

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

APRIL 2024

April 2nd COUNCIL MEETING

- Adopted Ordinance #731, restricting truck traffic on a portion of N. Lobb and Bell Avenues.
- Agreed to more hours for Zoning Officer to focus on property maintenance issues in the Borough and move to a more enhanced Quality of Life ticketing process.
- Approved Handicap Parking Space for 505 Broad Avenue.
- Accepted resignation of Public Works Laborer.
- Agreed to advertise for Public Works Laborer Position.
- Approved igseenergy's proposal for 2024-2026 electricity purchasing.
- Approved WSA's Insurance proposal for 2024-2025.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In the past month, PWD did maintenance on equipment, Borough property and streets.

- Building checks. Trash runs. Filled in depressions throughout the park with topsoil.
- Began Spring cleanup at Park.
- Routine greasing of equipment. Serviced Z -Tracs. Sharpened blades of utility tractor.
- Catch basin cleaning. Pothole patrol. Storm debris clean up.
- Tested light at 901 Walnut, unable to duplicate problem.
- PA one calls (20). Pothole patrol (2). Storm debris clean up.
- Meter malfunctions. Excavated area for Fire Company sign.
- Re-glued 6 legs on carousel animals. Installed new belt & adjusted motor position.

ZONING OFFICE

Please note the rental registration deadline is passed. If you do not register your rental you will be cited and fined. If you have any outstanding bills to the Borough your rental license will not be issued or may be revoked. Landlords are reminded to get properties inspected each time a tenant moves out, prior to new tenant.

In March, the following permits were issued: 1 building, 5 zoning, 2 dumpster, 1 residential electrical, and 3 residential plumbing. Also processed 205 rental registrations and completed 10 resale inspections. The Zoning Officer can be reached at 610-863-1821 or at zoning@penargylborough.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). In Feb., police responded to 629 calls for service, 152 in Pen Argyl. Officers investigated 16 criminal offenses and made 10 criminal arrests.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In March, the fire company responded to 15 calls. There were 212 manhours on drills/training and 387 manhours on calls. Follow them on Facebook to participate in great raffles and support a great organization. Or you can join and be a part of their team just go to <http://lookoutfireco.com/downloads/> to apply.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Monthly, weekly, and quarterly sampling was done, all comply. Equipment, plant, and pumping station maintenance was completed. Built pulley system for transducer, float rack built, and light added in wet well. Built second bar rack in influent bypass channel. Answered and marked 24 PA One Calls. Several high-water alarms during storms. Camera inspection and used sewer jetter to open a blocked main. Camera inspection for termination of a line.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills have been mailed. Reminder discount period for tax bills has ended, base rate is due by 5/31. Taxes are remitted to Pen Argyl Borough, 501 George Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Please call 610-863-9487 if you have any questions.

FERAL CAT PROGRAM

Pen Argyl Borough has a new contract with FURR/Fix in Bangor. Contact the Borough office for information about the trap neuter return program exclusively for feral cats (free vouchers provided with proof of I.D.).

ALERTS

Sign up for Nixle alerts for up-to-date relevant information from the Borough, public safety departments. <https://local.nixle.com/zipcode/18072/>

Borough Newsletter- The Borough Newsletter is published each month following the Borough Council Meeting. It can be found on our website at www.penargylborough.com and Facebook page. You can receive the newsletter online by going to our website and requesting it.

Garbage/Recycling – Garbage collection is every Friday, except for holiday weeks when it is delayed to Saturday. Recycling will be on Apr. 5th & 19th as well as May 3rd & 17th. **Garbage/recycling containers are to be placed on the resident's property at the curb line and are not to be placed before 2 P.M. on the day before pickup. Call the Borough at 610-863-4119 if you have a missed pick up.**

Dog Licenses– State Law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed annually. For additional dog license information, please contact the County Revenue Office at 610-829-6186, option 6. Or to apply online go to: <http://www.padoglicense.com/>

No Permit Yard Sales - 6/7-6/9 & 9/13-9/15.

Blue Mountain Community Library- All overdue fines have been waived. Silent Auction 4/15-5/4. The public is invited to the next board meeting, scheduled for 4/19 at 6:30 P.M. Book Discussion Group at 6:30 P.M.: 4/9 “book tasting”; 5/14 *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. Preschool Storytime Program - 4/10 & 4/24 at 10:30 A.M. must be registered.

CALENDAR (all at Borough Hall, unless noted)

Wed., April 10th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M.

Thurs., April 18th - Planning Commission, 7 P.M.

Tues., April 30th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M.

Mon., May 6th – Sewer Authority, 7 P.M.

Tues., May 7th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M.

