



THE BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022

TAX INFORMATION

Due date for the refuse bill was January 31st. Any refuse bill still outstanding continues to incur a \$5 per month penalty plus a \$12.50 administrative fee. Real Estate taxes are due at face value by July 31st. There is a 2% discount if paid by May 31st.

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 recommended in the office.

Pennsbury Park remains closed. For the safety of our children, the park is still designated a NO TRESPASSING area until necessary repairs and inspections are completed. We will announce when the park is open for public use on the Borough's website and Savvy Citizen.

Join us at our General Meetings, the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. This is your chance to hear firsthand about what is currently happening in the Borough and ask questions about what is being reviewed and scheduled for the near future. We welcome your input!

SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Pennsbury's leash law requires all pets to be on a leash when out of the unit. Also, you MUST pick up after your dog and can be fined if reported for not doing so. Pet waste in addition to being unsightly, is a health hazard and can attract rodents. Dispose of pet waste properly. DO NOT leave it in bags outside of your unit.

As residents take to the streets to get in their "steps", please consider their safety and observe the speed limit and traffic signs. Also, walkers, please remember to walk so you are facing traffic.

Warmer weather means stormier weather and with that brings more power outages. Please contact Duquesne Light directly at 412-393-7000 to report any outages. More calls from Pennsbury residents will bump up the response time to restore power in the Borough.

HAZARDOUS WASTE AND E-WASTE REMOVAL

We have been advised by Valley Waste Service that no residents in Pennsbury utilized the hazardous and e-waste removal during the first quarter of the year. This is an easy and convenient way 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, call 724-843-9373 or go to valleywasteservice.com to set up an appointment.

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
 Sign up and become a savvy citizen!



SIGN UP FOR SAVVY CITIZEN

Join over 300 of your neighbors who have already signed up for Savvy Citizen to receive up-to-the-minute critical news in the community. It's FREE and simple for residents to sign up. You don't want to miss the information you need to know!

TRASH TALK...AGAIN

Spring brings plenty of household to-do projects. As a reminder:

DO NOT PLACE DISCARDED APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, MATTRESSES OR CARPETING IN OR NEXT TO A DUMPSTER. Contact the Condominium Office at (412) 276-5100 to arrange for maintenance employees ("Helping Hands") to come directly to your home to remove any items not permitted in the dumpsters. There is a small fee charged for this service.

Dumpsters are for household trash only! CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ARE NOT TO BE PLACED IN THE DUMPSTERS. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to, drywall, carpeting, sinks, counter, stone, concrete, wood, paint cans, toilets, etc. CONTRACTORS WILL BE FINED IN ADDITION TO THE RESIDENT OWNER!

This is not only a Borough violation but a State DEP violation with very large fines.

Inform your contractor BEFORE work starts on your unit that they are NOT permitted to use the Borough's dumpsters.

Dumpsters are for use only by residents of the Borough of Pennsbury Village who have paid their refuse fees. Use by a non-resident will result in arrest and charges filed for theft of services.

FREE COMMUNITY IDENTITY THEFT PROTECTION & RECYCLE DAY – MAY 7

State Rep. Anita Astorino Kulik and State Sen. Devlin Robinson are sponsoring a free Community Identity Theft Protection & Recycle Day on May 7 from 8 am to 11 am in Burkett Park in Robinson Township (5515 Moon Run Road, McKees Rocks). This includes paper shredding (one box per person). Pennsylvania Resource Council will be on hand to accept all colors of glass bottles, jars and jugs for recycling and Project D.U.M.P, in conjunction with the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office, will collect unused and expired medication.

ROLL OFF DUMPSTERS

The annual roll-off dumpsters will be on site in their regular locations on Pennsbury Boulevard and Carriage Circle from Friday, May 20 to Monday, May 23. This is one way for you to properly dispose of unwanted larger items that are not permitted in the regular dumpsters. Plan ahead for your spring cleaning.

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 17

Poll Location: Pennsbury Village Community Room
 Time: Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM

Last day to request a mail-in or absentee ballot is May 10, 2022

Your vote is your voice.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE – MAY 30

We are pleased to share that the Borough's annual Memorial Day Observance is back!! Join us on Monday, May 30th for coffee and donuts at 9 am in the Community Room and at 10 am by the flagpole in the commercial area. Please take a few minutes out of your holiday weekend to honor the

soldiers who paid the ultimate price in service of our country.

TIPS TO PREVENT PETS FROM OVERHEATING

We love our furry friends in Pennsbury! With hot weather approaching, the ASPCA website shares these tips to prevent your pet from overheating:

- Visit the vet for a spring or early-summer checkup. Get pets tested for heartworm if not on year-round preventative medication.
- Provide plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot or humid. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun and don't over-exercise them. Keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.
- The symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees.
- Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- Never leave your pets alone in a parked vehicle
- Open unscreened windows pose a real danger to pets, who often fall out of them. Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed, and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.
- Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog: The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual

can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

- When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/general-pet-care/hot-weather-safety-tips>



NEWS YOU CAN USE – PENNSYLVANIA'S YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens in the "golden hour" of an emergency care following a traffic crash when they may not be able to communicate themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove box for vital information to ensure that you receive the critical medical attention you need.

For more information on Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program visit www.YellowDot.pa.gov. Information is also available on the Pennsbury Village website under **Information > PA Yellow Dot Program**:

<https://pennsburyvillageboro.com/useful-information/pa-yellow-dot-program/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

NEW DEADLINE! 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 no later than **Thursday, May 19 at 12:00 PM**. *Because no one submitted a letter or resume before the last deadline, we are advertising this notice again. Any letter or resume that was submitted after the first deadline has already been accepted for this new round. Those applicants will not need to resubmit their information.*

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

2nd 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/>