

Borough of Freemansburg News-March 2023

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<i>Police Department 610-866-2221 (Non-Emergency- 610-759-2200 * Emergencies-Call 911)</i>				
Gerald C. Yob	Mayor		Mayor@boroughoffreemansburg.org	x207
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Council President - I am pleased to announce that construction is almost complete on the Borough's new Digital Message board, which is located on the corner of Monroe and Cambria Streets. Once complete, the message board will provide a space to publish important information about events, emergencies, road closures, or any other public safety situations. This message board was made possible through grant funding from Northampton County. -*Homer Lorrach, Council Pres.*

NIXLE- We are happy to announce the Borough has received a grant for a subscription to NIXLE/Everbridge! This communication platform is the quick & easy way to receive all important Borough news regarding events, emergencies, road closures, or any other public safety situations! ***If you wish to participate, please Text **FREEMANSBURG** to **888777**, or go online to register your cell or home phone <https://local.nixle.com/register/>

Sewer -Sewer Invoices for 2023 were mailed 2/1/2023 & are due on 3/3/23. Payments which are paid in full for the year are given a \$15 discount ONLY if paid in full by 3/3/23. Second period Invoices will be dated 6/1/23 & 3rd period will be dated 10/1/23. FYI...Your water bill is based on usage and is sent directly from the City of Bethlehem. Their invoice states "Water and Sewer" but that is not correct for Freemansburg residents-it is only your water based on your household usage. Please remit payments in any of the following ways: in person at the Borough Office, place checks/money order in drop box outside Borough Offices, mail check or money order, or utilize your banks online bill pay system & have payments mailed directly to the office. We ask that you do not leave cash payments in the drop box. Please remember to allow ample time if mailing as late fees are attached the day after the due date, and state account number (SEW-###) on the memo line of your check or Money Order.

Sanitation – Your 2023 Sanitation is included in this mailing. The amount is \$450 again, plus an additional \$150 per extra cart if you have already been using one. When paying by check or money order, please remember to state the account number (SAN-###) on the memo line. Payments can be made in the Borough Office or drop box (no cash in drop box please). **Bulk Item/White Goods/Additional Bag** stickers can be purchased in the Borough Office. Bulk items including mattress/box spring/toilets must be bagged. White goods, or extra bags will not be taken without the approved item sticker. If your trash is missed on a collection day, please call Whitetail Disposal directly, (not the Borough office): 610-754-0103 (Option #2), or email bof@whitetaildisposal.com. Please call the Borough office for billing questions only-thank you! Recycling drop off will continue to be the 2nd Saturday of each month at the park on Cambria St. from 9am to 1pm until further notice.

*It is against Borough Ordinance to dump trash or recycling in Borough or Park Dumpsters, or to bring in trash from another municipality. You will be fined if you are caught doing so. We appreciate your cooperation & understanding.

Police –Our Department, and other Police Departments in the area, have seen an increase in thefts from motor vehicles. The majority of these thefts have targeted unlocked vehicles. We ask that you lock your vehicles at all times and if you observe any suspicious activity, please report it immediately. Dial 911 for Emergencies and (610) 759-2200 for Non-Emergencies. Thank you and stay safe! -*Jonathan Itterly, Chief of Police*

Zoning -Please remember per Borough Ordinance, you are required to have a "C.O." done between sales or change in tenants. If you are found non-compliant, your application fee will be doubled. Remember it is for the safety of the occupants of the home. If you are unsure if your home project requires a permit, please call the Zoning Office or email zoning@boroughoffreemansburg.org for more information or clarification. - *Suzanne Borzak, Zoning Officer-KeyCodes*

Mayor- On Monday 2/20/23 (9-11am), the Freemansburg Police held "Coffee with a Cop" where we enjoyed coffee, bagels & donuts while talking with the Officers. Eight residents were in attendance and we would like to thank those who did attend. If you would like to see this event happen on a different day or time, please email mayor@boroughoffreemansburg.org or chief@boroughoffreemansburg.org. Watch our Facebook page for more updates!
-Gerald C. Yob, Mayor

Freemansburg Fire Co. No. 1- Was your New Year's Resolution to be more active, volunteer, help community? We can help! The biggest surprise has been the age range of volunteers at fire departments from 16 straight to a 90-something person who's been (volunteering) for years. Not everyone has to fight fires. You can still be a major contributor to the fire service without ever setting foot inside of a burning building. If you're not inclined to climb a ladder or stand face to face with a structure fire, the fire company still wants you. It's a business, and we need people to run the administrative side of things just as much as we need people to drag a hose to the door. If this sounds interesting stop in on a Monday night see what it's all about and grab a membership packet.

Smoke/CO Detectors – Daylight saving time March 12, 2023

As we enter daylight savings the reminder is to change batteries. Here is the rule of thumb...

Smoke Detector Battery Replacement:

- *Smoke alarms with non-replaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years from the date of manufacture. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.
- *For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once a year. If the alarm chirps, replace only the battery. Replace the alarm as indicated by the manufacturer.
- *Combo smoke/CO alarms should be replaced after 5-7 years depending on manufacture.

What about CO alarms:

- *CO alarms are designed to provide warning as CO levels in the air approach dangerous levels.
- *Install a CO alarm which is certified by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and is battery-powered or has a battery back-up.
- *Place CO alarms according to manufacturer installation instructions.
- *Test the CO alarm frequently, at least twice a year when clocks are adjusted for daylight saving time, and replace dead batteries when necessary.
- *Read the CO alarm owner's manual to learn about the warning sounds and how to test the device.
- *CO alarms expire after several years. Replace the alarm as indicated by the manufacturer.

2022-2023 Fund Drive ...Thank you to the residents that donated. If you wanted to but forgot or misplaced your paper. No worries there is still time as we are still collecting donations. Just mail or drop off your donation to Freemansburg Fire Company No. 1 and notate Choice Market 2022-2023 donation. Your donation is very valuable to us!

Upcoming Borough Events (If you have not received a full calendar of events that was mailed with Sewer Invoices in February, please call the Borough Office or stop by to obtain one!)

- **Easter Bunny Pizza Party-Saturday 4/1/23- (12-2pm) Kids 12 & Under-600 Monroe St.**
Register 3/15/23-3/25/23 to svelez@boroughoffreemansburg.org
- **Parks & Rec Clothing & Shoe Drive Fundraiser-Saturday 4/29/23- (11-12pm)- 600 Monroe St.** Drop off now at Borough Office or on Saturday 4/29/23 (11am-12pm)
- **Carnival- 5/16/23-5/20/23 (6-10pm)- Gerald C. Yob Community Park**
- **Bike Night- Saturday 6/24/23 (6-9pm)-Gerald C. Yob Community Park**

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-Facebook Page for updated info: "Freemansburg Borough" and "Freemansburg Fire Company"
-Council Meetings-1st Tuesday/Month 7:00pm-
600 Monroe St. Freemansburg PA 18017