

Newsletter



January 2015

MAYOR'S CORNER

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas, and that the New Year will be a happy one. With winter here, be safe! Check your stoves and fireplaces so that the area around them is clear and no fires can get started. **BE SAFE!** Since winter is here, I'm sure we will get some snow and bad weather in the future. Therefore, cars will be moved and sidewalks will have to be cleared. Obey the **SNOW EMERGENCY** so that our snow plows can get your street cleaned. PennDOT will do Main Street. During the ice, snow, and bad weather, **SLOW DOWN AND BE SAFE THIS WINTER!**
Gerald Yob, Mayor

POLICE

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe New Year! A reminder while driving in winter weather:

- When wipers are on, you are required to have your headlights on.
- Keep lights and windshield clear of snow.
- Reduce speed and leave plenty of space between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- If you don't need to be out, **STAY HOME!**

2014 Year End Summary:

- The Police Dept. handled 2,623 incidents.
- 137 Arrests were made.
- 1,368 Traffic Citations were issued.
- 27 Non-Traffic Citations were issued.
- 76 Parking Tickets were issued.

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

Thank You,
Todd Pantuso, Police Chief

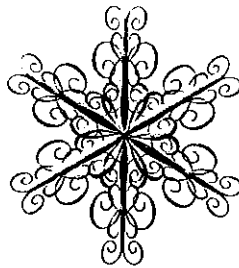
BOROUGH MANAGER

2014 has proven to be another productive year for our Borough. At this time we have completed all 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!

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.

Wishing you and your family a safe and enjoyable Winter Season,

Judith A. Danko,
Borough Manager



*"Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success!"*

~Albert Einstein

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I'd like to wish everyone a very prosperous & healthy New Year, and your New Year Resolutions fulfilled. We here at the Borough are all starting off with a positive attitude to keep moving forward with projects & grants to better the Borough as we have done in the past few years. We can thank our Manager Judith Danko for writing all these grants and keeping spending in check, our Borough Police Chief, Todd Pantuso for a very professional and productive Police Dept, our Mayor, Gerald Yob for support in all aspects of the Borough's progress. Also behind our leaders we have been fortunate enough to have a great, pleasant office staff. We have professional, polite Police Officers, Council members who have been keeping our community productive, and accountable. Freemansburg Fire Co. has been doing an outstanding job in their operations. Thank you to our new Asst. Fire Chief Jon Rossi who has been organizing their training programs and interacting greatly with Borough functions.

Last but not least a big thank you to the entire Parks & Recreation Board for the great years of hard work and dedication for all the events they made possible for the Borough to enjoy. We will miss all of you! Thanks especially to Lyn Boger and her family for their tireless efforts the last 10 years, it is greatly appreciated.

Homer "Bud" Lorrach
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, or 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 is 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 will be ODD/EVEN PARKING during snow emergencies.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Please remember to contact our Code Enforcement Officer for Building and/or Zoning Permits before construction starts on your property.

TAX NEWS

Your Borough Taxes will be arriving soon. There are 3 things for you to remember.

- If you are a homeowner, and your mortgage company pays your taxes, please remember to send the tax bill to your mortgage company.
- If you are a renter, please make sure your land lord gets the tax bill.
- If by chance you do not receive your tax bill by the end of February, please contact me at 610-867-9656.

Thank you,
Davina Gallich, Tax Collector.

FYI

To reserve the Playground Pavilion, or Social Hall, please contact Borough Hall at 610-866-2220 ext 102 for information.

Opportunity for retired persons and Stay at Home Mom's looking for extra cash... The Borough is in need of fill in School Crossing Guards. Please call Borough Hall at 610-866-2220 for more information.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Council – 1st Tuesday of Month
Planning – 1st Thursday of Month
Fire Co – Last Thursday of Month
Legion – 1st Thursday of Month
Recreation – To be announced

Please check the Parks & Recreation and the Police Dept. Facebook pages for any changes in garbage pick up due to inclement weather or other unforeseen reasons.

SEWER & SANITATION

Sewer: The 1st period 2015 Sewer Billing will be 4/1/2015, due 5/1/2015, \$110.00 per unit per period (3 x's per year) or \$315.00 per unit if you pay for the year 2015. 2nd period will be billed 8/1/2015 due by 8/31/2015, 3rd period will be billed 11/1/2015 due by 12/1/2015. All past due balances will be sent to collection and a lien may be placed on your property if payment is not received in full by 3/25/2015.

Sanitation: We are pleased to announce that the Sanitation Contract was awarded to Advanced Disposal for a period of 5 years. Although there will be no increase for garbage & recycling for the year 2015, the Borough has gone back to the yearly billing.

Enclosed is your yearly Sanitation Invoice which is due by 5/15/2015. All past due balances must be received in full by 3/25/2015 or your account will be sent to collection and a lien may be placed on your property.

PARKS & RECREATION

The Parks & Recreation Board is in desperate need of your help to staff and operate the children's and other events within the Borough. If you enjoy these events, and have time to help, the Borough needs you! These events can not happen without your help! Please contact Judith Danko, Borough Manager at 610-866-2220, extention 118, if you are interested in joining the Parks & Recreation Board.

Watch the kiosk board at the playground for any further information on possible upcoming events.