



ATGLEN BOROUGH NEWS

DECEMBER 2014

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MAYOR, MAYOR BRIAN WENZKA

At the November 3rd public meeting the Borough Council appointed **Brian Wenzka** to fill the term of Mayor. Welcome aboard.

YEAR 2015 BUDGET

The Borough Council has been working with the staff on the Year 2015 Budget. The Preliminary 2015 Budget was presented to the public at the November 3, 2014 Council meeting. The proposed Final Budget is available for your review on-line (www.atglen.org) or at Borough Hall. Council will act on the Final Budget at their December 1st meeting. Some of the Budget highlights are as follows:

- No real estate tax increase. This is our 4th year with no tax increase.
- Set aside funds to handle emergencies and capital needs.
- Continue the phasing in of the new water meters.
- Invest in the infrastructure by upgrading some fire hydrants, repairing a water pump, eliminating rainwater from entering some of our sanitary sewer lines, and doing minor road repairs.

The current income stream is not fully funding the Water and Sewer expenses. The fund balances are at a level that requires a rate adjustment. The new rates are as follows:

- Sewer Fee - \$ 200 per quarter, a \$ 10 increase.
- Water Fee – The quarterly minimum fee is \$ 65, a \$ 5 increase. The consumption rate rises by 95¢ per thousand gallons over 5,000 gallons. The new consumption rate is \$ 7.50 per thousand gallons over 5,000 gallons. For the median user of 10,000 gallons the new water bill will increase by \$9.75.

SINGLE STREAM CURBSIDE RECYCLING, BEGINS JANUARY 7TH



Effective on January 7, 2015 the Borough will start curbside collection of single stream recycling. All recycled material can be mixed together in the recycling container to be provided by A.J. Blosenski Inc. The 35 gallon container has an attached lid and is on wheels for easier handling. All residents will receive a container sometime in mid- December. Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday the same day as your trash. Place both your trash and your recycling container out for curbside service. All recycled material can be mixed together and placed in the recycling container. All plastic containers from # 1 through #7, glass bottles and jars, metal cans, newspaper and mixed paper, and cardboard can be placed in the recycling container. Breakdown and cut up large cardboard packaging to allow the material to fit into the recycling container. Do not put in the recycling container plastic shopping bags, styrofoam, and plastic snack bags and sandwich bags.

For more information about single stream recycling and what can and cannot be recycled please refer to the enclosed brochure.

The recycling drop off containers located at the Borough Garage will be available until January 2, 2015. After that date the drop off containers will be removed.

The cost for this additional service is 12¢ per day, \$ 11 per quarter. The trash fee will increase to \$ 66 per quarter effective with your December 1st bill.

ZONING ORDINANCE, ZONING MAP AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS UPDATE

The Borough is wrapping up the process to keep relevant the Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Map, and Subdivision Ordinance. The Chester County Planning Commission and Atglen Borough Planning Commission have reviewed the draft and recommended approval. The Borough Council will hold a public hearing and consider the adoption of the amendments at the December 1st Council meeting, 7 pm. To view the amendments go to the Borough website (www.atglen.org) or stop in Borough Hall.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

will be held on
Sunday, December 7th
at 6:00 p.m. at the

Atglen Community Park on Ridge Avenue. The Octorara Intermediate School Band will be performing, cookies and hot chocolate will be served. There will be a visit from Santa Claus, the lighting of the Christmas Tree and singing of Silent Night.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Sat., December 13th
8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

West Fallowfield School,

795 Fallowfield Road, Atglen
to benefit the Atglen Library.

\$10 for adults & \$5 for children 3-12 years old
(under 2 years old - free)



Meetings

All Meetings are held in the
Borough Office located at
120 West Main Street at 7:00 p.m.
Borough Council - 1st Monday

BLOOD DRIVE

*This holiday, give a gift that
could help save lives.*

A blood drive will be held on **Friday, December 19th from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at the Penningtonville Presbyterian Church located at 406 Main Street. You may drop in or schedule an appointment by going to www.giveapint.org or by calling the church at 610.593.2173.



WINTER MAINTENANCE ON THE LOCAL PUBLIC ROADS

As we enter the Winter Season the Borough is prepared to keep the roads clear from snow and ice. We ask for your assistance.

Try to keep your vehicles off the roadway during and within 12 hours of a snow event. This allows us to fully clear the traffic lanes.

When you are clearing your driveways and sidewalks do not put the snow back in the road.

Place your trash and recycling containers out of the path of the snow plow.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Atglen Borough Council

Dirk Hagen - President

Charles H. Palmer - Vice-President

Jason Link - Member

Carol (Moyer) McGrath - Member

Nancy Pelet - Member

Brian Wenzka - Mayor