



TRUMBAUERSVILLE BOROUGH
NEWSLETTER

SPRING

2022



In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.

– Margaret Atwood

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Drops of information from the Water Department

ONLINE BILL PAY IS A HIT!!

Thank you to residents that took advantage of the new online bill pay to make their trash and water bill payments. It is our hope that this new service will enable more residents to pay their utility bills with ease.



APRIL BILLING

PLEASE check your April water/refuse bill to ensure that all information is correct. The Borough Water Dept. needs your correct mailing address including PO Box, phone number – both home and cell.

When any of the holidays listed below falls during the week, the pickup schedule will shift by one day. Trash is collected on Wednesdays and recyclables are picked up on Thursdays. Example: if a holiday falls on a Monday, trash collection would be Thursday and recyclables would be picked up on Friday. This information will be updated and included in future newsletters and posted on our website, Facebook page and the message board in front of borough hall.

Bulk pick-up is the last Wednesday of the Month. You can put out two items.

**Items containing freon are NOT to be placed at the curb for pick-up
Empty trash containers or uncollected trash shall be removed from the
sidewalk by midnight the day of collection (Ordinance 209-05)**

2022 HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>TRASH</u>	<u>RECYCLING</u>
Memorial Day	Thursday, June 2 nd	Friday, June 3 rd
4 th of July	Thursday, July 7 th	Friday, July 8 th
Labor Day	Thursday, September 8 th	Friday, September 9 th
Thanksgiving	Wednesday, November 23 rd	Friday, November 25 th
Christmas	Thursday, December 29 th	Friday, December 30 th



From the President

Ed Child – Council President

Spring is in the air bringing with it hope that spring showers will wash away the pandemic induced inactivity of the past two years . Like families everywhere, many of us have filled the last two years with movie marathons, game nights, and long walks. COVID-19 has had a profound impact on humanity that stretched beyond the inconvenience of masks and vaccinations. Now, life feels as if it is slowly, carefully, resurfacing, edging closer to our individual versions of normal. Let's hope the downward trend in new cases continues and our lives return to normal sooner rather than later.

With the return to normalcy in mind, Council voted at its February 3rd meeting to move forward and plan a full Community Day for June 4. Additional information on community day plans and volunteer opportunities can be found within . The statement below seems tailor made for this moment in time.

“Despite the forecast, live like it's spring.”

— Lilly Pulitzer

See you at Community Day!

-Ed Child, Council President

COMMUNITY DAY

June 4, 2022



This is **your** community, and your Community Day. Let's work together to bring new ideas and suggestions to reality and make this the best community day yet!



**Suggestions? New ideas?
Bring it on!!**

We are looking for residents to join the committee to help us plan a spectacular event. If you don't have the time to serve on the committee, but would still like to contribute your ideas, contact the borough office at

215-536-1761.

Watch for more announcements on our website, Facebook page, and resident email contact list. A special Community Day newsletter complete with details and schedule for the day will be distributed 2 weeks prior to the date.



HEAR YE, HEAR YE

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY

Please take a moment to complete the survey attached and submit your comments via the drop box at borough hall. Your effort is appreciated.



GRANT

OPPORTUNITY

As mentioned in the Winter 2021 newsletter, the borough has been exploring the idea of installing a walking path that would wind through the open space property the borough purchased several years ago. The proposed path would join the existing path at Veterans Park, meander through the adjacent field and exit onto Woodview Drive across from the entrance to the Barrel Run walking trail.

Both grants have match requirements ranging from 15-50% of the total project cost, the borough portion could range from \$30,000-\$90,000. As with all grants, there are stipulations that we must adhere to regarding allowable activities and use of the property. Matching funds will come from the Cellular Fund. The funds in this account are rental revenues and franchise fees from cable and cellular companies that utilize the water tower space for.

Another grant requirement is community involvement. Here is your opportunity to let Borough Council know what you think about the proposed path or any other idea you may have regarding borough improvements you feel are important.



Spring Cleaning

Spring is just around the corner, which means it is time for our annual outdoor Spring-Cleaning efforts.

WEEDS: While sprucing up your yard, please remember the sidewalk and curb areas (including where the curb meets the road) are the property owner's responsibility. Failure to remove weeds from these areas could result in fines. Additionally, be sure to sweep up any cinders that may have accumulated on your sidewalk from the winter's snow plowing efforts.

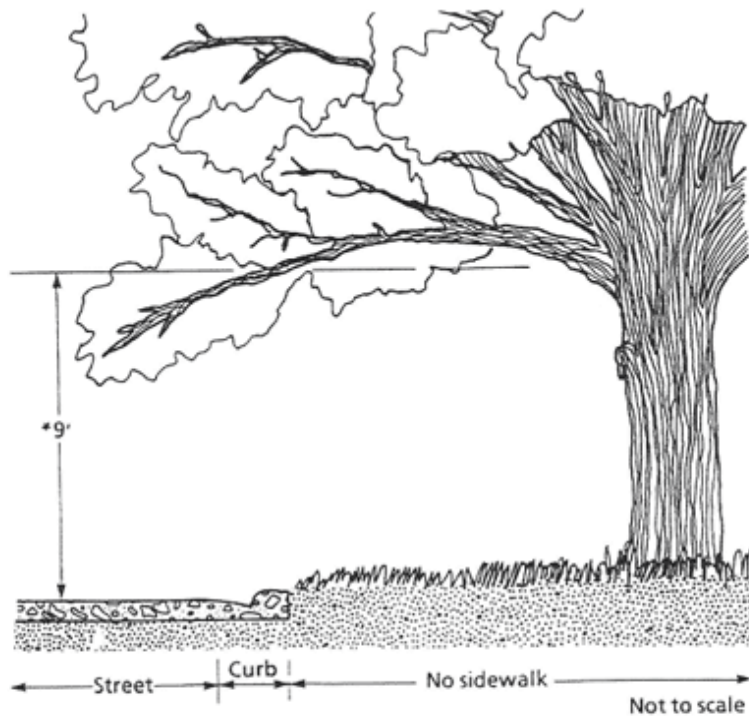


GRASS: Did you know that it is illegal to discharge/blow grass clippings into the street? Debris left or discharged into the street eventually ends up in our storm water system which could, in the end, lead to clogs. And PLEASE don't leave grass clippings on your sidewalk. If you do not have a mulching mower, or a compost pile, dispose of your grass clippings and any other yard waste properly. Yard waste, seasonal debris (pumpkins), and tree limbs/leaves are not to be deposited in drainage swales, discharged, or deposited onto anyone else's property including borough property such as open space areas and Veteran's Park.

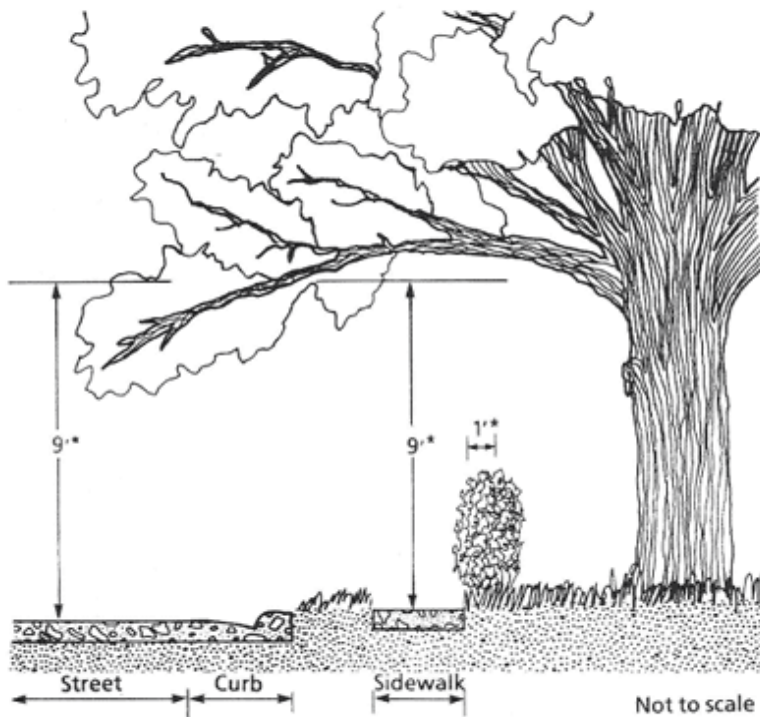
SHRUBS & TREES: Shrubs must be trimmed so that they do not encroach onto the sidewalk and trees overhanging the sidewalk need to be pruned a minimum of 9 feet above the sidewalk. Burning yard waste requires a permit from the Fire Marshall to be obtained **BEFORE** you burn.



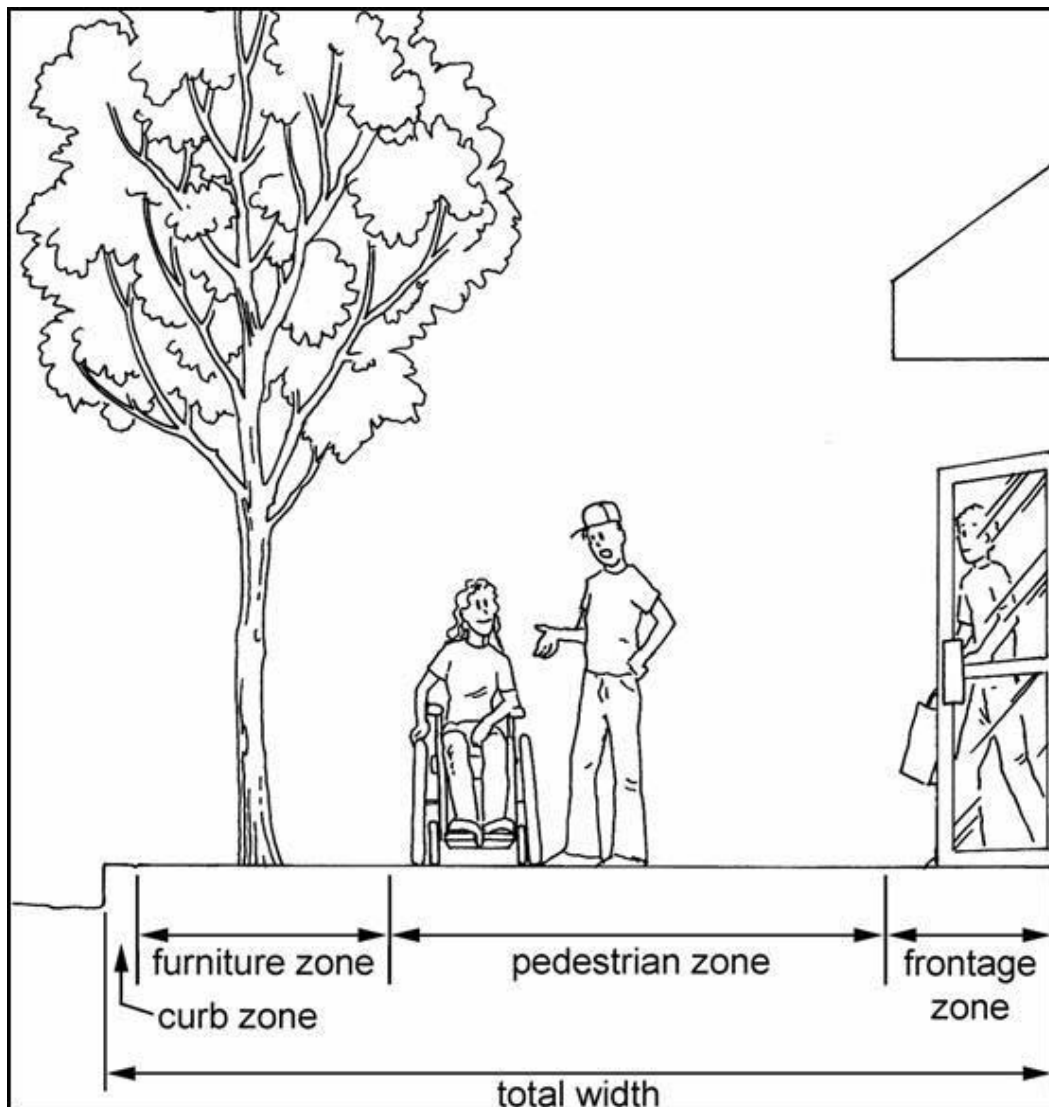
Trumbauersville is a wonderful little town. Every resident shares the responsibility to do their best to make sure that when the grass is growing, the trees are leafing, and flowers are blooming, our wonderful town looks its very best!



Branches should be trimmed so that there is 9' of clear space above the pavement (street and/or sidewalk).



Branches should be trimmed so that there is 9' of clear space above the pavement (street and/or sidewalk). Bushes obstructing sidewalks should be trimmed back so that there is 1' clearance between the bush and the sidewalk.



Zones making up a sidewalk corridor.

The pedestrian zone is specifically reserved for walking. The zone must be completely free of overhanging and protruding obstacles, including vegetation. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act *Accessibility Guidelines* (ADAAG), objects must not protrude: (1) lower than a height of 80 inches, (2) higher than 27 inches from the ground, and (3) outward more than 4 inches from posts, buildings or free-standing fixtures. Tree branches or shrubs that protrude into the sidewalk corridor must be cut or trimmed. This means that branches between the heights of 27 to 80 inches must be cut regularly. For people who are blind or with severe vision impairment and using a “white” cane, the maximum 27-inch lower height is important. The sweep motion of the cane will catch the presence of the protruding object. If the object is higher than 27 inches from the ground, then the person might run into it and injure him/herself.

Trumbauersville Volunteer Fire Company

Station 58



We are very fortunate to have one of the finest fire companies in the area providing a high level of service to our residents right here in our borough. Over the past year, the volunteers of Station 58 saw no serious accidents or injuries due in large part to the amount of training firefighters are required to undergo. In 2021, Station 58 participated in 98 individual training events for a grand total of 1,521 hours. Additionally, the members of Station 58 are considered by many in the fire service to be one of, if not the best, trained volunteers in the county.

2021 saw Station 58 responding to 235 calls which totaled 1,488 hours of time in service. When you add training hours, time spent on their numerous fundraising events, meetings, work details and public education, it comes to a grand total of 6,425 hours of volunteer work. These hours do not include administrative time, prep time for events, general maintenance, etc.

Keeping a volunteer fire company up and running smoothly takes a lot of time, effort, and funding. COVID-19 has had a significant impact on this effort, especially the ability to fundraise. Attendance at public events showed a marked decrease, even the ever-popular bingo nights were poorly attended.

The members of Station 58 are thankful for the support our community provided in 2021, without which they would not have been able provide the high level of service and protection our community has come to expect. So please, when you see a fundraising event such as bingo, the monthly hoagies sales, their direct donation letter, etc., show Station 58 your appreciation with the same generosity you have in the past.





As mentioned in the December newsletter, PennDOT has approved our request for speed reduction from 35mph to 25mph on Broad and Main Streets. Now that the weather has become more cooperative sign installation can proceed.

Once new signage is in place the radar speed detectors will be installed adding an additional reminder for drivers to

SLOW DOWN!



Emergency Management

Trumbauersville Borough Safety Information Workshops

Trumbauersville Borough Emergency Management is starting a quarterly Safety Information Workshop for Trumbauersville Borough residents and businesses. These workshops will address a variety of topics with hopes that the more informed our residents are the more prepared they will be for an emergency. Information is key. The more information we have, the better prepared we are which will ultimately result in the best possible outcome for everyone.

Workshops will be held at various locations depending on the topic. Each workshop is expected to be 1 to 2 hours long (dependent on topic, amount of information presented, public interest, and questions received). Additional topics of interest may be incorporated, pending speaker availability.

The first workshop will be held on Tuesday April 19 at 7 PM at the Trumbauersville Borough building. The topic will be 'Environmental and other Hazard Notification and Communication'. It will present how environmental and other hazards could impact the borough, the preparation required to meet the challenge, and the actions and remediation implemented. Additionally, the process of notifying residents, and Bucks County Emergency Management Agency to ensure that everyone is kept informed on the actions the borough is taking to address the hazard, and what steps residents or businesses may need to take will be reviewed.

Community Survey

Recreational Improvements

Recently, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) – via the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) have announced funding programs available to develop, improve or rehabilitate public parks, recreation facilities, and trail projects. Funding is provided through competitive grants with the primary requirements to be met are project eligibility and ability to meet required financial match.

The project put forward by our Parks & Recreation Committee is a walking path that would traverse through the open space that adjoins Veteran's Park. The proposed path would connect with the existing path at Veteran's Park, wind across the adjoining field and exit onto Woodview Dr. across from the entrance to the Barrel Run Trail that begins next to the elementary school. At this point, we are awaiting a project estimate from the borough engineer, but it is expected to cost approximately \$140,000. The required match funds that the borough must commit to would be supplied from the Cellular Fund. This fund is used only for revenue received from rental on the water tower from Verizon and T Mobile, and franchise fees from Comcast and Verizon. (Taxpayer funds, aka 'real estate tax revenue', is in the General Fund and will not be utilized for this project).

This is where we need your input. Please review the questions below and provide your response to the borough no later than the end of March. Your response can be completed on this sheet and dropped off at the borough office via the drop box. Please keep your comments focused on this topic, and your remarks respectful.

- 1- Do you feel that the new walking path will be a valuable addition to the community?
- 2- If not, what recreational improvement do you feel would be more beneficial?
- 3- Since revenue from the Cellular Fund will be used to meet the match requirements of the grant (range is \$30,000 – \$90,000) there will be no adverse impact to the residents. Yes / No.

Comments

YOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Chris Betz, Vice President 215-536-7798

Fred Potter, 215-538-0596

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Michael George, 215-536-4936

Rebecca Spor, 215-536-6754

Peter Gehring, 267-293-8729

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COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 1ST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FRIDAY

8:00 AM – NOON

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR

Dani McClanahan

WATER DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Betsy Moyer

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Betsy Moyer – 215-536-8307

BOROUGH OFFICE

215-536-1761

EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR

Keystone Collections – 724-978-0300

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CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

WWW.TRUMBAUERSVILLEBORO.ORG

Our new website is live and waiting for your input. Please let me know what you would like to see on the site. Together we can develop a website that is informative, interactive, and meets the needs of this community.

Please send comments and suggestions to info@trumbauersvilleboro.org.



