



Pine Beach Newsletter

February 2023



UPDATES FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

Happy New Year. I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy and happy year.

In this coming year we have many projects that we hope to accomplish. Foremost on the list is to refurbish and paint our water tower. The water tower is in need of repair and we have given out a contract to do this work. We have been delayed by one of the cell phone companies in removing their equipment from the tower. We are working towards a solution so that the necessary repairs can be completed.

Other projects include fixing the walking path that runs along Pennsylvania Avenue. Over the years tree roots have upended the pavement to make this area difficult to walk upon. This work will be completed this year with some of the funding coming from a Community Development Block Grant.

The pickle ball court will also be finished this year. This is by Walling Field and will be a great addition to the recreational facilities we already have in Pine Beach. Get your paddles ready and come out and play.

We also have road paving projects to complete. Many of these projects have been funded with grants. This allows the borough to provide improvements without having our residents having to fund everything.

As always, if you have an idea to better our borough please let me know.

Lawrence W. Cuneo,
Mayor

WATER DEPARTMENT

February is here and even though Phil did not see his shadow, let's hope we are headed toward an early spring. Here are some tips to prevent your water pipes from freezing.

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe - even at a trickle - helps prevent pipes from freezing.

- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

The Borough of Pine Beach Water Dept. is required by the EPA and NJ DEP to adhere to very stringent water quality parameters to ensure residents receive safe drinking water. Testing is provided by an outside agency (Henderson Labs, Beachwood NJ) and results are reported to NJDEP and published on the NJ Drinking Water Watch Web Site. You can use the following link to access the report:

https://www9.state.nj.us/DEP_WaterWatch_public/JSP/WSDetail.jsp?tinwsys=474

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Pine Beach Public Works Department would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe New Year. In the Event of snowfall, please remove all vehicles and basketball hoops off of the roadway. If snow fall occurs during a trash or recycle day, please put refuse out after the roads are cleared. If you have any questions/comments, please contact DPW @ 732-240-0566.



FREE RABIES CLINIC FOR DOGS & CATS



Saturday, March 18, 9:00 - 10:00 am

Pine Beach Borough Garage, 801 Pennsylvania Ave.

If your pet has received a prior rabies vaccination, bring in a certificate or vet records indicating previous vaccination to receive a 3- year rabies vaccination at the free clinic; otherwise a 1-year vaccine will be provided. Licensing also available at the clinic between 9:00 and 10:00 am.

DOG & CAT LICENSING

Pet licenses are due for all dogs & cats each year by April 1 for dogs 7 months and older. Bring paperwork showing proof of Rabies vaccine valid through 10/31/23 for license to be issued. DOG & CAT LICENSE FEES through March 31st - Neutered/Spayed \$12.00; Not Neutered or Spayed \$15.00. An additional \$10 fee will go into effect starting April 1st.

ADOPT A DRAIN

The Pine Beach Environmental Committee is asking residents to join the Pine Beach Adopt-a-Drain program. We are encouraging residents to look after their nearby storm drains and clear the top grate and surrounding area of debris year-round. Everything that is in the street ends up in the Toms River and the Barnegat Bay. Rainwater carries leaves, grass, fertilizers, excess salt, trash and dirt through the storm drain system directly to our waters. Public works does a good job of routinely clearing storm drains, you can assist by keeping your storm drain grate clear of debris.

Adopted "your" storm drain by sweeping, raking, and clearing leaves and other debris from the surface of the drain year-round. As a reminder, nothing should ever be discarded into storm drains, including waste oil, grass clippings and pet waste. Spread the word about the program. A simple task can make a big impact on the environment. Remember, Only Rain Down the Drain!

BADGES, PARKING & RAMP PERMITS



Seasonal badges and permits are available for purchase at Borough Hall, checks or cash accepted. Stop by Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

- \$10 beach/docks/crabbing badge - \$5 for senior
- \$10 parking permit - \$5 for senior
- \$150 per year boat ramp fee (until April 15th); \$175 after April 15th

SPOTLIGHT ON DOCKS AND BEACHES

Although we're still in the winter season, before you know it the waterfront will be bustling with bikers, walkers, kayakers, boaters/sailors, sunbathers, paddle boarders, swimmers, and sunset watchers. Your Council and the Docks and Beaches team are getting the lifeguard stands, equipment lockers, first aid kits, swim zone lines, floats and portable potty ready for the upcoming season.



You too can participate! Join in the town-wide Beach Cleanup in conjunction with the Pine Beach Yacht Club on a date to be announced and all residents are invited to come to the waterfront and help ready the beaches. For more information on volunteer days, please Pine Beach Borough website for latest updates.

We are seeking Life Guards for the 2023 summer season so if interested, or you know someone who may be, please reach out to the Pine Beach Borough Clerk, as we will be conducting interviews in March.

We look forward to seeing you at the waterfront!

Council Member Jim Keesling, Docks and Beaches Chair

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Pine Beach employs a Code Enforcement Official for the benefit of homeowners and the town. The main goal of code enforcement is to work with homeowners to educate, inform and assist as necessary. The Code Enforcement Department efforts are initiated through several avenues: the first through observation of the Code Enforcement position duties; the second through resident concerns; and lastly through the local Police Department patrols. Anonymous reports are not accepted. Resident reports must be in a written format and will be archived as required for records retention. The form is available on the PineBeachBorough.us website under Code Enforcement. Upon receipt of a written or observed complaint, it will be logged into our system and reviewed. A site visit will be performed for a visual assessment to see if there are any active violations.

Should the Code Enforcement Official observe any violations, an action plan will be implemented that may encompass several phases, based upon the severity of the complaint and if there are any imminent life safety hazards. The Code Enforcement Official works with the homeowner to ensure they understand any violations. The action plan be implemented will then govern all future actions of additional enforcement. This may include a verbal warning, a written notice of violation (NOV), or a summons for non-compliance, which results in a mandatory court appearance.

It is the intention of the Code Enforcement Official to always assist, educate and work with homeowners to abate violations, in a compassionate manner, while maintain compliance for the community. As always,

before you do anything that you feel might require inspections, it's best to check with the Zoning and Code Enforcement Official. The Official is here for both your and our protection. The Borough Zoning Ordinances and the International Property Maintenance Code govern property conditions. Official hours are available on the Pine Beach Borough website.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION AND THE PINE BEACH PRESERVATION SOCIETY

In preparation for the Pine Beach Centennial Celebration in 2025, Pine Beach Borough Council liaisons Barry Wieck and Susan Coletti, along with Mayor Cuneo, the Pine Beach Volunteer Fire Company, the Pine Beach Chapel, and the Pine Beach Yacht Club have joined efforts in establishing of the Pine Beach Preservation Society.

We are currently in progress to officially incorporate the Pine Beach Preservation Society and establish a 501(c)(3). Concurrently, we are identifying and forming committees to prepare for the Pine Beach Centennial Celebration activities. A few Committees that have been identified and are in need of volunteers to participate and manage:

- Fundraising Committee
- Advertising Committee
- Fundraising Products Committee for Centennial Celebration
- Logo Design Committee for Pine Beach Preservation Society & Pine Beach Centennial Celebration February 2025
- Membership Committee
- Social Events Committee



Save the Date and please join us for the next meeting on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATE

Centennial Committee & Pine Beach Preservation Society Meeting

*Come out and join us for the next meeting.
Everyone is welcome to attend and participate!*

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