

BOROUGH OF FREEMANSBURG

FALL/WINTER 2020



Freemansburg Police

EMERGENCY: 911

Police Non-Emerg: 610-759-2200

Police Department: 610-866-2221

Mayor's Office: 610-866-2220 x106

Borough Offices: 610-866-2220

Executive Assistant: Lisa Mack (x101)

Borough Secretary: Justine Rossi (x102)

Payment Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-3pm

(Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm)

Freemansburg Vol. Fire Co

EMERGENCY: 911

Fire Co: 610-866-2220 x110/111

Zoning Officer: Amanda Heist 484-866-4889

Bldg. Code Official: Joe Hoffman 484-866-4860

Tax Collector: Davina Gallich 610-867-9656

- ◆ We are hiring for a Monday-Friday split shift Crossing Guard Position & on-call positions...perfect for retirees and at-home parents!
- ◆ Parks & Rec is looking for volunteers to be on the Board for community events.
- ◆ Planning Commission is looking for a resident to volunteer on the board to assist with guiding growth & development within the Borough.

Please contact the Borough Office for more information!

- ◆ If you are receiving this newsletter, you live or your property is in Freemansburg. Please use Freemansburg and NOT Bethlehem for the address. It is imperative to use Freemansburg PSD code with your employer. PSD Code (Political Subdivision Code) is a six digit number that uniquely identifies each municipality. Our PSD code is: **480204**



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

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

Mayor's Corner

Winter is almost here! Time to get your winter clothes out of the closet, crank up the heat & get the snow shovels & snow blowers ready. Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke & CO detectors, and furnace cleaning is important too! Let's be safe this winter! Remember for any emergency, call 911. Have a great winter and holiday season! -Mayor Lasso

Borough News

Council has adopted Ordinance #2020-003 which modifies on-street parking regulations for the Townes at Market Square” Development. The Ordinance relaxes the “No Parking” restrictions on the **inner sections ONLY** of N. & S. Oak Streets, which allows on-street parking in some areas. The outside section of these streets will remain “No Parking Zones” to allow emergency equipment to safely drive through if needed. Please refrain from parking on the outside section. Also please note that the same Ordinance designates these streets in the subdivision as “Snow Emergency Routes” which imposes certain restrictions on parking during a declared Snow Emergency. If the Mayor calls a “Snow Emergency”, cars must be removed. This announcement is made on the Borough Facebook pages and on WFMZ. They have also adopted Ordinance #2020-005 which restricts parking at the Borough building, unless conducting Borough business. Signs will be placed & the Ordinance will be enforced by the Police Department. (A copy of both Ordinances can be found on the Borough Website under the Police tab).

We are looking forward to our new addition of Administrative Offices to open soon! These changes will benefit the staff in helping to assist our residents safely, easily & more efficiently. The new addition will have one Handicap Accessible entrance for: Borough Offices (Sewer & Sanitation payments), Tax Collector & the Zoning Officer. This project was made possible by State & Northampton County Grants. For now, please mail payments and leave a note with payment if you would like a receipt. You may also utilize your banks Online Bill Pay system.

The Borough has also received a \$73,000.00 grant to purchase equipment for security cameras for the park and municipal building, computers and updated software and technology to help our office operate more smoothly.

Thank you for your continued cooperation through construction & Covid! *-Lisa, Justine & Carrie*

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 visit the Borough Office to pick up an inspection application packet, the fee is \$130.00., cash, check or Money Order. The “C.O.” and other Permit applications for additions, fences, decks, sheds etc. can be obtained in the Borough Office or on the Borough Website under the “Forms” tab.

Amanda Heist of Barry Isett & Associates, Inc., is our Borough Zoning Officer. She can be reached aheist@barryisett.com or 484-866-4889. For questions regarding Building Permits, please contact Joseph Hoffman via email jahoffman@barryisett.com or 484-866-4860. Barry Isett & Associates is our third party inspection service company who was previously known to our residents as CodeMaster Inspection Services.

Sanitation & Sewer Billing Information

Enclosed you will find Sewer Invoice for the 3rd & final period of 2020, **UNLESS** you paid for the year. The cost is \$125/unit (not billed based on consumption). Any past due Sanitation & Sewer Invoices can be paid by check, or money order through the mail, or through your bank’s online bill pay system. Please remember to include your account number in memo section. Due to COVID, Council voted to NOT add late fees during 2020 to Sewer and Sanitation past due balances.

Police

I hope everyone is safe, healthy, & doing well during these uncertain and challenging times. With the winter months approaching, roadways may become difficult to traverse due to inclement weather. For a resource guide on winter driving please visit the link below.

<https://www.penndot.gov/TravelInPA/Safety/TrafficSafetyAndDriverTopics/Pages/Winter-Driving.aspx>

Due to an overwhelming amount of complaints our department receives regarding garbage collection, I would like to remind everyone that the time restriction in Borough Ordinance #399 states, **“no refuse containers shall be placed earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the evening prior to the scheduled collection”**. We have received reports that garbage is being placed at the curb 2-3 days prior to collection. This creates a public safety issue and may result in enforcement action. As always, stay safe! *-Chief Itterly*

Public Works

Winter is right around the corner! Some helpful hints when shoveling your driveway... if possible, please wait until after the snow has fallen to clear the entry to your driveway to avoid having to shovel the end multiple times. Plow trucks are not able to avoid every driveway entrance. Plow trucks will plow all primary roads first, then secondary's, and alleys are last. Please do not throw snow back into the street, and do not put your trash/recycling containers in the street during or immediately after a storm as it is in the way of the plow. Remember to watch WFMZ or the Borough Facebook pages for when the Mayor calls a “Snow Emergency”. Routes are marked with Snow Emergency signage. Also don’t forget to shovel your sidewalks. You must clear sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the storm per Borough Ordinance. Stay safe! *-Andrew, Kelly & Chuck*