

## **Managers Corner**

Well it seems Spring is finally coming our way after a particularly hard winter. That means we here at the Borough have a number of things that need done before Spring actually takes hold.

**Street Sweeping** – You will note that the streets have been pretty “dirty” because of the Anti-Skid stones that have been left from our treating the roads during snow and ice storms. It is especially bad this year because of the scarcity and cost of road salt this winter. The Borough, like many other municipalities, had to use a salt/anti-skid mix in order to save both money and salt. Unfortunately, this leaves a lot of residue that needs to be picked up. We have begun our street sweeping schedule to do just that. Most of the sweeping on the busy streets, especially on the State Roads and Main Street area, is done in the early morning hours when traffic and parking is at a minimum. However, on the less traveled streets you will be seeing the sweeper crew out during the day. Please be as cooperative as possible when they are on your street. You can sweep your sidewalks and intersection crossings, as they are the landowner’s responsibility, into the curb area so that the sweeper crew can pick it up for you. This way we can get this clean up done as soon as possible.

**Trees** - As I noted to you last year, this winter I had a review of the trees in the 4 corner parks done to see what was needed to preserve what we could and remove what was a hazard to those using the parks. Recently we had many of the trees trimmed in order to open up the areas but most importantly to keep those trees as healthy as possible. This trimming may look ugly for while but as the trees bloom and re-grow they will come back as good as new. In addition, we had to remove two trees in one of the corners because the large one in the middle had upper limbs that were hollow and breaking off in wind storms while the main trunk was still solid but beginning to rot. The other smaller tree near the sidewalk was dying as well, so for safety reasons both were reluctantly removed. However, we will replace the large tree ASAP with one that is as mature as possible and will grow quickly for the shade we all like to have for our festivals.

**Brush Pile** - Last Fall we started a home pick up of brush, which was very successful. This year we will do the same during April and May. We may also open the Brush Pile under supervision as well if the need arises. Please see the link on the website for more details.

**Road Work** - Of course Spring also means we will have crews working on the streets from time to time doing repairs and getting ready for the paving season. If there are any road repairs needed on your street please give the office a call to report them. Note that the state roads are Penn Dot responsibility and they have already been called to ask for pothole repair. However, if you wish to do so as well that may be helpful. Whenever you see roadwork please be courteous and careful of the people making those repairs. Safety is everybody’s business.

Lastly, I had placed the 2009 Budget message in this corner for the last few weeks. In the meantime we had delivered this important message to all homes and business in the Borough. If you need a copy, please call the office and we will provide it to you. I will also have it placed on the website in a permanent location.

Thank you all for your cooperation this winter and as we head to better weather be safe and if there is anything that the Borough can do to assist you do not hesitate to contact us.