



PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

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Dog & Cat News

Dogs **may not** be left outside without food, water and shelter and may not be allowed to bark which will annoy neighbors. It's unlawful.

Feral (wild) cats are being Trapped, Neutered and Released . These cats have a clipped left ear.

Domesticated cats **must** be kept inside. These cats, if allowed out, may breed causing additional problems. Do not feed feral cats that do not have the left ear that is clipped.

Our New Employees



New Employees Donny Collins (L), Amber Hughes and Seidu Issah

Penbrook has 3 news Employees. Donny Collins is our new Property Maintenance Codes Enforcement Officer. Amber Hughes and Seidu Issah are both new Public Works Operators. You will see them working around the Borough and when you do, "Say Hi!"

Grants & Donations Make Park Update Possible

The Borough of Penbrook has received a \$25,000 grant from the PA Department of Community and Economic Development and \$70,000 from the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Additionally, the Borough has received donations from the Northeast District Lions Club, Penbrook Revitalization Inc., and Zigmund Co. for upgrades to Little Valley Park.

The Borough is currently reviewing drawings and bids for the upgrades to this park which is just north of St. Margaret Mary School. Upgrades will include a new ADA compliant parking and access area, and new pavilion and lighting for Phase 1. Later phases will include new playground equipment and a refreshed court for playing basketball.

Dog Owner Reminder

All dog owners are reminded to pick up after their pets even on the pet owner's property. Failure to do so is a violation of state and local laws and is a nuisance which causes neighbors to complain to the Borough.

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 - 6:30 PM at the Community Building June 6th & 19th, July 3rd & 17th, August 7th & 21st, Sept 5th & 18th

Budget Committee Meetings August 14th & 28th, September 11th & 25th, October 9th & 23rd, November 13th & 27th

Penbrook Authority - 6:30 pm Meetings Wednesday at the Community Building on June 21st, July 19th, Aug 16th Sep 20th.

Leo Club meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

The building is handicap accessible from the Elm Street side.

Penbrook Revitalization meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:00PM at the Borough Building.

All meetings are in person and Everyone is welcome to attend.

10th Annual Back 2 School Book Bag Program

ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN GRADES K—12

We invite you to register your child for a free book bag filled with school supplies. The book bag registration program will begin on June 12th and end July 14, 2023. Registration forms will be available on the Borough website, and at the Community Building, 150 S. 28th St., Harrisburg PA 17103.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE BOOK BAG PROGRAM

50 Each of the following supplies are needed for the program:

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| Zippered Pouches | Packs of Notebook Paper |
| Rulers | Boxes of Crayons |
| Scissors | Color Pencils and Markers |
| Folders | Pencil Sharpeners |
| Packs of Pencils and Erasers | Book Bags |

Any question contact Vicki Shaw at ward3b@penbrook.org



Street Sweeping Schedule for 2023

The Penbrook Highway Department will be sweeping streets in the Borough from June 5th through the 9th. Signs will be placed along streets to be cleaned and will show the date for the cleaning. All owners of vehicles are expected to move them from the street on the day indicated on the sign. Vehicles which remain on the street may be ticketed or towed by the police.



Thursday June 8th we will meet at Wildwood Lake. At 5:30PM

Thursday July 13th we will meet at Veteran's Park at 5:30PM.

Thursday, August 10th at Harrisburg's Reservoir Park at 5:30PM

Anyone interested in attending our walks can visit the Dauphin County Parks and Recreation web-

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PENBROOK CHURCH OF GOD PICNIC

The Penbrook Church Of God invites the entire community to a picnic of great food and fun on Saturday, July 15th from 11 AM to 2 PM at its parking area at 2733 Canby St. Everybody is welcome to this free event.



Penbrook Summer Program

The free 2023 Penbrook Borough Summer Program is scheduled to start on June 20th and run through July 20th on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at Little Valley Park.

The program has included field trips, games, educational experiences and other events for kids ages 6 to 12. All children must be registered to attend the program. See information on the Borough website www.penbrook.org for complete information.

Parents should provide snacks and lunch for each child.

Adults from Borough Council, the Penbrook Lions and Leos Clubs and Mayor McDonald will be supervising the program. All adult participants have been cleared through the PA Child Clearance Program.

Our thanks to the many organizations and individuals that make this free program possible every year. Without your donations and assistance, this program would not be possible.



PENBROOK AUTHORITY NEWS

Both the Authority and the Penbrook Codes Officer would like to remind you that grass clippings should never be left in the street. Managing stormwater is an important part of protecting our rivers and streams. Pave only the areas you need and put plants in the rest. Trees and shrubs are great in controlling runoff and holding water in the ground. You can also collect rainwater for future use by installing a rain barrel to catch roof runoff. These are attached to your roof downspout. Rain barrels have a spigot at the bottom so you can attach a hose and water your plants when there is no rain. This method also saves a lot of money. If your home has a drainage ditch or swale, don't fill it in or build over it. This device is a natural method for catching rain and allowing it to seep into the earth.

Lions Club Announces up to \$1,000 Scholarship

The Penbrook Lions Club announces it will accept applications for the Adam Hoover Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be residents of Penbrook Borough, a high school senior, have a G.P.A of 2.8 or better and a record of community service. Applications can be requested from Lion Vicky Dougherty at the address below, and must be completed and mailed to the address on the application. Applications must be received no later than July 15, 2023. The Scholarship Committees selections of awardees is final. Awards will be available for the 2nd college or trade school semester. Awardees will be announced on August 1st. For info contact vicky@hdtvrepair.tv

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 - Admin. Assistant/Penbrook Authority
- #2 - Building Codes Department
- #3 - Property Maintenance Officer
- #4 - Borough Manager/Police Chief
- #5 - Police Department

If you have a Police or Fire Emergency dial 911
For Police Non-Emergencies call Dispatch at
717- 558-6900

SCHOOL IS OUT

Drivers are reminded to drive carefully throughout the residential areas of the Borough. Children play in the street and often run between cars to catch toys.

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

Trash and Recycling Information

The City of Harrisburg has a contract to pick up trash and recycling waste for Penbrook. Yard Waste is picked up on the 4th Thursday from April to October only. Yard waste consists of leaves, twigs, shrubbery trimmings and tree branches that are less than 2 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long. All yard waste must be bundled and tied together or placed in paper yard waste bags, or reusable containers with handles.

YARD WASTE DOES NOT INCLUDE dirt, rocks, gravel, litter, **grass clippings**, large limbs or tree stumps. Piles of yard waste not contained or bundled are also not acceptable. Put your grass clippings in a trash bag., Trash never includes construction or demolition waste. Check the website below for information on where to dispose of these.

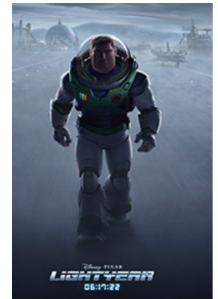
To get the latest information on trash and recycling, log on to the Harrisburg website at <https://app.my-waste.mobi/US/PA/Harrisburg?resize>

Movies in the Park for 2023

Penbrook will be offering two movies at Community Park for 2023.



Paws of Fury The Legend of Hank will be offered on July 8th. The movie starts at dusk, about 9 PM.



Lightyear, the latest in the Toy Story series will be offered on August 12th starting at dusk, approximately 8:30 PM

Free water and popcorn will be served. Bring your chairs or blankets and relax on the grass.

Everyone is welcome.

Steps for a Cleaner Bay

You may think the Chesapeake Bay is far from the Borough of Penbrook but what happens here does affect the bay.

Some folks thinks it's OK to pour used motor oil down the storm drain in the street. After all nobody cares, right? **WRONG**. Those drains and the pipes attached go right to Spring and Paxton Creeks. The creeks empty into the Susquehanna river which is the main source of water for the bay. So what you dump in the storm drain does go to the bay.

Want to fertilize your lawn? That's easy, use your lawn!. When you mow your lawn leave the clippings on the lawn, just not in the unsightly lumps that your mower leaves them in. Use a leaf blower to scatter them over the lawn, in a day or two they will dry out and become invisible to you but become fertilizer to your lawn. The next time it rains the clippings will wash back into the soil and feed your lawn because, guess what, they are made of just what your lawn needs to eat. Don't bother with the expensive chemicals, use natural stuff and save.



This Newsletter was personally delivered to you free of charge by members of the Penbrook Leos Club. Please Support them by sending your check in any amount to them at the Borough Hall