NEWSLETTER SPONSOR
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LION’S PANCAKE BREAKFAST
The annual Langhorne Lions Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, April 1st at the Penndel Fire Hall from 8 AM to 1 PM. Cost-$5.00 for adults, $3.00 for children under 12, children under 3 free. Contact Mike Sodano for advance tickets 215-757-6342.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT
The Activities Committee sponsored Easter Egg Hunt, for infants and children up to 10 years old, will be on April 7, 2012, Noon, at the Penndel Recreation Field. In case of inclement weather it will held in the Borough Hall.

WILDCATS OPENING DAY
The opening day celebration of the new season for the Neshaminy Wildcats Athletic Association is April 14, 2012, at the Neshaminy High School fields, 9 AM.

PRIMARY ELECTION, April 24, 2012
We encourage all registered voters to vote. Polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. On Election Day, the Penndel Heritage Society will be holding a bake sale. Contributions of baked goods will be welcome.

TADDEI WOODS NATURE AREA
The volunteer spring cleanup day at the Taddei Woods Nature Center this year is on April 28th at 10 AM, starting at the Holly Ave. entrance. Bring your rake and shovel.

PENNDDEL/HULMEVILLE PARADE
The 16th annual Memorial Day parade is Saturday, May 26th. The parade begins in Hulmeville at 9:00 AM and ends at the Penndel Memorial Field, to be followed by the Penndel American Legion ceremony. The Parade Marshals will be the longest residing resident in each borough.

The Parade Committee invites you to attend the Dinner Night at the Irish Rover on March 29th. Check the poster in the newsletter for details.

The Website for the parade is: http://www.p-hmemorialparade.com

THREE BIG EVENTS ON JUNE 2
TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
The annual Borough Wide Yard Sale, sponsored by the Penndel Activities Committee will be held on June 2nd, 2012. The poster in the newsletter contains the application form.

PENNDDEL COMMUNITY DAY
On June 2nd, the third annual community day will take place at various locations. There will be activities for the entire family. Check out the article in the newsletter for details.

THE MAIN EVENT
A full poster is in the newsletter with all the information about the Main Event, a tribute to the military. This event is sponsored and organized by the Penndel Business Association. It will be on June 2, 6:30 PM at the Penndel Recreation field.

HERITAGE SOCIETY ICE CREAM SOCIAL
The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, June 10th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the lawn of Penndel Borough Hall. We will again have the popular “Make your Own Sundae”, raffle baskets, and activities for children.

The Heritage Society meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM in Borough Hall.
The Penndel Fire Company along with several surrounding fire companies and EMS organizations jointly applied for and received a federal grant to help offset the costs of purchasing new portable and mobile radios. These radios cost $5,000.00 each and are used to communicate with the Bucks County 911 dispatch center and also between Police, Fire and EMS units during emergencies. Radios are a very important “life line” for all emergency responders. The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) is requiring the “narrow banding” of the frequencies we currently use phased out by 2013. If the current radios are not upgraded they will be rendered useless.

**Carbon Monoxide Safety**

Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

**Facts & figures**

- According to the National Safety Council, 200-300 unintentional-injury deaths a year are due to carbon monoxide poisoning.
- The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.

A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.

**Safety tips in the home**

- Install CO alarms (listed by an independent testing laboratory) inside your home to provide early warning of accumulating CO. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each separate sleeping area. If bedrooms are separated and audibility could be impaired, more than one unit may be required.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month and replace CO alarms according to the instructions.
- CO alarms are not substitutes for smoke alarms
- Know the difference between the sound of smoke alarms and CO alarms.

- Have fuel-burning heating equipment (fireplaces, furnaces, water heaters, wood and coal stoves, space or portable heaters) and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in.
- When purchasing new heating and cooking equipment, select products tested and labeled by an independent testing laboratory.
- When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation.
- Open a window slightly when using a kerosene or gas heater. (Note: Kerosene heaters are illegal in many states. Check with local authorities before buying or using one.) Only refuel outside, after the device has cooled.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.

**Safety tips outside the home**

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle, generator, or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- Only use barbecue grills – which can produce CO – outside. Never use them in the home or garage.
- When camping, remember to use battery-powered heaters and flashlights in tents trailers, and motor homes.

**If your CO alarm sounds**

- If it is a battery-powered intermittent alarm, check the battery.
- If it is a steady alarm or you are unable to determine the source, evacuate the dwelling.
- Report the CO alarm warning by calling 911.
- Do not re-enter until the responding agency says it is OK.
- Call a qualified technician to inspect all equipment.

**WANT TO HELP?**

The Penndel Fire Company is always looking for volunteers. Stop by the station at 220 Centre St. and join us in keeping the community safe. We are not only looking for firefighters, we can also use Fire Police members and anyone that wants to just help out at functions. It costs you nothing but your time. So stop by or call us at 215-757-2707.
INTRODUCTION TO YOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL, MAYOR AND STAFF

The Borough Code of the Commonwealth, states that every two years following the municipal elections, at the first meeting in January, there is to be a reorganization and election of Borough Council officers.

On January 3rd, 2012, the following Borough Council officers were elected: Sean Weckerly, President, Sue Anderson, Vice President, and, Michael Smith, President Pro Tem.

The other Council members for 2012 are Debbie Gentile, Arleen Harms, Barbara Heffelfinger, and Beth Nelson Rooney.

Robert Winkler continues as Mayor.

Mr. Donald Williams continues as our Borough Solicitor. Urwiler & Walter, continues as our borough engineers and were appointed as our sewer engineers.

Our office staff is Marie Serota, Borough Secretary, and Karen Kondrk, our Assistant Secretary. Dave Ferry and Jeff Mackay are our sewer and maintenance staff members.

The Borough Council is organized into committees that meet regularly to plan and accomplish the many tasks required by Council and regularly report at public meetings and work sessions. The first name listed serves as the Chair.


Sewer Committee: Mike Smith, Sean Weckerly

Public Works: Mike Smith, Sean Weckerly

Finance: Barbara Heffelfinger, Debbie Gentile

Building & Maintenance: Arlene Harms, Debbie Gentile

Ordinance: Beth Nelson-Rooney, Arlene Harms

Community Development: Barbara Heffelfinger, Beth Nelson Rooney

Insurance & Pension: Sue Anderson, Debbie Gentile

Refuse: Mike Smith, Sean Weckerly

Community Relations/Public Information: Beth Nelson-Rooney, Arlene Harms

Human Resources: Beth Nelson-Rooney, Sue Anderson

Open Space: Debbie Gentile, Barbara Heffelfinger

Cable: Arlene Harms, Beth Nelson-Rooney

For detailed information about the other personnel of the Borough, check the website: www.Penndelboro.com.

PENNDEL BOROUGH BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Boards and Commissions serve as advisors to the Borough Council. Members are appointed by Borough Council for specified terms of office and report to the Council from time to time with recommendations.

Each Board and Commission has a unique and prescribed responsibility and members volunteer their time and effort to serve the community. Meetings are held at Borough Hall.

Finance and Long Range Committee, meets the 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission--Guy Serota, Chair, meets when needed at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday.

Recreation Board- meets 2nd Monday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board-George Krushauskas, Chair, meets as needed on the 3rd Wednesday

Emergency Management, Open Space, Blighted Property and the Vacancy Boards meet as needed and for special projects.

Open Records Officer: Marie Serota

PENNDEL TAX COLLECTOR

The Penndel tax collector for the County & Municipal Real Estate taxes and Neshaminy School District Taxes is Donna Caracappa. Her address is 107 Joyce Ave., Penndel, PA. 19047.

Her office hours are Monday and Tuesday 6:00PM to 8:00PM. Please call at 215-752-7360 if there are special handicapped needs that can be arranged or if you have questions.

The E-mail address is dcaracappa@Verizon.net

BICYCLE PATROL

Because of some very generous donors the Penndel Police Department was given two fully equipped bicycles. Now that the weather has gotten warmer you will see some of our officers on patrol throughout Penndel. The Chief and the Officers thank those who made this possible.

WANT A PENNDEL VINYL LOGO FOR YOUR CAR WINDOW?

The Activities Committee and the Heritage Society have a 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 decal on sale. Cost is $5.00. Contact the Borough Office.
THE MAYOR’S CORNER

Our police officers have been doing a great job, working very diligently and have made quite a few big arrests.

We have received the swing set that was purchased with donations to the Mayor’s Project. We are about $500 short for the costs of installation. We are hoping to have it installed by July. Volunteers are needed. Contact the office if interested.

We have been working on the neighborhood watch with the Chief. We have volunteers patrolling in cars, walking and biking. As the weather gets warmer we hope to see more people out and about, keeping an eye on things in the borough.

I have been working on Community Day. We are hoping to have quite a few demonstrations. We will have a swat team this year and also a canine unit. PECO Energy and County agencies will also be here. If you would like to volunteer to help with Community Day, please contact me.

Hope everyone has a nice Easter holiday.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE PENNDLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Joseph Sciscio, Jr.  Ray Longhitano
Kathleen Bevans         Sean Perry
Paul Callan, Jr.        Jesse Spencer
Sean Dimeo             Alan Sigafoos
Timothy King            Kyle Wojciechowski
Ken Koreck

THE POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

I want to thank the Council, the Mayor, the staff, and the residents for making me feel welcome. I have enjoyed getting to know the community and working with such a fine set of officers.

We have been very busy as you can tell from the monthly reports made at the Council meetings. We do believe in attempting to prevent problems and moderating disputes. However we must continue to stay vigilant and create a safe environment for our residents and businesses.

Much of our time is often spent dealing with incidents and crimes that can be prevented.

Unfortunately, like all communities, there are people who take advantage of others and we all need to be vigilant. Here are some suggestions that may help to prevent you from being a victim and experience loss of property.

Loss of valuables is the most obvious reason to lock your door. Thieves look for GPS, cell phone, iPods, money and other valuables.

If you leave your doors unlocked or leave a set of house keys or a garage door opener in sight, it becomes a target for thieves to enter your home. One of the two burglaries that occurred since August of 2011 was a result of an unlocked residence.

If residents in a neighborhood tend to keep cars unlocked, the word gets around. One recent car theft occurred when the victim left car keys in an unlocked car overnight. The news that most cars in a neighborhood were unlocked spreads within our community, but worse, among criminal groups. This provides easy targets. 100% of our thefts from vehicles that occurred since August of 2011 were of unlocked vehicles. Locking your car doors takes 3 seconds.

Be a good neighbor. Watch out for others and share these simple steps with them. Let your neighbors know if they’ve left something valuable outside or if they have accidentally left their garage door open.

Take the time to report suspicious behavior to the police. Call if you observe some activity that should be investigated. Prevention and vigilance is the key to maintaining the kind of neighborhood we all want to live in as well as protecting each other from harm.

Joseph M. Sciscio, Chief of Police, (o) 215-757-5152, (c) 267-580-9434, (f) 215-757-3440

NATIONAL TAKE BACK INITIATIVE

On Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10AM to 2PM, the DEA will again coordinate a collaborative effort with state and local enforcement agencies, to remove potentially dangerous controlled substances from medicine cabinets. Penndel Police officers will be at Borough Hall that day to accept items.

Controlled, non-controlled, and over the counter medications will be collected. This program is absolutely anonymous. No identification of those bringing items is required. Personal information should be removed from all items being disposed. Liquid products and creams in containers will be accepted.

No sharpies or syringes are accepted. Illicit substances such as marijuana or methamphetamine are not part of this program and should not be brought to the collection site.

A law enforcement officer will be on duty with the disposal box at all times.
REPORT ON THE DECORATING CONTESTS

Each year the Penndel Activities Committee presents prizes for the Halloween and Christmas decorations deemed to be the best by the judges, who face difficult choices because of the many well done displays. Many thanks to all the residents who decorated and the Activities Committee who provide the prizes.

HALLOWEEN: 1st place-Mike & Rita Ferry, 361 Crescent St. 2nd place-Suzi Drake, 629 Bellevue Ave. 3rd place-Carol & John Bergmaier, 520 Clarissa Lane.

CHRISTMAS: 1st place-John Francescangeli, 139 Crescent Street, 2nd place- Suzi Drake, 629 Bellevue Ave, 3rd Place-Alex and Kathleen Amarhanov, 408 Cynthia Ave, 4th place-Jay & Melanie Stich, 422 Cynthia Ave. Congratulations to all.

QUILT RAFFLE

The Heritage Society will be raffling off a quilt that has been generously donated by Dorothy Zelen- ski, a member of the knit and crochet group that meets regularly at the Redeemer Lutheran Church and donates their finished products to charity.

The donated quilt, measuring 77 X 90, is made of 100 percent cotton fabrics with polyester batting. It is machine pieced and quilted with hand appliqué and binding. The quilt will be on display at the various events this spring. The drawing will be in the fall when the winner will be announced. Tickets cost $1 for one or $5 for six. Tickets available from members or at Borough Hall.

MISSING A BICYCLE?

After bikes have been at the Borough Hall for over 6 months and are not claimed, they are given to charity. If you are missing a bike, take a description to the borough office or Police Department and claim your property. Bicycles should always be marked with identification so if stolen or lost, they can be returned.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

All meetings are held in the Penndel Borough Hall. The Borough Council will be meeting on the following dates in 2012, at 7:30 pm: April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 4th, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd. Work sessions are scheduled on the second Tuesday and last Monday of each month except May 21st instead of May 28th. All work sessions will begin at 7 pm.

HERITAGE SOCIETY OF PENNDEL INC.
A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Penndel Heritage Society Inc. is a non profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Corporation is a 501 (c-3) Tax Ex empt Non-Profit charitable organization. Donations may be eligible as tax deductions under the IRS code. The Heritage Society Corporation accepts donations from corporations, businesses and individuals. Grants are then available for community projects.

The official address of the corporation is: The Heritage Society of Penndel, Inc., 183 Neshaminy St., Penndel, PA 19047, or wwwmcm@Comcast.net

HERITAGE SOCIETY FLOWER AND PLANT SALE

Spruce up your yard. Support the Heritage Society. Just present the coupon below any day between MAY 1 TO MAY 31, 2012 when you purchase your plants and garden supplies at “Bridge in Season Corner” and the Heritage Society will receive a portion of the sale.

Bridge In Season Corner
For all your gardening and landscape needs
annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs
bulk mulch, top soil, stone

Corner of Bristol Rd & Old Lincoln Hwy
Bensalem, Pennsylvania

John Bridge
(215) 322-9878

PLEASE PRESENT THIS COUPON FROM THE PENNDEL HERITAGE SOCIETY WHEN MAKING A PURCHASE BETWEEN MAY 1ST AND MAY 31, 2012

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
THE PENNDEL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION
The Penndel Business Association has been very active and invites all business people in the borough to consider being part of the organization.

The organization would involve a minimal commitment of time and money by all members, but could potentially yield a significant contribution to our community as a whole.

At the present time they are very involved in producing the Main Event. This is a great opportunity to be part of this large undertaking that will put Penndel on the map. Your support and donations would be greatly appreciated.

For more information or to join the Business Association, please contact Alan Cohen (215) 752-8220 or cell (215)-852-0661.

PEDDLING AND SOLICITING
Spring is an active time for door to door solicitors. A temporary soliciting permit is required for any individual or company soliciting business by visitations to private homes or on public streets. The permit applications are available at Borough Hall.

Residents are asked to verify that anyone coming to your home attempting to sell or to provide services, has this permit. This ordinance is for the protection of homeowners.

The Penndel Police Department should be notified about any concerns. The number is 215-5152 or the radio room at 215-757-5151.

GRAFFITI, A COMMUNITY PROBLEM
Graffiti removal is not just a clean up project. It can be indicative of a blight problem and other illegal activity in the area. Graffiti is not about causing damage but rather recognition. The graffiti artist or “tagger” makes his/her mark on a surface in order to get the recognition and admiration of his/her peers.

Only the prompt removal of "tags" has been found to be a successful means of reducing the number of graffiti incidents in a community. T.A.G. was formed for the purpose of removing graffiti quickly from buildings, thus improving the quality of life in the community.

Visit www.penndelboro.com and go to the links page or the TAG website for more information. www.townsagainstgraffiti.org. Call the borough office if you have graffiti to report.

GENEALOGY
The Lower Bucks Genealogy Club, dedicated to the preservation of family histories, continues to meet the 2nd Saturday of every month at 2:00 PM. They meet at the Team Toyota Service Center (not the dealership), 407 E. Lincoln Hwy in the 2nd floor conference room. All are welcome. The e-mail address is lbgc19047@gmail.com. Call 215-630-5301 (Barb) or 215-817-3529 (Hope) for more information or visit http://lbgc19047.webs.com.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
One of the most difficult positions on Council is writing and administering grants. As can be imagined, the paperwork is extensive. Penndel has been very successful over the years obtaining grants which have been of great benefit to the Borough thanks to the Community Development Committee led by the chairperson Barbara Heffelfinger. The following is the latest report from the committee. Penndel Borough has been awarded three grants:

1. Bucks County Beautification Project Grant--$500,000--This funding will be used to reconstruct Park Avenue and to modernize the Recreation Field (phase 1.) It is to be supervised by The Redevelopment Authority of Bucks County with State of Pennsylvania monies. State Senator Tommy Tomlinson sponsored the legislation for this grant.

2. Casino Funding through the Bucks County Planning Commission-- ($29,612) -- for the purchase of a new police car--The new car is currently in service with state of the art equipment.

3. TCDI 2--($20,000)--for the planning of a pedestrian-friendly intersection at Bellevue, Hulmeville, and Dalola Avenues.

Five other grant applications have been submitted by the Community and Economic Development Committee. The Borough is waiting for information on the status of these applications.

Penndel Borough Police Chief Joseph Sciscio and Penndel Borough Planner Joseph Luste of Pennonni Associates are to be commended for their assistance in the submission of the above grant applications.

www.penndelboro.com

Penndel Borough’s web site is a source for information about Penndel with links to County and State web sites. There is an updated calendar with information about upcoming events and activities.
SUMMER TIME IS POOL TIME

Very important – It is illegal to discharge filter backwash and chlorinated water into any storm drains. Swimming pool water must be dechlorinated prior to releasing it in the streets. Storm drains are not designed to remove chemicals such as chlorine, copper and filter backwash from pool water. Pool water has the potential of harming aquatic life in local creeks and streams.

When cleaning pool filters, the waste materials should be captured, bagged and thrown in the trash. The waste material from pool filters is very dangerous to the environment as well.

Waste from acid washing, plastering and grouting is also very harmful and should be disposed of properly. Dispose of unwanted pool chemicals. Many of these materials are considered hazardous waste.

YARD WASTE PROGRAM BEGINS WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 2012

Recommended containers are the Kraft type yard waste bags or standard trash containers with lids removed, packed loosely. The use of plastic bags for yard waste is prohibited. Branches and twigs, cut in lengths no longer than four feet and weighing no more than 50 pounds, can be tied and bundled. We are requesting that no more than 6 cans, bags or bundles per resident be put out in a week.

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & OLD COMPUTER COLLECTION

The official dates for the recycle program, normally held by Bucks County, have not yet been established. In past years, Bucks County residents could take as many as three old computers and up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products to one of the sites. In the past, the recycle events have been 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm., rain or shine. This program is not open to business, industry or institutions.

For information concerning acceptable and unacceptable materials, call the recycling hotline at 1-800-346-4242.

Watch for the newspaper ads and check the Bucks County website: www.buckscounty.org/government/ for the locations.
**SHARED MEAL MINISTRY**

Redeemer Lutheran Church takes a very active role in helping those in need. Redeemer, along with other churches in the area, have a schedule in which they feed the homeless and those in need. Their night is the first Tuesday of every month, 6:00pm - 7:00pm. Fresh fruit is needed for those meals. If anyone would like to donate fruit, please drop it off at the church office, 239 Fairview Ave., between 9:00am - 1:00pm on the first Tuesday of the month. You can also drop it off at the borough hall between the hours of 9:00am - noon and 1:00pm - 5:00pm and it will be brought over to the dinner that night.

Redeemer also has a food pantry to help those in need. Donations of food or money is always appreciated to keep the pantry stocked. You can either drop it off at the church or at the borough hall. A suggestion would be when you go grocery shopping, buy an extra can of vegetables, a box of instant potatoes, a bottle of juice or any non-perishable item. It’s an easy way to help while not really making a dent in your budget. If everyone brought in one item a week, the pantry would be stocked and think how good you would feel knowing you are helping those less fortunate.

Any questions, call Redeemer at 215-757-2724 or Karen at the borough, 215-757-5152.

**There will also be a Ham Dinner fundraiser on Saturday April 28th from 5:00 to 7:00pm -**

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**STITCHING ANGELS**

Stitching Angels is a community outreach group at Redeemer Lutheran Church. The group knits or crochets for charity and distributes to local hospitals or organizations in the community. We welcome one and all (beginners too) and can provide some yarn and patterns as well as assistance in learning to knit or crochet.

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**LONG RANGE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

This very important advisory committee of the Borough Council has been very busy investigating electric suppliers for Council to consider. The members of the committee are: Arlene Harms, Council Liaison, Suzi Drake, Denise Mathers and Harold Heffelfinger. The Committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 PM.
SEWER COMMITTEE

The sewer rates in Penndel will increase by 10% for the next quarter. Want to know why that is happening? Read this article.

There are many components to a sanitary sewer system. Houses and businesses have lateral pipes that transport sewage to the pipe system maintained by Penndel. Penndel Borough owns two pump stations that move sewage to the facilities of the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority. They then pass it on for treatment and disposal.

Resident and businesses are billed each quarter by the borough in order to maintain the system. The BCW&SA bills Penndel for the amount of sewage they transport to cover the costs of treatment by Philadelphia and their costs of maintaining their system. BCW&SA raised their rates for Penndel beginning in 2012.

Since we were not aware this increase was coming, we could not raise the rates to cover this increase for the first quarter. We can not absorb this increase any further so the increase will begin on April 1st.

A major problem the Borough faces is excess water entering the system. When surface and groundwater is added to the volume of sewage sent on for processing, we pay to process the extra water and that raises our sewer rates. These excess flows are called Infiltration and Inflow (I & I).

What can you do to help us avoid further increases? Sump pump discharges from houses or businesses put extra water into the system. The Borough has an ongoing inspection program to assure that sump pumps and downspouts are not illegally connected to the sewers. The borough is still attempting to inspect each house and needs your cooperation. We do ask you to call the office and arrange for the inspection if you have not been visited yet by our maintenance crew.

Another way groundwater enters our system is broken pipes. Broken or leaking pipes allow groundwater into the system. The Borough has spent many thousands of dollars repairing Borough lines in order to reduce this I & I. However, each homeowner or business is responsible for the lines (laterals) that are between your house and the borough pipes in the street. If you have a defective lateral you may be enabling groundwater to enter the system and would be required to fix the problem.

The Borough has located a number of defective laterals that have resulted in large amounts of water entering the system and affecting the sewer bill we pay to BCW&SA.

The BCW&SA has just introduced a new protection plan. This Residential/Commercial Water Service Maintenance Program is designed to help offset the cost of repairing those pipes that come into and leave your property, which could typically cost between $3,000 and $5,000 to replace and much higher for commercial properties.

For more details and monthly costs visit www.bcwsa.net or call 215-343-2538 Ext 140. There are pamphlets in Borough Hall as well.

The Sewer Committee will continue to work hard to keep our rates as low as possible by maintaining an efficient and effective system to serve our community.

FROM THE STREETS COMMITTEE

The Streets Committee has not had to deal with snow and ice this winter, as in past years. The Streets Committee was prepared with the new truck and salt for the roads but we can be sure we will not be as fortunate in future years.

However, now pothole season is here and our maintenance crew will be trying to keep ahead of this problem. Your help is needed. Please call the Borough office if you see a pothole so it can be on the list. A number of streets in Penndel are state highways. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation has set up a hotline for motorists to report potholes: 1-800-FIX-ROAD.

The Committee is still planning to reconstruct Cynthia Avenue in 2013 pending having the funds available.

The Committee asks that people report clogged drains so they can be cleared and prevent flooding. Please also remember that whatever goes into our drains goes into our creeks and rivers. Don’t pollute!

Maintaining our streets and the stormwater drains is a difficult and ongoing job and any assistance residents can provide is appreciated.

QUARTERLY BILLS

A reminder—next quarter’s sewer and refuse bills will be sent out in early April. There is a mail slot in the front door of Borough Hall that can be used anytime. Payments dropped in the slot go into a locked box.
THE PENNDEL ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The EAC consists of community residents who advise the local planning commission, park and recreation board and elected officials on the protection, conservation, management, promotion and use of natural resources within its territorial limits.

The Penndel Borough’s EAC meets the first Wednesday, every other month, 7:00 PM, at the Borough Hall. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2012. Meetings are then held in June, August, October, and December.

The present members of the Penndel EAC are: Barbara Kuehmstedt, Committee Chair, Arleen Thompson, Bruce Stoneback, Fred Harms, and Debbie Gentile, member and liaison to Borough Council.

Several projects are planned such as a cleanup day at Taddei Woods, an educational display at Community Day, discussing plans for landscaping improvements at Borough Hall and around our “Welcome Signs” and working with our borough engineer to review MS4 stormwater requirements.

Have any tips, ideas, or projects you’d like to see implemented by the EAC? We would love to hear from you. Please join us at a meeting or send an email to penndeleac@ymail.com.

SOME TIPS FROM THE EAC

The Penndel Environmental Advisory Council wishes everyone a Happy Spring, with these few reminders:

• Remember to scoop after your pooch! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified dog feces as a pollutant. When the pet waste is not cleaned up, rainfall may wash the feces into area waterways and contaminate our rivers and streams with disease-causing bacteria like fecal coli form, Salmonella, E. coli and Giardia.

• If you are going to be doing some spring cleaning, take a look around your house for items that present environmental hazards when they are improperly disposed of. Leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients are considered to be "household hazardous waste" or "HHW." Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, that contain potentially hazardous ingredients require special care when you dispose of them.

• Remember to recycle your used CFL bulbs at Penndel Hardware.

• You can find ways to save water in your home by taking the Virtual House Tour at: http://www.h2ouse.net/.

• Consider using a rain barrel for watering your garden or washing your car.

An Open Invitation …

The Penndel Environmental Advisory Committee will be hosting a presentation by Wendy Sheahan of Chartreuse Products (www.chartreuseproducts.com).

All residents are welcome to attend to hear about new “going green” products, the dangers of chemicals that reach our waterways from our homes, and the dangers of chemicals that we put into our bodies.

Come out Wednesday night April 4, 2012 at 7:00 PM to the Borough Hall to “Go Green With Wendy”! There will be free samples, and the presentation will be fun as well as informative.

RECYCLING

Penndel has again been awarded a Recycling Program Award Grant. These funds help us purchase the recycling bins, support this newsletter and help with other refuse related expenses.

Envelopes and junk mail can be bundled with newspapers in the recycling bin along with plastic and glass. Co-mingling of clear glass, plastic or bimetal materials is permitted in Penndel. Such items are to be placed in a proper container with the lid removed or a container with a lid clearly marked with the word “Recycle”. Recycled cardboard must be tied up no larger than a pizza box and no thicker than a shoebox.

Recycling stickers are available in Borough Hall as well as recycle bins. Plastic trash bags as containers for recyclables are prohibited.

THE PENNDEL NEWSLETTER

Produced by the Community Relations Committee to keep residents informed. We welcome your constructive comments and suggestions. Contact the editor, W. Ward McMasters or send an email to wwmcm@Comcast.net.

News, pictures or information for the web site, the bulletin board or the newsletter can be sent or dropped off at the Borough Office.
**THE RECREATION BOARD**

The Penndel Recreation Board is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Penndel Memorial Field located at Hulmeville and Dalola Avenues. This board, appointed by the Borough Council, works very closely with the Neshaminy Wildcats Athletic Association which uses the field and with any other organizations using the facilities. At present the members are, Arleen Thompson Chair, Jim Anderson, Eileen McGoldrick, Jay Stich and John Cosgrove. Beth Nelson-Rooney is the Council Liaison.

As mentioned in the report of the Community Development Committee, Penndel has received a grant for significant improvements to the facilities and the streets in the area. Hopefully the work will begin this summer and the new swing set will be installed then as well. As also mentioned on the front page, the opening of the new baseball season for the Wildcats will be April 14th at the Neshaminy High School fields.

The Recreation Board encourages everyone to visit and enjoy what has been done to upgrade the Penndel Memorial Field.

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**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Ordinance Committee is very close to completing the codification project which will bring our ordinances up to date and ready for printing.

Council will be voting on the changes at a public meeting, after our solicitor and codification contractor have reviewed the result of this extensive project.

On March 6th, the Borough Council approved the new zoning ordinance permitting privacy fencing. If you are considering building or replacing a fence the following requirements should be followed in order to comply with the regulations in the new ordinance.

**Penndel Fence Ordinance Requirements for Construction**

1. Read the ordinance.
2. Know where your property lines are located for the required 12 inch set back.
3. Make a PA one call before digging.
4. Submit detailed construction documents to the Penndel Code Department for review and approval. Details should include but not limited to: footing locations, depth of footings, positive connection detail, length of fence, style of fence.
5. Obtain a building permit.
6. Call for footing inspections. (215-322-2626)
7. Install the fence with the finished side out (facing away from your house).
8. Call for final inspection. (215-322-2626)

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**SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY**

The Bucks County Emergency Management Agency, the Bucks County Health Department and the County Commissioners maintain Special Needs Registry for individuals for assistance during an emergency. The agency assists emergency responders in identifying location, accessibility issues and mobility requirements.

Individuals (or caregivers on their behalf) are able to register electronically by accessing www.specialneedspa.org, or contacting Penndel Borough Hall at 215-757-5152 or the county EMA office at 215-340-8700.

If you live alone and would like to be on a confidential list for the Penndel Police Department & emergency management, call Karen at Borough Hall, 215-757-5152. Registering enables us to get in touch with a relative or friend if there are concerns, or to respond to an inquiry. If you know you will be away or in the hospital for a length of time, you can notify the Borough so we can respond to calls from concerned neighbors and also the police can keep an eye on your home.

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**MAYOR’S RECREATION FIELD PROJECT 2012 NEW LARGE SWING SET**

We are very near the goal of $5500 thanks to a number of generous contributors and to donations cans in a number of locations. Donations can still be sent to the following:

Penndel Heritage Society Inc.
Attention Mayors Project
300 Bellevue Ave.
Penndel, PA. 19047

Donations may be eligible for charity tax deductions. The Penndel Heritage Society Inc is approved as a 501c-3 organization by the IRS.

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**PLAN ON DIGGING?**

Before you pick up your shovel, pick up your phone and call the PA One Call System at (800) 242-1776 or 811. PA One Call must be notified at least 3 working days before anyone, including contractors and homeowners, dig anywhere-in backyards, along streets, or in vacant lots. It’s not only a safety precaution, it is the law. PA One Call will notify the various utilities to prevent any digging from damaging or rupturing the lines. This service is free for residential customers.
A very important message from our Fire Inspector, Jim Bampfield. He also hopes you changed the batteries in the CO alarms and the smoke alarms when you turned the clocks ahead on March 10th for DST.

Propane Gas Grill and Range Safety Tips

Propane Grill Do’s:
- Always use the grill outdoors in a well-ventilated area. Do not bring propane cylinders indoors or into an enclosed space such as a garage or basement.
- Always follow all of the manufacturer's instructions and keep written materials and manuals in a safe, accessible place.
- Make sure the grill burner controls are turned off. Keep the cylinder valve closed when not in use.
- Make sure the gas grill is shut off and cooled off before covering your grill after use.
- Always use or store cylinders in an upright, vertical position. Store them outdoors away from sources of ignition.
- When you have your cylinder refilled, have your supplier check for dents, damage, rust or leaks.
- After filling, take your cylinder home immediately. Keep your vehicle ventilated with the cylinder valve closed and plugged or capped. Do not leave the cylinder in your car.
- When your grill is not in use, cover disconnected hose-end fittings and burner air intakes with small plastic bags, or obtain protective fitting caps from your propane supplier to keep out dirt, insects and moisture.
- Never use matches or lighters to check for leaks.
- Always keep propane gas containers upright.

Propane Grill Don’ts:
- Do not smoke while handling the propane cylinder.
- Do not allow children to tamper or play with the cylinder or grill.
- Do not use, store or transport your cylinder where it would be exposed to high temperatures. (This includes storing spare cylinders under or near the grill.)

Building Inspectors Underwriters, BIU, is responsible for inspections and issuing permits in Penndel. Charles Pluguez is the company representative for permits, building inspections and code enforcement. Tim Kenny provides U & O inspections, and Sally Bellaspica is our Zoning Officer. Times for inspections must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance by calling 215-322-2626. Permit forms and information about what permits are required can be obtained at the Borough Hall during business hours. Call 215-757-5152 if you have questions.

REMINDER TO DOG OWNERS
All dogs must be under control. This means that when your dog is not on your property, it must be under reasonable control by you or a handler. Owners are also responsible for excessive noise by dogs and other animals.

When walking your dog, please remember to pick up after your dog. It’s easy to clean up by carrying plastic baggies in your pocket and later disposing of them responsibly. Your neighbors will appreciate your good hygiene and manners.
IN MEMORY OF:

(30 CHARACTER LIMIT FOR EACH)

IN HONOR OF:

Fill out one of the boxes below for each ribbon purchased.

Purchase a ribbon from the Parade Committee and personalize it to add to your route.

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- All Entries Must:
  - Live in Hummeville, PA
  - Be between 6 and 12 years old

- Rules:

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PLACE: Pendel Recreation Field
TIME: 12:00 Noon

Inland to 10 Years Old
For Children Ages
Saturday, April 7, 2012

Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Pendel Borough

Borough Wide Yard Sale

8 AM—2 PM (Rain Date June 9)
Saturday, June 2nd, 2012

Ward Enclousd
ADDRESS
NAME
300 Bellevue Ave., Pendel, PA 19047
Send or drop off form no later than June 1st

June 215-772-2415 or Valerie 215-772-0835

Maps will be printed showing your location. We do the advertising and signs.
Donate $5.00 to the activities committee, sell from your front yard.
Pendel residents
Indicating a sponsored location will earn a free hot dog.

Pendel Borough Hall
Available at the
Maps of sale locations

Saturday, June 2nd, 2012

Activities Committee
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Borough Wide Yard Sale
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**COMMUNITY DAY**

The date for the Community Day is Saturday, June 2nd. This is the third year for this event which had something for everyone last year and will be even better this year. The Community Day is in conjunction with the Town Wide Yard Sale, organized by the Activities Committee.

A number of local, county and state organizations have been invited to participate. There will be amusement rides for children and numerous attractions for young people and adults.

A number of vendors will be present as well as demonstrations by fire and rescue organizations.

The Community Day committee invites people to help on June 2nd. This special day happens because of donations from residents and businesses.

Let us know if you would like to help.

**ROAD AND FIELD CLOSINGS**

Because of Community Day on June 2, Woodland Ave will be closed to vehicle travel from Bellevue Ave. to Centre St. and from Hulmeville Avenue to Fairview Ave. from 7AM to 2 PM.

Because of the Main Event Program at the Recreation field, Hulmeville Ave will be closed for vehicle traffic from Dehaven Ave to Bellevue Ave. from 3 PM to Midnight. Also, PFC Dalola Ave. will be closed during the same time.

The Penndel Recreation Field will also be closed at 1 PM on June 2 until the event.

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**WHY NOT MAKE A DONATION FOR THE PARADE**

If you would like to make a donation to the Penndel/Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade Committee, please send it to: “PHMDPC”, 137 Longview Ave. Penndel PA 19047

Please include your name, address and phone number. Thank you for your support.

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![Image of a parade]

**“THE MAIN EVENT”**

**Saturday June 2, 2012**

**Starting at 6:45PM**

**Penndel Memorial Field**

Special guests for the evening:

CBS 3 TV anchor Susan Barnett

Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick

Commissioner Diane Ellis-Marseglia

Special surprise guests all evening!

**Dollar Dog Night!!**

Bring your chairs and eat dinner at the field!

Hot dogs $1.00  Water $1.00  Chips $1.00  Soft pretzels $1.00

Also available kettle corn
The Penndel Business Association Presents

THE MAIN EVENT

A Military Tribute Concert
Fireworks Display

PENNDIEL MEMORIAL FIELD
600 Hulmeville Avenue
PENNDIEL, PA
JUNE 2ND 6:45 P.M.
(Rain-Date June 3rd.)

MONDAY BLUES JAZZ ORCHESTRA CONCERT

A 21 Piece Orchestra will entertain (6:45 PM to 7:30 PM)

THE TRIBUTE TO THE MILITARY

will be hosted by CBS 3 & CW Philly 57 anchor and Emmy Award Winner, Susan Barnett. She, along with invited guests, will be honoring our servicemen and women who have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan and reside in our area.

(7:30 PM to 8:30 PM)

Barnett joined the Eyewitness News team in January, 2006 as a morning news anchor. In April, 2008, she became co-anchor of the stations' evening newscasts. Barnett attended Harry S. Truman High School in Levittown, Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of Delaware in 1994 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mass Communication with a minor in History.

A MUSICAL TRIBUTE HONORING
ALL BRANCHES OF THE MILITARY

(8:30 PM to 9:00 PM)

A FIREWORKS DISPLAY
TO HIGHLIGHT OUR EVENING

(9:00 PM to 9:20 PM)

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

PRESENTED BY-
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WBCB 1490-AM RADIO WILL DO A LIVE SHOW FROM THE EVENT.
PLENTY OF SURPRISES - BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND ENJOY THIS FREE EVENT.
PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE WOUNDED WARRIOR FOUNDATION, THE USO AND LOCAL CHARITIES. FOOD AND DRINK WILL BE AVAILABLE.
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2012 EVENTS IN PENNDEL

- Thursday, March 29, Penndel-Hulmeville Parade fundraiser, Irish Rover, 4:00 PM to closing.
- Sunday, April 1, Langhorne Lions Palm Sunday Breakfast, 8 AM to 1 PM. Penndel Fire Hall
- Saturday, April 7, Activities Committee Easter Egg Hunt, Penndel Recreation Field, 12 Noon.
- Saturday, April 14th, Penndel Wildcats Opening Date. 9 AM, Neshaminy High School Fields
- Tuesday, April 24, Primary Election, Borough Hal, Polls open 7 AM to 8 PM
- Saturday, April 28, Clean-up Day, Taddei Woods, Holly Ave, 10 AM
- Saturday, May 26, Penndel-Hulmeville Memorial Day Parade, Begins in Hulmeville, 9 AM.
- Saturday, June 2, Activities Committee Town Wide Yard Sale, 8 AM to 2 PM.
- Saturday, June 2nd, Community Day. A wide range of events and displays for the entire family.
- Saturday, June 2nd, The Main Event, A tribute to the Military, Penndel Memorial Field. See poster for schedule of events.
- Sunday, June 10, Heritage Society Ice Cream Social, Borough Hall lawn, 4 PM to 7PM.