# BOROUGH OF FREEMANSBURG

## NOVEMBER 2019

### 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

### 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: Shannon Calluori: x103

Tax Collector: Davina Gallich x117 OR 610-867-9656

Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

**Tree Lighting & Kids Christmas Party @ Park: Friday 12/6 (6PM)**

- Please return registration form enclosed in this mailer to the Borough Office no later than 11/25/19 in order for your child to receive a gift.
- Look for 2020 Parks & Rec Event Calendar in your February Sanitation Invoice Mailing
- Parks & Rec is looking for volunteers! Call the Borough Office for more info.
- On-Call Crossing Guard Position available-call Borough Office for details!
- If you are a landlord-please share this newsletter with your tenant.

**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

Please visit our book sharing box outside the Police Dept. Feel free to take or share a book-there is something there for all ages!

I would also like to thank our Police & Fire Co. for serving free hot dogs, candy & hot chocolate at Trick-or Treat!

Enjoy the beauty of the fall colors around us, soon it may be snow -Mayor Lasso

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## Borough News

Four streets were paved with State issued Liquid Fuels money this year. We have also been lucky enough to receive grant monies from Northampton & Monroe Counties Casino Gaming grants to purchase a new John Deere tractor with an extended mower arm & a skid steer tractor with a street sweeper attachment. We also completed the pedestrian bridge over the Lehigh Canal, and dedicated it in September with Northampton County Officials. The bridge was also made possible due to grant funding from Northampton Co., Hotel Tax Grant and Northampton Co. Open Space Initiative, Livable Landscapes.

## 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. Permit applications for additions, fences, etc. can be obtained in the Borough Office or on the Borough Website under the "Forms" tab.

Shannon Calluori of CodeMaster Inspection Services is our Borough Zoning Officer & Building Code Official. She can be reached via email **scalluori@codemaster.info** or by phone. Her office hours at the Borough Office are Tuesday (8am-10am) and Friday (2pm-4pm).

## Sanitation & Sewer Billing Information

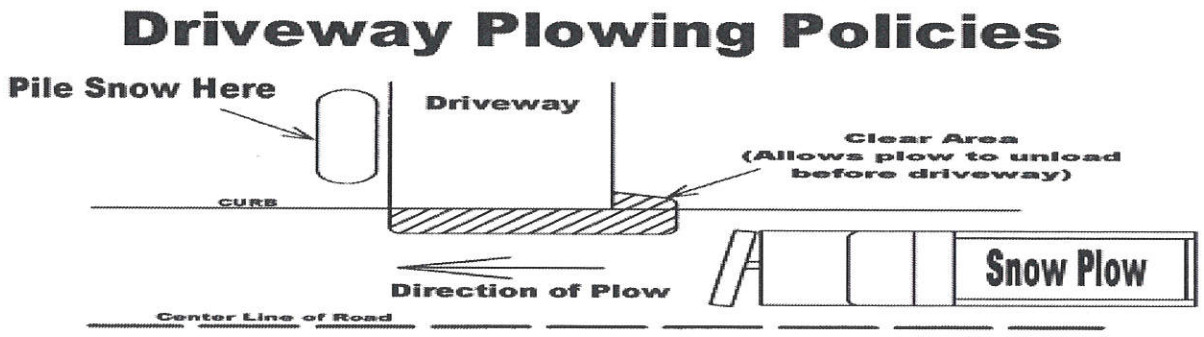
Enclosed you will find Sewer Invoice for the third & final period of 2019, **UNLESS** you paid for the year. The cost is $122/unit (not billed based on consumption). The City of Bethlehem has raised the Borough's rates, therefore 2020 Sewer rates will be $125 per unit per period. (The total increase will cost resident's $9/year). The $15 discount option will again be available during the 1st Billing if paid in full for the year only.

(New Invoice dates for 2020 will be: 3/1/20, 6/1/20, 10/1/20.)

Any past due Sanitation and Sewer Invoices can be paid with cash, check, or money order at the Borough Office, secured lockbox outside Borough Office, through the mail, or through your bank's online bill pay system. Please remember to include your account number in memo section.

## Holiday Sock Drive

Our Police Department, in conjunction with the Freemansburg Elementary School, is hosting a Holiday Sock Drive! Between November 1 - November 27, please donate **new** men's, women's, and kids socks to those in need. We are accepting all sizes, and fun designs for the kids. Drop off is at the Borough Office-600 Monroe St. Give the gift of happy feet this holiday season as donations will be distributed to Borough school students in need.

## Public Works

Some helpful hints when shoveling your driveway this winter. If possible, please wait until after the snow has fallen to clear the entry to your driveway to avoid having to shovel the end too many 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.