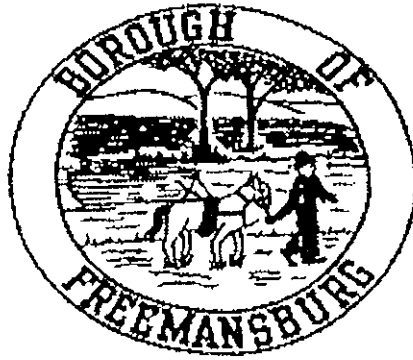


# Newsletter



February 2014

## MAYOR'S CORNER

**Snow Emergency:** Please move your car when a snow emergency is called. The Borough has an Ordinance that allows any cars left on a Snow Emergency Route to be towed at the owners expense. The cost of this can be up to \$400.00.

Please clean snow off your sidewalks so people can walk without any trouble. Moving your car before the snow plow comes up your street will mean that you won't have to clean your parking space.

Look for Spring!  
Gerald Yob, Mayor

## POLICE

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and I look forward to serving you in the New Year.

With winter in full sprint, I want to remind drivers of the following:

- Keep lights and windshield clear of snow.
- Reduce speed and leave plenty of room between you and the other vehicles.
- Most importantly, if you don't have to be out, stay home!

A reminder that the non-emergency number for Police response is 610-759-2200.

Thank you,  
Todd Pantuso, Police Chief

## BOROUGH MANAGER

With winter here, remember to check on your elderly neighbors, and be safe! In case of power outage, the PP&L Hotline # is 1-800-342-5775. Please keep this number handy.

2013 has proven to be another productive year for our Borough. At this time we are in the completion phases of the new Police addition which consists of locker rooms and garages. Again all of these improvements have been paid in full by grant monies, no tax payer dollars!

A giant thank you to all of the Borough Residents for abiding by the Snow Emergency Ordinance. By doing this you are helping the snow plowing within the Borough to be done in a safe and expedient manner!

We welcome Mark Lorrhah to Council, and congratulate Mayor Yob, Councilmen Rudolph Gallich, and George Wilson, and Tax Collector Davina Gallich on their re-election.

Enjoy the Winter Season,  
Judith Danko, Borough Manager



## COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Happy New Year Everyone!  
I'd like to congratulate Mayor Yob on his re-election and 44 years of commitment to our community. Also, congratulations to Rudolph Gallich, and George Wilson on their re-election to Council, newly elected Council Member Mark Lorrhah, and Davina Gallich on being re-elected Tax Collector.

I look forward to working with Council again this year. Everyone has been doing a fantastic job saving the Borough money, and getting out of debt. We are now working with a reorganization within the Borough, and a balanced budget through cutting spending! This year we would like to upgrade some much needed equipment to better serve the Borough.

Borough Manager Judith Danko has been very successful in writing and acquiring grants for the Borough, and will continue to apply for as many grants as possible.

I'm sure everyone has noticed our Police Dept. has been doing a great job under the direction of Chief Todd Pantuso. A total of 2,481 calls have been handled by our Police Dept. in 2013, they are doing their job!

Best Regards,  
Homer "Bud" Lorrhah,  
Council President

## **STREET/PUBLIC WORKS**

Please be reminded, in accordance with Borough Ordinance #150-70, "...the responsibility for removal of snow, ice and other obstructions or hazards from pedestrian walkways..." is "...the owner, occupant, possessor, tenant, caretaker or groundskeeper..." of the property "...within 24 hours after the snow, ice, other obstruction or hazard has fallen, formed or appeared..." This is for everyone's safety, especially the children walking to and from school. Do not pile or throw snow into the street. It is not only a hazard, it's against the law!

Snow emergencies are determined by the Mayor or his designated representative. Within one hour of the snow emergency declaration, all parked vehicles must be removed from the designated snow emergency routes. Failure to do so may result in the vehicle being removed and impounded by the police department at the vehicle owner's expense. The vehicle owner may also be subject to additional fines or penalties.

Snow Emergency Routes are:

- Main Street from the Lehigh River Bridge to Constitution Blvd.
- Washington Street from Main Street to Pembroke Road
- Cambria Street from Washington Street to Market Street
- Monroe Street from Main Street to Clearfield Street
- Clearfield Street from Monroe Street to Washington Street / Pembroke Road on east side only - parking is permitted on the west side.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Please remember to check with our Building Code Official to see if a permit is needed before you do any home improvements, or build on your property.

## **SEWER & SANITAION**

**Sanitation:** Enclosed is a 6 month billing for Sanitation from January thru June 2014. The next 6 month billing will be August 1, 2014, for July thru December 2014. The amount will depend on the Borough's new Sanitation Contract.

**Sewer:** The City of Bethlehem has increased their rates, therefore it was necessary to increase the Sewer rates. You will be billed \$110.00, 3 times a year. \$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.

Reminder, please mail separate checks for sewer and sanitation. And make sure they are clearly marked what the payment is for, example:

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## **TAX NEWS**

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

1. If you are a homeowner and your mortgage company pays your taxes, please remember to send the 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.

Thank you,  
Davina Gallich, Tax Collector



## **PARKS & RECREATION**

Thank you to all the residents for supporting our events. Recreation is looking for volunteers to help staff various events through out the year, especially our Halloween Parade in October! Anyone interested in volunteering some time with us in the community, please contact us through Borough Hall.

The Recreation Committee is currently trying to raise money to help support the following projects:

- Playground Bench Project
- Merry Go Round Project
- 2014 Calendar of Events

For more information on these projects, or to make a donation to Recreation, please contact us through Borough Hall.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Easter Craft Night & Coloring**

##### **Contest:**

- Friday, 4/11/14 @ 6 pm

#### **Easter Egg Hunt & Basket**

##### **Raffle:**

- Saturday, 4/12/14 @ 2 pm

#### **Community Carnival:**

- 5/21/14 - 5/24/14

**Zumba Classes are held at Borough Hall every Monday & Wednesday @ 6 pm & Saturdays @ 8:30 am. Cost is \$5 per class.**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

There is opportunity for high school students to volunteer time to the Recreation Committee to obtain Community Service Hours. Please contact Jennifer McDonald either through text or voicemail at 484-542-9350, or leave a message on the Recreation Facebook page at Freemansburg Parks-Rec. Messages left will be answered in a timely manner at her earliest convenience.