



PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

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March 3 - Leo Club meets at the Borough building at 6:30 pm.

March 8 - Daylight Savings Time begins

March 10 - Leo Club fundraiser at the Friendlys Restaurant

March 14 - Penbrook Lions Pancake Breakfast (See more inside.)

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

April 4 - KPB Community Park and Storm Drains Clean-up

April 11 - Easter Egg Hunt and Walk with a Doc (See more inside.)

April 12 - Easter Sunday

April 15 - Tax Day, All taxes are due

April 19 - PRI Clean-Up of Elm Street

April 28 - Primary Election Day

May 4 - June 1 - Summer Program Sign-up. (See Page 3)

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 10 - Mother's Day

May 25 - Memorial Day - Remember all those that have served our country

June 6 - Borough-wide Yard Sale and Walk with a Doc.

More on of these events inside. Please consider joining the Borough for the many events involving residents.

VOTER INFO

Last day to register to vote in the April 2020 Primary is April 21, 2020

Last day to submit an absentee or mail-in ballot for the April 2020 Primary is April 21, 2020 at 5:00pm

The 2020 Primary Election is April 28, 2020. New voters will need a picture ID (Driver License or PennDOT issued ID, etc.) to vote.

To vote in the 2020 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.

The 2020 Primary Election date has been changed. Please mark your calendar.

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 and the Chesapeake Bay.
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, mouse, 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—6:30pm
Monday at the Community Building on March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st and July 6th.
- Caucus Meetings—6:30pm
Monday at the Community Building on March 16th, April 20th May 18th June 15th and July 20th
- Penbrook Authority—6:30 pm, Meet 3rd Wednesday at the Community Building on March 18th, April 15th, May 20th, June 17th and July 15th.

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 6pm at the Borough Building.



Happy Easter to All

Borough News

Penbrook Authority - As Spring approaches the Authority wants to remind you that grass clippings must not be blown or left in the street. Clippings should be bagged with your trash or used as mulch for your lawn. Contrary to what you may have heard clippings left on your lawn are good for the grass, as long as you leave about 2 inches of grass. Clippings in the street get washed down the storm drains and into the creeks where they can harm the fish living in the stream.

Council Changes - As you may know, Borough Council is required to reorganize every even numbered year following a municipal election. Mr. Kevin Ramper, our long time President of Council has decided to step back and take the Vice-President position. Mr. David Deardorff was elected President at the January meeting. Ms. Robin Dry has taken the President Pro-Tem position.

Annual KPB Event - The Penbrook Annual Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful event is planned for Saturday, April 4th from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. The event is open to all volunteers (ages 9 and up). They will meet at the Community Building for registration and to pick up vests, gloves, trash bags and safety instructions. Water will be provided. Please contact Vicki at ward3b@penbrook.org to let us know you are coming.

Easter Egg Hunt - The annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids ages 1-10 will take place at Community Park, 2923 Boas Street, promptly at 10 AM on April 11th. Please bring your own basket to fill with eggs and BOOKS! This is a rain or shine event sponsored by the Lions and Leos of Penbrook. Don't be late, this event goes very quickly!!!

New Manager - Police Chief Joseph Hogarth has assumed the Borough Manager/Borough Secretary position on the resignation of Mr. John Eberly. The Pennsylvania Borough Code allows a police chief to take on the additional position of manager. This is quite common in smaller boroughs.

New Emergency Management Coordinator - After many years as the director of Emergency Management for Penbrook, Mr. Robert Rhoads has decided to end his tenure and relinquish the position. Mr. Todd Zwigart, from the Penbrook Highway Department has offered to take over the position. Mr. Zwigart has been the Fire Chief for Paxtang Borough for many years and has all the training to take on this very important position. This position as head of the Penbrook Emergency Management Agency is appointed by the Governor.

POLICE NEWS

The Penbrook Police Department recently awarded commendations to several officers and one civilian.

An Award of Merit was presented to Officer Jesse Foltz for his work in investigating the theft of funds at Fritz Fire Protection. His exemplary work resulted in prosecution for the theft of a substantial amount of money

A Commendation was given to Officer Daniel Baldwin for his tireless efforts to maintain the Department's Accreditation, often by working on his own time. This work results a better department and reductions in insurance costs for the Borough.

Officer Isaac Tritt received an award for his efforts in pursuit of a vehicle being driven erratically. When he stopped the car he found a significant amount of marijuana and cash. This work took a drug dealer off the streets.

Finally, the Department gave a Citizenship Award to Denise Welch for helping direct traffic around an accident while the only available police officer attended to the victims.

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Neil and Nancy Dimeler



The Dimelers have been a part of the fabric of Penbrook nearly all their lives. They have lived on Canby Street for over 60 years. In the newly renovated Elm Street Station Park you can see a bench dedicated to them for their years of service to Penbrook as Lions. Neil helped Lloyd Manherz with the layout and clearing of that park many years ago. Neil is a life member of the Penbrook Fire Co. and a 57 year member of the Lions Club

Nancy has served as a mother, a Girl Scout Leader and Past President of both the Civic Club of Penbrook and the Penbrook Lions Club. Together the Dimelers have given years of service to our community. They have sponsored many others in the Lions Club. Both Neil and Nancy are true assets of the Borough.

Earth Day Clean-Up and Celebration

Celebrate Earth Day 2020 on Sunday April 19th by helping to keep the Borough clean and joining your neighbors in an important effort. The group will meet at the Pavilion at Community Park, 31st and Boas Streets. Volunteer groups will be assigned to designated parks. Sign up at 12:45pm at the park. The event is from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Gloves, safety vests, trash bags, water, snacks and instructions will all be provided for free. Celebrate by helping the planet.



The 2020 Little Valley Free Summer Program for Penbrook kids ages 6 to 12 will begin on June 23rd and end on July 23rd. The 5 week program will be held Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the park on Hillside & Books Streets. Applications for the program are available at the Borough Office and at www.penbrook.org beginning May 4th. Each child must be registered separately. The first 35 registered participants will receive a free camp tee shirt and water bottle.

STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Street sweeping will be between May 11 and May 15. Please look for signs and be sure to move your car when required.

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

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

The Penbrook Lions Club will host their Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 14th at the Penbrook Community Building from 7:00am to 11:00am. Tickets \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids ages 6 to 10. Kids 5 and under and all Veterans eat FREE. The menu includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage, coffee and orange juice. Proceeds help support local community service projects.

The Lions Club is always looking for new members. If you would like to learn more about Lions Clubs, please contact Membership Chair Lion Ray at 717-712-2654



After the kids enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th, enjoy a relaxing walk. Learn about the benefits of walking by taking a stroll in the Greenbelt with a medical professional. Water and snacks will be provided. This easy event is open to all ages and abilities.

Borough-Wide Yard Sale

Penbrook Revitalization Inc. is sponsoring the annual community-wide on June 6th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. As you do your cleaning, set aside the those items you no longer need or want and tag them for the yard sale. Make some extra cash. Organize a block party on the day of the sale and spread the news to you neighbors. Get more foot traffic by registering your sale by adding your address on the PRI website. Just go to www.penbrookrevitalization.org

Looking for more news about Penbrook? Current events? Upcoming programs and interesting people? Just try looking at www.hellopenbrook.com for more.

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

PENBROOK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—SPRING 2019

Council President David Deardorff



Welcome to 2020, a new decade and a new Borough Council. I'd like to introduce myself, I'm Dave Deardorff your new Council President. I had the honor of being nominated by former President Ramper and was unanimously approved by the other members of council. I look forward to being able to serve you and help with your concerns and needs in the coming year.

Your Borough Council meets twice a month to address Borough issues. Your input is very valuable to us so please come to the meetings so we can do our best to address your needs.

I hope everyone has a wonderful and prosperous new year and new decade! Thanks for being part of Penbrook!

Leo Club Special Event



On Tuesday March 17th at 6:30PM Mr. Bryan Majors of the Washington Generals will address the Leo Club at the Community Building.

Mr. Majors is a motivational speaker, basketball trainer, entrepreneur and author. He graduated from Harrisburg High School and Susquehanna University and received a Master's Degree from Penn State.

Admission is free for adults and teens 12 and up.

In addition to academic success, Bryan had an outstanding basketball career – earning recognition as Rookie of the Year, two-time conference Defensive Player of the Year, career leader in assists, second leader in steals, two-year captain and four-year starter.

Important Voter Info for April 2020

1. New voters in Penbrook and first time voters will need to have a photo ID or non-photo ID. A driver license or state issued ID showing you live in Penbrook is enough.
2. Everyone in Penbrook votes at the Borough building at 28th and Canby Streets. Look for the police cars out front.
3. Know which ward you live in. You can call Dauphin County at 800-328-0058 if you are not sure
4. On the day of the Primary Election all voting is done in the auditorium of the building. You can access it using the glass doors on Elm Street. It is an accessible entrance.
5. Since the April Election is a Primary, you must be a registered member of a political party to vote. You can register at www.register.VotesPA.com and you can change your party affiliation there as well.
6. There are new rules for absentee and mail-in ballots this year. You may ask for either ballot from the County at the above number.
7. Remember that the Primary Election is now on April 28th this year, It is earlier than previous years. So please contact the county soon if you need to register or need a ballot. PLEASE VOTE ON APRIL 28TH.



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 March 10th and May 12th
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.