



PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

WINTER 2021

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Borough Website: www.penbrook.org



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IMPORTANT EVENTS

Santa Visits
December 18th

Christmas Day
December 25th

New Years Day
January 1, 2022

Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
January 17, 2022

Presidents Day
February 21, 2022

Daylight Savings
Returns March 13th



Citizens Fire Company Says Thank You



Above is a picture of the brand-new firetruck at the Citizens Fire Company No. 1 of Penbrook. Chief Steve Clark and all the members of the company want to express their deep gratitude to all the taxpayers of the Borough of Penbrook because it is their payments into the Fire Protection Fund on their real estate taxes which have made the purchase of this new vehicle possible. The fire company is 100% volunteer

and has been on the job since March of 1906. Every year it answers between 200 and 400 calls.

The Company provides fire protection throughout the borough and also responds to many calls both in Harrisburg and Susquehanna Township.

This small cadre of volunteers is always looking for new members to assist in their vital task of protecting the citizens of the borough. If you are interested please see their website at <https://www.penbrook.org/fire/>



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.



Live Christmas Tree Disposal

The City of Harrisburg, which is our trash and recycling contractor, has designated four **Thursdays**, December 30th, and January 6th, 13th and 20th as days that they will pick up discarded live Christmas trees. Trees should be placed in the same area where you put your trash and recycling on the preceding Wednesday for pick up.

Penbrook Planning Commission



The Penbrook Planning Commission continues to develop Penbrook 2030. Penbrook's new comprehensive plan. Share your ideas with us at our monthly meetings, 6:30 PM on the fourth Thursday of every month at the Community Building.

Also keep an eye out for the announcement of the Penbrook Planning Commission town hall events to be held this spring. Come and tell us what you want Penbrook to look like in the future.

Many things have changed since the last plan in 1996 and we need your input. Look for the announcement.

PARKS SUB-COMMITTEE 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

Don't celebrate New Year's illegally by setting off fireworks within 150 feet of occupied buildings. It is also illegal to use unlicensed vehicles such as snowmobiles on public roads. Finally please remember there is a curfew in the Borough. Consult the Borough website for the specific ordinance.

Penbrook Revitalization Inc. Receives an Award



On November 10th, DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell and Transportation Secretary Yassmin Gramian joined Borough leaders and representatives from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful in a litter cleanup as part of the "Pick Up Pennsylvania" campaign. PRI received a Community Pride Award for their commitment to a cleaner, safer, and more prosperous Penbrook.

PENBROOK CHURCH OF GOD

MOUNTAIN BE REMOVED
OUTREACH CENTER OF
PENBROOK CHURCH OF GOD
PRESENTS

*MBROC Free Groceries
Giveaway!*

We will be serving in the PARKING LOT of
the Penbrook Church of God until 3pm or
until food runs out!

EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH AT 12PM-3PM.

ADDRESS: 2733 CANBY ST.
PENBROOK, PA 17103

Free Groceries Give Away every 2nd Saturday of the month from Noon to 3PM at 2733 Canby Street.

All are welcome. They will be serving until the food runs out. There is no need to go hungry.

They are there to serve your needs.

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 online:

Pay at: www.keystonecollects.com/Payment

Keystone Collections Group would like to remind all the residents of Penbrook who have not yet paid their 2021 Per Capita and Occupation Taxes that these taxes are due on or before December 31, 2021.

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 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

Spring Youth Baseball Sign-Up

Registration for 2022 Spring baseball for Wilhelm Paxtang is open to any kids that reside in the Borough. Registration will be held at the Community Building on January 22nd and 29th, and February 5th from 9 AM to 12 PM. The cost is \$80 with fundraiser participation or \$110 for the fundraiser buyout. Siblings are \$65.

New players will need to bring their birth certificates. Ages 5 to 12 may sign up.

If you have questions you may contact Clark Bernard at cb17028@yahoo.com or 717-421-7252

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 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, Thanks! tammymarie7@hotmail.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/ Police Chief
- #5—Police Department

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 24th, New Year's Eve December 31st, Martin Luther King Day January 17th and Presidents Day February 21st

PENBROOK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—WINTER 2021

2022 BOROUGH MEETING CALENDAR

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| January | 3rd and 18th (Tuesday) |
| February | 7th and 22nd (Tuesday) |
| March | 7th and 21st |
| April | 4th and 18th |
| May | 2nd and 16th |
| June | 6th and 20th |
| July | 5th (Tuesday) and 18th |
| August | 1st and 15th |
| September | 6th (Tuesday) and 19th |
| October | 3rd and 17th |
| November | 7th and 21st |
| December | 5th and 19th |

2022 Budget Meetings:

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| August | 8th and 22nd |
| September | 12th and 26th |
| October | 10th and 24th |
| November | 14th and 28th |

Authority Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All meetings are at the Borough hall which is handicap accessible. If you need a special accommodation, please contact the Borough before the meeting.

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6:30 PM

Lions Club Wishes You a Happy New Year
Grab and Go at the Borough Building
Chili or Soup and Rolls
New Years Day — 11am to 1pm
Free to Penbrook Residents



Leo Club Food Drive - The Penbrook Leo Club is collecting non-perishable food and fundraising for the Manna Food Pantry from Noon to 5PM on November 24th at the triangle on Canby and Elm Streets. Support them.

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 717-232-3733.

PENBROOK HOLDS COSTS ON TAX BILLS

The Penbrook Borough Council has been working diligently since August, trying to ensure that residential property tax bills remain, as nearly as possible, revenue neutral. While some homeowners may see an increase in their bills for 2022, their goal was to ensure that most do not.

Borough Council recognized that a real estate tax increase was inevitable because of increases mandated by employee expenses and other costs. In addition, the charges for trash and sanitary sewer services have also gone up. These costs are determined by contracts signed by the borough in past years. However, Borough Council, has found a way to either hold the line or modestly reduce some of these charges in order to offset the cost of the real estate tax increase this year.

This attempt to hold costs is Council's recognition of the heavy effects the pandemic has had on many families in the Borough.

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 Harrisburg, PA 17103



Annual Holiday Event



SATURDAY DECEMBER 4 2021 AT 6:30 PM

TREE LIGHTING EVENT

WE WILL GATHER AT 6:30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR HOT COCOA, COOKIES, AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE TREE AT THE COMMUNITY TRIANGLE FOR CAROLING

ALL ARE INVITED