

THE BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER WINTER 2023

NEWS YOU CAN USE

The Borough's tax rate for 2023 is 6.4 mills and the refuse/garbage fee is \$145 per year.

Due Date for the 2023 refuse bill is January 31st. If paid by April 30, the fee is \$172.50 and if paid after that, the fee is \$207.50.

If you did not receive your refuse bill, contact Patricia Notaro at 412-276-6181

New Residents to Pennsbury – please contact the Tax Office with your mortgage or billing information. This includes changes to your mortgage for current owners.

BOROUGH REMINDER

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.

CALL 911 FIRST

During emergencies, the first phone call you should make is to 911. During a recent incident with a downed live power line, calls were made to Borough officials instead of to 911. Critical response time can be lost in such situations. Fortunately, emergency responders were able to arrive quickly to deal with the situation and no one was hurt. But during an emergency, call 911 first.

2023 PET REGISTRATION – FEE WAIVED IN JANUARY!

By law, all pets are required to be registered annually with the Borough and all dogs are also required to be registered annually with Allegheny County. Penalties for non-compliance include monetary fines.

Each year, the Borough waives the \$25.00 registration fee during the month of January. Beginning February 1, 2023, the \$25.00 fee will again be in effect. As is standard policy, the fee is waived throughout the year for new pets when they are registered within 30 days of arriving in the Borough.

Pet owners may request their annual 2023 pet registration by emailing a scan of their current VETERINARIAN RABIES CERTIFICATE to boropv@comcast.net or placing the original certificate or a copy in an envelope and dropping it in the silver box outside the Borough office door. (Please designate "copy" on the document, if applicable.)

Please indicate: "PET REGISTRATION" on the envelope or in the email subject line. Information required with your request: Your Name, Address, Phone Number(s), Type of Pet, Pet's Breed, Pet's Color(s), and Pet's Name.

A 2023 Pet Registration Tag will be issued to attach to your pet's collar. The 2023 tag will be delivered to your home along with a paper permit and, if applicable, your original rabies certificate. Pet ownership in Pennsbury is a privilege, not a right!

YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO CLEAN UP ALL PET WASTE AND IMMEDIATELY DISPOSE OF IT INSIDE THE DUMPSTERS!!

Residents are encouraged to report offenders so that fines may be imposed, otherwise nothing can be done about this ongoing problem.

YOUR DOG MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES WHEN OUTDOORS!

Many residents of all ages in the neighborhood walk or jog year-round. As a result, cleaning up pet waste, for sanitary reasons, is a **must** throughout the year. Leashing dogs for the safety of people, as well as the animals themselves, is important — there is a danger from vehicles and other dogs who may be more aggressive.

Let's keep Pennsbury Village a nice, pet friendly, safe place to live.

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.

TRASH TALK

Please break down boxes and packages and move trash to the back of the dumpsters to avoid overfilling the front.

Because refuse workers need access to the dumpsters to empty and replace them on the concrete pads, do not place anything on or near the dumpster pads.



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, call 724-843-9373 or go to 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.

NEW YEAR, SAME DUMPSTER COMPLAINT



People continue to place items in the trash that are not permitted. Most recently it was, yet again, another mattress. We repeatedly share what is not permitted in this newsletter, in flyers and on the website, but people continue to ignore this information. To repeat, DO NOT PLACE DISCARDED APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, MATTRESSES OR CARPETING IN OR NEXT TO A DUMPSTER. Contact Helping Hands through the Condominium Office to pick up and remove this item for you.

As has been explained numerous times, every time someone trashes such an item, the Borough <u>has to</u> pay the Condo maintenance crew to remove and properly dispose of it. This is what leads to increases in refuse costs.

The only way this can stop is if we all follow the rules. If you see someone dumping an illegal item (resident or non-resident), please report the person or unit number (if you know that) or the license number of the car to the Borough Office so that appropriate action can be taken.

We all need to pitch in to keep our community clean!

YOU'RE AMAZING!!

Pennsbury residents came through again in incredible form during the Annual Food and Toy Drive in November. With two vehicles completely filled with bags and boxes of food (and cash donations of \$275), and one car overflowing with toys, the holiday season was undoubtedly brighter for our friends and neighbors in need. One person commented that they were giving back because they knew what it was like to be helped during a time of hardship. Your generosity overwhelmed both the volunteers at the Food Pantry and the Carnegie Police Department. We can't say thank you enough for demonstrating what the season of giving is all about.



Andi Sevacko, Food Pantry volunteer, surrounded by our donations



Borough Officials

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

Council Members:

Barbara Cinpinski Marita <u>Haubrick</u> Nicholas Honchar Maria Shamsi Carolyn Waldner

Vacancy Board Chair: Victor Carelle

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

Borough Engineer – Clint Reilly Borough Solicitor – Christopher <u>Voltz</u>, 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/