



PENBROOK BOROUGH NEWS

WINTER 2023

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Fire Company News

The Citizens Fire Co, #1 of Penbrook will be selling delicious chocolate covered pretzels (Milk Chocolate, Dark Chocolate and White Chocolate) until Dec. 26th. The price is just \$2 for 4 of these delectable treats. Support your Fire Company and purchase some today.

The Fire Co, will be doing its traditional Santa on the Fire Truck on Saturday December 23rd. Santa will be giving away candies to good little girls and boys. Wave to them as they go through every street in the Borough.

The Penbrook Borough Council

has determined that, after nearly 30 years of **no increase** in the Fire Protection Tax, a small increase to support our Fire Company is needed. These generous volunteers keep the Borough safe from fire throughout the years at absolutely no profit of any kind to themselves. Like all volunteer fire companies in the state, they desperately need additional support. Council has decided on a quarter mill increase in the Fire Protection Tax for 2024. The Borough is required to provide fire protection to the properties here. The cost to get this service from another municipality would be much greater than this small increased assessment.

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 Winter Stormwater Pollution by clearing debris from stormwater inlets. Trash and other items prevent these inlets from working properly to take away water from the roads and properties.



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 several things citizens can do to prevent snow and ice from clogging storm drains.

1. Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas such as lawns.
2. Use de-icing chemicals and salt as sparingly as possible to clear only the areas you need.
3. Start shoveling early because the more snow you remove when it is light and fluffy, the less salt you will later need.
4. Please make sure your nearest storm drains are clear after you shovel. Melting snow will need to reach the drain before it turns to black ice.
5. When driving on winter streets remember you cannot always see ice. Slow down and be safe.
6. Please do not put snow on top of the storm drains. This block melting snow from reaching the drains. Also be sure you neighbor's plow is not piling snow there either.

The Community Garden



Members of the Penbrook Lions and Leos Clubs have been working all summer growing fresh fruits and vegetables to be distributed to local food banks in the area. The garden was started with the help of grants from the Lions Clubs, and maintained through the efforts of the Leos Club, a group of civic minded young people who grew the food from plants donated by local businesses.

The Leo Club is looking to expand its efforts next year and needs your help. Please donate anything you can to support the club at <https://donate.seedmoney.org/8491/Penbrook-lions-leos-community-garden>

Your donation will make it possible to grow more food next year. Thank You!

Penbrook MBROC Outreach Program

**MOUNTAIN BE REMOVED
OUTREACH CENTER &
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 UNLESS IT'S
RAINING OR SNOWING.**

**ADDRESS: 2733 CANBY ST,
PENBROOK, PA 17103**

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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LIHEAP Assistance

As cold weather sets in, financially vulnerable residents may need help paying for heat this winter. The **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program** provides cash grants to low-income families. The grants range from \$300 to \$1,000 based on household size, income and fuel type. From young families to seniors on a fixed income, LIHEAP has been a life saver. For more information contact the Dauphin County Human Resources at 717-780-6230 or the LIHEAP hotline at 866-857-7095. Don't go without heat this winter. There is help, all you have to do is reach out.

CARE OF PETS IN WINTER

Penbrook Borough adopted a Trap Neuter and Release program for feral cats. If you know of feral cats in your neighborhood, contact the Borough Offices.

Please remember it is against state law to leave a cat or dog outside in the winter. Pets must be sheltered with adequate food and water at all times. Failure to do so is a costly violation of Act 10 of 2017.

LIVE HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

Will you have a live tree for the holidays this year? If you do, then to properly dispose of the tree, put it out where you place your trash and recycling totes. The trash collectors will take your tree on Thursdays, the day **after** they collect trash during the month of January only. Please do not discard your tree by dumping it on another's property.

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 at:

www.keystonecollects.com/Payment

Keystone Collections Group would like to remind all the residents of Penbrook who have not yet paid their 2023 Per Capita and Occupation Taxes that these taxes are due on or before December 31, 2023

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!**

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 overnight 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.

2024 NEWS ON BOROUGH FEES

The Penbrook Borough Council has decided not to raise the sanitary sewer fees for 2024. However, there will be a small increase of \$15.00 for the trash and recycling fee paid by residents. The cost to handle trash and recycling have gone up significantly since China is no longer purchasing recycling material.

Please **DO NOT** place pizza boxes in recycling. The box grease makes them trash.

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

- #1—Assistant Treasurer/Office
- #2—Codes Department
- #3—Property Maintenance
- #4—Borough Manager

If you have a Police or Fire Emergency Dial 911

For Police Non-Emergencies call Dauphin County Dispatch at 717- 558-6900

Borough Offices will be closed on Dec 25, 2023;
January 1, 2024; January 15, 2024 and
February 19, 2024

EMERGENCY ALERT RADIO STATIONS:
WHP 580 AM/WRBT 94.9 FM

EMERGENCY ALERT TV STATIONS:
WHTM 27 WHP 21 WGAL 8

PENBROOK COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS—WINTER 2023

2024 BOROUGH MEETING CALENDAR

Council Meetings

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

Budget Meetings

July 29th
August 12th and 26th
September 9th and 23rd
October 15th (Tuesday) and 28th
November 12th (Tuesday) and 25th

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

ALL MEETINGS START AT 6:30 PM

If you are handicapped and need assistance. Call the
Borough Offices before the meeting.

CAPITAL AREA HEAD START NEWS

Looking for an Amazing Pre-School Experience for your child?? Capital Area Head Start has openings for 3 and 4 year old children at its Penbrook location at 51 Banks Street.

Please call 717-541-1795 to apply now.

There is NO COST to eligible families who meet income eligibility guidelines.

Looking for an Amazing Career? Capital Head Start is also hiring. Visit www.khs.org/careers/

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



Holiday Gathering Saturday December 2

We will gather at 6:30 PM in the Community Building for hot cocoa, cookies, and children's activities.

All are invited to join us.



Council Re-Organization Meeting

On January 2, 2024 the Penbrook Borough Council will hold its biennial reorganization meeting. Mayor McDonald will swear in new members. The Council will then proceed to election of officers. Once the officers are selected, the President of Council will assign members to the various committees.

Come out and meet the new members of Council and see you new Council in action. The meeting starts promptly at 6:30PM.

SPRING BASEBALL REGISTRATION

Registration will be held on Saturdays January 20th and 27th and February 3th from 9 AM to Noon at the Community Building. Ages 5 to 12 may sign up. Cost to sign up for 5-12 is \$80 with fundraiser participation or \$110 with the buyout. Registration is open to kids in Penbrook, Paxtang or Swatara Twp. New players should bring a birth certificate. Please follow them on facebook at "Wilhelm Paxtang Baseball Association" If you have questions, contact Clark Bernard at cb17028@yahoo.com or call 717-421-7252.