

Welcome to Bowmanstown, PA

What obligations do I have to the borough?

BOROUGH OFFICE:

Location:

490 Ore Street

Bowmanstown, PA 18030

(610) 852-2455 ~ bborough@ptd.net

(610) 852-2289 ~ abowmans@ptd.net

Hours:

Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

- * Occasionally the office needs to be closed for unforeseen reasons; you can call the office and leave a message. We have a drop off box to the left of the front door that you may utilize for your convenience

Borough Council holds their regular monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Borough Water Authority holds their regular monthly meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Borough Holidays the Office will be closed:

- * New Year's Day
- * Good Friday
- * Memorial Day
- * Fourth of July
- * Labor Day
- * Thanksgiving Day
- * Friday after Thanksgiving
- * Christmas Day

WATER

Our water authority tests water quality and meets clean water criteria.

- If you have any concerns about your water, pressure, color, etc., please call (610) 852-2289
- You are responsible for the connection from the curb box to and inside your home
- The shut off valve at the curb is only to be accessed by the water authority - not by a plumber or the homeowner

SEWER

- You are responsible for the pipes in your house and to the connection at the curb.
- Please DO insure that your sewer vent cap is installed. It keeps objects out of the system that might back up your sewer line or damage our wastewater treatment plant.
- Please DO NOT dump grease, chemicals, paints, etc. into the drains. It may damage your system or our plant.
- Please DO NOT connect drains or sump pumps to the sewer. Excess water causes the plant to overload and shut down.

GARBAGE

- Garbage pick-up is every Tuesday. Please place containers at the curb, not in the street, Monday night.

When practical, put the bags in a container to discourage animals from tearing open the bags. Holiday before a Tuesday delay pick up by one day.

- You are allowed one (1) bulk item. Please call Tamaqua Transfer to let them know that you will be placing one out when you do. (570) 668-4515
- Yard waste may be composted. Contact the borough office for details.

MONTHLY BILLING

- The borough sends out a bill every month for water/sewer/garbage. The bills go out on the first (1st) of each month and are due by the twentieth (20th) of each month.
- If you do not receive your bill by the eighth (8th) of the month, please call the office and another one can be mailed out to you.
- If you pay by check, two (2) separate checks are required; the water is paid to Bowmanstown Authority and the sewer/garbage is paid to Bowmanstown Borough.
- If payment is not made by the twentieth (20th) of the month there is a five (\$5.00) dollar penalty applied to each; the water, sewer, and garbage.

TAXES

You will receive borough, county, and school taxes.

They may be paid by mail or in person at the borough hall on the first, second, and last Tuesday of each month between the hours of 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Or you may call the tax collector to make other arrangements (610) 852-5665

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

We are proud of our borough and hope that you are proud of your property and home. Please be a good neighbor and maintain your home and property, abiding by our ordinances related to out-buildings, fences, noise, etc.

Please feel free to ask the borough office if you have questions or concerns.

PETS

For reasons of public health and safety, if you own a dog or cat, please be considerate of your neighbors.

- If the dog or cat leaves your property, it must be on a leash.
- Please clean up after your pet.
- Please do not allow your pet on your neighbor's property.
- Please do not allow your pet to annoy neighbors with barking, meowing, and other noise.

WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT

- When changing the structure of a building in any way.
- If you wish to erect a shed or other outbuilding.
- If you are putting up a pool, even a temporary inflatable pool over two (2) feet high.
- If you are putting on a deck or patio.
- Moving IN, WITHIN, or OUT of the Borough.
- If you are putting in curbing, or sidewalks or a driveway.
- If you are having a dumpster brought in for a clean out or construction.

PARKING RULES and REGULATIONS

We have a number of ordinances related to keeping our streets clear of commercial vehicles since our borough has a residential character. If you have something other than a licensed car, minivan, van, pic up truck or motorcycle that you wish to park on the street, please contact the borough office for any conditions or restrictions.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN IT SNOWS

- If it snows, we ask residents that they keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice after the snowfall has ended. Please do not push or shovel snow into the streets.
- If two (2) or more inches of snow falls, please park on the odd side of the street on odd numbered days, and

park on the even side of the street on even numbered days. If you park on a side street, please park on the east side on odd numbered days and on the west side on even numbered days. This allows the plows to clear the streets.

- If the mayor calls a snow emergency, residents must move their vehicle from the streets designated as snow emergency routes.

NOTIFYING THE RESIDENTS

- When important information needs to be relayed to residents the borough uses a Swift911 notification system. If you want to receive these notifications, please provide your telephone number to the borough office. If you no longer wish to receive these telephone calls, please notify the office to remove your number.
- The borough has a facebook that is also used to get information out to the borough residents;
www.facebook.com/bowmanstown.boro
Become the borough's friend to stay informed.
- www.bowmanstown.org

PAVILION

Anyone can reserve the Solt Pavilion located on Lime Street by filling out an application at the borough office; it is free for residents or \$25.00 for non-residents.