



Penndel Borough

Summer 2025 Newsletter

2025 Borough Projects Update

Thanks to the grants Penndel has received, we have been able to continue updating the borough. Below are the projects being worked on this year. We hope these projects continue to make Penndel a wonderful place to live.

2025 Grants & Planned Projects

Project	Status	Amount	Funding Source
Recreation Field Walking Trail Grant Submitted	Many residents have requested a walking trail be constructed around the Recreation Field. Borough Council has approved the submission of a DCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant. The submitted grant application requests \$198,793 to build the walking trail.		
Sewer Pump Station Repairs	Penndel Borough has two sewer pump stations located within the Borough. Both are having internal repairs made to the metal stairs. Pump Station #1 recently had a sewer pump cleaned and repaired.		
Traffic Signal Repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincoln & Bellevue 		
	<p>Penndel Borough was awarded a \$62,309 grant from the Bucks County Redevelopment Authority to complete repairs and upgrades at the Lincoln and Bellevue intersection and repairs to the school zone flasher and radar sign for Our Lady of Grace School.</p> <p>Penndel Borough was awarded a \$350,990 ARLE grant to cover upgrades to the traffic signals at the intersection of Lincoln and Durham. The Borough is in the process of selecting a traffic engineering firm to complete the required engineered plans, bidding and contract documents. The signal upgrades should be completed by the end of 2026.</p>		

<p style="text-align: center;">Roadwork</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Base Repair: Crescent, Highland and Monroe ▪ Seal Coating: Crescent, Highland and Manor 	<p>Patch pavement repairs have recently been completed on Crescent Street , Highland, Monroe, Fairview and DeHaven Avenues.</p> <p>An Ultra-Thin Bonded Wearing Course will be applied to Crescent, Highland Avenues and Manor Avenues this season. In August, the contractor is scheduled to fill and seal cracks in the pavement. In September, they will return to coat the road surface with ultra-thin paving material.</p>
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Mayor's Corner

Tom Sodano

Hello everyone and welcome to Summer 2025!

The PennDel Community Day and Borough-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 14th was cancelled due to weather. We will be combining some of the community day festivities with National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th. Please join us at the PennDel Memorial Field pavilion from 5:00 – 9:00 pm.

Fourth of July celebrations often include fireworks, and this year's 4th was no exception. There were many instances of fireworks in the Borough. There was frightening news of a fire in Falls Township caused by fireworks. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but a family did lose their home. If you choose to have fireworks, please be careful and keep them at least 150 feet from any structure.

Summer pool season is here. Make sure your safety equipment is handy and in good order. Make sure your electrical equipment is up to safety code. It's worth the time, as it only takes a moment for a catastrophe.

And speaking of safety, please remember sports equipment such as basketball backboards and hockey goals are not allowed in the street. Please help us keep your children safe.

Be safe, enjoy life and have a great summer! Reach out if I can be of service. I am always available. And remember, never leave your vehicle running unattended!

Council President

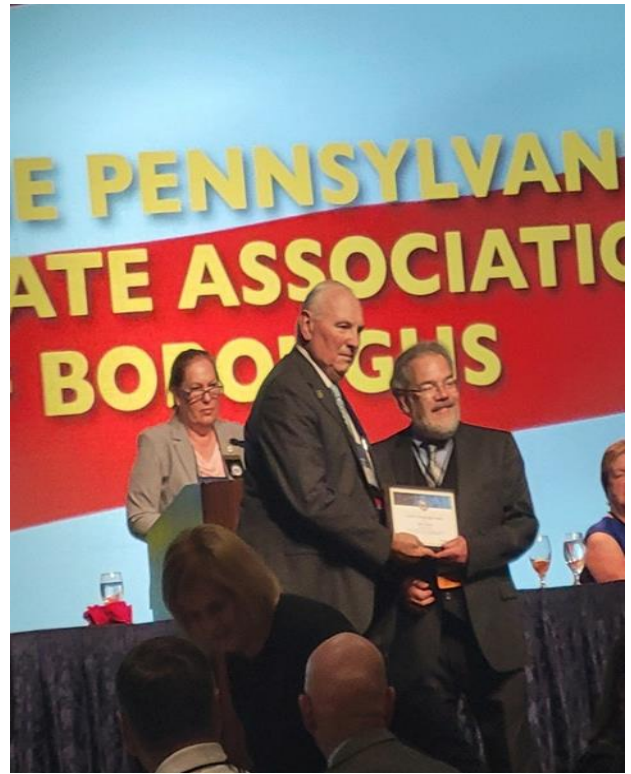
John Stratz

Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB)

There are 956 Boroughs in Pennsylvania, all of which fall under the umbrella of PSAB. Boroughs are a type of incorporated municipality in the State and are the second most common form of Municipal Government, after second-class townships. PSAB's primary objectives are to provide Legislative/Regulatory representation at both the State and Federal levels, to promote constructive and cooperative relationships among Boroughs and between PSAB and other levels of Government to deliver training and technical assistance to Borough officials.

Today, the Association continues to assist and improve local governments through Legislative Advocacy, research, education, and other services. Our Borough Association members strive to deliver quality leadership and service to citizens across the Commonwealth. Every January, Council votes to send a delegate to the annual PSAB conference to vote on issues important in our State.

This year I was awarded the Cecil K. Leberknight Award for 10 years of service. The Years of Service Awards were created by PSAB to promote interest in good borough government and to recognize faithful and effective service by elected or appointed borough officials. Recipients must serve a borough that is a member in good standing of PSAB at the time of the award.





Penndel Police Department

Chief Sean Perry

Local Business Spotlight

We would like to take a moment to recognize and sincerely thank Moldamatic for their continued support of the Penndel Borough Police Department.

Last year, Chief Perry began exploring options to upgrade our department's body camera system, which was approaching the end of its useful life. This upgrade was critical to ensuring we maintain the level of transparency and accountability our community rightly expects from us.

However, the cost estimate we received from our supplier far exceeded our department's annual budget. In our search for funding, we reached out to Moldamatic—an invaluable part of the Penndel Borough community.

True to their longstanding commitment to local support, Moldamatic generously stepped in and funded the entire \$15,000 project. Their contribution made it possible for us to move forward with this essential upgrade and continue providing professional, accountable service to the residents of Penndel.

We are incredibly grateful for Moldamatic's generosity and partnership. Their support is not only appreciated by our department, but by the entire community we proudly serve.

Hands-free Cell Phone Ban took effect June 5

Drivers are now prohibited from using handheld devices while operating a vehicle in Pennsylvania. Act 18 of 2024 will prohibit holding a cell phone while driving, with limited exceptions. The law clearly states that drivers cannot use email, play games, take or transmit images, record or broadcast videos, create or share social media or otherwise send or receive electronic data. For the first year, police may only issue warnings, with \$50 fines taking effect in June 2026.

There are limited exceptions to the ban, several of which may apply to township employees and emergency responders. Note most of the exceptions are in the definition of interactive mobile device.

These exceptions include:

- devices being used in a hands-free manner or with a hands-free accessory or system;
- a device used exclusively for emergency notification purposes;
- a device being used exclusively by an emergency service responder while engaged in the performance of duties;
- devices being used exclusively by a CDL driver within the scope of the individual's employment if using a device permitted for CDL drivers under federal law; and

- texting while driving if necessary to communicate with law enforcement or emergency services to prevent injury to persons or property.

Act 18 defines driving as operating a motor vehicle on a road, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device or other momentary delay. Drivers who move their vehicle to the side of the road and stop are not considered to be driving.

The act defines operating an interactive mobile device to include:

- using a hand or another part of the body to support an interactive mobile device;
- dialing or answering by pressing more than a single button; and
- reaching for an interactive mobile device in a manner that requires a driver to no longer be in a seated driver position.

Summer Safety Tips

With summer vacation season here, please take a few simple steps to help protect your home while you're away. Here are some important burglary prevention tips from the Penn del Borough Police Department:

- **Notify the Penn del Police Department:** Let us know the dates you'll be away, and we'll conduct periodic checks of your residence during your absence.
- **Use Timers for Lights:** Set interior and exterior lights on timers to give the appearance that someone is home.
- **Keep a Vehicle in the Driveway:** If possible, leave a car parked in your driveway. Even a trusted neighbor's vehicle can help create the impression that the house is occupied.
- **Avoid Social Media Announcements:** Do not post about your travel plans on social media before or during your trip. Many burglary suspects are known to the victims. Wait until you return to share photos or updates.
- **Secure All Entry Points:** Reinforce windows and sliding glass doors, and make sure all entry doors have a deadbolt lock.
- **Upgrade Door Frame Screws:** Replace the short screws in your door frame's latch plate with longer, more durable ones. This makes it significantly harder for someone to force entry.
- **Use Landscaping as a Deterrent:** Consider planting thorny bushes beneath ground-level windows. These can serve as a natural deterrent and may even collect DNA evidence if someone attempts to break in.

Taking a few extra precautions now can make a big difference in keeping your home and belongings safe. We're here to help—never hesitate to reach out to the Penn del Borough Police Department with questions or concerns.

For any EMERGENCY or IN-PROGRESS calls dial 9-1-1.

For any NON-EMERGENCY calls please use phone number 215-757-5151.

Also, please follow **Penn del Borough Police Department** on Facebook for updates on what the police department is up to including Arrests, Community Events, Lost/Found Pets, etc.



Office of the Fire Marshal James Bampfield



The Office of the Fire Marshal is sponsoring a fire safety program involving smoke detectors.

The program is modeled on the national “Operation-Save-A-Life” program which is a free smoke detector giveaway and installation program available to homeowners (owner/occupied) residing within the Borough of Pennel. The Fire Marshal’s Office will provide free smoke detectors, and fire prevention literature. The program is designed to reduce incidents of fire injuries and death in residential owner/occupied homes.

The program will be facilitated through the Office of the Fire Marshal. Interested homeowners can contact the office at 215-757-5152 or at Jbampfield@boroughofpenndel.org requesting program participation.

There are some qualification requirements for program participation.

→The dwelling must be OWNER/OCCUPIED. Rental and Lease to Buy properties are required by code to have smoke detectors furnished by the landlord/owner –this program cannot provide smoke detection for these types of dwelling units. If you live in a rental property which lacks smoke detection, please contact the Borough at 215-757-5152.

Upcoming Events

Friday, July 25

Hot Cash Summer Bingo
Redeemer Lutheran Church
6:00 pm
\$10.00, 12 & under \$5.00

Tuesday, August 5

National Night Out/Community Day
Penndel Memorial Field
5:00 – 9:00 pm

Friday, August 22

Friendly Feud
Redeemer Lutheran Church
6:00 pm
\$5.00

Friday, September 26

Casino Night
Redeemer Lutheran Church
6:00 pm
\$10.00

Sunday, September 28

Activities Committee Senior's Dinner
Redeemer Lutheran Church
1:00 pm
Anyone that lives in Penndel and is 75 or older
is invited

Friday, October 3

Blocktoberfest
Our Lady of Grace Church parking lot
5:00 – 9:00 pm

Friday, October 24

Frightfully Fun Party & Costume Judging
Redeemer Lutheran Church
6:00 pm
\$10.00, 12 & under \$5.00

Sunday, October 26

Activities Committee Halloween Parade &
Costume Judging
Penndel Fire Company parking lot
12:00 noon

Saturday, November 1

Christmas Bazaar
Redeemer Lutheran Church
8:00 am – 2:00 pm

Friday, November 21

Christmas Bingo
Redeemer Lutheran Church
6:00 pm
\$10.00, 12 & under \$5.00

Saturday, December 6

Activities Committee Christmas Tree Lighting
& Visit from Santa
Borough Hall
6:30 pm

*For more info on any events at Redeemer
Lutheran Church call 215-757-2724*

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