

# Newsletter



## MAYOR'S CORNER

June 2014

The Police Building is complete. After some check lists, and some clean up, we will have an Open House in August. Residents can then come see what we have accomplished with grants from the Casino money.

Good weather is starting and people should begin cutting their grass and weeds, and make their property look clean. Trash left around your property should be cleaned up. The Borough has some ordinances on this subject, and we intend to enforce them. We want our Borough to look nice and clean, do your part.

Have A Good Summer,

Gerald Yob, Mayor

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council has been working together diligently to make improvements in all areas of the Borough. We want to hear from you! Your feedback is very helpful to us and we care about your concerns. Everyone is welcome to attend our Council Meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month.

I wish everyone a happy and healthy summer season!

Homer "Bud" Lorrh, Council President

## BOROUGH MANAGER

Nonpoint source pollution is our nation's largest remaining water quality problem. It is not caused by pipes discharging waste from big factories or from sewage treatment plants. Rather, it is generated by all of us, a product of rainfall interacting with millions of actions that we collectively take each day, including activities such as applying pesticides, fertilizing our lawns, or even driving our cars. While most of our individual actions have relatively small impacts on water quality, the cumulative impact of how we choose to interact with our land and water is huge. By becoming more aware of the effect of our actions on our rivers, streams, lakes, and oceans, however, we can all develop more water friendly habits and practices that will enable us to protect and restore the quality of these waters. Please see the attachment we provided, this guide offers advice on how we can maximize the effectiveness reducing nonpoint source pollution and protect the lakes, rivers, streams, and coasts that we treasure.

Judith A. Danko, Borough Manager

*"Coming together is a beginning;  
keeping together is progress;  
working together is success!"*  
~Albert Einstein

## POLICE

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer. Bike Patrols will be in place within the next couple of weeks and will continue throughout the summer. I encourage everyone to take time to stop and interact with the bike patrol officers.

The Freemansburg Police Department recently received a very generous donation from Northampton County District Attorney John Morganelli, that enabled us to purchase gun mounted lights and holsters. This purchase will greatly enhance officer safety.

If you are planning to be away on vacation, I encourage you to contact the Police Department to be placed on the vacant property check.

On August 5, 2014 from 6 pm - 9 pm, the Freemansburg Police Department will be hosting a National Night out Against Crime Event. This will take place at the Municipal Park and will include a display of Police and Fire equipment. There will be games, food, and demos. All residents are welcome.

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

Todd Pantuso, Chief of Police

## STREET/PUBLIC WORKS

Please keep in mind that as a property owner, you are responsible for maintaining trees, shrubs, and repairs to public sidewalks on your property. Branches obstructing traffic signs, or hanging into the public right of way are a hazard to pedestrians and motorists.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Please remember that in accordance with the UCC regulations, all swimming pools over 24" must be inspected for safety hazards. This includes all storable and inflatable pools. You can contact our Borough Code Enforcement Officer at 610-866-2220 ext. 103.

## TAX NEWS

Your Borough Tax Base amount, or 2<sup>nd</sup> installment is due. Failure to pay this tax by June 30, 2014 will result in a 10% penalty. Your payment must be marked by this date to avoid this penalty. You can contact me at 610-867-9656 with any questions. For your convenience, my hours on Monday, June 30, 2014 will extend from 9 am – 12 pm.

Thank you,  
Davina Gallich, Tax Collector

## FYI

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Saturday, 10/11/2014 at Northampton Community College. Questions call Tom Dittmar 610-559-3200 ext 4. Free to Northampton County Residents only. Please bring photo ID or recent utility bill to verify residency. New this year – Tire Collection: \$1 per tire, \$2 per tire w/ rim, \$5 tractor/trailer tire.

Pavilion / Hall Rentals: Some dates for the summer are still available. Please contact Borough Hall at 610-866-2220 ext 102 for information.

## SANITATION & SEWER

**Sanitation:** Enclosed is the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of your sanitation bill, July thru Dec. All past due accounts will be receiving collection / lien notices if not paid in full by 9/15/2014. The Borough's new Sanitation Collector is Advanced Disposal. Their first collection day is Tuesday, July 1, 2014. If you have not received their new calendar with new trash and recycling collection days, from July to December 2014, there are some available at the Borough Office. You can reach Advanced Disposal at 610-440-3700. Please be patient during the transition with our new trash collector. Remember, you can mix all recyclables together, but please do not mix your trash with your recycling.

**Sewer:** Your next Sewer bill in the amount of \$110 per unit will be 8/1/2014, and your last Sewer bill will be 11/1/2014. We will be working with the City of Bethlehem to begin the water shut off process. If you have an outstanding Sewer bill, now would be the time to bring your account up to date.

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

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

Council – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month  
Planning – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month  
Fire Co – Last Thursday of Month  
Legion – 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month  
Recreation – Last Monday of Month

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



## PARKS & RECREATION

The Recreation Committee is looking for volunteers to help staff various events throughout the year, especially our Halloween Parade and Bonfire in October! If interested please contact us through Borough Hall.

There will be benches placed along the walking path at the playground very soon. Thank you to everyone who participated in this project.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Community Yard Sale:

7/12 & 7/13, 8 am – 2 pm.

We will advertise in a local paper and post signs in the area. You do not have to register for this event. Residents are welcome to use the playground field, spots are on a first come first serve basis.

#### Chalk the Walk for Ankylosing Spondylitis:

Saturday, 7/19/2014, 1 – 5 pm at the Freemansburg Playground.

The Recreation Committee will provide the sidewalk chalk to draw, or write your own inspirational message. We hope to have a good turnout for this event. Other activities for the day will include:

Bake Sale

Zumbathon 2 – 3 pm, - \$5

Face Painting - \$5

Ice Cream, Hot Dogs, Drinks will be available. All proceeds go to help raise awareness for Ankylosing Spondylitis.

Zumba classes are held at Borough Hall every Monday & Wednesday @ 6 pm. Cost is \$5 per class.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE NEWS

Community Service hours for students are available at Parks & Recreation Events. Contact our Community Service Coordinator Jennifer McDonald through Borough Hall 610-866-2220.