



Ordinance Insight



Pennsylvania law requires municipalities to advertise changes to codes, such as ordinances, by publishing a notice in a newspaper of general circulation at least seven days and no more than 60 days before the adoption date. The advertisement must include the full text or a summary of the proposed change, as well as information on accessing the full text. We typically publish the summary in the Delaware County Daily Times with full ordinance available through the Borough Secretary.

Starting October 2025, both the newspaper notice and the [complete ordinance](#) are also published on the Brookhaven website.

To view all the laws that govern our Borough, access our electronic code by selecting: [Brookhaven Borough Code](#).

The proposed 2026 Budget and the following proposed ordinances were advertised in November and the motion to adopt them will occur at the December 1, 2025, monthly Council meeting:

1. Setting the property tax rate for 2026 at 4.00 mills on each dollar valuation, an increase from 3.5 mills in 2023 through 2025.
2. Setting the annual sewer rental charge for the year 2026 ranging from \$516.36 to \$763.69 (varies by location).
3. Establishing the trash collection fee for the year 2026 to be maintained at \$469.83, therefore, there is no increase in the trash fee for 2026.

Any resident who wishes to be heard regarding these ordinances should attend this meeting.



- [Senior Holiday Luncheon](#) -- Sunday, 12/7, 1pm (free event but tickets required)
- [The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony](#) – Sunday, 12/7, 6pm at the Betty Kelley Memorial Walking Trail
- [Candy Cane Day](#) with Santa and the Brookhaven Fire Co. - Saturday, 12/13, 12-4pm

Check out the [website calendar](#) for more details for these and ALL Borough mtgs / events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have any questions, contact the Borough Office at 610-874-2557.



- Borough Offices will be closed Thursday, December 25th and Friday, December 26th.
- During the November Council Meeting, Mayor Leslie swore in our newest full time police officer, Michelle Surplus -- *Congratulations Officer Surplus and welcome to our community!*
- The **Fire Marshal** has provided a [Holiday & Decor Safety Guide](#), including important safety reminders on holiday decorations, holiday lights, candle care, choosing/setting up your Christmas tree, and general winter safety tips.
- **Leaf Collection!!!** Residents should put their leaves next to the curb but not into the street, and they will be picked up according to the [Leaf Collection Zone Schedule](#). Know your zone and have the leaves at the curb by Monday of the specified week: **Zone 2 → Dec 1st, Zone 3 → Dec 8th, Zone 4 → Dec 15th**
- Because of the holidays, there will be **NO recycling pickup** (trash only) on Wednesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve); there will be normal **trash and recycling pickup** on Wednesday, December 31st (New Year's Eve). *Please note that the Brookhaven paper calendar is incorrect – there is NOT a special trash and recyclable pickup on Saturday, January 3, 2026.*



Our Free Little Library Story
by Dan Brechbiel



Back on May 17, 2025, we set up our Free Little Library as a special birthday plus Mother’s Day gift. Julie knew a library was coming—but definitely did not expect it to be built out of a tiny greenhouse/tool shed! It’s been growing beautifully ever since (pun intended).



In less than a year, we’ve tracked 600+ books coming and going using Apple’s Numbers app—proof that our neighbors love to read and share as much as we do. Along the way, we even earned a little local fame: a feature on our community Facebook page and, believe it or not, we’re now a PokéStop!



It’s been amazing watching this little greenhouse of stories bring smiles, surprises, and new connections to our corner of the world (*corner of Cambridge Rd. and Spring St.*) Huge thanks to everyone who’s stopped by, swapped a book, or shared the love—and if you haven’t yet, come check us out!



(Next month: more details on Susan Pesotski’s Sidewalk Library, corner of Patton and Washington Avenues.)



REMINDERS

- **Brookhaven Youth Basketball Update:** around 80 kids signed up for this season...amazing!! Keep an eye out for the assessment dates and the Volunteer Day to make sure all helpers have their clearances in place. See [Brookhaven Youth Basketball Facebook](#) for updates.

- Join the tradition with a \$2 donation that will get you a handwritten tag on the [14th Annual Remembrance Tree](#), located at the municipal center, where you can honor or remember a loved one, and at the same time give a special gift to a local family.
- The Monthly Council Meeting Agenda is [published on the borough website](#) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Come to the meeting and/or watch the recording posted on [Brookhaven PA YouTube](#).



...that there were over a [dozen vendors](#) at this year’s Santa’s Village. They helped make the Holiday Parade and Santa’s Village a big SUCCESS! Please support them.

...that the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) adopted regulations requiring visual ground inspections of pipelines, therefore, starting January 15, 2026, Sunoco will begin to start these quarterly inspections at the [Meadowbrook Lane pipeline](#).

...that the American Red Cross says, **“Give something that means something.”** Consider giving blood on Tuesday, December 16th, 9:00am-2:00pm at Faith Community Church. [CLICK HERE](#) for details, including how to sign up for this event.



Early Brookhaven – Holes in the Roads!

As winter approaches we once again are reminded that weather will bring havoc to our roads as potholes form. At the **March 1950 Council meeting** the question of holes on Edgmtown was discussed. The road committee advised Council that all motorists traveling on Edgmtown Avenue do so at their own risk and no one can force the Contractor or the State to repair potholes! **Have things changed in 75 years?**



Wishing You a *Wonderful* HOLIDAY Season

