

**PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS**  
**SEPTEMBER 2024**

**SEPTEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> COUNCIL MEETING**

- Announced an Executive Session for personnel matters was held 8/27/2024.
- Awarded line striping project to Guidemark in the amount of \$5,554.80.
- Appointed Mandy Cicero to Zoning Hearing Board.
- Tabled handicap parking space application decision at 519 Broad Street.
- Approved Benchmark Civil Engineering Firm's proposal for preparing modifications to the signal at RT 512/E. Main Street/Blue Valey Drive in the amount \$5200.00.
- Tabled decision regarding Plainfield Township's invitation to join them in creating a multi comprehensive plan along with Wind Gap for further research on costs and impact,
- Directed Solicitor Layman to review and amend Chapter 79 in the Pen Argyl Borough Code relating to gun possession.
- Awarded A. Scott Enterprises the E. Main Street emergency repair in the amount of \$44,475.00.
- Reviewed 2024 MMO calculations for State Pension Aid.
- Approved two new personnel policies.
- Set Halloween for 10/31/2024 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M rain or shine.
- Set Community Holiday celebration & Tree Lighting for 12/6/2024.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

During the month of August, the Public Works Department performed scheduled maintenance tasks and completed all requested tasks.

- Building checks, daily trash runs, meter malfunctions.
- Weekly lawn maintenance at Park, Town Hall & Fire Station. Weeded around Borough Hall.
- Cleaned sausage stand. Prepped Park for Celebration.
- Removed large oak from Basketball court. Secured area.
- Performed electrical check at Park. Replaced 2 ground fault outlets on lamp posts. Tightened all posts.
- Routine greasing & maintenance of equipment.
- Posted E Street for PennDOT repair. Meter malfunctions. Pothole patrol 8/1, 8/12, 8/13, 8/15 & 8/29.
- PA one calls (1).
- Catch Basin cleaning. Curb Cleaning. Street Sweeping. Spray patching. Storm washouts.

**ZONING/CODE DEPARTMENT**

In August, the following permits were issued: 1 building, 2 dumpsters, 1 plumbing, 2 yard sales, 1 sidewalk & 6 zoning. Also completed: 5 residential rental inspections, 1 commercial rental inspection, 1 commercial resale property inspection, 11 re-sale residential property inspections, and processed 1 rental registration. Issued 25 warnings, Notice of Violations, or citations for property maintenance violations throughout the Borough. **Landlords are reminded to contact the Zoning Officer to register rental properties and to schedule inspection of rental properties to comply with the Licensing of Rental Properties Ordinance. Violators can be fined.** The Zoning Officer can be reached at 610-863-1821 or at [zoning@penargylborough.com](mailto:zoning@penargylborough.com)

**SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). In July officers responded to 762 calls for service, with 127 in Pen Argyl. Residents can receive important, official information directly from Slate Belt Regional Police Department through <https://local.nixle.com/slate-belt-regional-police-department/> Messages will be delivered by email, SMS text message, and over the web. Register now at <http://www.nixle.com/>

## WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Influent process control/lab analysis performed daily. Effluent process control/lab analysis performed daily. Maintenance to all system works. Pump stations equipment and grounds maintenance. Monthly pump greasing. Low level back up float failure, replaced & rewired in influent wet well. Primary digester, EQ tanks, UV tanks & spare contact tank were pressure washed & painted. UV tank drained, pressure washed with heat & steam. Carriage Houses sewer main investigated with camera, issues were found. Logistics for E. Main repair. Staff ongoing training towards certification. PA One Calls (11).

## REAL ESTATE/PER CAPITA TAX REMINDERS

REMINDER REAL ESTATE TAXES UNPAID ARE NOW DELINQUENT. Please pay now to avoid more penalties and interest. Taxes are remitted to Pen Argyl Borough, 501 George Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Call for hours or appointment: 610-863-9487.

## LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In August, the Lookout Fire Company responded to 7 calls. They spent 226 hours on drills and 185 hours on calls. The Borough thanks our dedicated volunteers. Follow their Facebook page for fundraiser events <https://www.facebook.com/Lookout-Fire-Company-1-209804491353/>

## WEONA PARK HAPPENINGS!

Fall hours through 9/29 are Saturdays & Sundays 1 P.M – 8 P.M. weather permitting. Fidelity Bank's Sweet Treats Truck on 9/20 has been cancelled. Lukie Fest is 10/12. Weona Park Pool Pals' Spooktacular is coming 10/26, more information will be coming.

## BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

**Borough Newsletter-** The Borough Newsletter is published each month following the Borough Council Meeting. It can be found at the Borough Hall or on our website at [www.penargylborough.com](http://www.penargylborough.com) . You can receive the newsletter by email by contacting: [manager@penargylborough.com](mailto:manager@penargylborough.com) and requesting it. You will need to provide your name, address, and email contact. ***You can also find us on Facebook!***

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ITEMS OF INTEREST!

**Garbage/Recycling** –Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on 9/20 & 10/4, as well as 10/18 & 11/1. **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.**

**Blue Mountain Community Library-** Fall preschool storytime will begin 9/11 at 10:30 AM, registration begins 8/12. Book Club meets at 6:30 PM: 9/10 – *Tom Lake*, Ann Patchett; and 10/8 – *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, Shelby Van Pelt Fundraisers: Last chance book sale ongoing; Author luncheon - 9/24 check website for more info. Visit their web site [www.bmcl.org](http://www.bmcl.org)

**Community Yard Sales** - No permit needed; September 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>.

## CALENDAR

Tues., Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Special Meeting & Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall

Tues., Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall

Mon. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> – Municipal Authority, 5 P.M, Borough Hall

Wed., Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall