



THE BOROUGH OF PENNSBURY VILLAGE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2024

Keeping You In the Know

Residents often ask questions such as why taxes or refuse rates have been raised, why certain repair work has been put on hold, etc. These are obviously legitimate concerns, and the answer is often related to cost.

As we all have experienced, the price of everything has risen in recent years. Not long ago, we all received Duquesne Light's notification of a rate hike. That's another example of a cost increase that the Borough will have to incur. Services, supplies...all have gone up, increasing the cost to secure the safety and welfare of our residents.

Since few people attend Council's monthly public meetings where much of this is discussed, we thought we would provide you a snapshot of what it costs to run the Borough so you can be a bit more "in the know".

Below is a list of the larger expenditures for the first quarter of this year:

- Sewage treatment plant operation: \$28,112.32
- Police/Fire/Ambulance: \$19,644.62
- Snow Removal (Roads): \$17,944.47
- Trash Removal: \$14,767.59 (note - the Borough incurs additional trash removal costs when residents place prohibited items outside of the dumpsters).
- Electricity (such as streetlights): \$8,538.26

These alone total \$89,007.26 and do not include all budgeted items for that time period.

Then there are the unexpected expenditures that arise, such as waterline breaks. Earlier this year, repair of a sewage line clog during the first quarter cost the Borough approximately \$1,800.

Expenses for things like repairing potholes can be in excess of \$70,000, while the cost to finish the road repairs (on hold at this point) is more than \$1 million. Be assured that we search for grant opportunities and apply whenever possible.

All of this is to say that the economy has affected the Borough just like it has all of us. We have to balance and prioritize where funds are spent in the most fiscally responsible way, ensuring that safety and welfare come first.

Should you have any questions about upcoming projects in the Borough, we welcome you to attend our monthly public meeting, the second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 pm in the Community Room.



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Taxes and Refuse (Garbage) Fee

Refuse fee is now delinquent. The fee (with late charges) is \$177.50 if paid by April 30 and \$212.50 if paid thereafter. Fee is payable to Jordan Tax Service, 102 Rahway Road, McMurray, PA 15317. Accounts still outstanding on December 31, 2024 will be turned over for delinquent collections.

New Residents - the following information may be requested by your employer for proper withholding of earned income taxes:

- Municipality: Borough of Pennsbury Village
- PSD Code: 731003
- Total Resident EIT Rate: 1%

If your employer does not provide you with a form to fill out, forms are available to download on the Borough's website. Click the "Services" tab and scroll down to Taxes for more information and the link.

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, May 17 until Monday, May 20

The annual roll off dumpsters will be made available for residents to dispose of larger items. Start prepping your items for disposal.

Monday, May 27

The Borough's Annual Memorial Day Observation will be held beginning at 9 am with coffee and donuts in the Community Room.

More details about both of these events to come.

Join Us at the Pennsbury Village Town Hall

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Community Room

Agenda includes:

- Allegheny County Sheriff's Department collecting unwanted or expired prescription drugs, as part of the County Drug Dump Program.
- Deputy Sheriff Jason Terap speaking on current phone and internet scams and daily safety issues.
- State Representative Anita Kulik and State Senator Devlin Robinson discussing available state programs for PA residents and state forms available in local offices.

There will be Q & A at the end of the meeting. Light refreshments will be provided, as well as the chance to win a door prize. We hope to see you there!



Primary Election Day is Tuesday, April 23

Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm in Pennsbury Community Room. Please remember to vote.

"Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it."

Susan B. Anthony

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Spring has Sprung – Some Reminders for This Time of Year

- Pennsbury's leash law requires all pets to be on a leash when out of the unit.
- 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, (disgusting to walk through) and can attract rodents. Dispose of the pet waste properly. **DO NOT** leave it in bags outside of your unit.
- Warmer, stormier weather is already here! When a power outage happens, contact Duquesne Light directly to report the issue: Call 412-393-7000 or report online at www.duquesnelight.com.
- Nice weather brings more residents outdoors (including children and pets). Please observe speed limit and traffic signs. Walkers, please walk facing traffic and be extra cautious of your surroundings if wearing headphones.
- Signs have been posted on the sports courts as a reminder that pets are not permitted on the courts.
- The Borough has an ordinance prohibiting the use of skateboards, scooters and roller skates on all roadways within the Borough limits.
- The Borough continues to receive reports that people are not closing the side doors on the dumpsters. This is the time of year when critters start to forage for food in the trash. Closing the side doors helps to keep the animals out of the dumpsters. Please do your part and make certain the door and/or lid is closed each time you use the dumpster.

Borough Officials

Mayor – Lucy Harper

President – Steven Stecko

Vice President – Brenda George

Council Members:

Vic Carelle

Barbara Cinpinski

Marita Haubrick

Nicholas Honchar

Carolyn Waldner

Borough Manager – Bob Wable

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

9:00 AM – noon; 12:30 PM– 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 and Refuse**(Garbage) Fees**

Borough Real Estate, School Tax,
Refuse Fees

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/>