

Sewickley Hills Borough NEWSLETTER

Spring 2016

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In case of a true emergency, dial 911!

Diana Steele - (412) 741-4891
Borough Secretary
Hours 10am-2pm Mon - Fri

Ohio Township Police Dept.
Chief Beaver Micklos
(412) 259-8304

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Chief Jeff Frazier
(412) 366-2545

Doug Nolfi (412) 741-4891
Real Estate Tax Collector

Jeff Frazier (412) 654-5616
Building Inspector

Up Coming Borough Events

Primary Election – April 26th

Polling Place – Sewickley Hills Borough Building – 7am to 8pm
Don't Forget To Vote!

Community Day

For many years we have hosted Community Day at our Borough Building, but last year we held a Block-Party within the neighborhood and received great feedback. We are considering planning another Block Party in place of Community Day, but to do that, we need your help. We have set aside September 10th, but we need ideas on *where* and who can help. Please contact Natasha Brandenburg to give any suggestions you may have.

Neighborhood Garage Sale – September 17th & 18th

More details coming soon!

If you are interested, please contact Natasha Brandenburg

Children's Halloween Party

Due to previous turnouts and lack of volunteers, we have unfortunately decided to cancel the Halloween party for 2016. This was a tough decision, but we felt that we could put the money towards something that could benefit the entire borough.

Previous Events

Despite the chilly temperatures, the Pancake Breakfast was so much fun! The kids had a blast with the Easter egg hunt and I think we can all agree that breakfast was delicious! We appreciate all of the volunteers and truly enjoyed spending time with our neighbors. We HOP to see you again next year!



Around Town & Future Events

Sewickley Valley Purse BINGO – May 1st @ 1pm

Come join the fun and enjoy a chance to win designer purses!

Tickets are \$30 – both for members and non-members

15 Games, Cards, Daubers & Snacks are Included!

Silent Auction & 50/50 will also be available.

To register – Call 412-741-9622 or visit their website

www.sewickleymca.org

Seating limited to 250 tickets

Proceeds benefit the Sewickley Valley YMCA Annual Campaign

“An Evening with Stephen King” on June 8th @ 7pm

To help promote independent bookstores, Stephen King will be visiting the Sewickley Academy’s Rea Auditorium to support our very own *Penguin Bookshop* in Sewickley. He will be reading an excerpt from his newest book “End of Watch” as well as offering a question-and-answer session during the one-hour event.

Tickets went on sale April 17th

Please contact Penguin Bookshop to see if tickets are still available

412-741-3838

The cost is \$38 for general seating and \$50 for the Friends of the Penguin priority seating area.

Tickets include entry to the event and a hardcover edition of “End of Watch”.

A limited number of attendees will randomly receive signed copies.

More information is available on the Penguin Bookshop webpage

www.penguinbookshop.com

4th of July Celebration & 39th Annual Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta

The signature 4th of July ‘Flashes of Freedom Fireworks’ event will take place at Point State Park and serve as Pittsburgh’s official holiday celebration complete with local main stage entertainment, food concessions, and plenty of activities for the kids. The Flashes of Freedom Fireworks display is produced by Pyrotecnico and is recognized as one of the top 10 displays in the country.

This year’s 39th Annual ‘Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta’ will take place August 5th – 7th. It will give attendees three days of fun in the sun – with plenty of boat races, music, food, and entertainment. They will be bringing back the excitement of the Formula 1 Powerboats, the giant Gondola *Ferris Wheel*, known as the “*Wheel of Lights*,” the Sandsational Sand Sculpture, national and regional music acts, as well as the Anything That Floats competition – all taking place throughout Point State Park, Clemente Bridge, and the North Shore.

For more information regarding the 4th of July or Regatta, please visit the You Gotta Regatta website at

www.yougottaregatta.com

So many people come from all over to celebrate these two events, which means hotels book quickly. Pittsburgh Downtown is offering hotel specials to help you celebrate! Please visit their website www.pittsburgh-downtown.com and view the event page.

“The Residents Decide” Event

What events would you like to see happening in our Borough? Our Building Committee is looking for ideas that will bring our Borough closer together. We host our Easter Breakfast and Community Day, but we are looking for something more. We have considered Night at the Races, Paint Night, or even Game Night, but we want to hear from you!! Please contact Natasha Brandenburg with your ideas and suggestions!

Quaker Valley School District - Top Rated Teachers of 2016

According to the U.S. Department of Education and self-reported surveys collected by Niche (information services), our Teachers ranked #4 in the District. Rankings were based on student and parent reviews of teachers, teacher salaries, teacher absenteeism, teacher tenure, student-teacher ratio, and the Niche Academics Grade for the district. Congratulations to all of our Quaker Valley Teachers. We appreciate your hard work and dedication to our children!

We Want To Hear From You

Our goal is to serve you and make this Borough the best it can be. We cannot do that without you. We encourage you to attend our Council Meetings every month and get involved. Contact us anytime you have a questions or concern. We love to receive your feedback and suggestions as well. Questions we commonly ask include:

- What's important to you?
- What do you want the future of our Borough to look like?
- How would you prefer to receive communications from us and how often?

If there is any feedback you can provide or questions you may have, please contact Diana at 412-741-4891 or sewickleyhillsborough@comcast.net

We look forward to hearing from you!

Spring Cleaning with the Vietnam Veterans of American

Donation Pickup Service

**PICKUP
PLEASE**

Vietnam Veterans of America

It's that time of year again! Are you cleaning and trying to declutter your home and you're not sure what to do with everything? The Vietnam Veterans of America can help with their convenient donation pick up at your home. While other charity services require you to drop off your donations or schedule pickups weeks in advance, Pick Up Please can pick up your donation within 24 hours in most locations. The Vietnam Veterans of America is a respected charity that gives aid to all of America's Veterans, not just those of a particular age group or war. By donating used clothes, shoes, appliances, and other items, you help generate funds to take care of the soldiers and service men and women who help keep America safe from harm. To schedule your pickup and view the list of acceptable donation items, please visit their website at www.pickupplease.org. If you would like more information, please call 1-800-775-VETS (8387)

Pennsylvania Resource Council

The Pennsylvania Resource Council (PRC) is a not-for-profit environmental organization that works to protect the Commonwealth's resources for future generations through environment education, recycling and waste diversion programs, anti-litter campaigns and much more. They have been hosting Household Chemical Collection events since 2003 which have directly resulted in the safe management of over 4,500,000 lbs of household chemicals. They have also held Hard to Recycle collection events with the goal of providing responsible and convenient recycling for items not able to be recycled at the curb. At these events individuals have been able to recycle such items as e-waste, cell phones, polystyrene, compact fluorescent bulbs, alkaline batteries, Freon-containing appliances, tires and more. Over the past twelve years, 20,000+ residents have participated in PRC's collection events, recycling 1,690,000 pounds of electronics, 8,800+ tires, 2,400 Freon containing appliances and so much more. PRC also offers some very interesting workshops such as Vermicomposting, Backyard Composting, Rain Barrel & Storm water construction and maintenance, and programs to help customers save money on their electric bills.

We strongly encourage you to visit their website to learn more and take a look at their Events Calendar at

www.prc.org

The next collection drop-off dates and locations are:

- Hard to Recycle collection schedule - May 14 (Galleria at Pittsburgh Mills, Frazer Township)
- Household Chemical collection schedule - May 7 (North Park, Allegheny County)

More dates and drop-off locations can be found on their website

Treasurers Report

The 2016 budget was advertised in the Sewickley Herald on November 26, 2015. The complete text of the Ordinance and the Budget are available for inspection and examination at the Borough Building, during regular business hours.

Engineers Report

Hunt Road Rebuild

Sewickley Hills Council was pursuing a joint grant with Bell Acres and Sewickley Heights for the rebuild of all 4100 feet of Hunt Rd. Unfortunately, Bell Acres has decided not to participate, therefore Sewickley Hills will no longer be exploring this grant. At this time, Council has decided to revisit this project again next year.

Due to the deteriorating condition of the road however, Council approved for Wick Landscaping to spread gravel on Hunt Road, in areas needing immediate attention. These repairs were completed on April 1st. Work included filling in the potholes and opening up the drainage ditch that carried water from Bell Acres. So far, we've received great feedback from the residents stating that Wick Landscaping did an excellent and thorough job.

Other Road & Paving Projects

Council Members are looking at other paving projects in the Borough. Those projects include Pacer Driver, Trotter Circle, Fairhill Road and Canter Drive. Some preliminary numbers have been received, but more discussion is needed. Wick Landscaping also submitted a bid offering Borough Road Maintenance. Council will review the bid and make their decision at the next Council meeting on May 10th.

Mt. Nebo Road Widening Project

Ohio Township in cooperation with PENNDOT District 11-0 and the Federal Highway Administration, are putting plans together for the Mt. Nebo Widening Project in Ohio Township, Allegheny County. The project involves widening Mt. Nebo Road over a 1/2 mile section to provide a center turning lane. The project is located near Mt. Nebo Road's intersection with Nicholson Road and also included local roadway realignments and the installation of two traffic signals. Work was projected to begin Spring/Summer 2016, but has been delayed at least 1 more year. For more information, please visit Ohio Township's website <http://www.ohiotwp.org>. There you will find updated meeting information and schedules.

Blackburn Road Closure

A portion of Blackburn Road in Sewickley Heights closed on April 5th and is expected to remain closed until April 26th. A posted detour will follow Glenfield Road, Lang Road and Scaife Road. Crews will repair Killbuck Run Bridge, located about ¼ mile west of Blackburn and Magee roads.

Police Report

We have received some concerns about the speed limit on Red Mud Hollow Rd. near the entrance of The Woods of Sewickley housing plan. We take the safety of our residents and children very seriously, so we have entrusted the help of Ohio Township Police to monitor the traffic and see if we need to enforce any change.

Vacant Positions Available

Zoning Board Member – The Zoning Board is a separate and independent municipal legal entity and its limited authority is specifically set forth in Borough ordinances. As a member of the Zoning Board, you will deal with appeals for relief from the requirements of the Borough's Land Use laws or the denials by the Zoning Officer. Members of this board are unpaid volunteers, appointed by the Mayor and Council.

Persons interested in the position, please call 412-741-4891

Duquesne Light

Be Aware of Telephone Scammers

If you suspect that you may have been targeted by scam artists by phone, please contact Duquesne Light, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Consumer Protection (1-800-441-2555) and your local police. If you feel unsure if someone is actually a Duquesne Light employee, please ask them to wait outside and then call Duquesne Light (1-888-393-7100) to verify. If it is a scam, do not allow the individual to enter your home. Instead, call the local police department and then Duquesne Light.

Meter Change

Over the next several years, Duquesne Light plans to exchange existing electric meters with new, digital models. This exchange is part of an overall upgrade of the company's metering infrastructure required by Pennsylvania Act129. For more information regarding this exchange, please visit Duquesne Light at 412-393-7100 or www.duquesnelight.com

Ohio Township Sanitary Authority

Sewickley Hills Council Members have worked for over 10 years to prepare the Maronda Plan sanitary lines to be turned over to Ohio Township Sanitary Authority (OTSA). In 2002, the Villages at Sewickley Hills Development was introduced with Phase One located in Ohio Township. Part of the agreement for this development was that Ohio Township Sanitary Authority would build a sewage treatment facility and eventually the Maronda Home plan would tie into that line. Ohio Township had certain specification for the lines before they would take them over. The pump station had to be rehabilitated, the lines were scoped to see what issues they had and the rehabilitation of the lines ensued. Easements were obtained, filed, and recorded. This project is in its final stretch. All necessary documents have been submitted to OTSA. The decision has been made to wait until all outstanding bills are paid from the sanitary account before paying the Borough back the monies borrowed. Also, Attorney Art Leonard is waiting on the pump station repairs to be completed before contacting OTSA for transfer of lines. Thank you to all of the Council Members and Residents who are working so hard to get this project completed!

Valley Waste

Recycling Carts

Unfortunately at this time, recycling carts are not offered in our area. We apologies for the misinformation in the previous newsletter.

Contract Renewal

We have extended our contract for the next two years (2016-2017) for the same rate both years of \$16.98/month or an increase of \$.066/month.

Automatic Bill Payment

Automatic Bill Payment options is available at no charge; you can register a Credit Card on your account which will automatically pay the account balance every billing cycle.

Sewickley Hills Borough Great Room for Rent

For your next event, rent the Sewickley Hills Borough Great Room! Building amenities include: 38x40 Great Room, tables & chairs for up to 100 guests, full service kitchen, restrooms, air conditioned, fire pit and side yard.

You do not have to be a resident to rent the building.

For rental rates and additional information you can visit our website www.sewickleyhills.com and click on Sewickley Hills Borough Park and Great Room or call Brenda Kovacs at 412-741-4891

PA-ONE (811) Call Before You Dig



PA-ONE is part of a federally-mandated national "Call Before You Dig" program. The program was created to help protect you from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines while working on digging projects. Avoid fines or penalties by calling this number (811). It is the central number to call for all underground utilities. Check out the PA-ONE Call web site www.pa1call.org for more valuable information.

Being prepared for Severe Weather

Spring weather can be beautiful, but also very unpredictable.

Spring is the time of year when many things change – including the weather. Temperatures can swing back and forth between balmy and frigid. Sunny days may be followed by a week of stormy weather. Extreme weather changes can occur even within the same day. Because spring weather is so unpredictable, you may be unprepared when severe weather hits. Being unprepared can increase the risk of injury and death, so planning ahead is important.

To help you plan for unpredictable weather conditions, whenever they may hit, it's a good idea to keep an emergency kit on hand. Some items to include are:

- Preferably a battery-free windup flashlight and radio. If you do not have access to these, a battery operated flashlight and radio will be fine, just make sure you have extra batteries for both.
- Emergency evacuation plan
- List of important personal information such as telephone numbers of neighbors, family and friends, insurance, and medical information
- First Aid Kit (non-latex gloves, adhesive bandages, antibiotic ointment, sterile gauze pads, scissors, adhesive cloth tape, aspirin packets, first aid instruction booklet, etc.)
- A 3-5 day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food
- Personal hygiene items
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- An emergency kit in your car

It's important to prepare your family members for the possibility of severe weather. Tell them where to seek appropriate shelter as soon as they are aware of an approaching storm. Practice your emergency plan. Share with them where the emergency supplies are stored and make sure they know how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home.

Often by the time we are aware of an approaching storm, we have little if any time to prepare for it. But we do know that when spring arrives, thunderstorms, tornadoes, and floods are real possibilities.

"In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours"
-Mark Twain

Sewickley Heights Borough Park & Walking Trails

Sewickley Heights Park maps can be obtained at the Sewickley Heights Borough Office or by mailing a request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope and \$5 check to:

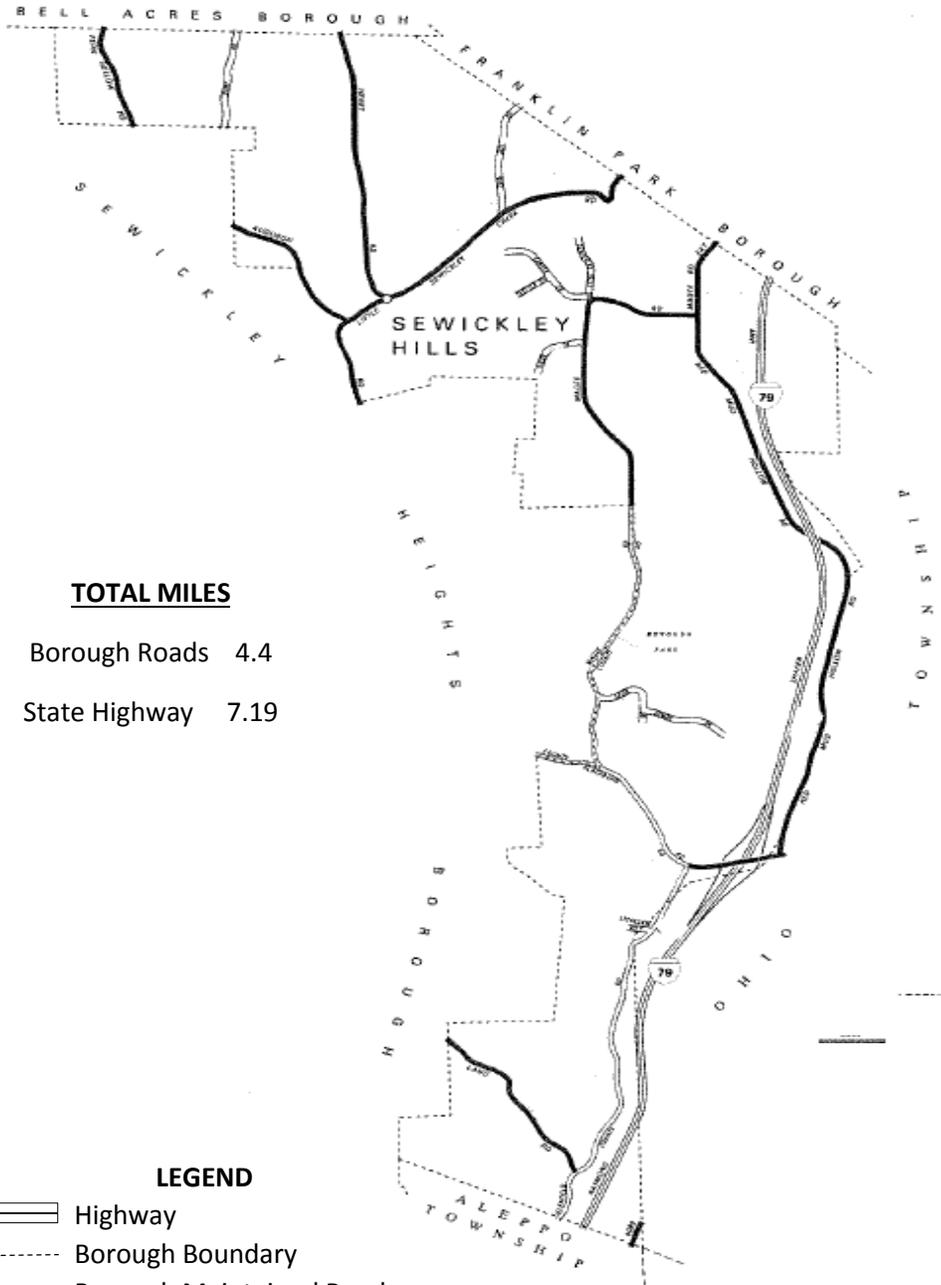
*Borough of Sewickley Heights
Attn: Park Map Request
238 Country Club Road
Sewickley, PA 15143.*

You may also view this map at our Borough Building, during regular business hours.

Borough Road Information

We often receive questions as to the ownership of the roads we live on, and drive on, daily. We feel that it's important for you to know who is responsible for these roads, especially in case of an emergency or maintenance situation. To help keep you informed, we have included a map of our Borough that designates all roads and the Borough Boundary.

Please report any unsafe road conditions to Ohio Township police @ 412-369-2200



TOTAL MILES

Borough Roads 4.4
 State Highway 7.19

LEGEND

- Highway
- Borough Boundary
- Borough Maintained Roads
- State Maintained Roads
- County Maintained Roads

- Borough Roads:**
- Canter Dr.
 - Demar Dr.
 - Fair Hill Rd.
 - Hunt Rd.
 - Kevin Dr.
 - Pacer Dr.
 - Sewickley Hills Dr.
 - Stonedale Rd.
 - Trotter Cir.
 - Sweetwater Drive
 - Stillwater Lane
 - Raintree Lane
- State Roads:**
- Fern Hollow Rd.
 - Henry Rd.
 - Audubon
 - Little Sewickley Creek Rd.
 - Top half of Magee Rd.
 - Magee Rd. Ext
 - Red Mud Hollow Rd.
 - Lang Rd.
- County Roads:**
- Blackburn Rd.
 - Bottom half of Magee Rd.
- Development / Private Owner:**
- Parkview Drive
 - Legacy Drive
 - Harvestar Court
 - McCormick Court
 - Deere Court
 - Hill Top Drive @ the top of Lang Road

*Sewickley Hills
Borough Council Members*

David Malarik - Mayor
Cindy Phillips - President
Jack Faulkner - Vice President
Natasha Brandenburg
Randy Newman
Lucy Guttendorf

Meetings

All meetings held at:
Sewickley Hills Borough Municipal Building
349 Magee Road
Sewickley, PA 15143

Meetings start at 7:30pm and are open to the public

2016 Spring General Council Meetings

April 12th
May 10th
June 14th
July 12th

2016 Spring Planning Commission Meetings

(Meetings are tentative)

April 19th
May 17th
June 21st
July 19th

2016 Spring Council Work Meetings

(Meetings are tentative)

April 26th
May 24th
June 28th
July 26th

Volunteer Event Committee

We are looking for Volunteers!!

The Building Committee plans annual events including *Breakfast with the Easter Bunny*, and *Community Day*.

If you are interested in serving on this volunteer committee, please contact Natasha Brandenburg at Natasha.Brandenburg@gmail.com or 724-747-8927

*Sewickley Hills
Borough Departments*

Zoning Board:

Karl Boyer
Joe Hajnas. Jr.

Planning Commission:

Lee Nute, Chairman
Cindy Phillips
Kevin Miko
Craig Rowland
Tom Klixbull

Building Committee Chairman

Natasha Brandenburg
724-747-8927
Natasha.Brandenburg@gmail.com

Vacancy Seat

Doug Throckmorton

Code Enforcement Officer

International Code Consultants – Jeff Frazier

Borough Staff Internal/External:

Wayne Hyjek – Treasurer
412-741-4891

Art Leonard – Solicitor
412-281-5431

Emile Ketterer – Engineer, NIRA
412-262-3970

O’Conner, Pagano & Grupac, LLC – Auditor
412-231-6422

Ulla Bucko – 911/Crime Watch Representative
412-741-1546

Jordan Tax Service Inc. – Delinquent Real Estate Taxes
412-835-5243

H.A. Berkheimer Tax Admin – Wage Tax Collector
412-881-3075

Doug Nolfi – Property Tax Collector
412-741-7734

Building Permit Application

A Building Permit Application can be obtained either on our website or at the Borough office.