

Sewickley Hills Borough NEWSLETTER



Winter 2015/2016

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Happy
New Year



**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

Ohio Township Fire Dept.
Chief Jeff Frazier
(412) 366-2545

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

Jeff Frazier (412) 654-5616
Building Inspector

Up Coming Events



Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

March 19th, 2016
10am – 11:30am

Previous Events

Community Day Block Party & Golf Outing

Despite the weather, our Community Day Block Party was a success! We truly appreciate everyone who came out to spend time with the neighbors. Word around the borough is that an outside event is preferred. If you have any suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you next year!



Halloween Party

As always, the kids had a blast! Yummy food and fun is what it's all about. Thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered their time.



Special Thanks to Our Residents

Molly & Don Fogel

A BIG THANKS to Molly & Don Fogel for hosting the Community Day Block Party. They graciously allowed us to use their property and garage for the event. They went above and beyond with decorating, setting up, and making sure everything was perfect!

The Building Committee & Residents

Thank You to all of the residents who attended our events throughout the year. We enjoy bringing the community together and we hope that you do as well.

The events would not be possible without the help of our Building Committee. They dedicate time away from their families to help make these events a success.

!!Attention Dog Owners!!

Please be advised that Pennsylvania State Law mandates that all dogs 3 months of age or older must be licensed. Dog Licenses must be purchased by January 1st of each year REGARDLESS of when the license was purchased the previous year. State Dog Wardens are currently performing "License and Rabies Compliance Checks" throughout the Commonwealth using PADogLicense.com Real Time system to track unlicensed dogs. State Dog Wardens may issue fines up to \$300.00 per dog for violation of this law plus court cost. If you haven't licensed your dog yet, please do so.

It's never too late. As a convenience to our residents, we are providing a copy of the ANNUAL Dog License Application. Applications are also available online at www.alleghenycounty.us/treasurers-office/dog-license.aspx

Instructions

1. Complete and sign the application
 2. Make check payable to:
John K. Weinstein
Allegheny County Treasurer
 3. Mail check and completed application to:
436 Grant St.
Room 109
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
- OR
- Purchase online at
www.alleghenycounty.us/treasurers-office/dog-license.aspx

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PA Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

DOG LICENSE APPLICATION

Year of license _____

License # _____

DATE	DOG'S NAME	DOG'S AGE	BREED
COLOR OF DOG:	SPOTTED <input type="checkbox"/>	WHITE <input type="checkbox"/>	BLACK <input type="checkbox"/>
	BROWN <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER-INDICATE <input type="checkbox"/>	
If the license is issued by an agent rather than the COUNTY TREASURER, an additional 50¢ will be charged. ALL PRICES INCLUDE SERVICE FEES ALLOWED BY LAW.			
REGULAR FEE			
MALE	NEUTERED MALE	FEMALE	SPAYED FEMALE
\$8.50	\$6.50	\$8.50	\$6.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PERSON WITH DISABILITY OR SENIOR CITIZEN FEE			
MALE	NEUTERED MALE	FEMALE	SPAYED FEMALE
\$6.50	\$4.50	\$6.50	\$4.50
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE APPLYING FOR A LICENSE THAT REQUIRES THE DOG OWNER BE A SENIOR CITIZEN, AGE 65 OR OLDER, OR A PERSON WITH DISABILITY, YOU MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF AGE OR DISABILITY TO THE COUNTY TREASURER OR AGENT.			
OWNER'S NAME		TELEPHONE NO.	OWNER'S DATE OF BIRTH
			MO. DAY YR.
STREET		TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH	
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
	PA		
E-MAIL ADDRESS			

I HEREBY VERIFY THAT I AM THE OWNER OF THE DOG THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS DOG LICENSE APPLICATION. I MAKE THIS STATEMENT SUBJECT TO THE CRIMINAL PENALTIES OF 18 Pa § SECTION 4904 (RELATING TO UNSWORN FALSIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES).

SIGNATURE OF DOG OWNER/APPLICANT REQUIRED

IF APPLICANT IS A MINOR, SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS REQUIRED

Treasurers Report

The 2016 budget was approved, with the tax rate to remain at 2.84 mills. The 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

Rehabilitation and Paving of Kevin and Demar Drive

The road work has been completed by Liberoni, Inc. for the total cost of \$290,833.01. This total was \$28,000 under their original bid as the lower portion of Kevin Drive was found to be rehabilitated when Magee Road was rebuilt in that area. We have received wonderful feedback from the residents stating that Liberoni Inc. was professional, did a quality job, payed attention to detail and were courteous of residents.

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. Council Vice President Jack Faulkner and Planning Commission Member Craig Rowland worked diligently with Bell Acres and Sewickley Heights representatives on this grant. Unfortunately, Bell Acres has decided not to participate, therefore Sewickley Hills will no longer be exploring this grant.

Engineer Emile Ketterer did obtain bid options:

Gravel - \$40,504 / Chip & Seal (no grant funding available for this option) - \$61,907

At this time, Council has decided to revisit this project again next year.

Other 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.

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. Work is projected to begin Spring/Summer 2016. For more information, please visit Ohio Township's website <http://www.ohiotwp.org>. There you will find updated meeting information and schedules.

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.

Code Enforcement Officer – Code enforcement officials help protect the safety and health of citizens by ensuring that the buildings and land in a municipality are in accordance with housing and zoning ordinances. In addition, they determine the nature of environmental or health hazards, nuisance violations and unsafe building conditions. When determined, they will issue permits or citations in accordance with the regulations of the municipality. Code enforcement officials must understand and comply with state and federal regulations on land usage, zoning, business permits and building access.

Persons interested in either 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. Thank you to all of the Council Members and Residents who worked so hard to get this project completed!

Valley Waste

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.

Recycling Carts

Recycling carts, used for transporting and dumping bulky recyclable materials, are now available. These carts hold more while helping to prevent littering. Call customer service for more information @ 724-843-9373

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

Pennsylvania One Call System - 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.

Home Fire Safety

If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL for help!
Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas.
Test smoke alarms once a month, if they're not working, change the batteries.
Talk with all household members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.

Home Fire Safety Checklist

Cooking Safety



- "Keep an eye on what you fry." Stay in the kitchen when frying, grilling or using an open flame.

Fireplaces, Space Heaters, Baseboards, etc.



- "3 feet from the heat." Furniture, curtains, dish towels and anything that could catch fire are at least 3 feet from any type of heat source.

Smoking Safety



- Never smoke in bed.

Electrical and Appliance Safety



- Large and small appliances are plugged directly into wall outlets.

Children Playing



- Matches and lighters are locked away.

Smoke Alarms



- Change smoke alarm batteries every year unless it has a long-life battery.
- Replace smoke alarms every ten years.
- Test your smoke alarms each month. If they're not working, they can't get you out the door.

Home Fire Escape Plan



- At least twice a year, practice your fire escape plan with all family members.
- Practice makes perfect! After each fire drill, mark down your escape time.

What's Your Escape Time?

Make sure everyone can escape in two minutes or less.

Drill 1

Drill 2

Theft Prevention

Did you know that American homes are victims of burglary about every 15 seconds? According to the U.S. Department of Justice, the typical homeowner suffers a loss of nearly \$2,000 in stolen goods or property damage. Please be mindful of the people that you are inviting into your home also. In-home theft seems to be on the rise. We have seen reports of Baby Sitters, Housekeepers, and even Home Health Nurses stealing from the homeowner. If you are inviting others into your home, please consider investing in a safe to store your valuables or find a secure location that is not easily found.

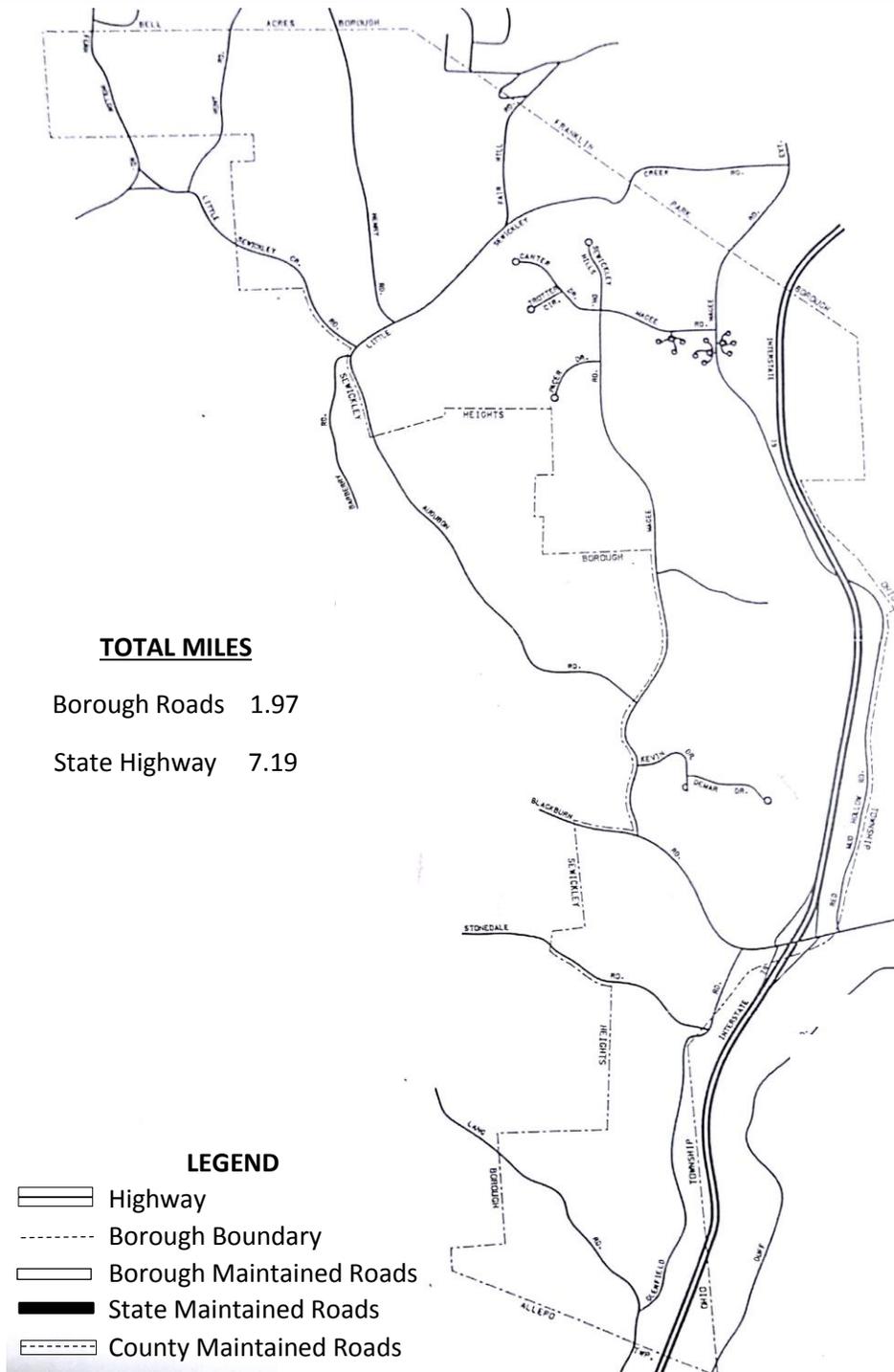
Here are 14 things that you can do to help protect yourself from theft:

1. Lock all windows and doors, even if you are home.
2. Car theft is common now too. We often leave our garage door openers in our car, so if your car sits outside your home, please make sure to lock it as well. Also, keep any valuables in your car out of plain sight. Items such as a purse, cell phone, navigation system, etc. will welcome a potential burglar.
3. Make sure your garage doors remain closed as much as possible. Garages are a common entry point for burglars. Open garage doors serve to advertise your belongings to passersby, which increases the likelihood of theft.
4. If you are going to leave a spare key sitting out, make sure it is very well hidden. Under the welcome mat or flower pot is obvious, so be creative! Be mindful of who your giving a copy of your keys to as well. This includes housekeepers, babysitters, real-estate agents, etc. If you do have to give someone your key, make sure it's someone YOU TRUST!
5. Don't allow strangers to walk thru your home unattended (open house, party guest, etc.).
6. Get an alarm system, motion lights or even lights that can be set on a timer. An alarm company will also provide you with flags or window stickers so make sure to utilize those. It's been proven that if a burglar see's that you have a security system, they are 37% less likely to attempt a burglary.
7. Don't cover your windows with large trees and shrubs. Burglars are more likely to think twice if their access options are in plain sight.
8. Use shades, drapes and other window treatments to keep potentially tempting household items out of view.
9. Install dead-bolts on available doors and make sure to secure sliding glass doors. They are usually the easiest to break open.
10. Don't advertise your life on Social Media. It's not safe to tell the world about your recent shopping spree or your upcoming 2-week vacation.
11. Don't be a hermit: Get out and interact with your neighbors. Homeowners on friendly terms are less likely to be victimized by other members of their community. At the same time, closely knit neighbors are more likely to call the police if they see someone suspicious poking around your property.
12. If you are going on vacation, it might be a good idea to tell your close-knit neighbor and ask them to keep an eye out while you're gone. Also, ask if they can pick up your mail or newspapers while you're away. If a potential burglar see's mail or newspapers building up, they know there's a good change the homeowners are away.
13. It's important that if you suspect that someone may be breaking in to a neighbor's home, please try to contact that home owner or even the local police right away.
14. Finally, Invest in a safe to store your valuables so that way even if someone breaks into your home, those valuables will be safe.

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



- 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 Malerik - 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 Winter General Council Meetings

February 9th
March 8th

2016 Winter Planning Commission Meetings

(Meetings are tentative)
February 16th
March 15th

2016 Winter Council Work Meetings

(Meetings are tentative)
February 23rd
March 22nd

Volunteer Event Committee

We are looking for Volunteers!!

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

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

*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

Borough Staff Internal/External:

Wayne Hyjek – Treasurer
412-741-4891

Art Leonard – Solicitor
412-741-4891

Emile Ketterer – Engineer, NIRA
412-741-4891

O’Conner, Pagano & Grupac, LLC – Auditor
412-741-4891

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 Permits

A Building Permit must be obtained from the Building Inspector before any existing or proposed building or alteration is made. This includes changes of grade, walls, fences, swimming pools, driveways, etc. The Building Inspector, Jeff Frazier, can be reached at 412-654-5616