

The Shamrock

East Pittsburgh's Quarterly Newsletter



Community Vision. Whether you own or rent your home, you live in East Pittsburgh and are a part of our community. You have lived here during good times and difficult times, and you are here with us while we strive to be better. We hold a shared vision for a Safe place to Live where we have Access to Transportation and a sense of Community.

We are asking you to become an active member of your community. Tell us what you would like to see? Are there programs? Events? Is there interest in bringing back things like the Community Day(s)?

We have residents living in three separate areas that sometimes makes it difficult to have connection—the Terrace where most of you live, the areas of Linden and Electric Avenues and Prospect. We value every single resident here and want to make East Pittsburgh a place where you can be proud to live.

Things that Council is considering right now include: Community Day(s), making Electric Ave and Linden Mall more attractive to businesses, bringing small businesses back to Bessemer Ave, making use of the vacant lots in the Borough, and of course continuing to do the basics like take care of the streets, sewers, and public space.

Soon the new playground at Trax Alley will be opening and we hope to be able to further beautify the area. Where will we go next? Let us know. By emailing the Borough Manager at epabrams@eastpittsburghboro.com.

Important Contacts

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Tax Collector— (412) 823-3155

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(724) 379-4331

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Report Power Outages—
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Borough of East Pittsburgh

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Seth Abrams

From the Manager:

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022! This year has certainly started with a flurry of events including a new trash hauler, significant snowfall, the construction of the Trax Alley Playground, and the first meetings of the Blight Committee to review our current conditions.

I am pleased to report that our first winter of self support for salt is moving forward as a success. By having our own salt storage we are able to fill our vehicles faster and when we need it, without additional travel times or fees.

Speaking of salt and winter, I need to commend our Public Works staff for their tireless work in making sure that our streets were as clear of snow and ice as possible. I can tell you that running a plow and maneuvering around vehicles and other obstacles for hours on end is not fun!

As we look forward to spring, I hope that most of you have been able to see the progress on the new playground. If not, please check out the photos on page 5. We will have a ribbon cutting ceremony and officially open the playground in early to mid spring. We need to thank the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and US Steel for their financial support for this work.

Spring also brings Daylight Saving Time, lawn care, and property taxes (see page 3). Property taxes are the Borough's primary source of revenues. When property is abandoned, the owner passes away or simply decides not to pay, we lose revenues that need to be made up in other ways or reduce services. Last year Council voted to publish the names of delinquent individuals who have chosen not to pay their taxes. Every person who does not pay their share costs the other residents more in the long run. I urge you all to be responsible and pay whatever taxes you may owe.

It is our hope that you will continue to see the care we all put into making East Pittsburgh the best place it can be.

What do you want to see happen? Let's plan for it!

Regards,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager

The Mayor's Desk:

Neighbors,

I hope you all are having a wonderful new year up to this point enjoying the cold and snowscape and that it continues all throughout the rest of the year (no, not the cold and snowscape just the wonderful year). The reason for this article in the newsletter is to introduce to some and reiterate to others my vision for our community.

In January 2021 I took over the duties as mayor of our community to complete the term for former Mayor Lou Payne, who opted for early retirement. I stated then that my objective was the "Rebranding" of East Pittsburgh. By that I meant changing the image that we, as a municipality and individually, project leading to how we are perceived by our neighboring communities, businesses, investors etc. Our community has a long and varied history all indicating that with the passage of time necessarily comes change. Looking at our community it's very easy to see that it is time for change once again.

Like so many, my father worked at Westinghouse for about 20 years even though we did not live here in East Pittsburgh. And, as a child, it was always fun when mom put all of us in the car to go pick dad up at the end of his shift to see all the activity of East Pittsburgh during the shift change. Many years later after Westinghouse closed I would be invited to visited friends who live here. I knew then if the opportunity ever presented itself that I would buy a house and live here. That opportunity presented itself in June of 2012. So, although I don't have the same lifelong connection to East Pittsburgh as many of my neighbors who've lived here their entire lives, I have had the opportunity to view East Pittsburgh and a very small portion of it's history from the perspective of both visitor and resident.

Reshaping what we do and how we live - that we can be viewed differently by observers not from our community - is what will allow us to draw outside

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2022 Property Taxes

The 2022 Borough Property Taxes are due to be mailed out on March, 1, 2022. The Tax collector's office is at 409 Center St. (Tri Valley Auto), and the office hours are Tuesday & Thursday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Due dates:

March 1, 2022– April 30, 2022: 2% discount

May 1, 2022—June 30, 2022: Face Value

June 30, 2022-12/31/2022: 10% Penalty

Mr. Patrick Geric, the elected Tax Collector can be reached at 412-823-3155 or via email at: taxcollector@eastpittsburghboro.com.

PLEASE NOTE payments will ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR CREDIT CARD. Credit card payments are subject to a 2.65% processing fee. **CASH WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

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businesses and other potential investors to come in and help our community move in a positive direction promoting growth and development. But, for outside entities to view our community from a new perspective to the point that they feel confident in coming to East Pittsburgh for business and investment; first, those already a part of our community must view East Pittsburgh through a different lens. When spectators abroad and those from other communities see that we care and are making the efforts to bring about the necessary change for rebranding, they too will begin to view East Pittsburgh through a different lens. Additionally, attempting to maintain a stagnant contemporary position accomplishes absolutely nothing for anyone much less any community in need of growth and development. Looking back to the past can only serve one purpose: be a guide to a better future.

Therefore, a strategy that will benefit businesses, investors and residents - East Pittsburgh as a whole - is necessary. And it is with this objective in mind that sincere efforts to meet this end will be taken. So that we are viewed in the best possible way we will begin using the full weight of code enforcement, all ordinances (especially those impacting quality of life), laws of the Commonwealth and the assistance of all relevant agencies to aid our efforts of change.

Although change is never fun nor easy, it is necessary. Working together, not only will we affect the change necessary to promote growth and development, but also have a better community for all to live.

When we accomplish this, what's next? Who knows. But whatever it may be it is completely in our hands.

Markus E. Adams
Mayor



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WE AND IN PERSON

Borough Council meetings have resumed in -person meetings.

Council holds an agenda meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

The business meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

All meetings are held at 700 Grandview Ave, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112

Meetings are also broadcast live via Ring Central. The link for remote attendance can be found on the borough website and Face Book.

Agendas for the business meeting are posted on the borough website, Facebook page and at the Borough Office and Senior Center by Monday afternoon the day before the meeting.

Upcoming Dates:

Agenda Meetings 6:00 pm

February 8, 2022

March 8, 2022

April 12, 2022

May 10, 2022

June 14, 2022

Business Meetings 7:00 pm

February 15, 2022

March 15, 2022

April 19, 2022

May 17, 2022

June 21, 2022



Photo:

Top: Future site of playground

Middle row: under construction

Bottom row: all equipment is installed and mulch laid.

In the spring we will finish the fence repairs and new seating .

We have swings and separate play structures for 2-5 year olds and 5-12 olds.



UTILITY ASSISTANCE

The Dollar Energy Fund can assist low income individuals & families in applying for assistance from the following agencies:

- Duquesne Light
- People's Natural Gas
- ALCOSAN

They can also assist with applying for LIHEAP and other social services that you may benefit from.

You may find more information at www.dollarenergyfund.org

The closest office to East Pittsburgh is:

Holy Family Institute, Edgewood Towne Center

Address:

1789 South Braddock Avenue
Suite 585
Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Phone:

412-244-8010

The Port Authority provides transportation via the 59 or 69 lines without transfers.

Please be prepared with a copy of the appropriate utility bill, identification, your social security number and proof of income.



Duquesne Light's WATT CHOICES program helps customers conserve energy and reduce demand while lowering their electricity costs. Watt Choices invites residential, commercial and industrial customers to take advantage of a wide range of energy efficiency, conservation and demand-response measures. By participating in these programs, customers are not only learning ways to conserve energy, they also are reducing their overall impact on the environment through reduced power plant emissions and load reduction.

Visit: www.wattchoices.com

Tax Delinquencies

The following property owners have not paid their property taxes and have not made arrangements to make payments to the Borough. Delinquent taxes cost the Borough approximately \$35,000 every year and puts additional burden on other property owners.

The property owners below are known and have refused to respond to requests to make payment arrangements with the Borough. Combined the debt exceeds \$46,000 that the Borough could use to improve services to you, the residents.

Ausbrooks, Dechaud—324 Glosser St, 6 years

Catania, Carlene—548 Maple St, 4 years

Coleman, Colt/Zuccarelli Mary—728 Grandview Ave, 9 years

Garcia, Luis Fernando—117 Center St., 3 years

Hamilton, Lacey— 509 Center St., 3 years

Clay, Cassius—531 Franklin St., 4 years

Jones, Shanayla/Evans, Delaney, 604 Sunnyside Ave., 12 years

Konopka, Ryan—308 Howard St., 4 years (Rental prop)

McCallister, Thomas—536 Grandview Ave, 11 years

Mitchell, Jeremie—532 Bessemer, 3 years (Rental prop)

P& M Realty—552 Howard St., 1 year (Rental prop)

Sherman, Mark—543 Franklin St., 2 years

Smith, Ceoffers—54 Prospect St., 7 years

Visco, Curtis, 527 Bessemer Ave., 8 years

White, Carla, 814 Linden Ave., 2 years

Williams, Christopher, 537 Howard St., 4 years

Zelen, Candace, 512 Ridge Ave, 2 years

Allegheny County has a little used resource that, if you are a home owner, you may use to make necessary (or desired) home improvements for a very low, or no, cost. The program is known as the Allegheny Home Improvement Loan Program. The information may be viewed at <https://www.alleghenycounty.us/economic-development/residents/ahilp/ahilp.aspx>. You may also call the Borough Manager for more information.

COVID-19 & FLU VACCINATIONS – Prepare for winter

Vaccinations are now readily available at most pharmacies and various clinics. Please check with your PCP, pharmacy, or call 211 to find a location convenient for you.





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Borough information for new and established residents is now available on our website by navigating to About Us>Groups>Community. The link is [Resident Welcome/Information Packet](#).

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Spring forward



Advertising Opportunities—reach the residents of East Pittsburgh

The Shamrock is printed on a quarterly basis, February, May, August and November of each year.

The pricing is per issue, and as follows: Advertisements must be submitted in one of the following formats

Full page: \$180 1/4 page: \$70 for publication: MS Word, pdf or JPEG/TIFF/PNG

1/2 page: \$100 Business card: \$40

Please Contact Seth Abrams for more information at epabrams@eastpittsburghboro.com or 412-823-7124