the website (<https://www.penbrook.org/>) and click "Resources" at the top of the page to learn more about available services and organizations that may be able to help.

Life can bring unexpected challenges, and having access to reliable information about community resources can make a meaningful difference during times of need. Whether someone is experiencing a temporary hardship, supporting a loved one, or simply looking to better understand the services available in the area, these resources can help connect residents with organizations that provide support, guidance, and assistance.

The resources provided on the website are not affiliated with nor operated by Penbrook Borough and function independently of the Borough. Information regarding services, eligibility requirements, availability, policies, and other program details should be obtained directly from the respective organization or through its website. Penbrook Borough does not oversee, manage, or have jurisdiction over these resources and provides this list solely for informational purposes to help residents connect with available community services.



Food Banks
Temporary Housing
Shelters
Financial Support
Home Repairs

Looking for local resources?
Start Here:



[penbrook.org/resources](https://www.penbrook.org/resources)