

# BOROUGH OF FREEMANSBURG

MARCH 2020



## Freemansburg Police

EMERGENCY: 911

Police NON-Emerg: 610-759-2200

Police Department: 610-866-2221

Mayor's Office: 610-866-2220 x106

## Freemansburg Vol. Fire Co

EMERGENCY: 911

Fire Co: 610-866-2220 x110/111

(Please call for volunteer information!)

## Borough Office: 610-866-2220

Borough Manager: Gerald Gasda x118

Executive Assistant: Lisa Mack x101

Borough Secretary: Justine Rossi x102

Zoning Officer/Building Code Official:

Zoning Officer: x103

Tax Collector: Davina Gallich x117 OR

610-867-9656

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

## Upcoming Borough Events

- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt- (12 & Under) -Sat. 4/11/2020 (1pm -Park-No rain date)
  - ◆ Spring Carnival—Tues. 5/19/20 thru Sat. 5/23/2020 (Park)
  - ◆ Memorial Day Ceremony -Sat. 5/23/2020 (4pm -Borough Hall)
    - ◆ Community Yard Sale -Sat. 6/6 & Sun. 6/7-(8am-2pm)



Check out Borough of Freemansburg Facebook Pages for updated information in your community!

- Freemansburg Borough & Parks-Rec
- Freemansburg Police Department
- Freemansburg Fire Company
- Old Freemansburg Association
- Hellertown Area Library

## Mayor's Corner

Spring is right around the corner! Remember if you are grilling to make sure your grill is clean & ready to go. Also remember to abide by Borough Ordinance (posted on Borough Website under Police Tab), if utilizing a fire pit safely.

Open barrels are NOT permitted!

We are looking forward to our community events!

Happy Spring! Mayor Lasso

[www.BoroughofFreemansburg.org](http://www.BoroughofFreemansburg.org)

## Borough News

Our new Borough Administration Offices are getting closer to completion! We are hoping to move back into the offices this summer. State and Northampton County Grants in the amounts totaling \$645,000.00 were obtained to help make our Borough Building safer and more functional for everyone. Handicap accessibility is part of the Northampton Co. grants allowing handicap ramps inside and outside, bathrooms, and non-slip flooring.

Please continue to pay your Sewer and Sanitation bills at the front of the building, using the Police Dept. entrance. Ring the doorbell (not the blue Police Box), and we will be happy to assist you.

## Zoning/Code Enforcement

A *Certificate of Occupancy* ("C.O.") is required by Ordinance prior to selling your home OR if you are a landlord, prior to a new tenant moving into your unit. Please come to the Borough Office to pick up an inspection application packet, the fee is \$130.00., cash, check or Money Order. C.O. Packets & Permit applications for additions, fences, etc. can be obtained in the Borough Office or on the Borough Website under the "Forms" tab.

## Sewer & Sanitation Billing Information

Sewer Invoices for 1st Period & Yearly 2020 are included in this mailer due 3/31/20. The cost is \$125/Unit (not billed based on consumption), or \$360/Year (includes discount) but **MUST** be paid by the due date or the discount does not apply. If you send a payment for "Yearly Discount" after 3/31/20, your check will be returned, and discount will not be applicable. Please remember your Sewer bill (always printed on colored paper) is billed directly from the Borough office, and your Water bill is billed directly from the City of Bethlehem.

Their bill states "Water & Sewer" but it is **ONLY** for your water usage.

Sanitation Invoices were mailed 2/1/2020 and are due on 5/31/2020. The cost again this year is \$300/Year for Trash and Recycling. Our hauler is Advanced Disposal, the customer service number is 610-440-3700 if you have any issues with your trash and/or recycling.

## Old Freemansburg Association

Make Freemansburg Shine Saturday, April 18 9am-noon

Meet at the Monroe Street Parking Lot for general clean up along the canal and around the Borough.

Looking for individuals who would like to assist with two projects at the Lockhouse. Meeting every Saturday beginning March 7 (weather permitting) at 9:00am at the Mule Barn on the towpath. This is a great opportunity got BASD Community Service Hours! For more info, please check our Facebook page or contact Lynn at [ldr1017@gmail.com](mailto:ldr1017@gmail.com)

## Police Department

Our Police Department has received numerous complaints about animals & wind causing refuse to be scattered throughout the neighborhood because the refuse is not properly stored. Borough Ordinance #399, Article III requires, amongst other things, the following:

3A) - All garbage must be placed in containers.

3B) - Refuse containers shall be of durable water tight, rust resistant materials having a close fitting lid and handles to facilitate collection.

3E) - Location of containers – all refuse containers shall be placed at the curb line or street of the respective home or household and must be removed from the street of curb line promptly following collection.

3F) - Time restriction – no refuse container may be placed earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the evening prior to the scheduled collection. All refuse containers shall be placed prior to the time set for collection.

4) - All refuse shall generate at the place of collection residential unit or qualified commercial establishment.

Violators of Ordinance #399, shall upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed \$600.00.

Properly secure garbage – Keep our town clean!