



## THE BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER WINTER 2022

### COUNCIL AND BOROUGH CHANGES

We want to welcome Maria Shamsi as a newly elected Borough Council member and Pat Franks as the Borough's new Inspection Coordinator. And many thanks to Barb Sigler for her years as a Borough Council Person and President. We are grateful to all of you for your service to the Borough!

### TAX AND REFUSE INFORMATION

The Borough's tax rate for 2022 is 6.2 mills and the Refuse rate is \$140 per year. Due Date for the Refuse bill was January 31<sup>st</sup>. Any refuse bill outstanding after that time will incur a \$5 per month penalty plus a \$12.50 administrative fee. If you did not receive your refuse bill, contact Patricia Notaro at 412-276-6181.

### PET REGISTRATION

All pets must be registered yearly in the Borough Office or within 30 days of the animal's arrival in Pennsbury. ***For some reason, there were many more pets registered last year than this year.*** Though January's annual free pet registration has passed, **you still need to register your pet.** There is a fee of \$25. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented for registration. A tag will be issued which is to be fastened to your pet's collar or harness. Registering your pet ensures that a lost pet, when found, can be returned to its owner as quickly as possible. Please submit a copy of your pet's current rabies vaccination certificate, along with a \$25 check made payable to Borough of Pennsbury Village, to the Borough at 1043 Pennsbury Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 (or use the mailbox outside

of the Borough Office). Your pet's registration and tag will be delivered to you. Note: Allegheny County requires that dogs be registered annually. Applications are available in the Borough Office and there is a fee payable to the County.

### DUQUESNE LIGHT RELIABILITY STUDY FINDINGS

With the assistance of State Rep. Anita Kulik's office, Pennsbury participated in a Reliability Study with Duquesne Light to determine whether the power outages we experience were out of the ordinary. Over a period of months, Duquesne Light monitored two residences, one each near the main power feed circuits in the Borough, for any outages that occurred.

Duquesne Light determined that there are not "any substantial issues" with our outages. Outages were primarily caused by storms or restoration activities. While the quick succession of outages in early June, late June and early July were frustrating to customers, there was no singular cause or trend they saw developing.

Before June and July, 2021, outages seemed to be sustained once every 7 months. Storms, an animal contact, and one undetermined cause were to blame for those outages.

If we again start to experience an unusual number of outages, we will go back to Duquesne Light to revisit their findings. Meanwhile, please remember to contact them directly at 412-393-7000 to report any outages. More calls from Pennsbury residents will bump up their response time to restore power in the Borough.

Pennsbury Village Borough would like to introduce Savvy Citizen. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users that will enable the borough to send information about important borough news and events directly to residents' mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the smartphone app, visiting the website below or scanning the QR code with your phone's camera.

For more info:  
[SavvyCitizenApp.com](http://SavvyCitizenApp.com)  
 Sign up and become a savvy citizen!

**BREAKING NEWS**

Pennsbury Village Borough is now using Savvy Citizen to communicate important news and events with residents. It's FREE and simple for residents to sign up. Join more than 250 of your neighbors who have already signed up to receive up-to-the-minute news in the community. Don't miss out on breaking important news in the Borough.

**BOROUGH REMINDERS**

The Borough office is still operating on an appointment-only basis. Call to schedule an appointment during regular Borough hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am to 5 pm. Face coverings are required in the office.

Pennsbury Park remains closed until necessary repairs and inspections are completed. Due to these safety concerns, the park is designated a NO TRESPASSING area. Do not attempt to enter the park until further notice.

**THANK YOU, GRACIAS, MERCI, DANKE**

Pennsbury residents came through in incredible form during the Annual Food and Toy Drive in November. While we don't have the number of "pounds" or bags collected, we can share that you donated enough to fill two SUVs!! The Crafton Ingram Food Pantry and Toys for Tots are grateful for the generosity shown to our friends and neighbors who were going through tough times during the holidays. Andi, at the food pantry, said they always look forward to receiving Pennsbury's donations because we never fail to give them "good stuff". Thank you for donating so much "good stuff" to make many holidays a little brighter.



**TRAFFIC TIP**

**We have received reports that drivers are not minding yield signs throughout the Borough. As you approach a yield sign, be prepared to let others crossing your road to take the right-of-way...but don't forget about pedestrians. Even in winter, there is still a lot of pedestrian traffic in Pennsbury, with people out walking their pets or trying to take advantage of a break in the snowy weather.**



### **HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE REMOVAL**

Residents have access to a convenient service to properly dispose and recycle Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and E-WASTE (electronic) items. THERE IS NO COST FOR YOU TO PARTICIPATE. But you must register in advance with Valley Waste Service to receive the required collection containers and instructions for pickup. E-Waste is collected monthly and HHW is collected once per quarter. Details are on the Borough's website or email Valley Waste Service at [customersvc@valleywasteservice.com](mailto:customersvc@valleywasteservice.com), call 724-843-9373 or go to [valleywasteservice.com](http://valleywasteservice.com) to set up an appointment.

Remember that Helping Hands (through the condo association) is available to remove large (non-hazardous or e-waste) items that are prohibited in our dumpsters. A small fee is charged for this service.

### **TRASH TALK**



In order to maximize dumpster capacity, please break down boxes and packages. Also, as trash builds up during the week, remember there is often room toward

the back of the dumpster, since trash frequently gets deposited and overloaded toward the front end.

In order to keep our community clean, it is vital that refuse workers are able to access the dumpsters to properly empty them and return them to their concrete pads. Please do not place anything on or near the dumpster pads that might interfere with that access.

### **ISPY**

Fred Zoller was the final gift card winner for the final "I Spy" newsletter contest. We hope this fun game got more people to read the newsletter and keep up on important issues in the Borough. Thanks to all who participated over the past several issues.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Borough Council is seeking a new Vacancy Board member. If Council refuses, fails, neglects or is unable, for any reason whatsoever, to fill any vacancy within 30 days after the vacancy happens, the vacancy shall be filled within 15 additional days by the Vacancy Board. The Vacancy Board consists of Council, exclusive of the mayor, and one registered elector of the borough who shall be appointed by the Council at the Council's first meeting each calendar year or as soon as practical and who shall act as chair of the Vacancy Board.

Qualifications for Vacancy Board member include:

- Registered voter;
- Pennsbury Village resident for at least one year;
- Able to attend Borough Council's monthly general meetings (the second Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 pm in the Community Room).

\*Vacancy Board member does not need to be an owner.

Submit letter of interest and resume to the Borough Office at 1043 Pennsbury Boulevard or by email at [boropv@comcast.net](mailto:boropv@comcast.net) no later than March 17, 2022.

#### **Borough Officials**

Mayor – Lucy Harper  
President – Steven Stecko  
Vice President – Brenda George

#### **Council Members:**

Barbara Cinpinski  
Marita Haubrick  
Nicholas Honchar  
Maria Shamsi  
Carolyn Waldner

Tax Collector – Patricia Notaro  
Borough Manager – Rae Carol Wolff  
Landlord/Tenant Administrative Assistant – Pat Franks

Borough Engineer – Clint Reilly  
Borough Solicitor – Christopher Voltz, Esq.  
Police Chief – Jeffrey Kennedy, Carnegie Police Department

#### **Borough Office Hours**

Tuesdays & Thursday (BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)  
9:00 AM – 5 PM  
412-279-7876

#### **Council Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month – 6:30 pm  
Community Room

#### **Police, Fire & Ambulance**

EMERGENCY DIAL 911

#### **Animal Control Service**

911 (via Carnegie Police)

#### **Tax Collections**

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

#### **Local Earned Income Tax**

Business Privilege/Mercantile Tax  
Jordan Tax Service  
412-835-5243

Pennsbury Village Condominium Association  
412-276-5100

**Borough Website -** <http://pennsburyvillageboro.com/>