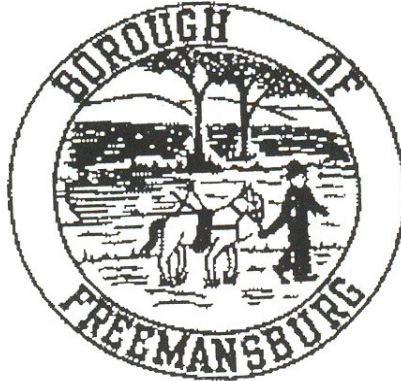


Newsletter



*A Canal Town
Incorporated 1856*

September 2005

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Annual Halloween Parade

The Recreation Committee is planning the annual Halloween parade to be held on **Saturday, October 8, 2005 starting at 2:00 pm** (rain date Sunday, October 9th). Join us for fun and entertainment!! More information is included on the enclosed flyer.

! If you live along the parade route, **please refrain from parking on the streets between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm** the day of the parade.

• **Trick or Treat: Friday, October 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Please make sure your children can see and be seen in their costumes.

BOROUGH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Borough Offices will be closed **Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th** and **Monday, December 26th**. Regular business hours are 8am to 4pm unless otherwise posted.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Updated phone contact information!

Thank you for your patience as we work out the kinks with the new phone system. The following is an updated list of Borough phone contact information.

Emergency Services: 911
Non-emergency: 610-330-2200
(County dispatch) 610-759-2200
610-317-0808

Borough & Police: 610-866-2220
Prompt 1 for police (non-emergency)
Prompt 2 for administration
Prompt 3 for code enforcement
Prompt 4 for the mayor
Prompt 5 for the fire company – or –

Fire Company 610-691-9559
(non-emergency)

Direct Extensions:
Gerald Yob, Mayor Ext. 106
George Bruneio, Police Chief Ext. 105
Debra Ross, Exec. Admin. Ext. 101
Lisa Mack, Exec. Assist. Ext. 102
Andrew Guidon, Zoning/Codes Ext. 103

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

National Fire Prevention Week is October 9th through 15th. **The Borough of Freemansburg Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting Open Houses on Tuesday, October 11th from 6 pm to 8 pm and Saturday, October 15th starting at 10 am.** This is your opportunity to see the vehicles and equipment, plus meet the volunteers who dedicate their time to providing essential emergency services to the community. The Open House will have safety seminars and videos, along with free informational handouts and stickers. Please join the Fire Company for these special events.

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 8th
Polls are open
7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- ! Borough Council meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month unless otherwise posted.
- ! **Updated!** The Parks & Recreation Committee now meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- ! The American Legion Post 31 meets the 1st Thursday of each month (September through June).
- ! The Volunteer Fire Company meets the 4th Thursday of each month.
- ! The next meeting of the Civil Service Commission is October 20th at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers – Volunteers are needed to serve on several of these committees that contribute to the success of your community. If you are interested in volunteering your time and / or area of expertise, please contact the Borough offices at 610-866-2220 x 101 for more information.

BOROUGH HALL RENTALS

Borough Hall is available for rental by you or your group. All rentals are handled through the Fire Company. The hall is approximately 40' x 40' with a maximum occupancy of 100 people. There is a kitchen for light food preparation as well as tables and chairs. For additional information and a rate schedule, please contact the **Freemansburg Fire Co. at 610-691-9559 prompt # 3** or to leave a message, use extension # 104.

150 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

August 11th, 12th, 13th 2006

The Freemansburg Beautification and Preservation Committee is coordinating the 150th Celebration events. Mark your calendars now for special programs and events to be held throughout the Borough, August 11th, 12th and 13th in 2006.

Some tentative activities include a block party, parade, Family Fun Festival, DJ, fireworks, car show and resurrection of old favorites from the past such as movie night, bingo, big band music and dancing and Old Market Day.

Look for more information to follow on how you can participate in these events.



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.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNITY UPDATES

Parking - No parking signs and yellow (no parking) curb markings have been updated throughout the Borough. Police will be enforcing these restricted areas. Please take a few moments to check your street for new or updated postings.

Pet Protocol – Walking your pet is healthy exercise for both you and your dog. However, not everyone appreciates the “presents” your pet may leave behind. Please clean up after your pets and dispose of the debris properly. Do not allow your dog to run unattended through the neighborhood.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Odors – If you smell odors from the sewage treatment plant at your residence please call the PA Department of Environmental Protection district office at 610-861-2070 to report it. The PADEP is required to respond to the site and log their findings. This is the first step in getting state officials to recognize there is a problem.

ZONING AND BUILDING ORDINANCES

If you are planning improvements in your home or yard, please contact the Borough office first for information on building and zoning permits and inspections.

Also, if you are moving in to or out of the Borough you are required to obtain a certificate of occupancy for your property. Please contact the Zoning / Codes Enforcement office at extension 103 for more information.