

Trumbauersville Borough

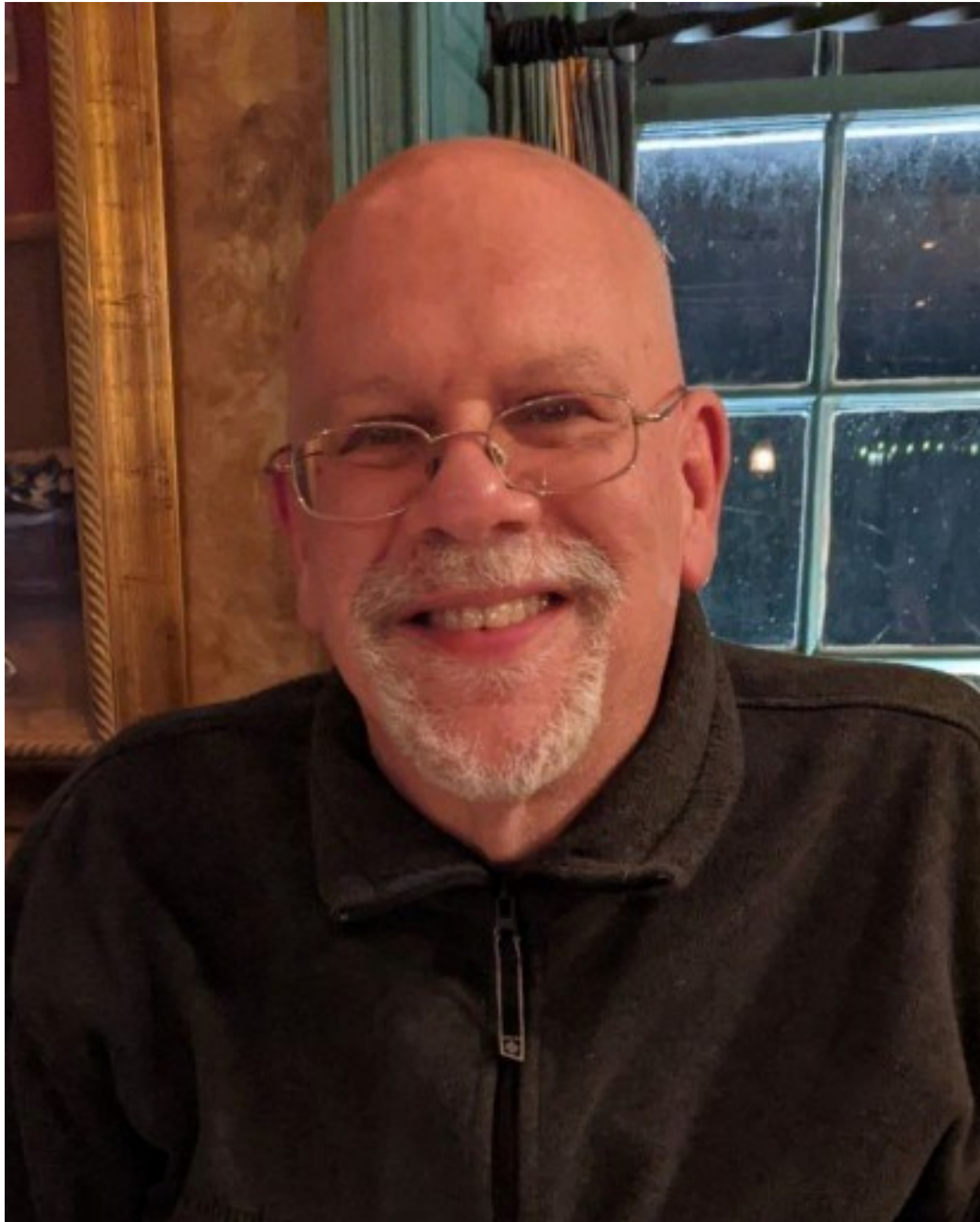
NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023

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The Borough of Trumbauersville lost a great asset and dedicated community member when Borough Council member Frederick J. Potter IV passed away after a long-fought battle with liver disease and cancer. We on Council are in a state of shock and sadness at the loss of a tireless and passionate public servant, neighbor and friend. Fred served this borough selflessly for over 39 years on various committees, boards, the planning commission, and on Borough Council. He rarely missed an opportunity to volunteer at community events and pitch in wherever he could to help.

There is so much to be said about Fred's dedication and contributions to this borough that will be shared soon, so stay tuned. Certainly, many of you have instances in mind where Fred's generosity, community dedication, incredible knowledge, and great sense of humor have touched your lives.

Please keep Fred's family in your thoughts as they process the loss of an irreplaceable father and husband.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Whatever you may celebrate this time of year, the most fulfilling aspect of the holidays is not found in the food, drink, or the gifts we receive, but in time spent with the family and friends we hold dear.

Please remember our service men and women who will be spending the holidays away from friends and family. Since we have no Selective Service draft at this time, those in the service of our country serve voluntarily and they deserve our respect and gratitude. Please keep them in your thoughts, your hearts, and your prayers.

Let this coming year be better than all the others and may your hand be stretched out in friendship. For this holiday season and the rest of winter, stay warm, stay safe, and enjoy making memories with your family.

Wishing you and yours the very best,

*Ed Child
Borough Council President*

YOUR BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ed Child, President 267-733-7541	Chris Betz, Vice President 215-536-7798
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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.
INFO@TRUMBAUERSVILLEBORO.ORG WATER@TRUMBAUERSVILLEBORO.ORG

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – THURSDAY

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

FRIDAY

8:00 AM – NOON

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR WATER DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

Dani McClanahan Wendy Witt

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTOR

Betsy Moyer – 215-536-8307

BOROUGH OFFICE

215-536-1761

EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTOR

Keystone Collections – 724-978-0300

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Marilyn Bobb – 215-536-2518

FIRE MARSHALL / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Craig Wilhelm – 215-802-4572

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK





SNOW REMOVAL

Sidewalks not cleared of snow and ice are a public safety issue. The public must have a safe route to walk, particularly our children on their way to school. The borough's snow removal ordinance addresses this concern by requiring all property owners (owners of a private residence, business, or rental property) to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice by enforcing the following:

Sidewalks must be cleared of snow within 24 hours after snow stops falling.

Cleared paths must be a minimum of 30 inches wide.

For ice, an anti-skid abrasive or ice melt product must be applied

AT NO TIME are you permitted to shovel, plow, blow, or by any other means deposit snow into the street.

If you will be away from home and unable to clear your sidewalk within the 24 hours, you must plan to have someone clear it for you.

SNOW EMERGENCY

When the Mayor declares a snow emergency, information will be conveyed in the following ways:

Announced on WFMZ in Allentown, both TV and Radio

Listed on the message board in front of borough hall

Posted to the borough's Facebook page

Via Ready Bucks, the Mass Notification System used by the Borough
(registration instructions on page 13)

When a snow emergency is declared, **ALL** vehicles, including trailers, **MUST** be removed from the streets to allow for curb-to-curb plowing. If you do not have adequate off-street parking, you can utilize the borough parking lot at Veteran's Park until the 'snow emergency' status is canceled.

When snow is predicted, with or without a snow emergency declaration, please make every effort to remove your vehicles from the street to ensure effective snow plowing.



Food Collection

Items donated will be delivered to F.E.A.S.T Pantry located at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church on E. Broad St. which serves approximately 100 families. Nonperishable items such as canned goods, cereal, juice, soup, pasta, tuna, snacks, canned fruit, peanut butter, rice, canned vegetables, condiments, tea, and coffee are needed. Please



Help for those in need is a year-round effort. With the Holidays upon us that need is more keenly felt. While shopping for your holiday feast please remember to purchase a few extra items for our area food pantries and help them stock their shelves. Donations can be dropped off at Borough Hall during business hours.

A new Trumbauersville video, filmed this past Spring, has been posted to our website. We hope you enjoy this short documentary on our wonderful little borough.



WATER METER UPGRADE

We are approaching completion of our water meter upgrade project. There are about a dozen homes that we still need access to before we can proceed with the final stage which is installing software and programming equipment so we can read the meters electronically.

Please remember that the water meter is borough property and therefore must be accessible to borough employees/contractors with advanced notice to the property owner. For the property owners that still need to have their meter replaced, please contact Alex directly at 215-833-3740 at your earliest convenience so we can stamp this project

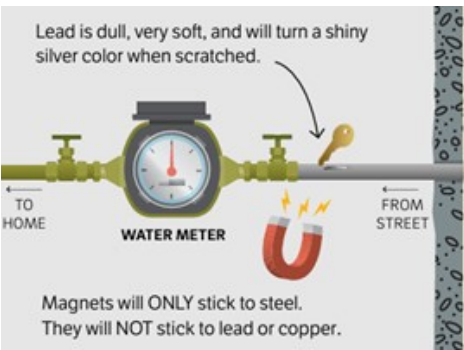
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Checking your water distribution pipes for lead

New state and federal laws require us to inventory all water service lines in our service area. A service line is an underground pipe that carries water from the water main, in the street, into your home or building. Trumbauersville Borough Water Department owns and maintains the portion of the service line from the water main to the curb stop located at the private property boundary. The portion of the service line located on private property is the responsibility of the property owner. The Borough is in the process of verifying the material of all service lines. Major water system upgrades completed in the 1990s replaced water mains and system-owned portions of service lines throughout much of the Borough. Service line replacements (to the property boundary) completed during this work are constructed of copper and are lead-free. We need to determine the type of material the privately owned portion of your service line is made of. To do this, we will need your help.

Service lines are often copper, plastic, lead, or galvanized iron or steel. Older homes and buildings may have a lead service line. Drinking water is free from lead when it leaves our water treatment plant. However, water can absorb lead as it travels through lead pipes on its way to your faucet. Lead can cause serious health problems. If you have a lead service line, we need to take steps to reduce your lead exposure risk. Knowing your service line material is very important for your health and safety!



Look for a survey link on the borough website www.trumbauersville.org. The survey is the quickest way to get the necessary information on your service line submitted to the borough. Thank you.



The Trumbauersville Fire Company would like to thank everyone who supported our organization this past year. Without your support, we might not be able to provide you with up to date quality protection and equipment. We are only as good as the support we receive from the community we serve. Trumbauersville Fire Company will be sending out our Annual Fund Drive Letter with a listing of all of our 2024 fund raising events. We are a 501 c(3) organization which means that your donation is tax deductible.

All residents are strongly encouraged to put their street address number on the outside of their residence. If you need house numbers for the front of your residence the fire company has the green placards with numbers for sale. Call the fire company (215-538-1880) for more information or to place an order.

2024 Fund Raising Events

Jan.-June	Lottery Calendars
Feb. 24	Soup Day pick up (pre-orders only) Call Jen 215-989-0909 to order
March 27-29	Easter Flower Sale 9 am-7 pm
March 30	Easter Flower Sale 9 am till sold out
Spring	Dine & Donate McDonalds
April 20	Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 pm

Hoagies Orders By:

December 29
February 2
March 1
March 29

Pick Up

January 8
February 12
March 11
April 8

Call Jen at 215-989-0909

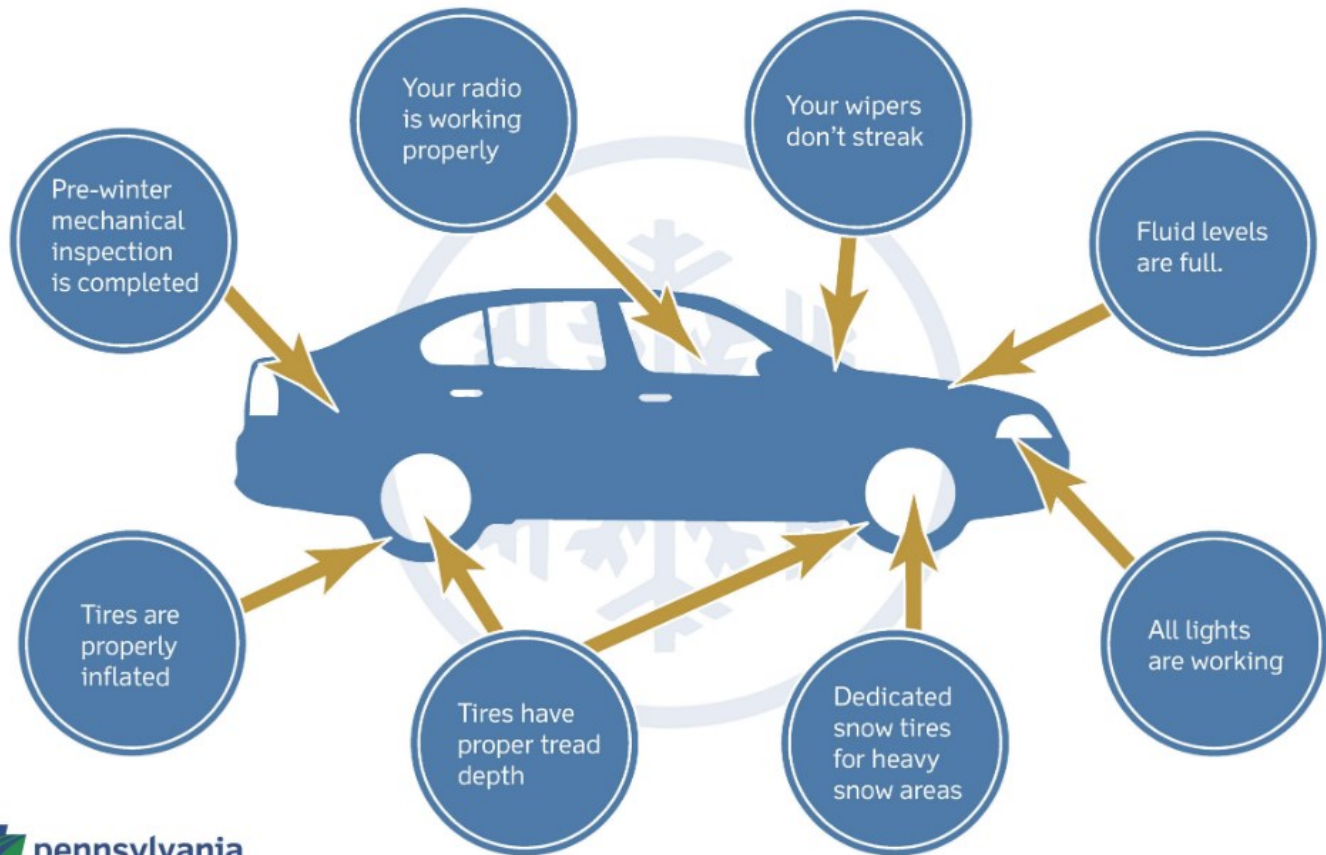
to place an order



For more information or questions, call
Marilyn at 215-536-2518 or Jen at 215-989-0909

Getting Your Vehicle Ready for Winter

Motorists should ensure that...



EMERGENCY TRAVEL KIT...DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!



Also remember to include warm clothing and gloves, blanket, ice scraper, sand, non-perishable food and anything else you may need to accommodate family traveling with you (special medication, baby supplies, pet food, etc.).



PennDOT Winter Storm Tactics

Before the Storm

- PennDOT holds statewide Web conferences with department staff, weather experts and officials from PEMA and State Police to discuss upcoming weather and discuss preparations or sharing resources as needed.
- Department crews may pretreat with salt brine, essentially a mix of water and salt, from the backs of anti-icing trucks before frozen precipitation starts to fall.
- Salt brine is NOT a silver bullet and it isn't appropriate for every storm, but when it's used it helps prevent precipitation from bonding to the road and gives the department a jump start on removing ice and snow.
- Crews generally will not pretreat with salt brine when a storm is forecast to start as rain (rain will wash the material away) or when there is enough salt residue from a previous storm.
- PennDOT monitors weather forecasts to gauge when to call crews into action.
- Especially in high traffic areas, PennDOT may stage plows along major routes and interstates so they can quickly begin treating the roadway when precipitation begins.
- Some PennDOT regions use private contractors to supplement its state crews through the whole winter, while some areas supplement their crews based on storm forecasts.

During the Storm

- While snow is falling, roads will NOT be free of ice and snow.
- Why not? If snow is falling at 1 inch per hour, for example, and a truck takes three hours to return to the start of its route, 3 inches of snow has fallen.
- Whether an operator is plowing snow from a roadway depends on the depth or heaviness of snow or slush, severity of the storm and in what stage of the storm the truck is being operated.
- During a storm, plows use the same roads we all travel on. As traffic or precipitation increases, so does the time it takes for a plow to complete its route. If you're stuck in traffic, so are we.
- This means that if storms hit at rush hour, you should plan extra time for your commute.
- PennDOT provides additional service to areas near schools and other large public gathering places.

Materials

- PennDOT plow operators use technology in their trucks to monitor air temperature and road temperature so they can tailor their road treatment on the go.
- The major factors that determine what material will be used on a roadway are temperature and traffic.
- Because salt is most effective when traffic is crushing and spreading it on the road, the lower a road's traffic volume, the more PennDOT will mix salt with anti-skid or other materials.
- Salt also isn't a silver bullet – it becomes less effective once temperatures dip below 23-25 degrees.

Higher Traffic Roads

- Whether salt is pre-wetted or mixed with other materials during a storm depends on temperature, precipitation type and a road's traffic volume.
- A salt/anti-skid mix can be used when road surface temperatures are below 15°F, as straight salt and salt/chemical applications are less effective at lower temperatures.
- On higher traffic roadways, PennDOT may also wet or pre-wet road salt with salt brine to jump start the salt's melting action. But even this tactic is most effective when the pavement temperature is 25 degrees or higher.
- Pre-wetting salt can also help keep salt on the road by reducing bouncing.

Lower Traffic Roads

- On the state's lowest-traffic roadways, PennDOT will focus its salt/anti-skid usage on areas like hills, bridges, intersections, sharp curves or freezing-prone areas. Because traffic volume is generally too low for salt alone to be effective on these roads, anti-skid will be mixed in to help with traction.
- Anti-icing is generally not performed on low-volume roadways at below 15 degrees because falling snow is generally dryer and usually blows over the roadway surface.

WHAT IS ARSENIC AND WHY IS IT IN MY WATER?

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element found throughout the environment. Most people's exposure to arsenic, including inorganic arsenic compounds, occurs through their diet. (see attached information from the FDA at the end of this)

Inorganic arsenic is primarily used as a preservative to make wood resistant to rot and decay. Although its use for certain residential items, such as decks and picnic tables, has been phased out, Inorganic arsenic is still used in industrial applications.

The use of arsenic in agricultural or commercial pesticide applications has been restricted and is most recently limited to organic arsenic compounds in a limited number of approved uses.

Common sources of arsenic are erosion from natural deposits, runoff from orchards, and runoff from glass and electronics production waste. Sampling results from various sources indicate that increased withdrawal from a well may cause an increase in groundwater concentration of arsenic in the raw water, especially during low groundwater table/drought conditions. (<https://www.epa.gov/report-environment/ground-water>)

WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

In 2001, the EPA adopted a lower standard for arsenic in drinking water that applies to both community and non-transient non-community water systems. The new arsenic standard of 10 parts per billion (ppb) replaces the old standard of 50 ppb. (<https://www.epa.gov>) In 2020, the Food and Drug Administration established a similar action level of 10 ppb for apple juice. (<https://www.fda.gov/news>)

Raw groundwater arsenic levels in southeastern PA are variable. Trumbauersville has had values ranging from a high of 0.020 ppm to a low of 0.003 ppm, with typical values of 0.012 to 0.015 mg/L arsenic. In 2009, Trumbauersville installed arsenic removal treatment in Well 3, with remediation in Well 2 installed in 2014. To comply with PA DEP regulations, treated water must be at, or below, the new arsenic MCL at 0.010 ppm.

In 2023, the level of arsenic in our raw groundwater (before treatment) increased to 0.023 ppm, which resulted in updating the existing treatment system to reduce the finished water to 0.012 and 0.013 ppm, just above the current MCL. Higher groundwater arsenic concentrations were not unique to Trumbauersville; neighboring water suppliers were similarly affected.

Trumbauersville has been working with our water engineer on projects to evaluate existing treatment systems and implement immediate repairs and modifications to improve performance. The DEP is monitoring the situation and has established dates by which work is required to be completed. Modifications and repairs at Well No. 2 were completed on Friday, October 27th, well before the Thanksgiving 2023 DEP deadline. System upgrades are in the design phase for Well No. 3. A permit application for these improvements will be submitted to DEP before Christmas 2023. The Well 3 improvements will provide increased arsenic treatment capability and include the construction of an interconnection with the neighboring Milford Township water supply to provide a supplemental water source for emergency use. Construction of the Well 3 improvements is expected to be completed by the summer of 2024. Trumbauersville is working to complete these necessary actions as quickly as possible.

THERE'S ARSENIC IN MY FOOD?

For information on the FDA's Toxic Elements in Food and Food ware, and Radionuclides in Food – Import and Domestic Compliance Program (FY2009-FY2021), please check out their website <https://www.fda.gov/food/environmental-contaminants-food/arsenic-food-and-dietary-supplements>

A message from **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**

Marilynn J. Bobb

Do you want notices and updates on Borough events delivered right to your email and cell phone?

To ensure you receive vital information and notifications from both Bucks County and Trumbauersville Borough, sign up to receive the Ready Bucks Notifications. You can register at www.buckscounty.org/readybucks. The mass notification system enables us to provide you with time-sensitive messages that contain critical information on a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of building or neighborhoods.

You can specify how to be notified, whether it be your home, mobile or business phone, e-mail, text messages and more.

If you need assistance or do not have a computer, please call me at 215-536-2518 and I will help you. If you are signed up, please check that your information is up to date to ensure you to receive all information and announcements.

With the coming of Old Man Winter, it's time to check in and make sure our residents are properly prepared. Check your snow removal equipment, have spare batteries on hand, have your heater serviced and your chimney cleaned, your dried wood is stored properly, and your automobile is winterized. Ensure your medications are refilled and medical equipment properly working, having a portable generator on hand if possible. Don't forget to make sure you have plenty of food and water on hand for your animals, and ensure they are protected from the incoming weather event. Mother Nature refuses to schedule her appearance, if you want to beat her at her own game, be prepared!



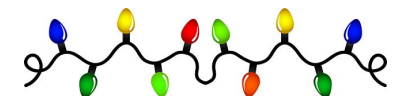
If you have a fire hydrant or storm inlet in front of your home or business, please take the time to ensure they are both free from snow and debris. If you are unable to clear the inlet or remove high piles of snow around the hydrants, please ask if a neighbor or family member can assist you.



What's WRONG with this picture???



***In the moments it takes for firefighters to dig a path to a hydrant,
the fire could double in size.***



Ensuring our residents and businesses are informed and properly prepared is a task I take very seriously. Working together we can achieve the safety and welfare of all.

Marilyn Bobb, Emergency Mngt. Coordinator

Trumbauersville Borough

Scholarship Fund



The Senior Awards Committee at Quakertown Community High School will administer the Trumbauersville Borough Scholarship Fund. A \$1000 award will be given to a Trumbauersville Borough resident graduating from Quakertown Community High School and pursuing continuing education at an accredited institution following graduation. The student should be of good moral character and demonstrate leadership and active participation in extracurricular activities within the High School and in the community that enrich the lives of others. The scholarship is made possible by the generosity of some business owners in the Trumbauersville community.

One thousand dollars is a valuable sum to enrich the education of at least four graduating seniors from the borough over the coming few years. At that time, the council can reevaluate if they wish to continue the program. While the donors' names are not included in the scholarship award description, they are listed below, and will be recognized when the award is bestowed.

THANK YOU TO OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONORS

Midnight Madness Distilling LLC

Total Molding Services, Inc.

Trum Tavern

Black's Tree Service

Larry Smock

Lions Club of Trumbauersville

Eugene T. Parzych, Inc.

QNB Bank

KDC Trucking, LLC

Fino's Pizza

B&J Sheet Metal, Inc.

Levy School Bus Company

Lansdale Amusement Company

LET'S TRAVEL BACK IN TIME TO DRIVERS EDUCATION CLASS

BASIC KNOWLEDGE ANYONE WHO HAS TESTED FOR THEIR PA DRIVERS LICENSE MUST KNOW.

Q&A regarding parking concerns found in and around the borough*.



(Pictures shown are for example. Not actual Trumbauersville Borough residents)

Q. Can I park in front of a fire hydrant if I leave a little room for Firemen to access the hydrant?

A. NO. You must park at least 15 feet away from a fire hydrant.

Q. If the curb in front of a fire hydrant isn't painted, it means parking is allowed.

A. Whether a curb is painted or not, in the state of Pennsylvania you may not park closer than 15 feet to any fire hydrant.

(Title 75 §3352 Prohibitions in specified places)

Q. Is it illegal to park facing the wrong way on residential streets?

A. Except as otherwise provided, every vehicle standing or parked upon a two-way highway shall be positioned parallel to and with the right-hand wheels within 12 inches of the right-hand curb.

"Highway." The entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel.

(Title 75 §3354 Additional Parking Regulations)



Q. Drivers only have to stop for people crossing the street if the street has painted crosswalks and there are signs that say 'yield to pedestrians in crosswalk.'

A. Right-of-way of pedestrians in crosswalks. (a) General rule — When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk or within any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection. **(b) Exercise of care by pedestrian.** No pedestrian shall suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle which is so close as to constitute a hazard. (Title 75 §3542.

PARKING PROHIBITIONS IN SPECIFIED PLACES

General Rule—Except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or to protect the safety of any person or vehicle or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or official traffic-control device, no person shall stop, stand, or park a vehicle:

Within 30 feet upon the approach to any flashing signal, **stop sign**, yield sign, or traffic-control signal. - At any place where official signs prohibit - In front of a public or private driveway - Within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection—On a sidewalk— Within an intersection— On a crosswalk .

Failure to comply will result in a citation issued by our Code Enforcement Officer. In order to address repeat offenders , borough council may consider adding the right to tow vehicles found in violation for the same infraction 2 or more times.



OUR EVENTS ARE MADE POSSIBLE
BECAUSE OF THE UNFAILING SUPPORT
AND GENEROSITY OF THESE BUSINESSES



WINTERFEST 2023

Ed Child, Council President

Warm weather and lack of rain contributed to a fantastic turnout for Winterfest this year. The kids enjoyed themselves roasting marshmallows, making smores, and visiting with Santa Claus. Hot chocolate, hot apple cider, cookies, and hot dogs filled out the menu. It was an enjoyable evening for kids and adults alike. We have a lot of people to thank for helping to make the evening a great success.

At the top of the list is Mayor Jim Black, who decorated the pavilion with colored string lights, set up a festive backdrop for Santa, put the giving tree together, and provided a selection of holiday music to keep the evening cheerful. Jim also supplied a few hay bales to sit on while we warmed by the fire.

The kitchen crew was top-notch and deserving of their own thank you. Betsy and Earl Moyer, Joan Kratz, Deborah Nace, Council members Stephen Spor, Mike George, and Council President Ed Child, who kept the cocoa and cider flowing and ensured the used marshmallow skewers were cleaned and ready for the next person. Kudos to Mike George for putting in time before, during, and after Winterfest to ensure everything ran smoothly.

For those who donated hats, gloves, and scarves to hang on our giving tree for those less fortunate, our deepest thanks. \$191 in concession sales was presented to Feast Pantry, located on East Broad Street. That may not sound like a lot of money from sales, but considering the only item for sale was \$1 hot dogs and people who told us to 'keep the change,' we're happy with the result. It was the spirit of giving at its best.

Finally, a loud and boisterous shout out to Lansdale Amusements for their donations of stuffed toys for Santa to hand out; Trumbauersville Fire Company for safely delivering Santa via a fire truck; good neighbor Dave Smith for his donation of firewood for the bonfire, and Spor's General Store for donating the hot chocolate and hot dogs. Thanks to all!

All in all, it was a very successful evening. We are already looking forward to next year!



HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
WORD
SEARCH



P	O	J	A	H	S	E	N	A	C	Y	D	N	A	C
R	S	S	H	O	P	P	I	N	G	M	F	K	A	S
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J	A	N	P	Q	L	Q	C	O	O	K	I	E	S	O
B	G	G	Z	I	C	A	O	L	A	T	A	O	P	C
S	X	N	M	S	V	Z	F	R	I	E	N	D	S	E
L	U	D	J	D	Z	M	P	H	O	W	M	P	M	D
F	M	S	K	Y	P	P	A	H	I	E	N	D	S	W

See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1. Happy | 5. Family | 9. Shopping | 13. Santa |
| 2. Holidays | 6. Friends | 10. Candy canes | 14. Songs |
| 3. Christmas | 7. Presents | 11. Cookies | 15. Movies |
| 4. Vacation | 8. Decorations | 12. Milk | 16. Fun |



Give our chilly friends faces and decorate the snowman.
Color your artwork and drop off at the Trumbauersville
Borough Building for a chance to win a prize!

Name and age: _____

Phone or email address: _____