

Newsletter



MAYOR'S CORNER

I guess we are all glad that...hopefully the tough winter is over! The next job will be to work on our roads. We will fill in potholes and straighten out roads that are in need of work.

I want to thank all of the resident's who moved their cars when we had snow emergencies. It was easier for our Borough workers and PennDOT on Main Street, to plow without having to call a tow truck to remove your cars...thank you!

With many things coming up for the rest of the year, enjoy them and have a nice Spring and Summer!

Gerald C. Yob, Mayor

POLICE

After a long and frigid winter, spring is here! Now that the warmer weather is just around the corner expect to see bike patrol officers around the Borough.

The dedicated men of the Freemansburg Police Department are proud to wear the badge of public trust and look forward serving you again this year. Our main goal is to protect lives and property, however preserving the quality of life is also a very important aspect of our daily function.

The Freemansburg Police Department, with assistance from the Freemansburg Fire Department will be sponsoring the Second Annual National Night Out Against Crime. The event will be held at the Borough Park on Cambria St. on August 4, 2015 from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this event, please contact police headquarters at 610-866-2221.

Todd Pantuso, Police Chief

April 2015

BOROUGH MANAGER

Is everyone dreaming of warm sunny days? Spring has finally arrived!

Community Outreach!!!! The Borough is currently searching for volunteers willing to be a member on the Parks & Recreation Board to organize, operate and staff community events within the Borough. Please contact the Borough Manager at 610-866-2220 extension 118 if you are interested. Watch the board on the playground kiosk for information on upcoming events.

We are always in need of fill in Crossing Guards in various corners of the Borough. This is perfect for stay at home mom's, and retired persons looking for a little extra income. If you are interested in finding out more about this, please call the Borough Office at 610-866-2220 (x101).

Think Spring!!!!!!
Judith Danko, Borough Manager



COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I think everyone is happy Spring is here! It's been a long, cold and snowy winter!

A reminder that the Tow Path is ready for those of you ready to spring into shape, as well as the Municipal Park Walking Path.

With Spring comes outdoor activities, please remember to be safe and mindful of others safety, especially the children playing outdoors. Hoping everyone enjoys the warmer weather ahead!

Homer "Bud" Lorrh,
Council President

"Coming together is a beginning;

Keeping together is progress;

Working together is success!"

-Albert Einstein

STREETS/ PUBLIC WORKS

I would like to thank all residents for their cooperation over the winter. We made it through another hard winter with numerous hazardous weather events. If you notice any unsafe or hazardous conditions on Borough streets, alleys or public property, please notify the Borough so we may look into it.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

With the warmer weather just around the corner, many of you may be thinking about enhancing your property. Please remember to first check with the Borough if any building or zoning permits may be required. Decks (less than 30" high), sheds, & fences may only need a simple zoning permit. If you are planning to install a swimming pool, you will need a zoning/building permit. Under the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, a building permit is required for any and all pools capable of holding 24" of water or deeper. This includes portable and storable pools, hot tubs, and outdoor landscape ponds. The state has a minimum requirement that must be met as far as electrical and enclosure requirements. Please plan ahead before starting any projects!

If you have a question regarding building or zoning, please feel free to call 610-866-2220 (x103) or e-mail

zoning@boroughoffreemansburg.org

David Guidon

Building, Code Official/Zoning Officer

TAX NEWS

The Borough Taxes have been sent out. There are 3 things to remember.

1. If you are a homeowner and your mortgage company pays your taxes, please remember to send your tax bill to your mortgage company.
2. If you are a renter, please make sure your land lord gets the tax bill.
3. If by chance you do not receive your tax bill, please contact me ASAP at 610-867-9656, leave a message and I will return your call.

Davina Gallich
Tax Collector

SEWER & SANITAION

Sewer: Enclosed is your Sewer Bill. You are being billed \$110.00, 3 times a year or \$315.00 if paying for the year (\$15 discount), and a penalty of 10% or \$11.00 per period if paid in the penalty phase. We will be working with the City of Bethlehem to begin the water shut off process. All past due accounts will be sent to an attorney & a lien will be placed on your property on 5/1/15. Also, we will be working with the City of Bethlehem to begin the water shut-off process.

Sanitation: Your 2015 Sanitation bill is due by 5/15/15 to avoid the penalty phase. This bill is for Sanitation/Recycling for 2015.

Reminder, please mail separate checks for sewer and sanitation. And make sure they are clearly marked with the correct account, for example::

SEW - 000 or SAN - 000

Please remember that your trash/recycling should be from your own property. It is a "Theft of Services" charge if others are caught bringing in trash/recycling from outside of our Borough.

VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.

For decades, fully staffed by volunteers with pride, dedication, and professionalism-Freemansburg Fire Co. has been providing outstanding Fire and Emergency Medical Services for the Borough of Freemansburg.

Over the last year all firefighters have undergone intense training and encouraged to continue their education through Pro-board PA State Certification programs. We strive to be the 1st in class performing a service that borough residents expect, deserve and can rely on during their time in need.

We are always accepting applications for membership. If you are joining our team or if you have further questions, please contact Fire Chief Terrance Irving at 610-691-9559 (x110) or e-mail tirving@freemansburgfire.org.

Follow us on Facebook at Freemansburg Fire Company. We use this source to provide important updates relating to the weather, emergency management, fire prevention information, as well as upcoming special events and other news.

Once again, on behalf of the members of Freemansburg Fire Co., we want to thank all of you for your continued support.

Jonathan Rossi
Assistant Fire Chief

COMMUNITY INFO.

Please remember to check our Facebook Page "Freemansburg Parks-Rec" for all events going on in the Borough. Any changes to any event will be updated here. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time with the Borough Easter Egg including the fire company, police department, Borough Council and many residents-without your help the event would not have been possible!

Facebook: The Borough has three pages on Facebook . If you haven't done so already, please "Like" the following pages to stay informed with various things going on within our community:

Freemansburg Parks-Rec

Freemansburg Fire Company

Freemansburg Police Department

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Community Carnival:

Municipal Park-Cambria St.

5/20/15 - 5/24/15

*Ride specials-5/20&5/21

American Legion Memorial Day Svc.

5/23/15-6:00pm

In front of Borough Hall

National Night Out Against Crime

8/4/15-6:00pm-9:00pm

Cambria St. Park

Please remember to use our Borough website to download forms if needed:

www.boroughoffreemansburg.org

Hall/Pavilion Rentals reservations are taken at the Borough Hall. Full payment + security deposit is required to reserve your date.

Alcohol is NOT permitted at either location. No refunds for cancellation are given less than two (2) weeks prior to the event. Call the Borough Office for more information: 610-866-2220 (x102)