

PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

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Other Winter Weather Reminders:

- No person may “save a parking space” by placing any object in the street
- It is prohibited to shovel, push, throw or plow snow from a sidewalk, driveway, lot or any other area into the street
- It is unlawful to obscure visibility of any fire hydrant or impede access to any fire hydrant
- Make arrangements NOW with a neighbor or friend to take care of your sidewalk or move your car this winter if you are unable to do it yourself or will be out of town

SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES:
Canby Street
Walnut Street
28th Street
Herr Street
Market Street Road

Borough Establishes Regulations for Operation of Motor Vehicles During Winter Weather Emergencies and During Non-Emergency Snow/Ice Removal from Borough Streets and Penalties for Violation of Ordinance 2014-3

Ordinance 2014-3: What You Should Know

On December 1st, 2014, the Council of the Borough of Penbrook adopted and the Mayor approved Ordinance 2014-3 which establishes the procedures to be followed for the orderly movement of vehicles from the streets to facilitate the removal of snow or ice. The ordinance also gives the Mayor or President of the Borough Council the discretion to declare a “Snow Emergency” to safeguard the safety and welfare of all borough residents.



Get ready for winter!

What is a “Snow Emergency”?

A “Snow Emergency” is an emergency brought on by adverse weather, including the accumulation of snow or ice that requires immediate action and special authority for handling the conditions at present or in the immediate future, such as a pending snowstorm or blizzard conditions.

What are the Parking and Driving

Restrictions? Once a Snow Emergency has been declared, and until it is terminated, it is unlawful to park a vehicle or allow a vehicle to remain anywhere on any Snow Emergency Route. You may not drive a vehicle on a Snow

Emergency Route unless that vehicle is equipped with snow or all weather tires.

Twenty-four (24) hours after a snow and ice emergency has been declared, parking shall

be regulated on ALL borough streets for the purposes of clearing snow and ice. 24 hours after declaring the Snow

Emergency, parking shall be prohibited on the **ODD** numbered (1,3,5,9, etc.) side of ALL Borough streets until the street has

been plowed, salted and/or cindered. **The DAY AFTER** the odd numbered side of the street has been plowed, parking shall be

prohibited on the **EVEN** numbered (2,4,6,8,etc.) side of ALL Borough streets until the street has been plowed, slated and/or cindered. This odd/even non-

parking regulation shall remain in effect until ALL Borough streets have been plowed, salted and/or cindered. *Residents and*

businesses are reminded to be attentive to radio and television broadcasts for updated snow emergency bulletins affecting the Borough.

Vehicles parked in violation of this ordinance can be **towed at owner’s expense** by the Police Department. Violation of the ordinance will, upon conviction, result in a **fine of up to \$300** (each day shall constitute a separate offense).

WINTER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS

Our Emergency Management Director, Bob Rhoads, would like to share with you several important tips to keep you and your family safe this winter. Emergencies and disasters happen quickly and sometimes without any warnings. You

could be anywhere (work, school, driving, etc.) and you could be forced to remain where you are or be evacuated. Are you informed? Do you and your family have a plan? Do you have an emergency kit to meet the needs of everyone?

Step 1: Be Informed

Ask about emergency shelters in the borough, the school or at the job. Find out the emergency warning system in the borough. Do you know the different sirens or signals for each emergency?

Emergency Numbers and Information Contacts

POLICE Emergency — Call 911
Police Non-Emergency— 558-6900

FIRE Emergency— Call 911

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

NEWSPAPERS
Patriot News—255-8100
Paxton Herald—545-9540

ATTENTION RESIDENTS:

In mid-December an **Emergency Preparedness Packet** will be placed on your door. The packet will contain information guides on planning for an emergency or a disaster. The packet will also contain a Family Disaster Plan, as well as a MEDICAL ALERT form and an EMERGENCY CONTACT CARD. Please read the materials and complete the Family Disaster Plan. If you are a resident in need of special assistance during an emergency, please complete the MEDICAL ALERT form and return it to the Borough Office in a seal envelope marked "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL ONLY." This envelope will remain private and sealed and opened only by Emergency Management personnel during a declared emergency. This form will assist us in getting services to you as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Ward Council member or the Borough Office.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TIPS (continued)

Step 2: Make A Plan

Complete a Family Disaster Plan. Meet with your family members and discuss the following:

- Where will you meet? Choose a place outside the house or away from the neighborhood
- Who will be your contact? Your contact should be someone you can trust and not in your household
- How fast can you get ready to leave or where can you stay? Be sure that all members know the safest way out of the house or where to go in the house for each type of emergency
- Does everyone have all the contact information for the family?
- Do you have copies of all the necessary documents? (Credit cards, medical alerts, prescriptions, photo ID, insurance cards, etc.)
- What about the pets? You can't take pets to emergency shelters (unless they are service animals)
- Complete the Family Disaster Plan immediately

- Special needs (eyeglasses, prescriptions, hearing aid/batteries, etc.)
- Infant needs
- Tools, pet supplies, maps
- Warm clothes, sturdy shoes, warm blankets or sleeping bags

Step 4: Review and Update Your Plan

- Be sure to review the plan with your family members twice a year. Check to make sure that all family members understand what to do in case of an emergency. Describe the plan you would utilize for each different type of emergency.
- Conduct practice drills regularly to ensure that all family members can get out safely and locate each other as planned. Review roles and responsibilities as written in your plan.
- Update the disaster supply kit. Check for expiration dates on canned items. Replace water and food items every 6 months
- Test your smoke alarms every month and change the batteries each year

Step 3: Get Your Disaster Kit Ready

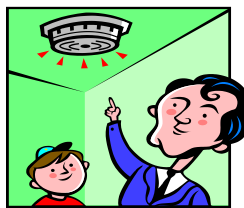
Your disaster supplies kit should contain the basic items your family would need to stay safe and comfortable during and after an emergency. Keep your disaster kit near an exit door. Update your disaster kit at least twice a year. What should you have?

- 3 day supply of nonperishable food and a can opener (manual)
- 3 day supply of water
- Portable battery-powered radio and batteries
- Flashlight and batteries
- First Aid kit
- Sanitation and hygiene items
- Matches in waterproof container
- Photocopies of ID and credit cards
- Cash and coins

MORE IMPORTANT TIPS

- If you are instructed to take shelter or evacuate, do so at once. Follow the instructions given by the local emergency officials. They have been trained in how to deal with disasters.
- After a disaster or emergency, check for injury and get help if needed. If you are at home, check for damage using a flashlight. Sniff for gas leaks. Shut off any damaged utilities if possible.
- Check on your neighbors, especially if they are elderly or disabled.
- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Listen to the local radio and TV stations for updated information
- If electrical power is lost call the power company and report the outage. Use a flashlight—DO NOT USE CANDLES or KEROSENE LANTERNS. Turn off all major appliances. Keep the refrigerator or freezer door closed. To avoid burst pipes, close the main water valve and open spigots and supply lines and drain them.

Check the batteries in your smoke alarms



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