



# PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

## SPRING 2023

Penbrook Borough 150 South 28th Street Penbrook/Harrisburg Pennsylvania 17103 (717) 232-3733

Borough Website: [www.penbrook.org](http://www.penbrook.org)



@penbrookPA

### IN THIS ISSUE:

**Fire Company Subs & Flower Sale**

**JT Dorsey Foundation Soccer Program**

**New Voter Info**

**Council Meeting Dates**

**Registration for Summer Program**

**Penbrook Parks News**

**Senior Outreach News**

**Earth Day News**

### Penbrook Fire Co. Easter Flower Sale and More!

This year the Citizen's Fire Co #1 of Penbrook extends its annual Flower Sale to include Subs and delicious Chocolate Pretzels. The flowers on sale this year include Daffodils, three types of Hyacinths, Purple Mums, Multi-Color and Pink Tulips. All flowers are on sale from April 5th to the 9th.

Subs and Pretzel Sandwiches are available for Pre-Order starting Wednesday March 1st. Last day to order these delicious sandwiches will be March 27th.

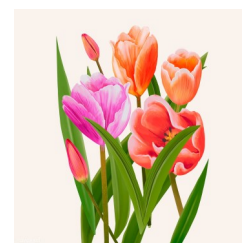
They will also be making and selling Milk, Dark and White Chocolate covered Pretzels. These are the BEST!!!

To order or inquire, please contact them at [penbrookfire30@gmail.com](mailto:penbrookfire30@gmail.com) or call with your requests to (717)234-0664

Chocolate Covered Pretzels will be ready for Pick-Up on Saturdays.

Pick up your order for Subs and Pretzel Sandwiches on Wednesday April 5th from 4:30PM to 8:00PM. Flowers are ready for pickup April 5th or 6th from 3:30PM to 8:30PM, on April 7th or 8th from 10AM to 8PM and on April 9th from 10AM to 2PM.

Pick up your orders at the Fire Co. 134 S. 28th Street Penbrook PA 17103



### VOTER DATE INFO

Last day to register to vote in the May 2023 Primary is May 1, 2023

\*\*\*\*\*

Last day to request an absentee or mail-in ballot for the May 2023 Primary is May 9, 2023

\*\*\*\*\*

The 2023 Primary Election is May 16, 2023. New voters will need a picture ID (Driver License or PennDOT issued ID, etc.) to vote.

\*\*\*\*\*

To vote in the 2023 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 at

[www.PAVoterServices.pa.gov](http://www.PAVoterServices.pa.gov)

\*\*\*\*\*

**The 2023 Primary Election date has been changed.**

### TRASH —RECYCLING BINS—GRASS CLIPPINGS

1. Your 33 gallon yard waste container is picked up ONLY on the last Thursday 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. 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.
5. Your toter with the 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.
6. 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  
WGAL Channel 8

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

## BOROUGH MEETINGS

### Council Meetings

March 6th and 20th  
April 3rd and 17th  
May 1st and 15th  
June 5th and 20th

All Meetings are held at the Penbrook Community Center, 150 S. 28th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103 and begin at 6:30PM . 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.

The Penbrook Storm Water Authority meets at 6:30PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month,

The Planning Commission meets at 6:30PM on the 4th Thursday of the month.



Happy Easter to All

## Important Penbrook Parks News

The Borough has begun work on revitalizing Little Valley Park at the corner of Books St. and Catherine St., just north of St. Margaret Mary School. The Borough has received \$70,000 for each of Phase I and II from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. An additional \$40,000 was received from Dauphin County through its Gaming Local Share Municipal Grant program. The Borough is currently working through the bidding and contractor selection process and work will begin soon.

## Events and News for Penbrook Seniors



**SENIOR OUTREACH** - Fun, Friendship and Resources the first Thursday of every month from 11AM to Noon. For more information email [LVandergoes-Lim@seniorlifeharrisburg.com](mailto:LVandergoes-Lim@seniorlifeharrisburg.com) Cost is FREE



**FITNESS EVERY THURSDAY** - Light aerobics every Thursday from 10:15 to 11AM. The cost is Free. For more information contact Tammy at [tammymarie7@hotmail.com](mailto:tammymarie7@hotmail.com) Come and exercise with your neighbors.

All events are held at the Community Building 150 S. 28th Street in Penbrook

## Penbrook Revitalization Community-Wide Yard Sale



Penbrook Revitalization is holding its annual Borough-Wide Yard Sale from 9AM to 1PM on Saturday June 3rd. Now is your chance to get rid of the items you no longer want and make some money at the same time.

For information contact PRI at [penbrookrevitalization.org](http://penbrookrevitalization.org)

## IMPORTANT DATES

March 1 - Women's History Month Begins

March 12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 20 - First Day of Spring

April 9 - Easter Sunday

April 18 - Tax Filing Day

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 14 - Mother's Day

May 16 - Primary Election Day

May 29 - Memorial Day—Honor all those who have served.

June 3 - Borough-Wide Yard Sale

June 1 - LGBTQ Pride Month begins

June 14 - Flag Day

June 18 - Father's Day

June 19 - Juneteenth

July 4 - Independence Day

### PENBROOK MAYOR

John McDonald  
717-756-0484  
[mayor@penbrook.org](mailto:mayor@penbrook.org)

### 1ST WARD COUNCIL

Robin Dry 717-343-6846  
[ward1b@penbrook.org](mailto:ward1b@penbrook.org)  
Nate Newcomer 717-319-5771  
[ward1a@penbrook.org](mailto:ward1a@penbrook.org)

### 2ND WARD COUNCIL

Dave Deardorff- 717-238-2665  
[ward2b@penbrook.org](mailto:ward2b@penbrook.org)  
Ben Stokes 717-580-7695  
[ward2a@penbrook.org](mailto:ward2a@penbrook.org)

### 3RD WARD COUNCIL

Vicki Shaw - 717-925-0040  
[ward3b@penbrook.org](mailto:ward3b@penbrook.org)  
Nate Shaw-717-925-0040  
[ward3a@penbrook.org](mailto:ward3a@penbrook.org)

### 4TH WARD COUNCIL

Kevin Ramper - 717-238-4408  
[ward4b@penbrook.org](mailto:ward4b@penbrook.org)  
Jim Armbruster - 717-982-0908  
[ward4a@penbrook.org](mailto:ward4a@penbrook.org)

## Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt



Ages 1-10 are invited to attend the annual Easter Egg hunt at Community Park on April 8th at 10 AM.

**Beeping eggs will be available for the visually impaired.**

This is a rain, snow or shine event so bring your own basket and be prepared for any weather.



## Penbrook Church of God



The Penbrook Church of God is holding a Holy Hangout for Grades 1-5 at the Church, 2733 Canby St, in the Borough. There will be meals for kids and families at 5:30PM with Craft, Lesson and Games from 6PM to 7:30PM from April 16th to May 14. The Youth Group for Grades 6 to 12 is at the same time. Join them for fun games and food.



Penbrook's Summer Program for kids ages 6 to 12 will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6/20 through 7/20 from 8:30am to 12:30pm at Little Valley Park on the corner of Books and Catherine Streets (behind St. Margaret Mary School). The program is **FREE** to Penbrook Borough children however all children must be registered either online starting May 9th at [www.penbrook.org](http://www.penbrook.org) or by applying in person at the Borough office. Camp T-Shirts and snacks will be provided. Adults 18 and older can volunteer to be Camp Counselors. A completed application is also available online and in person. A valid Child Abuse Clearance Certificate is required.

### STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE

Because of commitments in other areas, the road crew cannot provide a schedule at this time. Please check the website.

### TRASH & RECYCLING TOTES

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

## 2023 Spring Soccer Program



The J. T. Dorsey Foundation will be holding their 2023 Spring Program at Penbrook Community Park from April 5th to May 12th on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6PM to 7:30PM. All Children ages 5 to 11, regardless of skill level are invited to register.

Please visit [www.jtdorsey.org/registration](http://www.jtdorsey.org/registration) for details and information or feel free to contact them by email at [jdfoundation@jtdorsey.org](mailto:jdfoundation@jtdorsey.org)



## Dog Law Requirements

The Borough Office has received many complaints about dog owners who are failing to follow the state law and Borough Code. All dog owners **must** clean up after their animals. No dog is allowed to roam off leash in the Borough and no dog is allowed to be on property not owned by their owner without permission.

Leaving an animal outside without shelter, food and water is also a **violation** of state law.

### Ralph E. Jones Sponsored Clean-Up

Ralph E. Jones Inc. is sponsoring clean-up events on May 6th from 9AM to 11AM. Volunteers meet at 2240 Forster St. for registration and to pick up vests, gloves, trash bags and safety instructions. For more information contact Vicki at [ward3b@penbrook.org](mailto:ward3b@penbrook.org)

### Vehicle Break-Ins Can Ruin Your Day

The Penbrook Police Department reminds everyone to keep your vehicle locked and completely close all windows and sunroofs. Hide garage door openers, keys and other home entry devices. Put purses and other valuables in the trunk. Be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles or persons. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING - DIAL 9-1-1** and be ready to assist the police with all the information.

## PENBROOK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—SPRING 2022

### Need Gardening Assistance? Here is Help!!!

Got a question like “What is that bug?” “What plants should I pick?” “How do I prune my tree?”

There is **real, expert help** available. The Penn State Extension Master Gardeners in Dauphin County answer questions about your home gardening concerns through their Home Gardening Hotline.

The Master Gardener Hotline at [dauphinmg@psu.edu](mailto:dauphinmg@psu.edu) can answer your question with unbiased research-based answers year-round. Sending high-quality photos and detailed descriptions will aid in their diagnosis of your problems. Send them along.

Don't guess. Get your questions answered by a real for sure expert who knows. You can contact the Master Gardeners at 717-921-7625 or use the above email address to get your questions answered by an expert or sign up today to receive their e-newsletter at:

<https://extension.psu.edu/master-gardener-team-sign-up>



### Stormwater Authority News



Earth Day this year is April 22nd. Since 1990 this day has been observed in over 140 countries around the world. This year you can celebrate by doing any of the following:

- Install a Rain Barrel to catch rainfall from your roof.
- Build a rain garden.
- Plant a Tree. Trees provide oxygen to us all.
- Switch to green cleaning products in your home.
- Reduce or stop using pesticides & fertilizers.
- Pick up after your pets and properly dispose of it.
- Adopt-A-Stream or Adopt-A-Highway.

### Important New Voter Info for May 2023

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. Don't 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 a handicap accessible entrance. Help is available, just ask.
5. Since the May Election is a Primary, you **must** be a registered member of a political party to vote. You can register at [www.PAVoterServices.pa.gov](http://www.PAVoterServices.pa.gov) and you can change your party affiliation there as well.
6. You may ask for either absentee or mail-in ballots from the County at the above number. Help is available with the ballots. If you need it, just ask the County
7. Remember that the Primary Election is now on May 16th this year, PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 16th, or VOTE BY MAIL.



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

To support the Leos, send a check to the  
“Leo Club” at the Borough Hall.  
150 South 28th Street  
Harrisburg, PA  
17103

**Enjoy the LEO's latest story posting as you walk the Paxtang Trailhead on the Capital Area Greenbelt. The LEOs partner with the Friends of the Kline Library to post a new story each season. The new story is “Don't Wake Up the Bear!” by Marjorie Dennis Murray and illustrated by Patricia Wittmann. This story will be enjoyed by all.**