

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

MAY 2024

May 7th COUNCIL MEETING

Paused for a moment of silence to honor former Councilman and Firefighter Angelo Uliana.

- Agreed to hire Cheryl Slingland for vacant Public Works Laborer Position.
- Accepted Wallover Architect's proposal for upgrade of Weona Park Bathhouse.
- Agreed to placing an ad in the 2024 Green Knight Football Program.
- Adopted Resolution 2024-02 fixing fees and appointing Sewer Enforcement Officer.
- Approved Extension of Sludge Contract with Waste Management for one (1) year.
- Approved the purchase of small tools for Wastewater Plant.
- Accepted the 2023 Municipal Audit.
- Approved the Slate Belt Regional Police Collective Bargaining Agreement.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

- Building checks. Trash runs. Weekly lawn maintenance on all Borough properties.
- Ongoing Spring cleanup at Park. Daily repair of temporary fence. Tree removal.
- Restroom and water line fixtures assembled. Water turned on.
- Pressured washed and cleaned pavilions, picnic tables, and kitchens.
- Routine greasing of equipment. Removed & stored Winter equipment for fleet.
- Picked & delivered map cabinets to town hall.
- Installed 9 NO TRUCK signs on Lobb and Bell Aves.
- PA one calls (17). Streetlight outages (2)
- Meter malfunctions.

ZONING OFFICE

Landlords are reminded to get properties inspected each time a tenant moves out, prior to new tenant. If you are selling a house you will need a resale inspection.

In April, the following permits were issued: 3 building, 5 zoning, 2 dumpster, 1 fence, 2 driveway, 1 shed, 1 residential mechanical, 1 residential electrical, and 1 residential plumbing. Also processed 61 rental registrations completed 5 resale inspections, 1 variance application, and 3 zoning requests. 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 March, police responded to 750 calls for service, 150 in Pen Argyl. Officers investigated 24 criminal offenses and made 13 criminal arrests.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In April, 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. Valve boxes, hydrants, etc., prepped for painting. Utility pump 2 turbine & shaft removed to send out for rebuild. Manhole ring & lid on Rt. 512 destroyed, repaired. Marked 24 PA one calls.

ALERTS

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

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.).

WEONA PARK

5/23-5/26 Lookout Fire Company's Spring Festival. 6/1 Festival on 512, 11 AM- 4 PM. 6/7 - Annual Founder's Day, 6 – 8 PM. From 5/31 through 8/25 hours of operation will be as follows: Fridays: 3 PM - 9 PM - Sizzling Sale \$2 off a game of Golf. Saturday and Sundays & 7/4, 1 PM – 9 PM. Fidelity Bank's Sweet Treat Truck - 6/28, 7/26, 8/23 & 9/20 – free ice cream from 4 PM to 7 PM.

PRIDE IN PEN ARGYL THEMES

June- "Where flowers bloom so does HOPE"- 12 contestants- 1 winner. July- Red, White, and Blue- 12 contestants, 1 winner. August and September- Picturesque Porches- 24 contestants- 2 winners. October and November- Autumn colors and Harvest-24 contestants - 2 winners. December- "The most wonderful time of the year!"

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 May 17th as well as Sat. June 1st, 14th, & 28th. **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 pickup.**

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. The public is invited to the next board meeting, scheduled for 5/21 at 6:30 P.M. Book Discussion Group at 6:30 P.M.: 6/11 *The President's Wife*, Tracey E. Wood; 7/9 *Maid*, Stephanie Land; and 8/13 *Hello Beautiful*, Ann Napolitano. Preschool Storytime Program – 5/22 at 10:30 A.M. must be registered. Summer Fun with the Library, ages 4-9, begins Wed., 6/12 at Plainfield Township Pavilion, rain, or shine. Registration required.

CALENDAR (all at Borough Hall, unless noted)

Wed., May 8th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M.

Thurs., May 9th - Zoning Hearing, 7 P.M.

Tues., May 28th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M.

Mon., June 3rd – Sewer Authority, 7 P.M.

Tues., June 4th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M.