

# BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

# **Borough Officials**

Mayor - Lucy Harper President – Barbara Sigler **Vice President - Carolyn Waldner** Administrative – Barbara Cinpinski Community Affairs – Barbara Cinpinski and Ann Clay Finance - Ann Clav IT – Brenda George Parks & Recreation – Sharon Bennardo and Nicholas Honchar Public Works - Nicholas Honchar and Carolyn Waldner Tax Collector - Patricia Notaro Borough Manager - Rae Carol Wolff **Borough Engineer – Clint Reilly** Solicitor - J. Julius Bolock, Esq. Police Chief - Jeffrey Kennedy

### Borough Office Hours Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM 412-279-7876

# **Council Meetings**

2nd Tuesday of each month - 6:30 PM Pennsbury Village Community Room

# Police, Fire, & Ambulance EMERGENCY DIAL 911

### Tax Collections Borough Real Estate, School Tax, Refuse Fees Patricia Notaro 412-276-6181

#### Jordan Tax Service

Local Earned Income Tax Business Privilege/Mercantile Tax 412-835-5243

Pennsbury Village Condominium Association 412-276-5100

Animal Control Services 911 (via Carnegie Police)

Borough Website: http://pennsburyvillageboro.com/

#### **Fall 2019**

## **Rocky Raccoon**

We continue to receive complaints about the raccoons in the dumpsters. Unfortunately, we are limited in the actions we can take to limit the raccoon population within the Borough. Based on the Pennsylvania Game Commission's nuisance wildlife regulations, raccoons cannot be relocated to another area outside of the Borough as they are a rabies vector species. This limits us from getting rid of nuisance animals through relocation.

We contacted Waste Management to inquire whether we could replace the plastic doors with the heavier metal ones in an attempt to limit their access to the dumpster. Waste Management provided us with their metal door dumpster supply through the last round of replacements. However, Waste Management stated that they will not replace plastic door dumpsters with metal ones going forward, even in the event that a metal door dumpster returns to their facilities from another customer.

Given our proximity to the wooded areas, our options are limited if raccoons are not entering dwellings, rabid, or showing signs of aggression. To try to limit access to the dumpsters, please remember always to close the lid or door after disposing of trash and place food in trash bags when discarding.

# Monster Mash

Pennsbury's celebration of **Halloween** will be Thursday, October 31, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please turn on your outside light if you want to participate. For the safety of our trick or treaters, there will be increased police presence in the community that evening.

#### With a Little Help From My Friends

The Borough's annual Food Drive and Toys for Tots collection will take place on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 16</u>, <u>from 10 a.m. to noon</u> at the bottom of the commercial area steps. A flyer will be distributed beforehand as a reminder. But if you are out shopping, Food Bank items requested are non-perishable food items, as well as pet and cleaning supplies. Toys for Tots accepts unwrapped toys for kids from

newborns to age 15. Thank you, in advance, for your kindness!

#### 'Cause I'm the Tax (Wo)Man:

As a Homeowner you are responsible for all taxes and fees issued by the Tax Collector. Please make sure the Tax Office has your current mortgage company information or your personal mailing information if you pay your own taxes.

Failure to receive your tax and refuse bills is NOT an acceptable excuse for not paying your taxes and refuse fees on time.

If you did not receive your tax or refuse bills, please notify the Tax Collector, Patricia Notaro, at 412-276-6181.

**Refuse Bills** – Due date for 2019 was January 31<sup>st</sup>. Any refuse bill still outstanding continues to incur a \$5 per month penalty plus a \$12.50 administrative fee. After 12/31/19 a lien will be placed on your property and the matter will be referred to legal counsel for enforcement.

**Borough Taxes** – Discount period ended on May 31 and payments were due at face value by July 31. Any payments made after July 31 will be assessed a penalty.

School Taxes – The discount period for School Tax ended on September 30. Any taxes that were not paid by that date are now due at face value.

## **Stray Cat Strut:**

There have been reports of several cats roaming around the community, and it has come to our attention that some are pets of Pennsbury residents. For their safety, **DO NOT** purposely let them out of the house. Outdoor cats exposure have more diseases and declawed cats, particularly, have no way to defend themselves against predators.

#### **Rock the Vote:**

Don't forget to do your civic duty by voting on **Tuesday**, **November 5.** Every vote is important! The polls for Pennsbury are held in the Community Room and will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

#### If I Could Turn Back Time:

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour at 2 a.m., Sunday, November 3 for the beginning of Eastern Standard Time. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detectors, and have your furnace serviced for winter.



On Sunday, November 3 at 2 a.m.

# Always Something There to Remind Me:

Now that it's getting dark earlier, please be careful when walking at dusk or after dark. Use a flashlight and/or reflective tape on yourself and your dog's leash or collar, and walk against traffic, to make yourself more visible to drivers.

Drivers, **SLOW DOWN!!!** Remember to obey the 15 mph speed limit and all stop and yield signs. Too many cars have been speeding through the community. Is injuring a person or a pet worth the few seconds you might save?

Please do not leave your kitchen window open when you are not at home. It only takes a minute to gain access to your home and valuables. Don't make it easier for someone to steal your hard-earned belongings!

When placing boxes and other larger items in the dumpsters, remember to break them down as much as possible to save space.

We welcome your comments and invite you to the monthly Borough Council meetings. Join us the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.