

Trumbauersville Borough Newsletter



2023



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There is a vacancy on the Trumbauersville Zoning Hearing Board.

If you are interested, please send a letter to the borough office describing your interest and include any relevant background or experience. It does not require a lot of your time as the Board only meets once or twice a year.

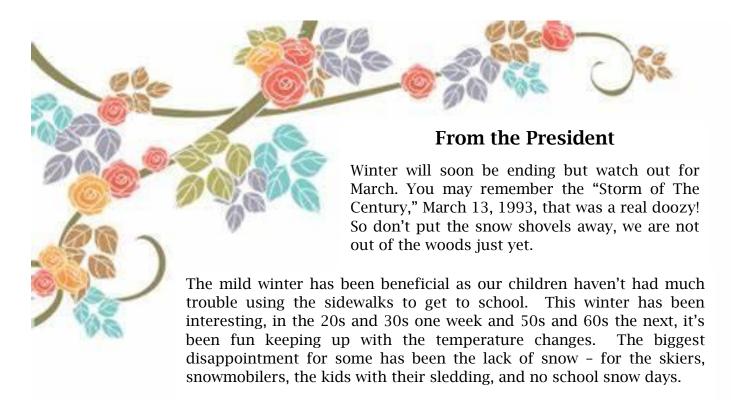
The primary purpose of the Zoning Hearing Board is to help assure the fair and equitable application and administration of the Zoning Ordinance. The Board hears appeals from the zoning officer's determinations, requests for variances, and applications for Special Exception uses.

Applicants should have a willingness to learn about zoning in general and the Trumbauersville Zoning Ordinance in particular. In-house training will be available.



#### TRASH COLLECTION 2023

HOLIDAY	TRASH	RECYCLING
Memorial Day	Thursday, June 1st	Friday, June 2nd
4 <sup>th</sup> of July	Thursday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	Thursday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, September 8 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving	Wednesday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas	Thursday, December 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>



Getting ready to welcome Spring means it is time for your annual outdoor Spring Cleaning and our annual reminder of the dos and don'ts. When sprucing up your yard, please make sure that any weeds coming up through your sidewalk or where the curb meets the road are removed. The sidewalk and curb areas are the property owner's responsibility, and you can be fined for letting the weeds get out of control.

When mowing your grass, DO NOT BLOW THE CLIPPINGS INTO THE STREET! Not only is it illegal and dangerous for motorcyclists and bike riders, but it also ends up in our stormwater system and has the potential to clog it up. And please <u>clean the grass clippings off of your sidewalk</u>. If you do not have a mulching mower or don't have a compost pile, dispose of your grass clippings, and yard waste properly. They may not be deposited onto anyone else's property, including borough property, such as the drainage swales bordering our park.

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 7 feet above the sidewalk. You may not burn any yard waste without first getting a permit from the Fire Marshall.

Trumbauersville is a great little town, let's do our part to help our wonderful town look its best!





# Community Day will be here soon!! Save the Date



Ed Child – Community Day Committee Chair

Our 23rd annual Community Day will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> this year, so be sure to mark it on your calendar now. All of your favorite attractions and entertainment will be back, including the Trumbauersville Lion's Club Strawberry Festival and pig roast, DJ, photo booth, caricaturist, Moon Bounce, petting zoo, face painting, and Chump the Clown. As always, the ping pong ball drop will start the day's festivities. Participating again this year are Christ UCC and Christ Lutheran churches, Trumbauersville Volunteer Fire Company, Schoolhouse Learning Center, and our own Boy Scout troop. It is truly a small-town community event!!

It takes a lot of effort to set up for Community Day. Last year we were fortunate to have help from the Quakertown High School football team. They loaded up everything at the borough garage and took it all to the park, helped set up the canopies, tables, chairs, the DJ stage, etc. It's a big effort and the team played an enormous role in starting the day off on the right foot.

Look for the special newsletter edition with all the details, it will be distributed about 2 weeks before Community Day.

# Spring is the time of plans and projects.

## Leo Tolstoy



#### BUILDING/ZONING

- ❖ Do I need a permit to put a shed in the backyard?
- ❖ I installed storage shelves that block access to the water meter in the basement, is that a problem?
- I was told I didn't need a permit; the work is done so why do I still need a permit?
- When it comes to water runoff, remember that you can't solve your problem by making it your neighbors. Stormwater runoff should be directed across your yard to be reabsorbed.

When you have questions regarding improvements, alterations, or installations on your home and property, a phone call to the borough office BEFORE YOU BEGIN could save you time, trouble, and money.

Before you start something new, while you are still in the planning stages, call the office and talk to Dani to discuss the permitting requirements for your project.

Building and Zoning permit applications can be found on the borough website <a href="https://www.trumbauersvilleboro.org">www.trumbauersvilleboro.org</a>, click on Forms & Applications.

# 16TH DISTRICT SENATOR JARRETT COLEMAN

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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE
EDUCATION
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
LICENS & HOUSING

#### Trumbauersville Residents,

I am extremely humbled to have been elected to represent you in the Pennsylvania State Senate. Due to the redistricting that took place last year, northern Bucks County has been added to the 16<sup>th</sup> Senate District. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, to learn what is important to each of you, and your families. My family and I call Breinigsville home, however I hope to be a familiar face in your community as we work together throughout my term. My goal is to ensure Pennsylvania delivers its potential to all of us.

I am honored to have been appointed Chairman of the Intergovernmental Operations Committee. I also have the pleasure of serving on Senate committees on Education, Local Government, Urban Affairs & Housing, Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, and Communication & Technology.

Of course, as a member of the Senate, I will represent you on any issue before the Senate.

Our office information is as follows:

Harrisburg Office: Bucks County Office: Lehigh County Office: 459 Main Capitol Building 314 West Broad St 7535 Windsor Dr.

Harrisburg, PA 17120 Room 102 Suite 200B

Phone: 717-787-1349 Quakertown, PA 18951 Allentown, PA 18106

Additionally, contact me anytime with questions or concerns at <u>senatorcoleman.com/contact/</u>.

Sincerely

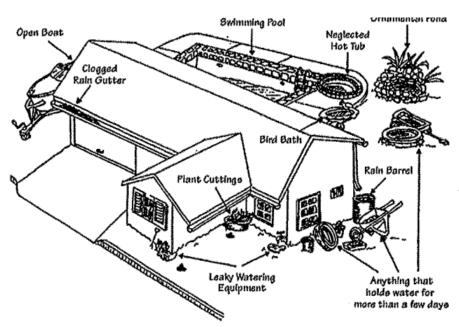
Senator Jarrett Coleman

## **Mosquito (Insect) Vector Control**

#### **Bucks County Department of Health**

The Bucks County Department of Health's (BCDH) Disease Vector Control Program works to protect the population of Bucks County from mosquito infestation, nuisance mosquito bites and potential mosquito borne disease through enforcement of the County's Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Disease Vector Control. The Department conducts an extensive mosquito control program during the warmer months of the year, see West Nile Virus program.

Residents and property owners can also help prevent mosquito infestations and bites by eliminating standing water which promotes mosquito breeding around their homes. They can further reduce the threat of mosquito borne disease by using a repellant when going outdoors. Long sleeve shirts and pants can offer protection from bites as well as limiting time outdoors at dawn or dusk when mosquitoes are most active. The below diagram shows places which are the most problematic around homes or businesses.



Places where mosquitoes breed!

Pennsylvania Department of Health West Nile Site: <a href="https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/ProgramIntegration/Vector-Management/Mosquitoes/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/ProgramIntegration/Vector-Management/Mosquitoes/Pages/default.aspx</a>

CDC West Nile Web Site - https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/prevention/index.html

CDC Tick Disease Prevention Web Site: https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\_people.html

Dare to 2B Aware Tick Prevention Program - https://palyme.org/dare-2b-tick-aware/

#### Please Join our Spring Clean Up Day!

Help Beautify Bucks County and Help Eliminate Nuisance and Disease Carrying Mosquitoes!

When: Weekend of April 23<sup>rd</sup> or specify your own date!

Where: Your Property, help a neighbor or at a public area!



Clean up leaves, refuse, and make sure all containers, boats, etc. are properly stored with covers or inverted so as not to allow standing water. Trash cans need lids! Get rid of old tires and clean out your rain gutters! Don't give mosquitoes a place to breed on your property!



# RECYCLING Do's & Don'ts



- Do not recycle plastic bags. Why? They wrap around moving parts and gum up the recycling equipment. Recycle plastic bags at the local supermarkets.
- Do not throw plastic bottles into the recyclable container with the caps on. Why? 80% of bottles with caps on still have liquid in them. Throw the caps away, they are small and can also jam up the equipment.
- Do not throw shredded paper into the recycling bin. Number one, it will most likely be in a plastic bag, which you cannot recycle, and two, recycling is tedious and done by hand. The small pieces of shredded paper cannot be picked up and can also jam up the equipment.
- Do not recycle Styrofoam even if it has the recycling symbol on it.
- All containers must be empty, clean, and dry.

# What Can Be Recycled?

#### Recyclable

#### <u>Paper</u>

Office paper (staples are OK)

Newspaper Envelopes Junk mail Phone books Brochures Magazines

Catalogs

Cardboard

File folders Posterboard

Shipping boxes (folded flat)

Frozen food boxes Cardboard boxes Milk cartons Ream wrappers

#### Metal

Aluminum cans Steel food containers

#### Plastic (no caps)

Water bottles
Soda containers
Take out containers
Detergent containers
Shampoo/body wash containers
Any plastic container with the recycle symbol

#### <u>Glass</u>

All bottles and jars (clear, brown, green)

All containers must be empty, clean, and dry

#### **Not Recyclable**

Aerosol cans Aluminum foil Aluminum pans Batteries Food waste

Mirrors or ceramics (i.e., coffee mugs)

Stickers and address labels Styrofoam of any kind

Tissue, paper towels, napkins

Pizza boxes Garden hoses Light bulbs All plastic bags

Cardboard with plastic tape

Bubble wrap Plastic wrap Electronic waste

Paint

**Pesticides** 

Syringes and needles

REMEMBER,
WHEN IN DOUBT
THROW IT OUT!





#### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Hello Trumbauersville,

I hope you all had a fantastic winter and were able to spend quality time with friends and family. We had a wonderful Winterfest 2022! Thank you all for coming out, it was a fun night! It was great seeing everyone; I really enjoy being a part of a team of great people who help put this event on. I would like to thank everyone who helped put on this event: Michael George, Ed Child, Steve and Becky Spor, Peter Gehring, Betsy Moyer and Earl Moyer, Debbie Nace, Joan Kratz, Lisa Reilly, Craig and Ryan Wilhelm, Marilyn Bobb, and the Trumbauersville Fire Company.

Also, a big thank you to Lansdale Amusements for their toy donations and to all who donated hats, scarves, and gloves to our Spread the Warmth Tree. Hot dog sales /donations raised \$126 for Feast Pantry. Thank you, Trumbauersville for helping those in need. I had a great time working with so many wonderful people, I can't wait for next year!

As we welcome a new Spring, I encourage you all to take a moment and go through our Borough and enjoy all that it has to provide. If you stop by the park you'll see that we planted four dogwood trees donated by Judy Stauffer. Also, you may take notice this winter Kayla Wulffleff from Scouts BSA was working on her Eagle Scout project with some of her fellow Scouts who were getting in their service hours. Kayla's leadership skills were on display as she worked with her team to install military plaques as well as a Free Library box which is in front of Borough Hall. They also installed a retaining wall, military plaques and bench so that you may take a moment to sit in reflection by the flagpole in the park. She is a very impressive young lady and I am very proud of all the work that she and her fellow Scouts have done and I will be presenting her a Mayoral Certificate of Appreciation.

While you're at the park for a visit, you may notice that there are 3 new ADA compliant picnic tables in the Pavilion that we installed last season. I will ask for you to please refrain from moving these tables around as those in wheelchairs need adequate spacing to access them. If you do move them, please try to put them back where you found them so that everyone can enjoy our park. We'll be installing the new basketball backboards in the park soon.

We have a new Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Councilman Michael George. I look forward to working with him on several projects as the year goes on. I have no doubt that we will continue to get great things done as he's been an outstanding member of this community.

As Mayor, I get to work with some truly great people, one of which is Marilyn Bobb, our Emergency Management Coordinator. She has been working hard to keep our Borough safe. We are in constant communication and work well as a team. She recently updated our Emergency Operations Plan book for the borough and has briefed me on all the content. Also, last year she had several Public Safety meetings. The last one in the Fall included our firefighters. During this meeting she provided safety information and tutorials. The firefighters were there demonstrating some of the equipment and giving tours of the trucks and firehouse. The kids who were there were very excited. They were able to try on some of the equipment and sit in the firetrucks. Not only do these meetings serve a purpose of safety instruction, but they help to bring the community together, and inspire volunteer efforts. I really like these events, and I'm hoping Marilyn continues to keep doing them. She will have my support.

Finally, as you go out to visit our Borough, it is my hope that you would stop by and see some of our local businesses as they are the backbone of our community. Many of our events are made possible because of their generosity. You may also want to stop by the fire company, Feast Pantry, or Quakertown's VFW Post to take part in one of their fundraisers or learn how to become a volunteer. I can't think of any other way to start the year than in service to others.

However you spend your spring, I wish you a happy and safe year!

Thank you for your confidence in me, I am truly grateful, and I will not forget those whom I serve.



## What's new in Parks & Recreation

Mike George, Chair Parks & Rec Committee

#### T.R.A.C. is BACK!!

Borough Council is looking for a director and support staff to oversee the summer program. TRAC starts on Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the hours are 8 AM-Noon, Monday - Friday finishing on Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Persons interested in serving in any of the positions above should submit a resume and a letter of interest to the borough office. This position is ideal for teachers and anyone with experience working with children. A Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance, and a Federal Criminal History Clearance is required for all employees.

Registration forms will be available on the borough's website after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Participation in the program is open to children 5-12 year of age that are residents of Trumbauersville Borough.





Free Library Box located outside the Borough Office

Don't forget to check out the
Eagle Scout Service Project
completed by
Eagle Scout Candidate
Kayla Anne Wulffleff







Revitalized Veteran's Memorial at Veteran's Park.

#### **YOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Ed Child, President 267-733-7541 Chris Betz, Vice President 215-536-7798

Fred Potter, 215-538-0596 Stephen Spor, 215-536-6754

Michael George, 215-536-4936 Rebecca Spor, 215-536-6754

Peter Gehring, 267-293-8729 Jim Black, Mayor, 215-538-2307

#### 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 WATER DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Dani McClanahan

Betsy Moyer

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Betsy Moyer – 215-536-8307

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215-536-1761

#### EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR

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Marilyn Bobb – 215-536-2518

#### FIRE MARSHALL / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Craig Wilhelm – 215-802-4572

#### 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.

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