

PENBROOK BOROUGH 2026 SPRING NEWSLETTER

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The Penbrook Summer Program will be held again this year at Little Valley Park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from June 16th to July 16th. As in past years, volunteers from the Penbrook Lions and Leos along with members of Borough Council, the Police Department, the Mayor, JT Dorsey Foundation and many other organizations will be presenting programs for the kids that are focused on sports, personal health and safety, environment stewardship as well as other fun and interesting topics to keep the kids excited and learning.

This program is free for all Penbrook Borough children 6-12. Thanks to the generous donations from the public, we are able to provide the kids with a T-shirt, snacks and a fun-filled field trip at the end of the program. Past field trips included Lake Tobias Wildlife Park, The Whitaker Center, and Hershey Zoo. We would like to thank our past sponsors for their support and if you are interested in helping with or donating to the program, please email natenewcomer@penbrook.org.

Campers must be registered to attend and attendance is limited. To register your child, go to www.penbrook.org for more information and the application.

Emergency Numbers and Information Contacts

POLICE & FIRE Emergency
Call 911

Police Non-Emergency
Call 717-558-6900

TV CHANNELS FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

WHTM Channel 27
WHP Channel 21
WAL Channel 8

RADIO STATIONS FOR EMERGENCY ALERTS

WNNK 104 FM
WRKZ 107 FM
WIMX 1460 AM/99.3 FM

BOROUGH MEETINGS

Borough meetings 3/2/26, 4/6/26, 5/4/26

Caucus meetings 3/16/26, 4/20/26, 5/18/26

Parks meetings 3/18/26, 4/15/26, 5/20/26

Planning commission meetings 3/26/26, 4/23/26, 5/28/26

VOTER INFO

The primary election will be held on **5/19/26** from 7 am to 8 pm

Register to vote by 5/4/26

To vote, you must be 18, a US Citizen and live at least 30 days prior to the election in Pennsylvania and the Election District where you live.

Go to www.PAVoterServices.pa.gov To Register.

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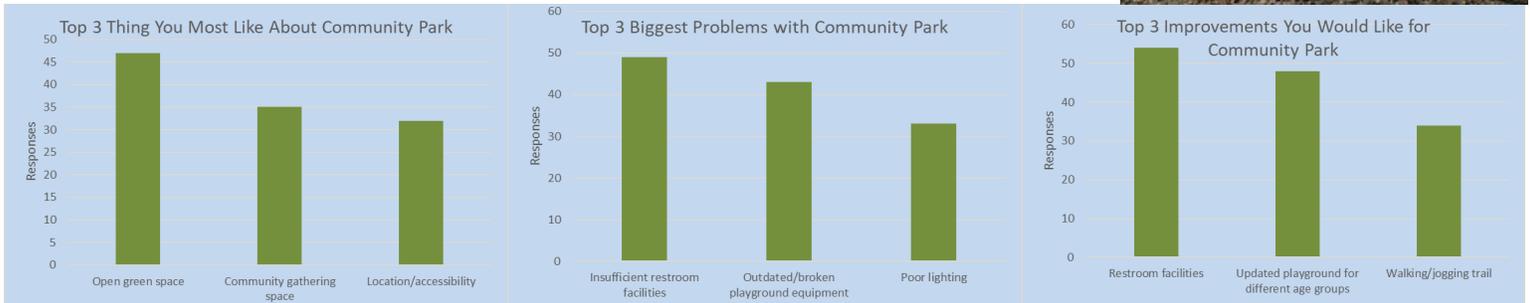


PARKS UPDATE

The Parks Committee is proud to announce that the Borough has installed two new solar-powered lights at Little Valley Park. While the park closes at dusk, the new lighting will help act as a deterrent for vandalism and other criminal activity, increasing neighborhood safety and protecting the recent investment that the Borough has made in the park with funding support for DCNR. The Borough has also purchased four new picnic tables that will reside permanently at the park under the newly built pavilion. This pavilion as well as the pavilion at Community Park can be reserved using the application found on the Penbrook website.



The Parks Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Community Park planning survey last October. We had 90 participants take the survey.



We value your feedback, and we are currently working to incorporate it into the redevelopment plan for Community Park. Full results of the survey as well as proposed redevelopment plans can be found on the Penbrook website. Above are some highlights from the survey.



PENBROOK REVITALIZATION INC
MOVING PENBROOK FORWARD
WWW.PENBROOKREVITALIZATION.ORG

PENBROOK ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE & VENDOR CRAFTS SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 Time: 8:00 am—1:00 pm

COMMUNITY YARD SALE: Saturday, June 6th, 2026 Time: 8am-1pm

Residential Yard Sale Information:

- Register your home yard sale event with PRI between April 1 and May 18, 2026.
- Residential Yard Sale registration forms will be available on April 1st at the borough office or online at PRI website: penbrookrevitalization.org
- Registration is free.
- All registered participants will have their yard sale posted on the PRI website Yard Sale Map and regional yard sale platforms.
- For more information visit the PRI website in April 2026.

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

VENDOR CRAFTS SALE: Saturday, June 6th, 2026 Time: 8am—1pm at Penbrook Community Park

Penbrook Vendor Craft Sale Information:

- The Vendor Craft Sale will be held at Penbrook Community Park.
- Vendor Crafts Sale Space Use Registration Forms will be available between April 1st and May 18, 2026 at the borough office or online at the PRI website. **Must register by May 18th.**
- A \$10 Registration Fee for a **SINGLE SPACE USE*** will be required. Additional **SPACE USE** can be obtained for an additional \$10 fee/space. Limit of three (3) spaces per merchant. **Space Use Measurements: 10 ft by 10 ft.**
- **SPACE USE** allocations will be on a first come, first served basis.
- For more information visit the PRI website after April 1st.

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

**All proceeds from the Vendor Craft Sale for SPACE USE will be used to benefit the 2026 Penbrook Youth Summer Program*



CAPITAL AREA GREENBELT'S PAXTANG PARKWAY TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

The 1.2 mile Paxtang Parkway parallels the Parkway Creek through a long-preserved wooded valley that connects Penbrook to Paxtang. The Trail was once a scenic vehicle route when it was built in the early 1900's, but today this segment of the Greenbelt is off-road transportation link that is reserved for non-motorized use by pedestrians and cyclists.

The parkway trail is over a century old. Trail culverts and piping were constructed when farmland surrounded the Parkway. Increased storm intensity and elevated runoff volumes from development cause serious stream erosion throughout the Paxtang Parkway. The trail surface is deteriorating, sections are threatened with washout and the accelerated erosion of stream banks is releasing sediment that threatens the downstream health of Spring Creek. Spring Creek supports a wild trout population and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

To address these concerns, CAGA has worked with many partners to lead restoration efforts for both the stream and trail. Partners include the Penbrook Leos, Penbrook and Paxtang Boroughs, the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, Skelly and Loy, and the Pennsylvania

Departments of Conservation and Natural Resources, Environmental Protection, and Transportation. Stream restoration includes sewer pipe and culvert replacement, stream bank regrading and stabilization (with control weirs, boulders, log cribbing), and riparian buffers with native plantings.

The next step is the reconstruction of the trail. The trail will be narrowed- a "trail diet" - from its current +/- 20-foot width to a consistent 12-foot width meandering path with a natural 4-foot wide buffer on either side. The 1.2 mile trail surface will be restored and repaved with smooth asphalt. The first phase started in January 2026 and will continue through the second week of May 2026 for a .4 mile section from Market Street Road. Please note that this trail section is closed and a detour is posted at both trail entrances. Please respect all physical barriers and signage during construction.

CAGA thanks the citizens of Penbrook Borough for their continued use and support of the Parkway – and your continued patience as the trail improvements continue into 2026. The goal is to fully restore the Parkway by 2027 for the enjoyment of all the surrounding communities.



FROM THE MAYOR OF PENBROOK

Over the past couple of summers we have had issues with dirt bikes, E bikes, and fireworks. Due to our Penbrook ordinance Chapter 136 Firearms And Fireworks, fireworks are not permitted in the borough. For more information about this ordinance or any other please visit our Penbrook website.

PennDot does not title or register all-terrain vehicles (ATV). An application for title and registration for ATV-type vehicles must be submitted to the Department of Conservation and Nature Resource (DCNR), Snowmobile and ATV Licensing Unit, P.O Box 8553, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8553. ATVs used exclusively for farm purposes are not titled or registered by DCNR or PennDot. A multi-purpose agricultural vehicle, which is also an ATV, is exempt from registration.

 PA MICROMOBILITY FACT SHEET												
DESCRIPTION	MIN AGE	LICENSE	REGISTRATION	INSURANCE	HELMET	PASSENGER	LIGHTS	MAX CAPABLE SPEED	RIDE ON SIDEWALK	RIDE ON BIKE LANE	POSSIBLE DUI	PA VEHICLE CODE
 ELECTRIC SCOOTER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes	§ 102
Can operate only on private property. Electric scooters, like electric skateboards and electric unicycles, cannot be legally operated on public roadways.												
 MOTORIZED PEDALCYCLE	16	C	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	25	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3523(e), § 1714
Has operable pedals. Design speed of no more than 25 mph. Gas - motor rated 1.5 brake horsepower or less, has an automatic transmission. Electric - powered by an electric battery.												
 MOTOR SCOOTER	16	Class M/Class if >50 cc, Class C if <50cc	Yes	Yes	Yes, under 21	Yes	Yes	Up to 5 brake horsepower	No	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3525
Is a motor-driven cycle. Motor shall not exceed five brake horsepower.												
 SEGWAY	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	No	Yes	-	Yes	No	Yes	§ 102, § 3581-3583, § 3703 (c)
Is an electric personal assistive mobility device. An electric, self-balancing, two-nontandem-wheeled device. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise. A Segway is allowed on sidewalks unless a municipality prohibits it.												
 E-BIKE	16	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	20	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3514
Is a pedalcycle with electric assist. Weighs less than 100 pounds. Motor not more than 750 watts. Has operable pedals. Not capable going faster than 20 mph on a level surface when powered by the motor source only. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												
 BICYCLE	-	No	No	No	Yes, under 12	Yes	Yes	-	Yes, not in business district	Yes	Yes	§ 102, § 3501 et seq., § 3802, § 1547
Is a pedalcycle. Is moved solely by human-powered pedals. Lighting must be used when operating between sunset and sunrise.												

For more information visit pennidot.gov

May 2021



LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL Penbrook Lions Scholarship Opportunity

The Penbrook Lions Club is sponsoring its' annual Adam Hoover Memorial Scholarship for graduating high school seniors. Tuition assistance of up to \$1000.00 will be awarded to the winner, payable to their college or technical school upon completion of their first semester.

Application may be obtained via email request to tammymarie7@hotmail.com or can be picked up at the Penbrook Borough office at 150 S 28th St, Harrisburg, PA 17103 weekdays during the hours of 8:30am to 12:30am and 1:30pm to 4:30pm. All applications are to be mailed to the address on the application and must be received by May 1, 2026. The scholarship committee consisting of members of the Penbrook Lions will notify the winner by June 1, 2026.



SPRING STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TIPS

Property Maintenance Reminder

With Summer and the growing season fast approaching, the Code Department would like to remind property owners and residents about the Borough's Quality-of-Life Ordinance. We would like to highlight the high weeds, grass, plant growth and standing water portion. The High weeds and grass ordinance is one of the top violations in the Borough. High weeds and grass need to be kept below 8 inches high.

The Quality-of-Life Ordinance gives the Code Department a different option for the enforcement of property maintenance violations. The big key difference is that it allows the Code's Officer to issue tickets for violations (very similar to a parking ticket). Below is the Ordinance for covering high weeds & grass and guide to how the Quality-of-Life ticketing system works.

Chapter 202: Quality of Life Ordinance

J. High weeds, grass, plant growth or standing water. All premises and exterior property shall be maintained free from weeds, or plant growth in excess of eight inches as defined herein, and water shall not be allowed to stand or accumulate in a manner that would attract insects or vermin. All such plant growth shall otherwise be in compliance with Borough of Penbrook Code and the provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted therein and any violation thereof shall be considered a violation of this part and may also be enforced and ticketed as such.

Section 11: Fines and Penalties

A. For the first instance of a violation of this Ordinance within a 12-month period, violation tickets shall be issued in the amount of \$25.00.

B. For the second violation of this Ordinance within a 12-month period, violations tickets shall be issued in the amount of \$50.00.

C. For the third violation of this Ordinance within a 12-month period, violations tickets shall be issued in the amount of \$100.00.

D. Upon issuance of three tickets under this Ordinance, the Borough reserves the right to issue a citation for each subsequent offense.



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.

FIREHOUSE ANNUAL EASTER EGG & PRETZEL SALE

The firehouse will be holding their annual Easter egg and pretzel sale from mid January till Easter weekend. Easter eggs are \$2.50 a piece for peanut butter or coconut and Pretzels are \$2 for a pack of four. Stop by and support our local fire fighters.



**WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS
DENISE LOVEJOY & JASON SEAMAN**

**GOODBYE OLD FRIENDS
DAVE DEARDORFF
AND JIM ARMBRUSTER**



Pictured Left to right, Nate Shaw, Jason Seaman, Mayor John Macdonald, Nate Newcomer, Denise Lovejoy, and Vicki Shaw.



We say goodbye to Dave whose time on council covers 21 years of service and Jim who's combined Borough Manager and time on council also covers 22 years. Congratulations to both on over 40 years of service.

Pictured Left to right
Dave Deardorff, Representative Justin Fleming, Jim Armbruster

**Penbrook Lions Club
80th Charter Year
Celebration**



March 12, 2026

6:30pm

Penbrook Community Building



Potluck, Cake, Historic Pictures, and
Lion Club speakers.

RSVP is Requested:

Please contact Lion Tammy by March 5, with the number attending and the dish you plan to bring at 717-236-3064 or tammymarie7@hotmail.com


Egg Hunt 

April 4th, 10am

Penbrook Community Park

2923 Boas Street, Penbrook, 17103

Ages 1-10

Bring your baskets to fill with eggs and books!

This is a rain, snow, or shine event!

Sponsored by Penbrook Lions and Leos.





Lions Pancake Breakfast & Leo Bake Sale

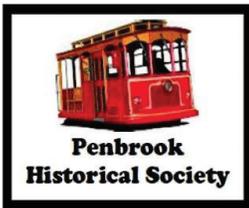


When: Saturday, March 21, @7-11am.

Where: Penbrook Borough Building

What: All you can eat pancakes.
\$5/person.

Support your Leo Club at the Bake Sale



Come join us at our upcoming Historical Society meetings in 2026 at the Community Building on Tuesdays at 4:30pm on the following dates:

March 31 June 30
Sept. 29 Dec. 29th

Fitness every Thursday:

What: Light Aerobics

Where: Penbrook Community Building



When: Thursdays, 10:15-11:00am

Cost: Free

Who: Penbrook community members

Contact: tammymarie7@hotmail.com



Garden Plots Available!

Join Our Leo and Lion Community Garden Today



Are you interested in growing your own fresh vegetables, flowers, and herbs? Community garden plots are now available for the upcoming season!

- No gardening experience required—everyone is welcome!
- Access to tools, water, and gardening advice
- Enjoy a friendly and supportive community
- Plots are limited—reserve yours now!



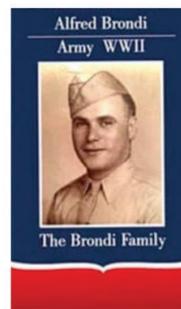
Location: Leo and Lion Community Garden, N 32nd St & George St, Penbrook, PA 17103

Sign Up: Email us at csgrun@gmail.com



Hurry—plots fill up fast!

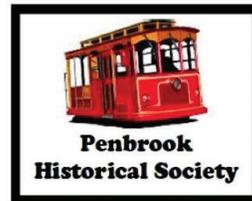
Coming soon...Penbrook Lions Club is launching a Veteran Banner Program as a living tribute for our community to honor past and present members of the Armed Forces.



If you would like to volunteer, or know of a loved one that you would like to honor, please contact us by mail or through our website:

Penbrook Lions Club
150 S 28th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17103

Website Address: <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/penbrookpa>



Penbrook Historical Society invites you to view historical pictures and items on display during the Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast on March 21st, 7-11am, at the Penbrook Community Building. Hope to see you then!

Just a few reminders:

The borough administrative offices will be closed for Memorial Day 5/25/26.

Please be respectful with your garbage totes, all totes have 24 hours to be taken off the street after trash pick-up. Please bag all trash when placed in the totes.

Community yard sale borough wide Saturday June 6th.





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KEEPING PENBROOK MOVING: AN UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS!

Hello Penbrook Residents!

Your Public Works department has been busy behind the scenes, planning and preparing to keep our beautiful borough running smoothly this year. We know that after a long winter, one of the most common questions is about those potholes. Good news! As soon as the weather decides to cooperate and give us a sustained break from the cold, our crews will be out in full force tackling those bumps and dips to ensure a smoother ride for everyone.

You might also notice some fresh splashes of color around town later this year. We're excited to announce that curb painting is budgeted and planned for the spring and summer months. This not only spruces things up but also helps with traffic visibility and safety.

Looking ahead, we're dedicated to improving our roads. We've budgeted \$100,000.00 specifically for paving projects this year, which will allow us to make some much-needed improvements. You can also expect to see the Ferndale project kick off sometime in 2026.

But we're not stopping there! Your borough is actively seeking a Local Share Account (LSA) grant. This grant would be a huge boost, allowing us to pave even more streets throughout Penbrook in 2027. We're always looking for ways to maximize our resources and bring the best possible infrastructure to your neighborhoods.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to enhance our borough. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Penbrook Borough office.

