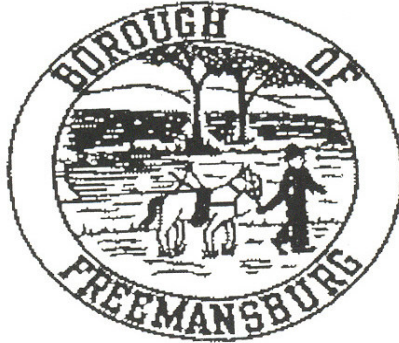


Newsletter



August 2006

MAYOR'S CORNER

Summer is drawing to a close, and August 28th marks the opening day of school. Be aware of school zone speed limits and crossings as well as stopped school busses. Slow down and drive carefully in school zones. Remember---it could be your child crossing the street.

We have received complaints that the patrolman on duty cannot be reached by phone. You must call the police station at 610-866-2221, prompt #1 or Ext. 107 or 108. However, it would be better to call the County non-emergency number --610-330-2200-- and ask for the Freemansburg patrolman on duty to phone you or come to your residence, depending on the situation. Calling the station number will only delay his receiving the message. We hope to rectify our telephone set-up in the near future, which should correct this situation.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our 150th Anniversary Celebration a success, as well as everyone who came out to support their efforts. We can now look forward to 175 years in 2031!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

www.boroughoffreemansburg.org

The Borough's web page is now up and running! Thank you to Councilman Matthew Marr who worked on the layout and the setup. We still have several pages 'under construction', so be patient. We hope this will be a step toward better and faster communication with you, the resident.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

The Parks & Recreation Board has the following exciting activities planned for the coming months:

September 9 - Senior Spaghetti Dinner 4pm

October 7 - Halloween Parade 2pm
(rain date October 8, 2pm)

October 27 - Halloween Trick or Treat 6-8pm with Bonfire to follow, 8pm at Freemansburg Municipal Park

November 2 - Family skate night at Skateaway

December 2 - Children's Christmas Party 2pm at Borough Hall

December 2 - Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Main Street bridge park 6pm

Registration information to follow.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Thank you to everyone who participated in and attended the many 150th Celebration functions. Many thanks to Judy Lasso and the committee for organizing this event!

Judy is still collecting old pictures, news articles and any other information regarding the history of the Borough for our permanent archives. If you have something you would like to temporarily share with the Borough for reproduction, we will gladly return it to you upon completion.

Commemorative memorabilia are still on sale at Borough Hall including T-shirts (all sizes) \$10.00, Hats \$15.00, Mugs \$3.00 and Patches \$5.00.

BOROUGH OFFICE HOLIDAYS

Please note that the Borough Offices will be closed Monday, September 4th, Thursday, November 23rd, and Friday, November 24th. The Council meeting normally held on the first Monday of September will be held on the following day, Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 pm. Regular office business hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm unless otherwise posted.

**COUNTY HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS WASTE
DROP-OFF EVENT**

Northampton County is sponsoring a household hazardous waste drop-off event on September 9, 2006 at the Sullivan Trail Shopping Center. **Pre-registration is required!** To schedule an appointment call Northampton County at 610-559-3200 x 0

**STORMWATER
RUNOFF**

In 1987, Congress amended the Clean Water Act to address the issue of storm water runoff. Development is a significant cause of water pollution and unsustainable water use. Instead of filtering into the ground to replenish aquifers, storm water runs off impervious surfaces, like parking lots and roads, carrying toxic substances into streams and rivers.

The Borough has adopted the state-wide recommended ordinances for municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) regulating discharges into our streams and rivers. You can help reduce these pollutants by picking up after your pets, eliminating the use of pesticides on your lawn, and not disposing of paints, car oils or other hazardous materials in your yards or in the nearest catch basin. **For more information go to www.dep.state.pa.us**



RECYCLING

Free recycling containers are available to borough residents and can be picked up at Borough Hall. Containers are limited to one per residential unit.

The Borough garbage hauler collects recyclables for all Borough residents every other Friday. The next recycling collection date is **Friday, September 15th.** Recyclables include **aluminum** food and beverage cans, clear, green and brown **glass**, #1 and #2 plastic products. **Newspapers**, including all inserts that come with the newspaper, are also picked up. They must be in tied bundles or in paper grocery bags. If you have any questions or problems with items not being picked up, call JP Mascaro at 1-800-333-4624

The Borough receives money from DEP each year for the amount of collected curbside recyclables. **If you see anyone besides the hauler, JP Mascaro, taking recyclables that are set out for collection, please call the Police Department immediately.**

Remember - recycling is good for the Borough and good for the environment!

**GARBAGE
COLLECTION**

Reminder: Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Borough's garbage collection will be Saturday, September 9th instead of Friday, September 8th. Also, the Friday, November 24th collection will be Saturday, November 25th.

Please remember to break down cardboard boxes and put all loose boards and broken down cardboard in tall buckets. Also, for the safety of the people collecting the garbage, please bend or hammer nails into boards.

**NEW!
MAIN STREET
BUSINESS**

Welcome to the Borough's newest downtown business! **Thanhauser's Main Street Deli** is located at **415 Main Street**. The deli carries a wide selection of hot and cold appetizers, hoagies and sandwiches. For more information and hours of operation, call 610-419-1408. Orders can be faxed in advance to 610-419-1510. Also ask about catering services.

Support your community and patronize local businesses!

**BETHLEHEM AREA
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Membership in the Bethlehem Area Public Library is FREE to Freemansburg residents. The Book Mobile stops at the Freemansburg Elementary School on Thursdays. For Library hours and Book Mobile times, call 610-867-3761.

REMEMBER: When supplying your address for any reason, you must emphasize that you live in FREEMANSBURG 18017, not Bethlehem.

**WE NEED
YOU!**

Volunteers are needed for a variety of committees, including the Freemansburg Beautification and Preservation Committee, the Parks and Recreation Board, the Civil Service Commission, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board. If you are interested in becoming involved in these rewarding committees, please contact any of the Borough Council members or the Borough offices at 610-866-2220 x 101.