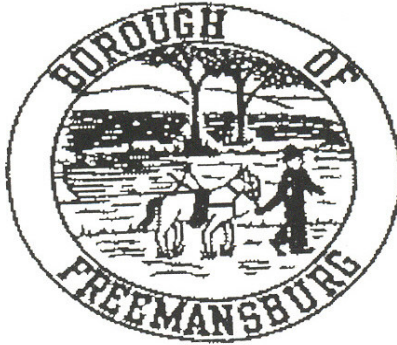


Newsletter



May 2006

COUNCIL UPDATES

We welcome back Matthew Marr, who returns to Council to fill the open seat vacated by Robert Osborn in March. Matthew brings with him previous experience on Council from 2004 and 2005. He is also president of the Eastgate Homeowners Association, the Borough's liaison to the BAPL Board, and he is on the 150th Anniversary Planning Committee. We thank Robert Osborn for his service to the Borough the last 2 years and wish him well with his new position in Colorado.

**Have a safe and enjoyable
summer!**

BOROUGH OFFICE HOLIDAYS

Please note that the Borough Offices will be closed Monday, May 29, 2006 for Memorial Day. The offices will also be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th. Regular business hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm unless otherwise posted. There is a drop box next to the rear entrance for your convenience.

150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

There is still time to participate in the Borough's 150th Anniversary Celebrations! Also celebrating milestones this year are the Freemansburg Volunteer Fire Company at 100 years and the Freemansburg American Legion Post at 60 years!

Proud residents of the Borough can participate in these celebrations by donating pictures for the pictorial history display, participating in the Celebration Parade, registering your family name in the souvenir program, nominating someone for the 'Oldest Resident,' soliciting advertising donations and, **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, by joining your friends and neighbors August 11, 12, 13 for these memorable events.

Registration forms and additional information are available at Borough Hall during regular business hours. Keep your eyes open for memorabilia commemorating this event including 'mood mugs' and patches of the Borough's logo! **Also look for the new banners along Main Street, courtesy of a grant from the Lehigh Valley Community Foundation.**

COME CELEBRATE WITH US!

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Borough's Emergency Management Directors are seeking your assistance. In updating the Borough's emergency procedures we are trying to gather the names and locations of Borough residents that would require assistance, such as handicapped or special needs persons, in the event of a situation that requires evacuation or other emergency protocols. If you, or someone you know, fit this description, please contact Debra Ross, ext 101 at the Borough offices.

More information regarding the Emergency Management Plan will be distributed to residents at a future time. A public meeting will be held within the next few months to inform all Borough residents of emergency management plans and procedures within the Borough and for surrounding communities.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

The Parks & Recreation Board has many exciting activities planned for 2006. Please see the attached flyer for a calendar of events and registration information.

LAWN AND YARD MAINTENANCE

Please maintain your lawns and yards regularly throughout the summer months. This includes mowing the lawn, picking up branches and debris, and keeping trees pruned. Branches obstructing traffic directional signs or overhanging into the public right of way are a hazard to pedestrians and motorists. You, as the property owner, are also responsible for the maintenance and repairs of public sidewalks along your property's street frontage.

In 2005 Borough Council updated the nuisance ordinance (#2005-12) to specify the maximum height of grass and weeds to be 6 inches in residential areas and 8 inches in non-residential areas. Fines and penalties have also been increased for this and other nuisance related violations.

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.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Reminder: Due to the Memorial Day holiday, the Borough's garbage collection will be Saturday, June 3rd instead of Friday, June 2nd.

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.

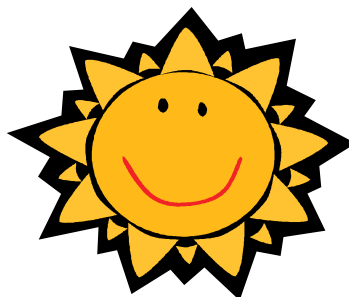
RECYCLING

The Borough garbage hauler collects recyclables for all Borough residents every other Friday. The next recycling collection date is **Friday, June 9th**. 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.

The Borough receives money from DEP each year for the amount of collected curbside recyclables. Free recycling bins are available at Borough Hall (limit 1 bin per unit). **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!

2006 STREETS PROJECT

This year the Borough contracted maintenance work on the entire length of Karoly Street and the westerly portion of Kossuth Street. Bracalente Construction was the low bidder. Funds for maintenance of certain public roads are provided from the State, based on the miles of roads within the Borough. These funds are generated from State Liquid Fuels Taxes like those you pay at the gas pumps.



YARD SALES

As reported in the last newsletter, the Borough has adopted a yard sale ordinance. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the perpetual selling of goods on residential properties. Residents must obtain a permit from the Borough offices before having a yard sale. The first permit application for the calendar year is free. Permit application forms are available from the Borough office.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to American Soil and Mulch, located in the Borough, at 1600 Freemansburg Avenue, for their generous donation of playground mulch. AS&M donated approximately 40 yards of the mulch for the tot lot at the Freemansburg Municipal Park (Cambria Street). The Borough appreciates their commitment to the residents of the Borough and children of the community.

WE NEED YOU!

Volunteers are needed for a variety of committees, including the 150th Anniversary Celebration, 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.

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