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BOROUGH OF PINE GROVE, PA

MAY 2023

Borough Council President's "State of the Borough"

Flood Remediation, Utility Projects Targeted In 2023

While the spring showers may bring May Flowers, they also bring the danger of stream flooding.

You may have noticed a major project taking place along the old Pennsylvania Power and Light company railroad bed. This berm has been responsible for causing high water that, in the past, has flooded the trailer plants and BG's grocery store.

Grant funds have made it possible to remove the berm and allow the stream bed to be wider in order to abate flooding of adjacent properties. This area will also be part of the future Pleasant Valley Recreation Park. Please go to the Borough website to view the future park plans.

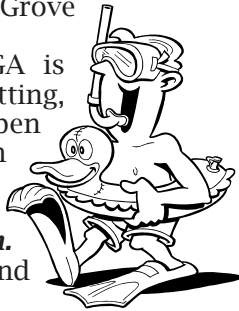


Make A Splash!

It's soon time to enjoy lazy days lounging pool-side and swimming at the Pine Grove Area Community Swimming Pool.

The last day of school at PGA is Thursday, June 1. Weather permitting, the Community Pool will be open Memorial Day weekend and then daily starting Friday, June 2.

Up-to-date information can be found at www.pinegroveborough.org under the Pine Grove Pool tab and on Facebook.



Early Bird Special through Friday, June 2

Season passes for those living within the Pine Grove Area School District, purchased June 3 or later, allows access to the pool for the entire season for one low price - \$250 for a family, \$125 for an adult individual, \$100 for a PGASD student, \$55 for senior citizens (65 years old and above), and \$100 for a senior citizen couple.

But, if you purchase your season pass now through Friday, June 2, you'll save! The discounted "Early Bird" season pool pass (PGASD residents) costs are \$230 family, \$115 adult individual, \$90 PGASD student, \$45 senior citizen, and \$90 for a senior couple.

Advanced sale season passes are available week-days, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Pine Grove Municipal Hall through June 2. The pool office will be open for advanced season pass sales, now through June 2 on

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The Borough has also applied for Federal grants to redo the storm drains on both North and South Tulpehocken streets. While the initial requests for a \$1.7 million grant was unsuccessful during the COVID period, the Borough was invited to resubmit the grant. We did so immediately.

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Regular Council Meeting:
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Municipal Building – 1 Snyder Ave.

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Everyone In The Pool!

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Fridays (4 to 6 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to noon). Regular price season passes take effect June 3 and should be purchased at the pool.

Non-Resident (living outside the Pine Grove Area School District) “Early Bird” season pass rates are \$280 Family; \$140 Adult Individual; \$115 Student Individual, \$55 Senior Citizen; and \$105 Senior Citizen couple. Regular season pass rates, purchased effective June 3, are \$300 Family; \$150 Adult Individual; \$125 Student Individual, \$65 Senior Citizen; and \$115 Senior Citizen couple.

Complete details and downloadable forms are on the Borough website - pinegroveborough.org. And, don't forget to sign up for swim lessons. Click on the Pine Grove Community Pool tab.



Swimming lesson signup

Swim lesson registration is now open. For water safety, the importance of swim lessons can't be overstated. Everyone - especially children - should be able to swim!

Lessons are offered from June 12 through August 4 with a break from July 3-to-7.

Not sure which ability-level class is appropriate for your child? The registration application has a box to be checked, indicating a desire to have your child pretested.

Register for swim lessons weekdays at the Pine Grove Municipal Hall, 1 Snyder Avenue, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through June 2.

Lessons cost \$40 for your first child and \$35 for each additional child in the same family. Payment by check or credit card is due at registration; checks should be made payable to “Pine Grove Recreation Board.”

Hurry! Registration forms (available on the Borough website) will be accepted - on a first come, first served basis - until June 2 or until all classes are filled. Forms will not be accepted after June 2.

Concession stand, birthday parties

Pool parties are returning this swim season. The Community Pool and its concession stand are back to full service following the past several COVID years.

Again this year, you can celebrate your child's birthday at the pool. For one low package price, each child will get admission plus a food package. Other food options are also available.

More information can be found on the web-site, Facebook page or email the pool manager - PGpool44@outlook.com.

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
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State of the Borough . . . by Tom Fickinger

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Your help is needed and appreciated

The Borough crew has been using the street sweeper on a regular basis and trying to keep all storm drains clear of debris. Your help is also requested! If the storm drain grate at or near your property is clogged and you are able, please take a minute to clear it. A spring clean-up campaign is also being planned for the town.



TOM FICKINGER
Council President

Many residents have expressed the desire to keep the pool open longer during the day, as well as longer into the summer. In the past, the pool had to close in mid-August due to the lifeguards and staff returning to school. The Borough is seeking adult staff and lifeguards to enable the pool to remain open as long as the weather will allow. If you would like to help in this endeavor, please contact the Borough Office.

The street crew is actively seeking a part-time employee for the summer. The applicant must be 16 years of age or older to use the mowers and light equipment.

Water, sewer, and streets update

Our street crew has three members currently taking classes, under the direction of our fully licensed professional engineer, for their Water Operator License.

Currently the Penn Dye & Finishing Plant is negotiating with the Pine Grove Joint Treatment Authority to move its chemical treatment process, currently located behind the dye plant, to a retro-fitted earlier treatment plant for their specialized-type of wastewater.

These meetings are being assisted by our new state representative, Joanne Stehr, and the Borough.

The status of our two new potable water wells remains bogged down by Susquehanna River Basin Authorities. The wells tested at 500 gallons per minute, but the authority will only permit the Borough to draw 90 gallons per minute. We are in discussions to adjust this limit. The water line installation along Route 443 should begin this summer. Street paving in the Borough is being planned for the warmer months also.

Focusing on a safe end-of-school

In conjunction with the spring prom, a safe driver and emergency response enactment was held at Pine



Grove Area High School last month prior to prom season. Students were exposed to rescue equipment and techniques that emergency responders use following vehicle crashes. This was "staged" in the hopes these young adults become safer drivers as the festivities signal the end of the school year.

In area news, the Schuylkill Soil Conservation District has just completed a major project to lessen the influx of silt into the Sweet Arrow Lake. You may view their efforts at the upstream end of the lake. Other projects are planned to help make our area a great place to live and to enjoy our county parks.

- Tom Fickinger, Council President

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June 13 - Resorts Casino; \$15 FSP	\$69
June 17 - 911 Memorial and Museum	**\$89
June 17 - Cape May Free Day	\$68
June 17 - Washington DC Free Day	\$62
June 22 - The Jersey Tenors @ Tropicana; \$25 FSP	\$95
June 24 - Elvis The Musical @ DADT	**\$99
June 24 - Phillies vs New York Mets.....	\$98
July 6 - Grease @ Fulton & Bird-in-Hand.....	**\$113
July 8 - Ocean City, NJ Free Day.....	\$59
July 9 - Finger Lakes Wine Festival.....	\$92
July 12 - National Zoo	\$62
July 13 - Tribute to Carpenters @ Wind Creek; \$30 FSP	\$81
July 15 - NYC Free Day	\$59
July 15 - Wildwood, NJ Free Day	\$67
July 17 - Disney 100 The Exhibition/Reading Term Mkt....	\$85

OVERNIGHT TRIPS (Per Person Based on Double Occupancy)

July 23-26 - Cleveland and Put-in-Bay	\$760
August 8-9 - Resorts World Catskills-Barbra & Frank.....	\$197
Sept. 10-15 - Maine Coast & Campobello Island	\$1,709
Sept. 12-13 -Resorts Catskills - Music of Mama Mia	\$197

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Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

Memorial Day parade and service

Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial start to summer, a time to fire up the outdoor grill, and enjoy warmer weather. But, as you are burning your hamburgers on the grill, give a smile and a kind thought to all of those who have and still are sacrificing so that we may enjoy this weekend.



For those of us safe in our own homes, is it too much to sacrifice a few hours on Monday, May 29 — Memorial Day — to participate in the day's patriotic parade through the streets of Pine Grove and the memorial service to follow?

The parade will form at "the brickyard" along

Christ Street adjacent to the HH&L Fire Company beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will step off promptly at 9 a.m.

The parade will feature special guests, Gold Star Mothers, town and area dignitaries, speakers and honorees at the service to follow. Also marching will be the Pine Grove Area Community Band, Pine Grove Area High School Marching Band and JROTC color guard and marching unit. Always a popular part of the Memorial Day parade are community organizations members, children's sports groups, high school teams, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownie troops, church groups and area fire and rescue companies.

The parade will proceed onto East Pottsville Street to South Tulpehocken and continue south to Saint John's Cemetery. The Memorial Day service and keynote address will take place beginning at 9:45 a.m. at and adjacent to the Pine Grove War Memorial monument.

Upcoming Borough holiday closures

Pine Grove Borough offices and operations will be closed in observance of these upcoming holidays: Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day); and Tuesday, July 4 (Independence Day).

Free disposal of car/truck tires

The Schuylkill Conservation District (SCD) will host a FREE passenger car and light truck tire collection from June 12 to June 14 in Schuylkill Haven. Drop-off times each day will be 4 to 6 p.m. only. No one will be allowed to drop off tires without making prearrangements.

Email kschutt@co.schuylkill.pa.us to schedule your drop-off. Leave a message with your name, phone number, number of tires, and date/time you wish to drop off. The Conservation District will contact you to confirm your drop-off. Drop-offs must be scheduled on or before Wednesday, June 7th.

The drop-off location will be at the Compost Area located at the southern end of St. Charles Street past the Schuylkill Haven Wastewater Treatment Plant. Please note the following items:

- Tires with rims will not be accepted; all tires

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shall be free of dirt, water, and foreign objects. Tires shall not be deformed and must have the normal geometry of a typical tire.

- Tires will not be accepted if you do not pre-register for a drop-off.
- There is one drop-off per person and a 30-tire maximum.
- This is a free event. Due to limited funding SCD will schedule on a first come, first served basis.
- Semi-truck tires will only be accepted under special circumstance.
- Tires cannot be taller than 4 feet or wider than 14 inches.
- SCD, their partners, and volunteers reserve the right to reject any and all tires that do not meet the guidelines above.

Dispose of unused/outdated drugs

Each year the Pine Grove Police Department coordinates the local DEA Drug Take-Back Program. This provides for the safe and secure disposal of expired and unused prescription drugs commonly found stored in households. To protect our landfills and waterways, drugs should not be thrown away with your household trash nor by toilet flushing.

This drop-off service is available on a continual basis. A safe and secure Red Box depository is available in the lobby of the Pine Grove Municipal Hall for this purpose.

The drugs will be properly disposed of during the Drug Take-Back Program. Contact the Pine Grove Police Department at the non-emergency number of 570-345-8100 with any questions or concerns.

Spring/summer work to be aware of

Hydrant flushing will be conducted during May and June. Hydrant flushing allows the Borough to flush its fresh water system. Property owners may experience times of low water pressure and discolored water. Simply let your tap water run a few minutes until it becomes clear. Flushing also allows the Borough to monitor and maintain fire hydrants throughout the system.

Line painting of crosswalks and curb painting, where needed, will also take place during May and June. Pedestrians are asked to cross streets at the crosswalks. Motorists are reminded it is state law to stop to allow pedestrians to cross the street when they present themselves in the designated crosswalk.

Curb painting is an important reminder to motorists when parking near an intersection. The yellow painted curbs indicate a "no parking" area to allow other motorists and pedestrians a safe view when attempting to cross an intersection.

Parking meters

If you choose to park your vehicle in the business district at a space with a parking meter, please know that you are liable for ticket enforcement of expired time Monday through Saturday between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can enjoy free parking during other hours plus Sundays and holidays.

Recycling electronics

The Covered Device Recycling Act prohibits the disposal of desktop computers, laptop computers, monitors, peripherals, televisions, and hand-held electronic devices. Do not place with your household trash as your refuse collector and landfills will not accept these items.

The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) urges you to do your part for the environment by recycling all unused electronic devices.

Unfortunately, the Schuylkill County Office of

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Solid Waste & Resource Management decided not to include these electronics in its annual Fall Cleanup. Please continue to store unwanted electronics until the next collection in the county or by the Borough.

Thanks to all residents helping to keep Pine Grove Borough a cleaner place and responsible in its waste and recycling efforts.

Get your compost site permits

Those sunny and warmer days are here. Property owners will be mowing, gardening, and improving their grounds. You are able to dispose of vegetative waste at the Borough's compost site located behind the municipal garage.

This year's permits are now available at the Pine Grove Municipal Building, 1 Snyder Ave. Permits are strictly for Borough residents only. Proper identification and proof of residency is required. Cost is \$20.

The compost site only accepts organic materials and yard waste - leaves, grass clippings, and other yard vegetation. The site operates from March through the fall season on Tuesdays and Saturdays. An attendant will direct you where to place your vegetation waste.

Think spring ... and summer!

The Pine Grove Bicentennial Committee is looking forward to a beautiful spring and summer season at

Union Canal Veteran's Memorial Park.

Residents of Pine Grove and surrounding areas are invited to enjoy a walk around the canal, stop and eat lunch at one of the picnic tables, or simply sit and relax on one of the park benches. While at the park, be sure to stop at the Memorial Pavilion, which lists the names of those who purchased trees in honor and memory of loved ones.

While leashed pets are allowed at the park, pet owners are urged to clean up after their pet. Keep the park grounds healthy and safe for our children.

Water bill payments

Quarterly water bill payments were due May 5. Additional payment due dates in 2023 are August 7, and November 6. After these dates, a late fee will be assessed.

Pay by credit/debit

The Pine Grove Borough office now accepts credit/debit card payments, using MuniPAY, for water service. Customers are able to make payment online or at the Borough Office.

Payments accepted through MuniPAY will be Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, or e-check. Payments made in this way will be subject to service fees of 2.65% or \$3, whichever is greater for credit cards, and \$1.50 for e-check.

The Borough does not collect, receive or retain any portion of the service fees. The fees are charged by MuniPAY in order to provide this convenient service to you.

MuniPAY is audited on an annual basis by a company that is recognized as a Qualified Security Assessor by the PCI Security Standards.

Please help your neighborhood

Blocked street drains can create a hazard for you and your neighbors during heavy rain events. If you see the drain near your house clogged with leaves or litter, please take a few minutes to open it with a broom or shovel.

Spring and summer ash collection

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mer, and early fall seasons. Residents are reminded that ash tubs must have handles and be free of sharp edges.

Food pantry

The Pine Grove Area Council of Churches Food Pantry serves those in need of nutritious food items on the third Saturday of every month. Located in the lower level of the Weekday Church School building, 200 School Street (directly across the street from the entrance to the Pine Grove Area Elementary School), food distribution takes place from 9 a.m. to noon.



The pantry serves families of Pine Grove Borough, Pine Grove Township and Washington Township. For additional information or for emergency food, call 570-345-3033 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Leave a message if no answer.

Suggestion/complaint forms

Do you see a problem in the Borough that needs to be corrected? Or, maybe you have a suggestion to save money, provide better services, or a solution to one of those problems. The Borough has created a

“Suggestion/Complaint” form and procedure to make it easier for residents to alert us and for Borough services to receive, review, and possibly implement suggestions.

A form can be downloaded from the Borough website or get one at Borough Hall. Once completed, it will be time-stamped, dated, and passed on to the appropriate committee for consideration or action. In this way we hope to address these concerns and ideas in the most efficient way.

Become a Lions Club member

“We Serve” is the motto of Lions Clubs throughout the world. The mission of the Pine Grove Lions Club is to improve the quality of life for residents of Pine Grove and surrounding communities by providing support for health related issues, youth programs, emergency relief in disaster situations, cultural growth, and other needs of the local community through giving and personal service. Sight preservation is the worldwide project of Lions International chapters.

Consider becoming a member of the Pine Grove Lions Club. The Lions Den headquarters building is located at 1 Veterans Memorial Drive. call 570-345-7446 to see how you can be part of building your community and caring for others.

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Historical Society Preserves the Past

Stanhope School Opens for the Season on May 20

The Stanhope Schoolhouse, a project of the Pinegrove Historical Society, opens on Saturday, May 20 at 1:30 p.m. with the first of three educational programs for 2023. A panel from the Pine Grove Area School District will present a one-hour program, "Education - Past, Present, and Future."

Education has gone from one-room schools with no electricity to virtual lessons during the COVID pandemic. Learn how education has changed from when the Stanhope Schoolhouse first opened to present day ... and where educators see learning going in the future. The museum will be open following the program until 4:30 p.m.

Learn the fascinating history of Iron Gall Ink on Saturday, July 15. Before ballpoint pens, this permanent ink was produced thanks to the unlikely partnership of wasps, a tree, and some iron sulfide. This ink was used in everything from the Declaration of Independence to everyday writing and schoolwork. Cynthia Barbedette will present this educational program starting at 1:30. Again, the museum will be open following the presentation until 4:30 p.m.

Additional schoolhouse museum openings include June 11 and August 13, both Sundays, from 2 to 4 p.m.. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

Restoration efforts continue. For those who are able and willing, a wide variety of volunteer oppor-

tunities are available to suit all ages and interests. Details can be found at PGHS-StanhopeSchool.org or at [Facebook.com/StanhopeSchoolhouse](https://www.facebook.com/StanhopeSchoolhouse).



Going back in time

From the Stanhope School Teacher's Attendance Book from 1883-1893, we know teachers were provided the following for students in A Division - age 12 and upwards by G.W. Weiss, Schuylkill County Superintendent on December 15, 1882.

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Historical Society Preserves the Past

book, drawing book, arithmetic, geography, language lessons, grammar, history, and the Constitution of the United States. I would also suggest an elementary work on physiology and hygiene.

Reading – Use fourth readers, periodicals and suitable newspapers. Continue instruction as in previous division, with special attention to subject matter of lesson and preparatory notes, and thorough drill in the principles of reading, as required in your fourth and fifth readers.

Spelling – Use speller. Have written exercises in spelling. Have pupils use blank books instead of slates. New and difficult words in readers. Attention to words of same pronunciation and different spelling, technical terms from text books, arts and sciences, and proper names from history and geography. Have pupils keep a list of misspelled words and review them. Review often.

Writing and Drawing – Same as in prior divisions.

Arithmetic – The subject completed. Review and give additional work involving same. Review often. Separate pupils to prevent copying. Writing notes, drafts and receipts. Simplest form of bookkeeping. Reviews and practical problems.

Language – Language lessons and grammar completed. Analysis. Work in rhetorical figures. Continual practice in letter writing and in oral and written composition, original and from dictation. Pupil language carefully noticed and mistakes properly corrected.

Geography – Complete Geography. Give considerable attention to physical and mathematical geography. Special attention to the map of Pennsylvania and to the natural products, manufacturers, industries, climate, government, and institutions of the State. Unimportant places in map exercises, statistics, and matter of no permanent value should not be allowed to take much time. Constant use of globe and maps.

History and Constitution of U.S. – Complete both. Give outline of history. Have pupils copy and commit. Study topically. Recitations both oral and written.

Special – Declamations or recitations at least once a month, and vocal music daily.

Save the date!

- Sat., May 20, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Educational program; museum open until 4:30.
- Sun., June 11, 2 to 4 p.m. – Museum open
- Sat., July 15, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Educational program; museum open until 4:30.
- Wed., July 19, all day – Dining fundraiser – Friedensburg Country Restaurant. Paper coupon required; available at PGHS-StanhopeSchool.org.
- Sun., August 13, 2 to 4 p.m. – Museum open
- Sat., September 23, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Educational program; museum open until 4:30.
- Wed., September 27, all day – Dining fundraiser – Friedensburg Country Restaurant. Paper coupon required; available at PGHS-StanhopeSchool.org.



**Good News
Day Camp**

Bible Camp for children who have completed grades K through 6th.
Cost \$35
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For more information and a registration form: www.cefschuylkill.com

Camp Locations:

June 26-30	Tamaqua	Bring this form to camp and receive 20 points towards the camp store!
July 10-14	Valley View	
July 17-20	Pine Grove	
July 24-28	Auburn	
July 31-Aug.4	Ashland	

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Fire Prevention and Home/Garden Safety

Smoke detectors

Properly installed and functioning, smoke detectors are the single most important factor in preventing home fire fatalities. On the job 24 hours per day, they will provide you and your family with an early warning should a fire occur, giving you the best opportunity to escape.

Where should I install them?

A smoke detector should be installed on every level of your home. Since many home fires occur while the residents are asleep, smoke detectors should also be installed in every bedroom and in the hallway outside each sleeping area.

Ceiling-mounted detectors should be positioned at least four inches from the nearest wall. Wall-mounted detectors should be placed four to twelve inches away from the ceiling. If you have peaked ceilings, install the detector near the ceiling's highest point.

Don't install detectors near doors, windows or ducts where drafts might interfere with the detector. Never paint smoke detectors or apply stickers or decorations, since these too may affect the ability of the detector to respond to a fire.



What is that chirping?

When a smoke detector "chirps" it is telling you that the battery is low and needs to be replaced. Keep a spare battery or two on hand so that you can replace the battery immediately when it starts to chirp. Removing the battery with the best intentions of replacing it later, often results in your family not being protected when the battery is forgotten.

There are special smoke detectors available for the deaf or hard of hearing. These devices use strobe lights and vibration when activated.

How long do they last?

All smoke detectors, whether battery powered or hard wired should be replaced after 10 years. Any detector, which fails to activate when you press the test button, should also be replaced.

Don't forget about home safety

Make sure your house number is clearly visible on the wall next to your front door. Use at least 3" numbers of a color that contrasts with the background.

Clean-up yard debris and cut back brush to maintain a clear 10-foot fire zone around your house. Remove dried leaves and other combustibles.

Fuel lawn mowers and power equipment outdoors and only when the motor is cool. Store gasoline only in approved safety cans and in a cool location such as a shed or detached garage. Never store or use gasoline indoors.

When using ladders, check for safe, stable placement. Keep ladders well clear of overhead obstructions such as wires.

And when you are grilling ...

Never use any type of grill indoors. It will cause a carbon monoxide hazard.

Before using a gas grill, check the hose from the tank to the grill for any cracks or leaks.

Never use a grill under an awning, roof or covered walkway.

Keep small children away from grills when they are in use.



Lawn mower safety

Small children should not operate push or riding mowers and should not ride as passengers on riding mowers.

Keep children and pets indoors or at a safe distance while you are mowing.

Turn the mower off and allow the engine to cool before refueling.

Turn off the mower and wait until the blades come to a complete stop before trying to unclog the mower.



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The greatest compliment you can give is a referral.

Rave Mobile's Smart911 - Critical Info Fast!

Rave Mobile's "Smart911" is a communication service that allows the Pine Grove Borough to notify residents quickly and efficiently in the event of an emergency or need to convey critical information.

The PA Department of Environmental Protection mandated all water systems are required to notify customers quickly when a situation with the water system arises. From time to time, we have had to contact our customers when our water system was compromised and issue a Boil Water Advisory.

Pine Grove Borough has contracted with Rave Mobile's Smart911 to contact our customers and residents. Smart911 is a Public Notification System using cutting-edge technology to swiftly contact our residents via telephone or e-mail. Now when a Boil Water

Advisory is necessary, or any time the Borough needs to be in contact with its residents such as a declared snow emergency, we can do so in a matter of minutes. This would also include other states of emergency, disaster announcements, road closures, parking restrictions, and other announcements as necessary.

We need your help!

In order to make Smart911 work, information regarding you, including your address, phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, and your preferred method of notification is necessary. If you were registered previously with Swiftreach, your information has been transferred to the Smart911 system. If you have not sent this to date, complete the form and mail it in, deliver in person, call or e-mail your info today! Or, go to the Borough website and click on the Smart911 tab.

Mail or deliver to Pine Grove Borough; One Snyder Avenue; Pine Grove, PA 17963. You can also call 570-345-3555 with the information or e-mail us at pgborough@comcast.net.

Property owners with apartments should provide information regarding their tenants. Tenants should also complete the form to assure optimum notification.

Pine Grove Borough • Water Customer Information System

Contact Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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