



**TRUMBAUERSVILLE BOROUGH
NEWSLETTER
WINTER 2015**



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The Desk of Larry:

*'IF IT WEREN'T FOR CAFFEINE, I'D HAVE NO
PERSONALITY WHATSOEVER'*



“Old Man Winter” is knocking on the door once more. Let’s hope that he is a kind old gentleman this year and spares us the harshness of the past two seasons. In case he doesn’t, it might be a good idea to make sure all your snow removal equipment is in good working order.

The John Rivers Veterans Center is once again offering a Christmas Tree Ornament in Honor of or in Memory of a Veteran. This is something a family or individual can cherish forever. Please see the attached flyer for information on how to order.

Remember that the children will have a lot of time off from school during the holidays so please be careful and observant when driving around or through the Borough.

As we spend the holiday season with family and friends, please remember the service men and women who won’t be home for the holidays. Have a safe and Happy Holiday Season and a Joyous New Year.





YOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL

Melissa Baine, Mayor 215-804-0529

Edward Child, President	215-538-0916	Christopher J. Betz, Vice President	215-536-7798
Fred Potter	215-538-0596	Harcourt Trimble	215-536-8733
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COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 1st THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.
OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:30 - 4:00

FRIDAY

9:00 - 12:00

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Larry Smock

ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Lucy Hankins

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BOROUGH OFFICE - 215- 536-1761

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EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR

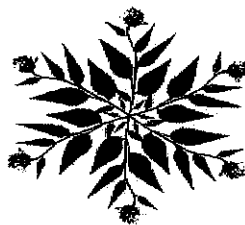
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

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FIRE MARSHAL/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Craig Wilhelm – 215-802-4572



President's Holiday Message

Ed Child

We've entered that time of year when we celebrate family oriented holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, etc. - the time of year when families make an effort to get together more so than any other time of year. Sure, we have family picnics for Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor Day, but people are more likely to travel great distances this time of year to continue long held family traditions. So enjoy the season in whatever way brings you joy and comfort, make new memories, and have a fulfilling and happy New Year.

As we move into December and the landscape seems to turn gray with cold and the leaves off the trees, let the colors of the season brighten your spirits – they are there if you look - such as the green of the evergreens, red of the holly berries, the silver stars in the night sky, the golden glow of candle light and the white of a snowy winter day. And if you happen to have a fireplace, a warm, crackling fire would top it off very nicely. Stay warm!

Paid Firefighters in Our Future?

Volunteer emergency service has evolved dramatically over the last 50 years. Pennsylvania has lost 80% of the volunteers it had 50 years ago. Because of the low numbers of firefighters, many communities have had to consider either a combination of volunteers and paid firefighters, or a completely paid department to meet the coverage needs of their community. This used to be seen mainly in 3rd class cities or larger, but is becoming a reality in smaller communities. For us in Trumbauersville that would require a tax increase.

The number one thing that has taken volunteers away is the constant fundraising that they need to do to keep the doors open, the lights on, and equipment available to do what it is they volunteer for. Costs have risen 500 to 600 percent from what they were 50 years ago, yet fundraising dollars have remained fairly constant. So it takes a lot more bingo nights, hoagie sales, raffles, etc. to get the necessary funds. Please give generously when our fire company sends out their annual funding request and try to participate in their monthly hoagie sales and other events, like basket bingo. Look for their flyers in this quarterly newsletter.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE YEAR END REPORTS

Personnel/Administrative Committee

Ed Child – Chair

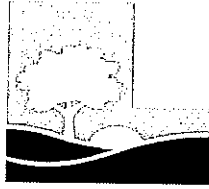
This committee deals with personnel issues, including employee performance, salaries, hiring recommendations and general administrative tasks. This year the committee will be primarily working on developing a new Employee Manual. We do have an opening for a general maintenance person. This person keeps Veterans Park and other borough owned property in good order. If interested, contact the borough office.

Ordinance Committee

Michael George – Chair

The committee completed a worker's compensation ordinance specific to the Trumbauersville Fire Company, which was a requirement for insurance purposes. It details which activities are covered when injuries occur. For 2016 the committee will be looking to update the soliciting ordinance (people going door-to-door) and consolidating and updating our multiple parking ordinances. The committee may also begin researching regulations regarding alternative energy sources, such as solar and wind power.





Park and Recreation Committee

Claire Conley - Chair

Join us for Winterfest, Saturday, December 5th, 7-9 PM (See Winter Flyer Insert)

Santa will arrive by Fire Engine!!! Join us for a Bon Fire, Hot Chocolate, Warm Cider, Cookies, S'mores and More!!! Enter our Best Decorated Homemade Cookie Contest and win a \$25 Walmart Gift Card!



Park Committee 2015 Wrap Up

Wow!!! What an exciting year for our Veteran's Park. As usual, we had a wonderful day and turnout for our Community Day. Food, Fun and Fireworks!!! We are looking forward to planning the next one. Anyone interested in helping out is always welcome to attend our meetings. New ideas and help are always appreciated.

We had our annual pancake breakfast in September and as always, the food was delicious. Pancakes, sausages, orange juice, and coffee and tea were served for \$3.00! You can't beat that price! All the proceeds, including the donated canned goods, went to a local charity. Next year we are considering having a Fall Festival which would include our Pancake Breakfast, Lunch, a Flea Market, hay rides, pumpkin decorating contest, antique car show, etc. We will keep you posted. This would require a lot of planning and a committee would have to be set up to make a Fall Festival a success. Anyone interested can contact Larry or me.

The TRAC Program was a huge success. Look for information on the 2016 program in the spring.

AND THE BIG NEWS IS...The Tree Planting is complete!!! We have added 41 new trees and 4 beautiful gardens. The park looks fantastic. It took 5 days to plant everything and I would like to thank New Hanover Gardens for their healthy stock and J.T.S. Landscape service for the great job they did planting everything. Many thanks to Tom Conley for dragging hoses for days all over the park to fill the water bags. Luckily, we had rain the next week and we didn't have to water again. Thanks to all in the neighborhood who let us use their hoses, thanks to the Lions who offered to help with the second watering, and a special thanks to the Schoolhouse Learning Center for letting us use their water.. We hope everyone now and in the future will enjoy the shade, beauty and color of all the plantings. We have had several people who generously donated trees in memory of loved ones. Anyone interested in donating a tree can contact Larry or me. We will be having a meeting to discuss what type of memorial markers to use on the trees.

Next year we are looking into having the basketball court totally repaved and a few other exiting things may be happening. Stay Tuned!!!

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY 2016!!!



Finance Committee
Harcourt Trimble - Chair



'Twas the eve of the holidays in our Borough,
And the Finance Committee was quite thorough.
After much time the budget was done,
The time had come to have fun.

Now the Finance committee was nestled in their beds,
Major points of the budget were dancing in their heads.
Painting the water tower was in the plan,
Continued modernization of Well #3 was in hand.

Visions of numbers kept dancing in their heads,
Replacement of old water meters was ahead.
To enable balls to bounce true,
The basketball court will be new.

Their brains now settled to a long winters nap,
Approval of the budget was completed in a snap!
The last words heard by Council exited with their gear,
Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Blessed New Year!



Public Works Committee
Fred Potter – Chair

Both our wells are up and running but, we will be shutting down well #3 for a short period of time to do routine maintenance and upgrade some equipment. Well #2 is more than capable of handling the load and in case of an emergency, Well #3 can be turned back on. In the upcoming year, we have a few projects we hope to complete; (1) spot coating of some areas inside the water tower; (2) painting the exterior of the tower; and (3) replacing broken and manual read water meters. The replacement of said meters is at no cost to the home owner. If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our service, please call the Borough office.



Soliciting
Larry Smock

A few weeks ago, I received a phone call from a concerned citizen stating that an individual was going door to door soliciting for the replacement of windows and thought it might be a scam. I sent an email to everyone on my Resident Contact List informing them of the situation. Within a few hours, I received many emails stating that the individual had been at their door. When asked if he had a permit, he could not produce one. Soliciting is only allowed in the Borough if the individual or individuals have a current permit signed by a Borough official and they must have it with them at all times. Soliciting is never allowed after 7 PM. There are a few things you can do if a solicitor is at your door; (1) if you have a cell phone or portable phone, take it with you when you answer the door; (2) ask to see a permit and if they don't have one, tell them you are calling the police; and (3) call the Borough office or if it's after normal working hours, call the Mayor or a member of Council. Their numbers are listed in this newsletter. If you would like to be added to the Resident Contact List, please complete the attached form and return it to the Borough office. If you do not have the ability to receive emails, submit a phone number where you can easily be reached.



Clean Water
Larry Smock

Stormwater Management, and especially clean potable water, is one of the highest priorities of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Listed below are some of the steps that we can take as individuals to help ensure that contaminants don't get into our water sources:

- Use fertilizers sparingly or consider using organic fertilizers.
- Never fertilize before a rain storm. The pollutants are picked up by stormwater during rain events.
- Keep fertilizer off paved surfaces. Rain water washes it into storm drains.
- When going for dog walks, take a shopping bag or sandwich bag to pick up any deposits your dog may leave.
- Flush the pet wastes down the toilet because then it is treated at a sewage treatment plant.
- If flushing down the toilet is not a viable option, put the pet waste in the trash.

These are only a few of the steps we can take to help keep our water clean. More tips will be included in our next newsletter.

Kudo Korner
Larry Smock

We are bringing back our Kudo Korner in this edition of the Newsletter and we have two recipients. Our first Kudo goes to an unknown individual. Prior to our Pancake Breakfast, a resident of the Borough took the time to wash down all the tables in the pavilion and the pavilion itself. This individual wishes to remain anonymous, and so be it. However, it was greatly appreciated and deserving of many Kudos.

The second recipient is the crew from J.T.S. Landscape who planted the trees and bushes in the park. These young gentlemen were professional in every way. All you have to do is take a walk through the park to see what I mean. Attention to detail and pride in your work is sometimes lost when the almighty dollar is involved but not with these young men. Thank you for a job extremely well done and welcome to the Kudo Korner.



Fire Prevention

- Prior to use, please check all Christmas lights to make sure that all wiring is in good condition. (Frayed, cracked wire)
- While burning candles, make sure that they are located away from any flammable materials.
- Never leave candles burning or Christmas lights turned on while your home is unoccupied.
- Keep your Christmas trees watered and if the tree becomes dry, discard it immediately.
- Make sure that your Christmas tree is placed away from any heating unit/vent.
- With the heating season, make sure that your heating equipment is in good condition and have your heater serviced.
- If you have a wood stove or fire place, make sure they are clean, and that you get your chimney cleaned at least once a year.
- Make sure that there are no cracks in the chimney.
- When you remove the ashes, make sure you dispose of them properly. Place them in a metal container and place the container away from any building until they are completely cooled off.
- If at all possible, do not use space heaters in place of regular heating units.
- Electric space heaters are very dangerous and are often placed too close to flammable materials.
- Never over load your electric receptacles.
- Never use extension cords on any appliances because they can overheat and start a fire.
- Do not run extension cords under carpeting.





Schoolhouse Learning Center

"We Meet Your Needs
1-888-4KIDS-77

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www.schoolhouselearningcenter.net

Books plus Time Equals Happiness

By Mary Reid

"Reading to your children gives them a lifetime of happiness," says Elizabeth, my 23-year-old daughter, an avid reader. When our two children were preschool age, their father's career required him to be away from home until evening almost every day. Every night after dinner he took charge of the kids for 45 minutes. They all piled onto our big bed with lots of pillows, the children's favorite stuffed animals, and a stack of books. He started reading to them before they could walk and continued until they were in second and fourth grade, respectively. There's no telling how many books he read or how many times he reread their favorites. As the children matured, he began reading chapter books in nightly installments. As a pre-K teacher I now know how important it is to read to young children. I attribute much of my children's academic success to the hours their father gave to reading aloud to them.

Reading to a young child is important for several reasons:

- **It builds your relationship with the child.** There's always something to talk about—the characters, the action, how it makes you feel and why. And all the language you share in conversation is an amazing learning experience for the child.
- **It teaches rhythm.** Children need exposure to the rhythm of language. What better way to teach it than with a silly book like *Who Stole the Cookies From the Cookie Jar?*
- **It teaches rhyme,** another essential skill when learning to read. Read nursery rhymes aloud and repeat them often with your child. "Little Boy Blue" and "Mary Had a Little Lamb" should be on your reading list as well as other old favorites.
- **It strengthens focus and attention span.** If you say, "My 3-year-old won't sit and listen to a book," try a wordless book with bright, colorful photos that interest her (e.g., dogs, trucks, butterflies). Focused attention is a necessary skill for later learning.
- **It teaches new vocabulary.** When you read books like *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarino, animal names and their babies' names become a natural part of the conversation. Did you know a baby llama is called a cria? Your 3-year-old may even recognize the names of some animals when your play group visits the zoo.
- When you read with your child, you cozy up with him and a good book because it's fun. The time spent together is irreplaceable. No, you don't set out to teach your child when you read to him. But it happens.

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Trumbauersville 21 N. Main Street, Trumbauersville, PA 18970 - 215-536-6601-Fax 215-536-9515



Join us for the 4th Annual Trumbauersville

Winterfest



Saturday, December 5th

7 - 9 PM

Trumbauersville Veterans Park

Santa will arrive by Fire Engine !!!

**Bon Fire, Hot Chocolate, Warm Cider, Cookies,
S'mores, and More !!!!**

Event is free. Bring your own skewer or marshmallow stick if possible.

Enter our Cookie Contest !!!

Bring your best decorated homemade cookie-Win a \$25 WalMart Gift Card

Donations of Hats, Scarves, Mittens, &/or Gloves will be accepted to hang on our

“ Spread the Warmth” Tree - Donations go to our Local Shelters

NO RAIN DATE



One Evergreen Drive
PO Box 100
Trumbauersville, PA 18970
Tel: 215-536-1761 Fax: 215-536-1339
www.trumbauersville.org

TRUMBAUERSVILLE RESIDENT CONTACT LIST

This list was created in 2013 as an Emergency Contact List in response to "Super Storm Sandy". The idea was to provide residents with information during declared state or local emergencies. We have decided to extend that to include any events that are happening in Trumbauersville such as Community Day, Pancake Breakfast, Winter Festival and all other activities and events.

If you care to join the more than forty (40) families that are currently on the list, please complete the below questionnaire and drop it by the Borough office or call and give us the information:

- NAME: _____
- HOME ADDRESS: _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- CELL PHONE: _____
- E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

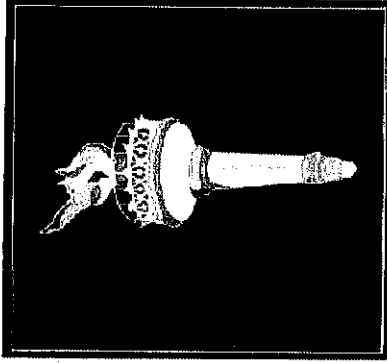
THE JOHN RIVERS VETERANS CENTER



PRESENTS

THE *2015* EDITION

HONOR A VETERAN CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENT



The John Rivers Organization is offering a special Christmas Tree Ornament to honor a veteran from your family. You may choose one of the following.

IN HONOR OF
or
IN MEMORY OF
ORNAMENT ORDER FORM

VETERAN'S INFORMATION

Name of Veteran _____
Branch of Service _____
Rank _____
Service Area: U.S. or Overseas _____
Years of Service _____
() *In-Honor of*
() *In-Memory of*

ORNAMENT DETAILS

On the ornament front is the Milford Townships Molasses' Creek Veterans Memorial Monument. The back has the Veteran's information provided by the family.

This could be that special gift that you have been looking for, a gift that the family will treasure for years to come.

Send a check in the amount of \$25.00 per ornament, payable to: John Rivers Veterans Center (please note-signify donation on your check).

Please detach this form and send back with your check donation to:

The John Rivers Veterans Center
Attn: Jack B. or Paul G.
41 Belmont Avenue
Quakertown, PA 18951

If you are not able to pick up your ornament, we can mail it to you for an additional cost of \$10.00.

DONATION INFORMATION

Donators Name _____
Address _____
Telephone _____
email _____

**BOROUGH OF TRUMBAUERSVILLE
ONE EVERGREEN DRIVE
PO BOX 100
TRUMBAUERSVILLE, PA 18970-0100**

PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETINGS:

January 4, 2016	May 5, 2016	September 1, 2016
February 4, 2016	June 2, 2016	October 6, 2016
March 3, 2016	July 7, 2016	November 3, 2016
April 7, 2016	August 4, 2016	December 1, 2016

Council Meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. All meetings convene at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building and are open to the public.

OPTIONAL COUNCIL MEETINGS (IF NEEDED):

January 21, 2016	May 19, 2016	September 15, 2016
February 18, 2016	June 16, 2016	October 20, 2016
March 17, 2016	July 21, 2016	November 17, 2016
April 21, 2016	August 18, 2016	December 15, 2016

All meetings are held the third Thursday of each month. All meetings convene at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building and are open to the public.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS (IF NEEDED):

January 18, 2016	May 16, 2016	September 19, 2016
February 15, 2016	June 20, 2016	October 17, 2016
March 21, 2016	July 18, 2016	November 21, 2016
April 18, 2016	August 15, 2016	December 19, 2016

All meetings are held on the third Monday of the month. All meetings convene at 7:00 PM at the Municipal Building and are open to the public.

MILFORD/TRUMBAUERSVILLE AREA SEWER AUTHORITY (MTASA):

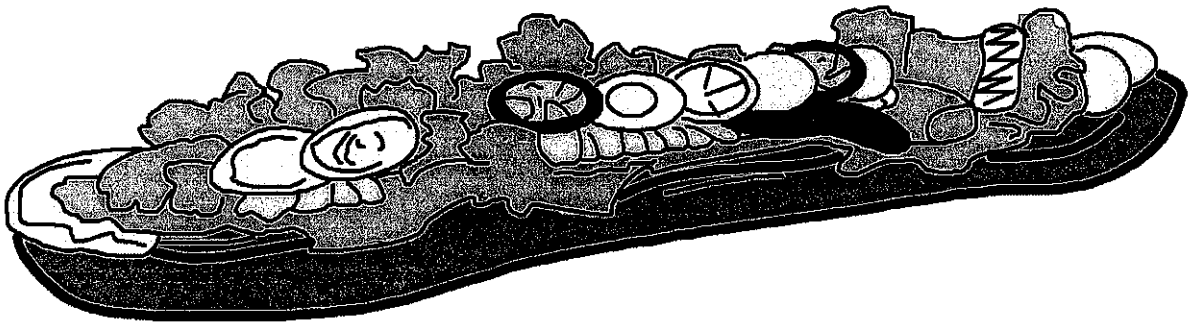
Second Monday of every month 7:00 PM.

QUAKERTOWN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE (QAPC):

Second Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM.

Trumbauersville Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1

HOAGIE SALE



Second Monday of the Month
(Except July & August)
Advanced Orders Due Wednesday Before

\$5.25 - \$5.75
Regular, Ham, Turkey,
Roast Beef, & Buffalo Chicken
with or without onions

To order and/or get more information
call Kim at (215) 536-1998
www.bucks58fire.com

**Trumbauersville
Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1**
www.bucks58fire.com



2016 LOTTERY CALENDAR

**WINNING NUMBERS BASED ON
PA LOTTERY 3-DIGIT EVENING PICK 3**

\$20 Each or 3 for \$50 Donation

Struggling to find the perfect gift?

Give the gift of chance!

Win \$20 To \$250 Per Day!!

Daily Drawings January 1st – June 30th

**For Information:
Contact Jason at
jason.gerhart@comcast.net
or (215) 260-5142**

**TRUMBAUERSVILLE
VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.
CHRISTMAS TREE
SALE**



**Variety of Trees
Starting at \$15 each**

Fire House 215-538-1880

Tom 267-372-2976

www.bucks58fire.com

**Sale Begins
Friday, November 27th (Black Friday)
until Sold Out**

Mon. - Fri. 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sat. - Sun. 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Trumbauersville
Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1
ANNUAL OPERATION SANTA TOUR**



!! Santa Claus is Coming To Town !!

**Santa will be escorted by local
firefighters on a fire truck throughout
Trumbauersville Fire Dept. Response Area**

Saturday, December 19th

4pm-9pm

**Have your camera ready to
capture the look on your child's face
when Santa Claus arrives**

For more information contact Justin at
(215) 892-8447 or www.bucks58fire.com





1-Brown 2-Red 3-Green 4-Yellow

