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NEWSLETTER

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Did You Know?

Many years ago they would flood the field behind the ball fields on Broadway so that it could be used as an ice skating rink. It was known as the "froggie" or frog pond.



November 7

It's hard to believe that summer is gone. It really flew by, but I hope you were able to enjoy the warm weather, time at the pool, vacations, picnics and all the fun that summer brings. Now get ready to enjoy the cool autumn days with their burst of color. And stay warm and safe when the snow begins to fall.

This time of year many of the town's organizations begin meeting again, holding events and fundraisers. (Just look at the list on page 4!) Please support their efforts and if you can, join one or more of these organizations that support our community in so many ways.

As I was researching to find an item for the Did You Know? section of the newsletter, I came across Memories of Pitcairn by Louis A. Chandler, Ph.D. It is a very interesting account of our history. Thank you Mr. Chandler.

Happy Holidays!

Patti

From the Mayor

- **The School Bus Stopping Law:** When a school bus is preparing to stop, you will see flashing yellow lights. When the bus stops with its red lights flashing and its stop arm extended, you must stop at least 10 feet away from the bus whether you are behind it, coming toward it on the same roadway or approaching an intersection where the bus is stopped. You must remain stopped until the red lights stop flashing, the stop arm has been withdrawn and the children have reached a safe place. The only exception to the school bus stopping requirement is if you are approaching a school bus that is stopped with its red lights flashing and stop arm extended and you are driving on the opposite side of a divided highway, you do not have to stop. You should reduce your speed and continue driving with caution. A good rule to follow is, "When in doubt, STOP!" If you are convicted of violating the school bus stopping law you will receive a 60 day suspension of your license, five points on your driving record and a \$250 fine.

- **PA's Law of Love:** All driver's are responsible for securing children in appropriate restraint systems. For more information call 1-800-CAR BELT

- Children younger than 2 must be secured in a rear-facing car seat until they outgrow the maximum height and weight limits of the car seat. All children 4 years of age and older, but less than 8 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system and an appropriate belt-positioning booster seat anywhere in the vehicle. Violators are subject to a \$75 fine plus court costs, EMS, surcharges and administrative fees.

- All children 8 years of age and older, but less than 18 years of age, must be secured in a seat belt system anywhere in the vehicle. Violators are subject to a \$10 fine plus EMS, surcharges and administration fees.

- So many of us enjoy feeding the birds, especially in the colder months when their food is scarce. Unfortunately, bird seed can also attract unwanted visitors, such as rats. So if you're feeding the birds, don't just throw the seed or bread in your yard. This practice is a violation of local anti-litter laws and county health regulations. Instead place the feed in an enclosed birdfeeder made specifically for this purpose. Also clean up under the feeder weekly. And if you know that rats are around, stop feeding the birds until the rat problem is solved.



Code Enforcement Reminders!

- Garbage must be in bags and then placed in proper cans with lids and **MUST not be put out before 6 p.m. Wednesday** or 6 p.m. the day before pick-up if garbage is delayed due to a holiday. Garbage that is not put out properly attracts rats, raccoons, and other unwelcomed critters.

- Winter is coming and that means snow. Property owners or tenants are required by ordinance to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours from the end of a snowfall and should clear all sidewalks at a width of at least 24 inches. Also, do not push snow back out onto the street once the street has been plowed.





Turn your clocks back on November 5


HAPPY HALLOWEEN



COMMUNITY NEWS

 **Market** The borough's Fall Night Market will be held on September 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. on Broadway. There will be vendors, food and music.

 **Lions** The Lions Club is holding a Blood Drive on September 27 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For information or to schedule an appointment call 412-209-7000 or visit vitalant.org

 **Halloween** The borough will hold their annual Halloween Parade on October 28. Children, 12 years of age and under, should report to the Assembly of God Church on Wall Avenue at 11:30 a.m. where they will be given a number. The number will allow the kids to receive treats, participate in the Harvest Festival and be eligible for costume prizes. The parade begins at Noon and will proceed down Wall Avenue to Hose Co.#1 for the Harvest Festival. At the Festival organizations will be handing out more treats.


Kids MUST HAVE A NUMBER to Participate in Costume Judging, Receive Treats and Attend the Harvest Festival

- Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Please watch out for all the little ghosts and goblins.
- The Italian Club on 8th Street will be handing out treats to kids on Halloween night.
- The Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue will hold a Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.




 **Breakfast** The Woman's Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 29 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eat-in or Take-out. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids, age 10 and under. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea. There will also be a raffle for a Fall Basket. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any club member, email pwc3523@gmail.com or calling 412-523-8413. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds from the event will support the club's scholarship fund.




 **Church** Pitcairn Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue, has Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and morning worship at 10:45 a.m.


- On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. there is a Night Bible study and family night for all ages.
- Super Saturday: Kids, ages 6 to 12, are welcome to come to the church on September 30 from Noon to 2 p.m. for Super Saturday.

 **Rally** Meet the endorsed democratic candidates at the Rally on November 5 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway at 7 p.m. There will be refreshments, raffles and door prizes.



 **Rainbow Girls** Did you know that there is an organization right in our town for girls from the ages of 6-21? It is the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (IORG). IORG is a character building youth organization that teaches leadership and effective communication skills through community service to others! If you would like to know more about this great group, please reach out to Carla at 412-607-1851 (text or call) or cholderbaum1230@gmail.com.


 **Meals** The PitCare Meals on Wheels is looking for food preparation help on Friday mornings from 7 to 10 a.m. to help make sandwiches, salads, pack bags etc. The work is not hard, - just takes a little time. If interested call 412-372-9116.

 **Club** Again this year, The Italian Club will be donating 50 turkeys to the Food Bank. Contact the Food Bank if you are in need.

- The back room of the club, located at 620 8th Street, is available to rent for holiday parties and other events.



Church The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, are the people of God who are experiencing and sharing the Living Hope of Christ. They invite you to Sunday Worship Services currently meeting in public at 9:45a.m. and on Facebook, www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/. Sunday School for All Ages begins at 11a.m. Additional information can be found at www.pitcairnpca.org and www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/ or by calling 412-372-7707.

- If anyone has contact with someone from the Fae Jean (Shiffler) Croft family, please contact the church at 412-372-7707.
-  **Tutoring PEP** Tutoring is every other Wednesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m.. for children in grades 1 to 5. The program includes dinner, tutoring/projects, games, and a Bible lesson.
- **Clothes Closet:** The Closet will be opened October 14 and 28; November 11 and 25; and December 2 and 16 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 for grades 6 through 12, meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call for details and more information.
- **Bible Studies:** Bible studies led by the Pastor, one for women and one for young adults, are held in person and on Zoom. Call the church office, 412-372-7707 for more information .
- **Candlelight Christmas Eve:** Celebrating the birth of the Christ and our Hope for the world!



Christmas Welcome the holidays at the Old Fashion Christmas celebration on December 16 at the Park Building grounds on Broadway. The festivities begin at 6 p.m. when Santa arrives. Kids 12 and under visiting with Santa will receive a treat and everyone can enjoy sipping hot chocolate, eating a hot dog and keeping warm at the bonfire..



Bingo Hose Co.#1's Bingo is held every Saturday. at the station, 100 South Center Avenue. 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.



Organization The Pitcairn Woman's Club is beginning their 88th year serving Pitcairn and surrounding communities. The club invites all women, ages 18 and older, to join the organization. Information on the club can be found at

www.pitcairnwomansclub.com. They also have a Facebook page. If you have questions, email pwc3523@gmail.com.



Lasagna Love Do you need a hand feeding your family or yourself? Are you a parent trying to balance daily life; a person who's lost income and is trying to figure out how to put dinner on the table; recovering from an illness; or just need a break? 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. 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 and is not income based.



**LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER**



Contact Information

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

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

- Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTERN at



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 .



Electric Bill Electric bills can be paid at the borough office, 609 Broadway, during regular business hours; online; or by using the secure drop box located outside the building. To pay online, log on to www.pitcairnborough.us. 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.



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 EMERGENCY SERVICES TO CHECK THE AREA.**



Upcoming Events at a Glance

- September 27 Lions Blood Drive
- September 29 Night Market
- September 30 Kids Super Saturday Assembly of God Church
- October 14 Presbyterian Clothes Closet
- October 28 Presbyterian Clothes Closet
- October 28 Halloween Parade & Harvest Festival
- October 29 Woman's Club Pancake Breakfast
- October 31 Trick or Treat 6 to 8 p.m.
- November 5 Democratic Rally
- November 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- November 7 Election Day
- November 11 Presbyterian Clothes Closet
- November 25 Presbyterian Clothes Closet
- December 2 Presbyterian Clothes Closet
- December 16 Presbyterian Clothes Closet
- December 16 Old Fashion Christmas Celebration
- December 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve Presbyterian

! 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. You can also link your business to Pitcairn's website at no charge. Just send your website link and logo to manager@pitcairnborough.us. This service is for Pitcairn businesses only.



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

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

DEADLINE for ISSUE 31 that covers January, February and March 2024 is December 15