



# Borough of Pitcairn

## Pitcairn News Patter

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### Borough Officials

- Betsy Stevick, Mayor
- Scott Farally, Chief of Police

### Council

- James Rullo, President
- Thomas Dick, Jr.
- Deborah Freeman
- Deborah Marto
- Lisa Petrosky
- Domenic Roberta
- George Toth

### Administration

- Mike Bolen, Manager
- Carri Kozier, Staff
- Lynette McKinney, Staff

### Code Enforcement

- Nick Turner, Code Officer



### Code Enforcement

If you are planning to do any home improvements permits may be needed. Make sure to check in with the Code Enforcement Office before starting any projects.

### Did You Know?

In 1955 the schools of Pitcairn and Monroeville formed the Monroeville-Pitcairn Joint Schools. In 1960 the jointure was re-designed as the Gateway Union School District and in 1965 it became the Gateway School District.

I hope you have been enjoying your summer.

Have you noticed the new swings at Summer's Field on the hill? What a nice addition to the park for the kids.

Congratulations to the Class of 2023!. Good Luck & Best Wishes as you embark on the next chapter of your life.

Welcome Zion Apostolic Assembly Church. The church is located on Wall Avenue, in the former site of St. Michael's Catholic Church.

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### From the Mayor

- Any organization or individual who wants to distribute information or advertisements door to door within the borough, must obtain a Peddlers Permit from the borough office. There is no cost involved for the permit. There is a \$10 per day fee if you are selling merchandise for profit.
- There has been an increase in "panhandling" or begging for money within the borough. This occurs on street corners or someone knocking on your door. Do not give money to these individuals. Inform them that you are going to call the police (412-856-1111) to report their description and location of the incident.
- Bothered by unwanted phone calls from solicitors? Call 888-382-1222 to be placed on the "Do Not Call" list.
- If you smell Methane Gas, which is most prevalent when a temperature inversion occurs, call 412-442-4000 to report the problem and location. Also notify Tom Dick, Fire Chief and/or Mayor Stevick.
- Spotted Lanternflies, with their distinctive characteristics, spotted brown and red wings, are very destructive insects for trees and crops. If you see one, squash it immediately. If you think you have found a spotted lanternfly you should notify the PA Department of Agriculture.



### Notes From Our School Board Member

The following is from our school board member, John Bova.

Happy summertime from the Gateway School Board! First things first, if you have a child who will be heading to kindergarten in the fall, please register them as soon as possible. One of the most difficult things to do is to staff our kindergarten classrooms because so many people register late, making it hard to hire teachers, paraprofessionals, etc. So if your child was in preschool last year, please get them registered for kindergarten. It's easy. Simply call Cindy Capell at 412-373-5705 or email [ccapell@gatewayk12.org](mailto:ccapell@gatewayk12.org) to secure a spot.

Actually, the first thing should've been a "thank you" to all of the Pitcairn folks who serve the Gateway school district. There are probably a lot of Pitcairn News Patter readers who might not realize that the Pitcairn school district actually pre-dated the Gateway school district and that Pitcairn has a rich history of residents who have contributed mightily to Gateway's success. There are many current and past Pitcairn residents who are working to keep the physical plant humming and paraprofessionals and teachers in the classrooms and even the superintendent who grew up right on Wall Avenue.

One final set of notes for the upcoming school year. The middle school renovation has, to this point, been largely very successful. The district was able to secure financing at pre-inflation interest rates saving millions of dollars and the construction schedule has lagged only slightly, making an October move-in date possible. All contingencies are being prepared for to make the transition as smooth as possible so fingers crossed!

So thanks to all. Have a great summer and I look forward to a great 2023-2024 school year.



**Sympathy** Ann Price passed away in April. Ann was a crossing guard for the borough for 30 years, a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Pitcairn FD#2 and Historical Society. Our sympathies to the Price family.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Lunch Program** The Gateway School District is sponsoring the 2023 SFSP, a federally funded free meals program for all children 18 years of age and younger. Lunch will be served at the Park Building, 540 Broadway Boulevard, Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. from June 20 to August 10. Lunches must be eaten on site. No lunches will be served the week of July 4.



**Church** The Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue, has a Family Night on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for adults, kids and youth.

- An exercise program, Praisemoves, an alternative to yoga, is held on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday school is held at 9:45 a.m. and Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m. Sunday services can be viewed live on Facebook on the Pitcairn Assembly of God page. For more information about the church, visit [www.pitcairnapc.org](http://www.pitcairnapc.org).
- The church will hold a Kids Super Saturday on July 29 for kids ages 6-12. There will be games, food and fun. For information, please call 412-372-2373, leave a message and someone will contact you.



### Fire Company

- The Fire Company, 100 South Center Avenue will hold their annual fair August 1-5 and rides will be returning this year!
- The company's new engine arrived recently and to show it off, they will be holding an open house at the station in the future.

Check

their Facebook page for details.

- They also are holding a fundraiser at the Wilkins Township Texas Roadhouse on June 29. The restaurant will donate 10% of your meal cost back to the company, but you do need to present a flyer to your server. Contact the fire company to obtain the flyer.
- Bingo is held every Saturday. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:45; and regular games begin at 7. The kitchen will be open to purchase food and snacks. If you bring the news letter you get \$5 off your game play. Proceeds benefit the company.



**Thanks** Clifford Adams would like to thank everyone who supported his balloon creations at the Night Market in April. He was able to donate \$110 to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.



**Congratulations** The Lions Club and Woman's Club awarded their 2023 scholarships to three Gateway High School students in May. Rhonda Nelson, was the recipient of a \$1000 scholarship from the Lions and

will be attending LaRoche.

The Woman's Club awarded Samantha Bartolome and Regan McDevitt each a \$1000 scholarship. Samantha will be attending Duquesne University and Regan will attend Wittenberg College.



**Church** The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, the people of God who are experiencing and sharing the living hope of Christ, invites you to their Sunday Worship Services meeting in public and on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/](http://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/). Summer worship is at 10 a.m. Information can be found at [www.pitcairnpca.org](http://www.pitcairnpca.org) and [www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/](http://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/)

- Wednesday Water Fun: Starting June 21 on Wednesdays through the summer, from 2 to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Kids, ages 5-12 yrs of age can come and cool off with a slip-n-slide, enjoy a light snack and learn about the One who gives Living Water. Registration is required to participate. Permission/Contact Information slips can be picked up at the church, call 412-372-7707 or email [office@pitcairnpca.org](mailto:office@pitcairnpca.org).
- Clothes Closet: The Closet will be open July 8 and 22 and August 12 and 26 from 10 a.m. to Noon. If the Clothes Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707.
- Youth Group: The group is planning some special activities for the summer. For details and more information call the church office.
- Fall Kick Off: A fun day is being planned for August 12 in the park that includes a Punt, Kick and Pass competition and a concert. Look for details coming soon.



**Head Start** is currently enrolling children ages 3-5 (if they miss the cutoff for kindergarten). To enroll please contact: April Schmidt 412-969-7926 or Michelle 412-737-4818



**Bakery** DosA Cupcakes and More is very excited about their summer! They will have a booth at the Monroeville July 4th parade; August 12 they will be at Churchill Community Day; August 20 catch them at the Wilkins Community Day; and September 2 you can find them at the Monroeville Jazz Festival! The shop, located 526 Broadway Boulevard, is open Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call or text 412-573-4141 to place your order anytime!



**Rainbow Girls** Do you have a daughter, granddaughter, sister, niece or neighbor girl who is looking for something to keep her busy and involved in great things? International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG) would love to have her! IORG is an international organization for young women, ages 6-20, that has fun serving the community! By teaching that service can be enjoyable, IORG members have a positive impact on their surroundings and others! IORG has been around since 1922 and that's a LONG TIME! IORG is a character-building organization and their purpose is to promote skills related to leadership, effective communication and service to others. For more information, please contact Carla at 412-607-1851 (text or call) or cholderbaum1230@gmail.com. IORG + YOU = FUN, SERVICE to OTHERS & COMMUNITY, LEADERS of TOMORROW and SO MUCH MORE! Check us out at [parainbowgirls.org](http://parainbowgirls.org)

**Labor** ★  
★ ★ ★ **Day**



**Football** Youth football and cheerleading have returned to Pitcairn! The Pittsburgh Kings, also known as the Kingdom, a 501c3, is a mentoring program that uses football and cheerleading as a tool to keep youth distracted from negativity and going a different direction. Established in 2017, they have been involved in flag football, contact football and cheerleading across the city and now bring the program to our community for the summer. To sustain the program, the organization applies for grants and seek sponsorships and donations. Some of the fundraisers they have held include Bingo, haunted Kingdom, car washes, popcorn and hoagie sales and Kingdom Day, which they recently held at our fields. The program is open to children ages 5 to 14. They practice at the fields on Broadway, Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m.



**Meals** Pitcare Meals on Wheels serves the elderly and disabled in the Pitcairn area. Volunteer help is always needed. To volunteer or for information on the program call 412-372-9116 .



**Lasagna Love** Do you need a hand feeding your family or yourself? Are you a parent trying to balance working and raising a family? A person who's lost income and is trying to figure out how to put dinner on the table? Do you have a health problem that makes it difficult to cook? Whatever the reason, your neighbors want to help by delivering a home-cooked lasagna to you. You can request a FREE lasagna delivery through Lasagna Love. Just sign up at [LasagnaLove.org](http://LasagnaLove.org). Once you register, you will be matched with a local Lasagna Mama or Papa who will then coordinate a date and time for a safe and contactless delivery. This program is available for families and individuals. There are no income restrictions.

**PATRIOT DAY**



## LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER



### Contact Information

- Borough—412-372-6500 / 609 Broadway / [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us)
- Police / Non Emergency—412-856-1111
- Fire Station—412-372-7040
- Tax Collector/Sally DiRobbio—412-372-3009 / [sdirobbio@verizon.net](mailto:sdirobbio@verizon.net)
- Code Enforcement—412-372-6500 x 15 or 412-589-3194 / [code@pitcairnborough.us](mailto:code@pitcairnborough.us)

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

- Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTER at

### Upcoming Events at a Glance

- June 20-August 10 Free Lunch Program, kids 18 & under
- Clothes Closet July 8 & 22
- July 29 Assembly of God Kids Super Saturday
- August 1-5 Hose Co.#1 Fair
- August 12 Presbyterian Church Fall Kick Off
- Clothes Closet August 12 & 26
- Presbyterian Church Wednesday Water Fun
- Hose Co.#1 Bingo every Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m.
- Assembly of God PraiseMoves Exercise Thursdays
- Pittsburgh Kingdom Youth Football Thursdays



**Alert** The fire company would like to remind everyone, if you smell methane odors call Karen Sagel at 412-578-8115 and report it. ALSO CALL 911 TO ALERT



**Electric Bill** It's easy to pay your electric bill online. Just log on to [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us). There you'll find an icon portal that will take you to the bill paying site. To register, you will need your CID and account numbers found on your bill. Respecting CDC guidelines, the billing lobby remains closed to the public. Customers can mail in or drop their payment in the secure drop box on the Bor-

**Garbage** should be put out for collection no earlier than Wednesday at 6 pm. and should be in sealed trash bags, then put in leak proof trash cans that have a lid. Some holidays may cause a one day delay in pick-up so it is suggested that residents check the calendar on the Borough website.



**Facebook** The Police Department has a page on Facebook. Visit the page for events and current information.



**Waste** TVs, E-Waste and hazardous household materials must be disposed of properly according to DEP regulations. Such items cannot be put out for regular trash pick-up or dropped off at the borough building. Pitcairn Borough participates in Waste Management's At Your Door special collections program. You must call 1-800-449-7587 to arrange for a free pick-up. More detailed information can be found on the Borough website's Home Page.

**! Business Owners** Do you want to get the word out about your business? You can place a business card-size ad in the newsletter for a fee of \$50. To place an ad, contact the borough office or the newsletter at [newsletterpit@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterpit@gmail.com). You can also link your business to Pitcairn's website at no charge. Just send your website link and logo to [manager@pitcairnborough.us](mailto:manager@pitcairnborough.us). This service is for Pitcairn businesses only.

### NEWSLETTER

Contact the Pitcairn Community Newsletter at [newsletterpit@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterpit@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE for ISSUE 30 that covers October, November & December 2023 is September 15**