

FALL
2020

City of Lower Burrell
2800 Bethel Street
Lower Burrell, PA 15068



City Meetings

Monthly Council Meetings
(All are 7 PM unless notes)

Agenda - 1st Monday
Council – 2nd Monday

Municipal Authority
3rd Tuesday at 6:30

Planning Commission
3rd Wednesday

Zoning Hearing Board
3rd Monday

Parks Commission
4th Monday

Your City Officials

Mayor John Andrejczik

Department of Public Affairs

Councilman Chris Fabry

Department of Accounts/Finance

Councilwoman Rosina Albanese

Department of Parks and Property

Councilman Robert Hamilton

Department of Public Works

Councilman Joseph Grillo

Department of Public Safety

Controller – Tony Farina

Treasurer – Brian Eshbaugh

City Administrator – Amy Rockwell

Chief of Police – John Marhefka

Director of PW – Todd Giammatteo

Ordinance/Zoning – Michael Nedley

All emergency calls, please use 911.

Contact us at 724-335-9875.

Lower Burrell Insider



NEW LOCAL AND COUNTY PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT PERIODS

Face Period – September 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Mayor's Office

Good Citizens of Lower Burrell:

I never dreamed that during our first few months, we would be facing a nationwide health crisis that hits close to home as dramatically as it impacted other areas in the world. We, as a city, had to plan and prepare how best to protect the health and safety of our community and our employees. Working as a team, we are focusing on doing just that. One day at a time, and not losing focus of our mission as a Council, to serve our great citizens of Lower Burrell.

One thing we have learned from COVID19 is that we need a better way to communicate messages to our residents and the business community. We realized that our website needed to be updated to allow us to send timely news to our city, and the community needed to be able to send us information in return. We needed to revamp our operations to allow for more digital communications so that we can continue to serve you while you can remain in the safety of your home. The new website will be operational in early 2021.

The 2020 Census is currently happening. If you have not completed the census, I urge you to do so. Many funding streams are calculated based on census tract information, so we need everyone to respond!

For more information from your Mayor, please visit my Facebook Page, "Mayor John Andrejczik, Lower Burrell," for my newest statement to the Good Residents of Lower Burrell. We will get through this together. God Speed and Much Love.

Mayor John Andrejczik

Messages from Council

Director of Accounts and Finance

The budget season for 2021 is fast approaching. City Administrator Amy Rockwell has begun meeting to discuss budget requests with all department heads. From there, she and I will meet to put together a preliminary budget before scheduling our first budget meeting with the Council as a group. All budget meetings are open to the public and will be advertised and posted on the city's website as soon as the dates are approved.

A reminder that City and County Property Taxes are due at face amount until 12/31/2020. There will be no penalties assessed this year due to COVID-19. School Property Taxes are due as stated on your tax bills. The district has not approved any extensions at this time.

The Tax Office will be moving to the City Hall building at 2800 Bethel Street in October 2020. A drop box will be located for after-hour payments inside the first set of doors. Please watch our Facebook page and website for additional updates.

Congratulations to Lower Burrell Volunteer Fire Company No. 3 for a successful Food Truck Rally. The community support was overwhelming, and I look forward to future food truck events.

**Councilman Chris Fabry
Treasurer Brian Eshbaugh**

Treasurer's Office

Credit Card Payments may now be made in the tax office and also online through our website under the **Treasurer & Tax Office** tab on the left-hand side of the home page.

Accepted payments for city, county, school property taxes, sewer and recycling bills can be made online.

Business Privilege Tax is required by any business or individual who is using a Lower Burrell address to conduct business within the city. All businesses need to register with the tax office.

Online Banking Payments are available. Please include your account number, account name and what bill the payment is to be applied to. This will alleviate any payments being not credited to your proper account. Please allow for proper time for the transaction to occur.

Tax forms available online at www.cityoflowerburrell.com.

Occupancy Permits, New Resident, Landlord Tenant, Business Registration, LST Refund Request, LST Exemption, and Business Privilege Tax.

Please be advised that the Tax Office will be moving to 2800 Bethel Street (City Hall Upper Level) October 2020.

The Lower Burrell Police Department has moved to its new location in the Lower Level of City Hall located at 2800 Bethel Street.



Parks and Public Property

Welcome fall! I love when the autumn leaves begin to change colors and the weather turns a little more chilly. Our Lower Burrell parks are a beautiful place to walk around, get some fresh air, and observe the seasons changing.

I am so proud that at Veterans Park by City Hall, we have a beautiful new red, white, and blue playground set! This apparatus was acquired through grant funding, and we have installed ADA compliant wood chips and borders to make it accessible to all. We were very careful to pick out a playground set with things you can play on with out needing to climb anywhere, as well as some higher and leveled portions. I'd love to have you come and check out this fantastic update! (pictured below)

As you navigate through all the parks, please make sure that you are maintaining proper physical distancing from others so that the parks can be a safe place for all our neighbors to enjoy. If you bring furry friends to enjoy the parks as well, please be thoughtful to clean up after your pet if they make a mess. Together, we can ensure that our parks are safe and clean for everyone who would like to enjoy them.

-Councilwoman Rosina Albanese



Public Works

With summer starting to come to a close, it is essential now more than ever to begin to take precautions for the upcoming fall and winter. Make sure you are checking your vehicles and have a plan in place for proper snow removal and leaf cleanup. With COVID19 still affecting the world, I would remind every citizen to continue to use appropriate social distancing and utilize face masks when possible. As a reminder, the city will be passing its yearly budget, and we encourage all to participate. As your elected official, I will do my best to cut cost where applicable! Please remember if you have any public works concerns, we ask that you call in and leave a message, and someone will be with you ASAP! Please continue to stay safe and remember life will eventually get back to normal! Thank you for allowing me to serve.

-Councilman Rob Hamilton



LOWER BURRELL FARMERS' MARKET

Starting on Saturday, June 13th and continuing every Saturday through October 10th, 2020 from 9am to 1pm, the Lower Burrell Farmer's Market will take place in the City Hall parking lot.

The market will follow any current CDC guidelines throughout its Summer of 2020 run. Please watch for guidelines and signage as you attend each week and don't forget to bring your masks!



Public Safety

I hope to find all is well with everything we are going through at this time. We have had a rash of people stealing street signs, and we have a list that we are going to replace. If you happen to see a sign that is missing, please call the streets department and leave a message so we can replace it. If you see someone in the act of stealing one, please call 911 and report it to the police. As a reminder, please do not post any signs to City-owned signs or poles.

With many people staying at home, I believe we have had some people not observing the burning ordinance. With the hot, dry summer that we have had, a burning issue could become very dangerous; I am asking that you do not put our firefighters into a hazardous situation. I am asking if you see any signs that are obstructing the view or any burning issues, please call 911 so these issues can be corrected -DON'T CALL THE POLICE SECRETARY.

Great job to the #3 Firefighters and all the volunteers who helped make The Food Truck Event a success.

In closing, this year is a year like no other, and if you can, please donate to our Firefighters. It's a donation that stays within Our Community-God Bless all of you and Stay Safe!

-Councilman Joe Grillo



NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT VETERANS' PARK