



PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

WINTER 2020

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December 5th

Santa Visits
December 19th

Christmas Day
December 25th

New Years Day
January 1, 2021

Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
January 18, 2021

Presidents Day
February 15, 2021



The City of Harrisburg Becomes the New Trash Hauler for the Borough

Council has appointed Harrisburg as the new trash hauler starting in 2021. Our current company, Republic Services was looking for a large increase in price that Council did not feel it could support during a time when so many are hurting. Using the City will allow the price to remain the same as in 2019.

Republic Services will be collecting their toters along with their final pick up on December 30th. Please have all three containers (Trash, Recycling and Yard Waste) at the curb for their pick up)

Harrisburg will provide the size toter of your choice for trash. They offer 3 sizes, 95 Gallons which hold up to 5 bags, 65 Gallons which hold up to 4

bags, and 35 Gallons which hold up to 2 bags each. The City has sent each home to be served a letter asking that they choose the size they want. Please note, not every home will be served by the City. Large apartment houses of more than 4 units and businesses are not included.

You can chose your toter size by sending back the letter, or calling 717-695-9716. You can also make your choice on the web at

<https://Laserfiche.harrisburgpa.gov/Forms/TrashContainer-Penbrook>

There are samples of the toters at the Borough building. All homes served will get recycling toters and yard waste containers as well.

SNOW CLEARANCE NOTICE—ALTERNATE SIDES OF STREET

Snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours after the end of a storm. When clearing the sidewalk **DO NOT PUT THE SNOW IN THE STREET.** You already pay to have your street cleared, putting the snow in the street after it has been cleared means that the Borough employees that plowed your street will have to plow it again, costing twice as much. **DON'T PAY TWICE!**

After a **severe** snow storm, the borough may invoke alternate side of the street parking so employees can clear the snow completely from the pavement. When this is done, watch the TV stations listed on Page 2 for information on which side of the street will be cleared first. Alternate side of the street parking means that on the odd or even day for the street to be cleared, you must remove your car from that side of the street depending on the last digit of the address number. Addresses ending with 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 should be free of cars on odd number days and addresses ending with 2, 4, 6, 8 or 0 on even number days.

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
WGAL Channel 8

RADIO Stations for Emergency Alerts
WNNK 104 FM
WRKZ 107 FM
WIMX 1460 AM/99.3 FM

PENBROOK AUTHORITY NEWS



Prevent Fall Stormwater Pollution by clearing leaves from stormwater inlets. Leaves contribute to pollution by adding nitrogen to streams and they can cause localized flooding in streets. Remove leaves from storm drains to prevent this.



WINTER STORMWATER POLLUTION

Many people forget that it is easy to pollute our streams in the winter just because we need to remove the snow which is in our way. There are a couple of easy rules to remember when doing this. First, when you remove snow from your sidewalk or driveway, put it where it will do the most good, on your lawn. The snow will melt and seep into the earth ready to feed your grass and plants in the Spring.

Next, use as little salt as possible. Salt ends up in streams, Spreading salt under 15°F doesn't do anything at all except waste money. Only use it where you need it, where you will walk or drive, not all over the whole driveway. Remember that our streams are fresh water, not salt water.

HELP PROTECT PENBROOK

We all want to survive this pandemic, so we must all do our part. This means we need to follow the three CDC rules:

1. Wear a Mask when outside in public.
2. Wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds.
3. Use social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others

These rules will help keep all Penbrook safe.



PENBROOK GETS A MURAL

The Penbrook Parks SubCommittee has been circulating a group of possible styles for the new mural to be installed on the back wall of the Community Building. The most popular choice was a grouping of stylized children at play. The next step is to engage an artist and have several sketches made so that a final choice for the design can be made.

The mural is a donation of \$4,000.00 made by two members of the community, Frederick Pace and James Armbruster.

PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Parks Subcommittee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Penbrook Community Building at 6:30 pm

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COMMUNITY NOTES

COUNCIL SETS NEW TIME FOR ALL MEETINGS

The Borough Council has decided that all meetings at the Community Building will start at 6:30 PM unless otherwise announced. The Council Meetings on the first Monday of the month will be held at the new time instead of 7:30 PM.

LIONS CLUB NEW YEARS DINNER NOTICE

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Penbrook Lions Club has sadly had to call off its popular New Years Day Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner for 2021.

Attention Penbrook Senior Residents

Do you need help with something?

If so, please tell us your need, name, and Phone number.

Contact us at penbrookward3b@gmail.com or 717-885-8900



PENBROOK CHURCH OF GOD

The Church will hold a 6PM skit "A Christmas to Believe In" on Christmas Eve. There will also be a 7:30PM service which will include the skit and will finish with Communion and a Lighting Service at the end.

Both services will be social distancing and all will be asked to wear masks until they get to their seats. Anyone attending the later service is asked to arrive after 7PM to allow the earlier service to leave first. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PAYING BOROUGH TAXES AND FEES

Keystone Collections is collecting payments for the Penbrook Authority and the Per Capita and Occupation taxes for the Borough of Penbrook

All of the above fees and taxes can be paid at online at:

Pay at: www.keystonecollects.com/Payment

Keystone Collections Group would like to remind all the residents of Penbrook who have not yet paid their 2020 Per Capita and Occupation Taxes that these taxes are due on or before December 31, 2020.

Delinquent Taxes and Fees are sent to collections.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

Driving on snow and ice is dangerous but when they cover leaves, driving becomes extremely treacherous because leaves can slip even when covered with snow or ice.

TRASH & RECYCLING TOTERS

Please remember to return both your trash and recycling totes 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

PARKING COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Everyone knows that on-street parking in Penbrook can be very difficult. There is never enough space for all the cars and trucks. In 2009 the Council enacted Ordinance 2009-2 which prohibits parking more than one commercial vehicle owned by the same entity in any zoning district over night other than the Commercial District.

This means that any two or more Commercial Vehicles owned or operated by the same entity parked overnight in any residential district is in violation of the ordinance. The manager can permit specific vehicles to remain if they are servicing homes.

LIONS CLUB—KINDNESS MATTERS

The Penbrook Lions are looking for a few kind kids ages 18 and under. We want to hear about kids being kind. Perhaps mowing grass or shoveling snow, or doing good deeds for their neighbors. Please email and tell us about this kind kid. You can also submit their name in the Kindness Matters box on the bookshelves at the Community Building, Thank You! lionvickyd@gmail.com



Phone Numbers for Borough Personnel.
Dial 717-232-3733 then select one of the following:

- #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 Dauphin County Dispatch at 717- 558-6900

The offices will be closed on Christmas, December 25th,
New Years Day, January 1st, Martin Luther King Day
January 18th and Presidents Day February 15th

PENBROOK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—WINTER 2020

2021 BOROUGH MEETING CALENDAR

Council Meetings

January 4
February 1
March 1
April 5
May 3
June 7
July 6 (Tue)
August 2
Sept 7 (Tue.)
October 4
November 1
December 6

All meetings on
Monday at 6:30pm
unless indicated.

Caucus Meetings

January 19 (Tues)
February 16 (Tues)
March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21
July 19
August 16
September 20
October 18
November 15
December 20

Meetings at the
Borough Hall

Authority Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Budget Meetings: August 9 & 23, September 13 & 27
October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6:30 PM

PENBROOK HOLDS THE LINE ON TAXES

After months of work on the 2021 budget, the Penbrook Borough Council has agreed not to raise taxes for 2021. The Budget Committee has agreed to restrict all spending to a few items until it can determine whether or not the year will be normal or have substantially less taxes coming in because of the pandemic. This plan will allow the Borough to maintain essential services and personnel while delaying those purchases which are not considered really necessary at this time.

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.

This Newsletter was personally delivered to you free of charge by members of the Penbrook Leos Club.

Support them by sending them a donation to
150 South 28th Street Har-
risburg, PA 17103



SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2020 AT 6:30 PM

TREE LIGHTING EVENT

WE WILL GATHER IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING PARKING LOT THEN PROCEED TO THE TREE AT THE COMMUNITY TRIANGLE FOR CAROLING.

HOT COCOA AND COOKIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

ALL ARE INVITED

Impaired Residents—Notify EMA Today

Residents with medical or physical impairment that may need help in an emergency which requires evacuation should notify your Emergency Management Agency now. This information is kept in a secure, confidential manner available only to the Emergency Management Coordinator. Only when an emergency is declared will this information be used to provide needed services. You can securely identify your needs to the coordinator at PenbrookEMA@penbrook.org or 717232-3733.

PENBROOK GETS A NEW HIGHWAY WORKER

Jace Hilton is the new Highway Worker. He has previously worked at the airport and in construction. He is a volunteer firefighter and first responder. Jace is also a student at Harrisburg Area Community College. In his free time he likes to hunt, fish and go camping.

