



Fall/Winter
2025




PEN ARGYL *Borough*

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**COOKIES, Carols, and
Claus**



Please join us for a night filled with sweet treats, holiday music, and a visit from that jolly old elf, Santa, as we usher in the holiday season.

Pen Argyl Borough Tree Lighting Ceremony
 Friday, December 5, 2025 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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PEN ARGYL BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

BOROUGH COUNCIL – First Tuesday of month (business meeting) • Last Tuesday of month (workshop) 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Third Thursday of month as needed at 7:00 P.M. Members: Craig Reduzzi, Chair, Tyler Kemp, Eric Mesko, Fred Farino and Stephen Marhevka.

ZONING HEARING BOARD – Meeting notices are posted on Borough Hall Door. Members: Lisa Kandl, Chair, Chris Brumbaugh, Vice Chair, James Davey, Secretary, Judith Piper and Mandy Cicero.

PEN ARGYL ATHLETIC & PARK ASSOCIATION – Meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Robert Michler, President, Larry Feller, V. President, Sarah Barnett, Secretary, Jessica Handelong, Shawn Hower, Phyllis Pugliesi, Stephen Male, Stephanie Cooper, Joann Anderson, Steven Goffredo and Kayla Gloth.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – Meets first Monday of the month if needed at 5 P.M. Members: Dale Houck, Chair, Craig Ealey, Vice Chair, Michael Zavacky, Treasurer, Matthew Kolb, and Jeffrey Knecht.

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH CODE can be found at: <https://www.ecode360.com/PE0464>

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Pride in Pen Argyl

Thanks to Mayor Male and family, this program is a fan favorite! There is a growth in pride, positivity, and enthusiasm. We are a proud community! Let's continue to inspire others!

The following have been the themes in years past, however these are just optional. We continue to notice decoration, maintenance, and creativity!

Welcome to fresh new beginnings! *"Start where you are. Use what you have and do what you can."*

2025/26 THEMES:

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Pumpkins, Pilgrims, and Spooky things!



DECEMBER

Tis the Season



FEBRUARY

Love is in the Air!



MARCH AND APRIL

Bunnies, Chicks, Eggs, and more!



MAY AND JUNE

"The Earth laughs in FLOWERS (and all plants)"



JULY

Red, White, and Blue



SEPTEMBER

Picturesque Porches



Blue Mountain Community Library

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday and Thursday

10:00am – 12:00pm, 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday

10:00am – 12:00pm



At Blue Mountain Community Library, it is our mission to provide the residents of the Pen Argyl Area School District with resources and programs to meet their educational, personal, and cultural needs and encourage lifelong learning and love of reading.

Please check out the web site for programming: <https://bmcl.org/>



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Pen Argyl Borough Fire Engine Funding

In October 2024, the Borough ordered a new Sutphen fire engine for \$1,080,432.42, as our current trucks are nearing the end of their useful life.

Funding Breakdown:

- \$892,295 in grants
- \$10,000 pledged by the Fire Company
- \$15,000–\$20,000 potential contribution from the Fire Company's Relief Association

This leaves a balance of \$158,137.42 to \$163,137.42 to be financed.

Proposed Tax Increase:

To cover this remaining balance, the Borough Council is considering a 1 mil property tax increase, which would raise about \$66,000 per year and pay off the truck by 2026. This tax would expire in 3 years, with the option for Council to review and potentially eliminate it in 2029.

This tax increase will help ensure our volunteers have the necessary equipment to keep residents and property safe. We appreciate your understanding and support as we work to maintain essential public safety resources.



Thank You!

The Borough of Pen Argyl would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their generosity that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



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Pen Argyl Borough Curbside Collection Calendar 2026

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R – Recycling Collection Every Other Week **T** – Trash Collection Every Week **H** – Indicates Holiday Collection Week

Trash Curbside Collection

Your waste will be collected curbside each Friday except after New Years Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas when collections will occur on Saturday.

Recycling Curbside Collection

Recycling collection will occur every other Friday. Please call 1-888-373-2917 to reach our Grand Central Landfill and Hauling Team.

For more information about Grand Central Landfill and Hauling: www.grandcentrallandfill.com or follow us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/grandcentrallandfillandhauling

Single Stream Recycling Collection

All recyclables may be placed in the same recycling container and put out for collection every other Friday. **Please do not include plastic bags of any kind with your recycling.**

WHAT PEN ARGYL BOROUGH CAN RECYCLE

These items may be placed in the container for single-stream recycling

- **Plastics:** 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
- **Metal:** bi-metal, aluminum or tin cans
- **Paper:** newsprint, small cardboard boxes (shoe, gift, cereal boxes), magazines, phone books, envelopes, junk mail
- **Cartons:** Milk, cream, wine, juice, broth, egg substitutes
- **Corrugated cardboard:** please cut or flatten boxes



These items are NOT accepted for recycling

- **Plastics:** any plastic that is not marked with 1 to 7 in recycling symbol, toys, garden hoses, pool covers, bowling balls, clam-shell containers (think tomato and fruit containers)
- **Glass:** mirrors, plate glass, drinking glasses, glass cookware
- **Electronics:** TV's, microwave ovens, appliances
- **Styrofoam, propane tanks, tires**
- **Any soiled or greasy paper or cardboard, including pizza boxes**
- **Used Syringes** – please use our Think Green

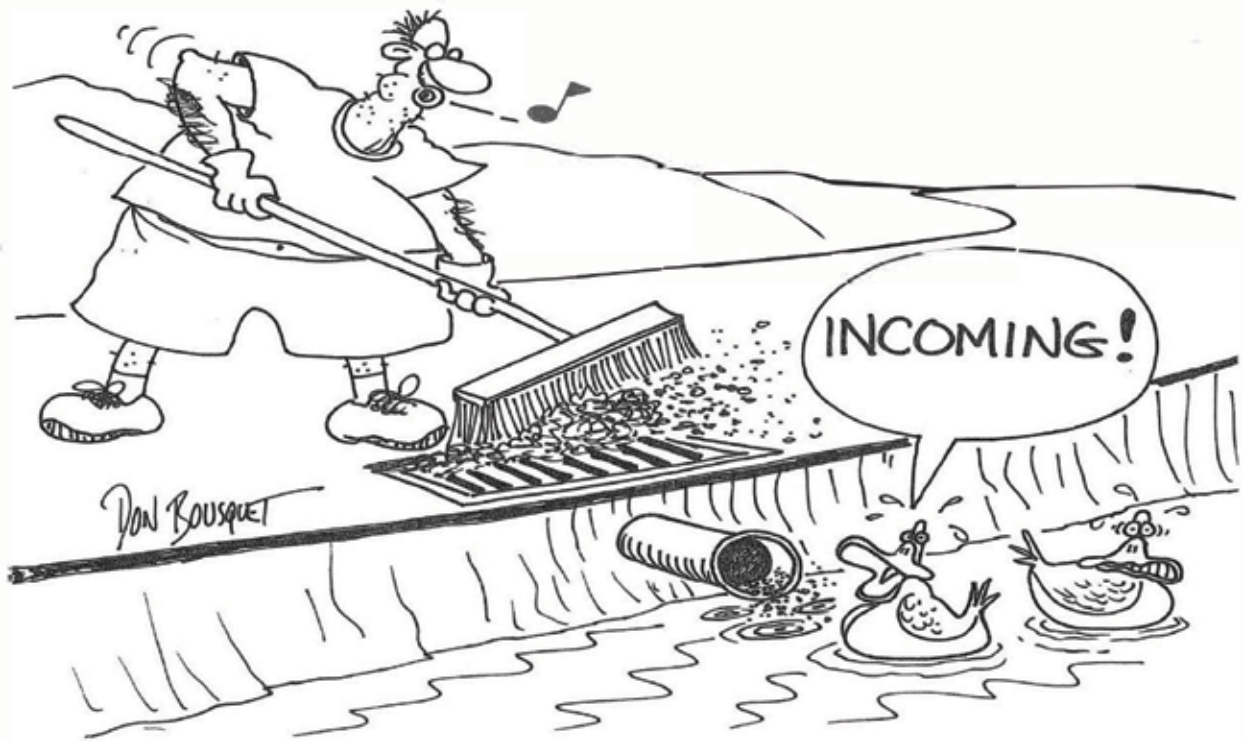
from Home program for this Waste Management will not collect yard waste, grass, televisions, computer equipment, appliances containing refrigerants, construction debris and hazardous waste. Our company also will not collect any liquid waste, including paint. If you have paint you no longer need, attempt to give it to someone who can use it. Otherwise, before placing out for the trash collection, allow the paint to dry out or add cat litter or sand to the paint so that it is no longer liquid.

Recycling Options

Recycle automotive batteries and used motor oil through a service station or car parts supplier. Recycle dry-cell batteries, CFL light bulbs, electronics and safely dispose of used syringes using Waste Management's for-a-fee, order-from-home services available through www.thinkgreenfromhome.com Also visit www.wm.com/recycleright website to learn more about recycling.



**Storm drain inlets are not
garbage receptacles.**



IT'S NO JOKE!

**Whatever enters a storm drain
flows directly into our local
waters.**

Help us keep our waters clean.

**Never dump, wash, or rake
anything into a storm drain.**

Only rain water is permitted to go into a storm drain.

Stormwater

Pen Argyl Public Work's Fall Leaf Schedule

Leaf pickup will begin on 10/27 and continue to 11/21. No pickup during holiday light installation 11/24-11/28 (if installation completed ahead of schedule pickup will resume earlier), pickup resumes 12/1, last day of pick collection is scheduled for 12/5. Please refrain from placing leaves in roadway if inclement weather is predicted. Please do not place piles close to parked vehicles. The crew cannot pick up piles if they contain sticks, stones, or animal feces, it is a health hazard.



Public Works Winter Tips

The following is the general snow and ice removal policy for the Borough with suggestions for the residents to help make the job more efficient and effective. This is a general policy, and each storm will dictate how it is implemented and what adjustments will be made. At the start of each storm all the trucks are loaded with salt and sent out to its assigned areas to salt. Salt needs the movement of traffic to make it most effective; so, if it seems your street has not been salted it may just be that there has not been enough traffic on it yet. For the initial plowing sequence, the drivers are instructed to make one pass in each direction on the street and one pass in and one out in cul-de-sacs (up the middle). Pen Argyl Borough has 12 miles of roads (4 miles of state roads) and two cul-de-sacs. Our first objective is to make each road passable. After that has been achieved we will commence pushing back of the roads where feasible. This may not be started until the following day because the employees will be sent home to rest after spending long grueling hours working in the initial plowing effort. Suggestions for the residents to help make the snow removal effort more effective and efficient are as follows:

VEHICLE PARKING: If possible, park off the roadway in your driveway. In the case of those homes with steep driveways, just park in the mouth of the driveway off the roadway. Cul-de-sacs are especially difficult to plow with vehicles on the roadway.

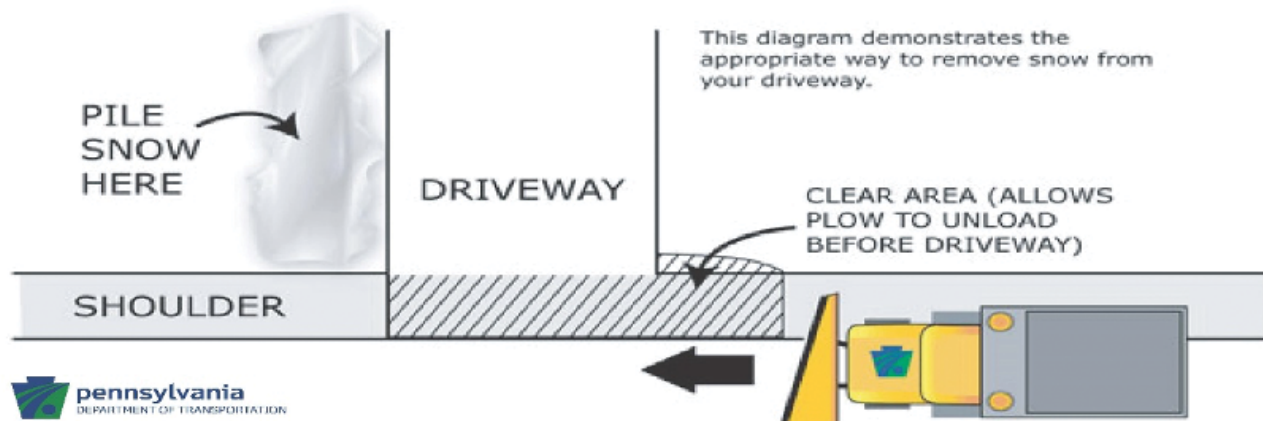
SHOVELING SIDEWALKS: If you only want to shovel one time wait until the street is plowed back to the curb and plowing is done. When shoveling, throw the snow into your yard not the curb or outside edge of sidewalk. You risk a fine for throwing snow in roadway.

SNOW EMERGENCY ROADWAYS: If a snow emergency is called no parking is allowed on the following snow emergency routes: RT 512, E & W Main and E Streets; W. Applegate, W. Laurel and N. & S. Robinson Avenues. Snow Emergencies will be posted on WFMZ, Facebook, Webpage, Newsletter email blast and NIXEL (sign up at: <https://local.nixle.com/register/>).

WINTER DRIVEWAY TIPS

When clearing snow from your driveway and standing at your house looking down your driveway, pile snow to the right of your driveway.

PennDOT suggests clearing an area of the roadway to the left of your driveway. This will give the snow a place to empty before reaching your driveway.



Slate Belt Rising

Strengthening Our Community, One Project at a Time



Slate Belt Rising (SBR), a program of Community Action Lehigh Valley, is dedicated to enhancing the vitality and prosperity of the Slate Belt region. By leveraging the area's rich heritage, natural beauty, and strategic location near major roadways, SBR is committed to fostering economic growth, reducing poverty, eliminating blight, and enhancing residents' overall quality of life.

At the heart of SBR's mission are several impactful programs designed to support local businesses and homeowners. The Commercial Façade & Business Sign Program helps businesses enhance their storefronts, attracting more customers and improving the visual appeal of commercial areas. Additionally, the Commercial Lease Subsidy Program aims to stimulate entrepreneurship and job creation in the community by paying the rent of new businesses.

SBR also extends its support to homeowners through initiatives like the residential façade program, which assists homeowners in improving the exteriors of their homes, contributing to neighborhood beautification efforts. Other resources are available to help homeowners with home maintenance projects and provide financial education and assistance, empowering them to achieve greater stability and security.

For more information about Slate Belt Rising and its programs, please visit our website at www.slatebeltrising.org. You can also follow our activities on Facebook; search for "Slate Belt Rising" as we participate in the Slate Belt's exciting journey towards a brighter future!

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5 TIPS for Exercising Safely in Cold Weather

Don't let falling temperatures stop you from exercising outdoors. By taking a few extra steps to stay safe, you can walk, run, ski, ice skate, and more.



- 1 Warm up and cool down.** Stretch or walk in place to prepare and restore your muscles before and after a workout.
- 2 Pick the right clothes.** Dress in several layers of loose clothing to trap warm air between them. Wear a waterproof coat or jacket if it's snowy or rainy, and don't forget a hat, scarf, and gloves.
- 3 Be extra careful in snow and ice.** Check sidewalks before using them. Wear nonskid, rubber-soled, low-heeled shoes to help prevent slipping.
- 4 Check the forecast.** If it's too windy, cold, icy, or wet outside, consider staying indoors and using an online workout video or your own routine.
- 5 Be prepared.** Know the signs of hypothermia, inform others of your outdoor whereabouts, and carry a fully charged mobile phone.

To learn more, visit www.nia.nih.gov/health/exercising-outdoors.



Hear the **BEEP** where you **SLEEP**

Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!

Half of home fire deaths happen between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., when most people are asleep.



Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement. Larger homes may need more alarms.

For the best protection, install interconnected smoke alarms in your home. When one sounds, they all sound.



Test alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they do not sound when tested.



Some people, especially children and older adults, may need help to wake up. Make sure someone will wake them if the smoke alarm sounds.



When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Go to your outside meeting place.



Call the fire department from a cellphone or a neighbor's phone. Stay outside until the fire department says it's safe to go back inside.



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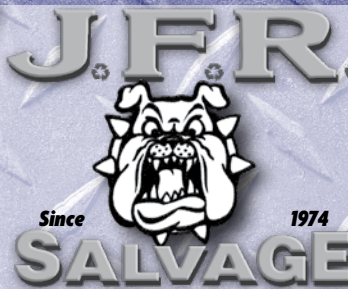
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