



# Borough of Pitcairn

## Pitcairn News Patter

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Ah. Spring is just around the corner! The weather is starting to get warmer, the days longer and flowers are starting to peek through the ground. This time of year brings more outside activities. Be aware of kids riding bikes and playing outside. Also organizations are heightening their fundraising efforts, please support them. The nice weather is a great time to clean out your basement and around your property all in time for the borough's annual Janie Summers Community Clean-Up Day. Details about the clean-up can be found on page 2.

Did you notice a new business on Broadway? Welcome DoSa Bakery to Pitcairn.

*Patti*



**From the Mayor** With the weather getting warmer, kids and adults are venturing outside. Lately, we are finding more incidents of kids and young adults, demonstrating poor behavior, not only at our bus stops, but on our streets. Parents/guardians should be aware that they are responsible for their children's behavior. Ordinances are in place addressing Parental Responsibility that have consequences and/or fines that will be enforced. Parents/guardians, please be aware of what your children are doing and make them aware of the rules and consequences. Our town has playgrounds, basketball courts and ball fields that can and should be utilized by kids. Summers Field on 7th Street and Highland Avenue has a ball field and playground (Temporarily closed); on Broadway there is a playground and behind the Park Building you'll find ball fields and basketball courts; there is a playground on 12th Street; and basketball courts and a playground at Sugar Camp on Wall Avenue. There are plenty of areas in town that kids have access to for recreation.

- The Mayor is collecting snap tabs with proceeds benefitting the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs can be dropped off at the borough building on Broadway or placed on her porch.
- Yarn is needed so that blankets for Project Linus can be made. Many women in town make the blankets that are distributed to area ambulance services that use the blankets when transporting children. If you would like to donate yarn, it can be dropped off on the Mayor's porch or call 412-372-2436 to arrange for a pick-up.



### Grati-tude

Thank you Annette Dietz for your service as borough manager for the last eight years. Wishing you the best in your next venture.



• **Notes from Code Enforcement** The snow is gone and soon green lawns will be appearing. And that means grass will need cutting. Property owners and tenants are required to maintain lawns. Grass should not exceed 6 inches and cuttings should be removed from sidewalks and not placed in the street.

- Did you know that you must keep your porch and entry ways clear? (Ordinance 1023). This will help emergency responders in the event they have to have access to your home. This also helps the mail carrier. Our annual Clean-up Day on April 23 is a great opportunity to get rid of debris that may be blocking those entry ways.



**Notes from the School Board** Happy Spring from the Gateway School Board! My name is Jack Bova, I live on Wall Avenue and I am now serving as the president of the Gateway School Board. Astute readers of this newsletter may recall that even though literally dozens of you voted for me in the primaries last spring I actually lost. As it turns out, politics is a fickle beast and I have been appointed to fill a vacancy left by a candidate who was unable to serve. So once again Pitcairn has a voice on the school board. It would not be an exaggeration to describe the last couple of years as the most difficult ever for students, parents and school board members alike with unprecedented challenges and obstacles. It is reasonable to think that the worst of the storms have been weathered but there is much work left to do as we attempt to get our students back up to speed and reclaim the ground lost during the epidemic. The district is filled with dedicated teachers and support staff both in the classroom and in the buildings but your help is needed. The administration is constantly looking for solutions to problems large and small and that is where you come in; my email address is "jbova@gatewayk12.org" and I welcome your thoughts. I would like to know what you've experienced over the past couple of years and what we could do better to serve you. I look forward to serving the school district and this community for the next two years and I am confident that with your help we can make a better future for our kids and our town.

### Did You Know?

Organized baseball began in Pitcairn in 1895 when M. W. Chandler started and managed a Railroad YMCA team. In 1914, the "Olympics" Baseball Team played organized ball for two years prior to World War I.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



**Clean-up** The annual Janie Summers Community Clean-Up Day will be held on April 23 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Dumpsters and free collection supplies will be available at Fire Co.#1, 100 South Center Avenue and at the former borough building, 6th Street and Highland Avenue. Photo ID for proof of Pitcairn residency is required to use dumpsters. No TVs, computers or electronic devices will be accepted (Act108). Freon appliances, scrap metal, batteries, appliances and tire and rims will only be accepted at the Fire Co.#1 site. Fees are as follows: air conditioners-\$15; refrigerators-\$20; motorcycle, car and light truck tires-\$5 each, with rims-\$10 each; Large truck tires-\$10 each; with rims-\$15 each. Residents are encouraged to clean up around their properties and if they are able, the common areas in town.



**Market** Join your friends and neighbors at the Night Market on April 29 starting at 6 p.m. There will be music, vendors, street food and drinks. It's sure to be a fun night and a great way to see what our town has to offer.



**Fish Fry** The Fire Company will continue to hold their Lenten Fish Fry on April 1, 8 and 15 from 4 to 9 p.m.. Eat-in, take-out and delivery are available.



**Easter** Hey kids it's time for some Easter fun on April 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- The borough will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Park Building grounds, 557 Broadway Boulevard. Children, ages 10 and under, can search for eggs filled with candy and/or prizes. Please bring your own container.
- Camp G will also be holding their Bunny Lunch. Bagged lunches, including treats and a drink will be available for a \$5 donation. The Bunny will be on hand for photos. Please bring your own camera/phone.

Note that all activities will take place outside.



May 17



**Walk** The annual BPK Walk and Picnic is May 14. The annual event raises funds for the Brandon P Kuster Memorial Foundation. The walk starts at the Pitcairn Park Building, 587 Broadway. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for registration. Coffee, bagels and fruit will be served and the two mile walk through the streets of Pitcairn will begin at 11 and end at Sugar Camp on Wall Avenue. Registration fee is \$10 and includes a t-shirt. The picnic will begin at Sugar Camp immediately following the walk. Entrance fees for the picnic are as follows: Age 21 and up- \$20, ages 7 to 20 - \$15 and ages 6 and under FREE. There will be hot dogs and snacks immediately after the walk, with a full dinner served at 2 p.m. Information about the event and the foundation can be found at [www.bpkfoundation.com](http://www.bpkfoundation.com). Follow them on Instagram and Facebook, too or contact them at [info@bpkfoundation.com](mailto:info@bpkfoundation.com).



**Fire Company** Just a reminder to make sure to change the batteries in your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors.

- Congratulations to the new officers of the Department: Chief, Thomas Dick Sr.; Assistant Chief, Thomas Dick Jr.; Deputy Chief, Michael Greaves; Captain, Nick Turner; Lieutenant 1, Donte Roberts; Lieutenant 2, Michael Pocsatko; Lieutenant 3, Timothy Dick; and Lieutenant 4, Andrew Tessler



**Meals on Wheels** If

you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, Meals-on-Wheels is always looking for people to help assemble meals. If interested call 412-372-9116. If you would like to sign-up to receive meals or for more information on the program, call the number listed above.



# DOSA

## Cupcakes & More!



412-573-4141



[dosacupcakes.com](http://dosacupcakes.com)

526 Broadway Blvd Pitcairn, PA 15140



**Bingo** Fire Co.# 1' has Bingo on Saturdays at their 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. Jackpot is \$300 and must go every week. The kitchen will be open. Proceeds benefit the company.



**Golf** Calling all golfers! Here are two great golf outings for you to participate in while also raising funds for two organizations.

- The Italian Club will hold their annual Golf Outing on May 21 and they are looking for donations of money for hole and t-shirt sponsorships; items or ready-made baskets for the raffle. This is a great way for businesses or organizations to advertise. Funds raised will allow the club to continue their community involvement, including awarding two, \$1000 scholarships to graduating seniors at Gateway High School and supporting several youth and adult summer sports teams. Email the club for more info @ [pitcairnitalianclub@gmail.com](mailto:pitcairnitalianclub@gmail.com). Though they cannot honor all requests, they are happy to help support community fundraisers and events.
- Camp B will hold their annual outing at Donegal Highlands Golf Course on June 4 at 12:30 p.m. It is scramble format and cost is \$100 per golfer. Cost includes golf, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner and draft beer. The event lasts approximately seven hours. Registration deadline is May 21. The organization is in need of sponsors, prize donations and of course, golfers. This event fills up quickly. In the past, they have SOLD OUT two months prior to the registration deadline. For information, forms for sponsorships, donations and to register to golf, call 724-396-4396. Camp B is a non-profit organization that has been taking area boys camping at Laurel Hill State Park for 75 years.



**Church** Center Avenue United Methodist Church, located in the TriUnity building on Sixth Street and Highland Avenue, holds Sunday Services at 11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class is at 10 a.m. And a Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays a 2. Maundy Thursday services will be on April 14 at 6 p.m.; Good Friday, services, April 15. will be held at the McMasters United Methodist Church in Turtle Creek at 6 p.m.



**Camp** Camp G will be going to Laurel Hill State park June 11-18. Camp is open to area girls, ages, 7 to 16. Fee for the week is \$150 per camper. Look for registration information and the registration date on the Organization's Facebook page.



**Lasagna Love** Do you need a hand feeding your family or yourself? Are you a parent trying to balance way more during COVID? A front line worker who could use some love? A person who's lost income and is trying to figure out how to put dinner on the table? 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.



**Club** The Garden Club of Monroeville, which includes and welcomes members from Pitcairn, will hold a plant sale on May 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monroeville Community Park on Tilbrook Road. They will be selling herbs, pollinator-friendly flowers and vegetable plants, locally grown hanging baskets and perennials from our members' yards. The club meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bethel UP Church on Beatty Road. New members are always welcome.

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### NEWSLETTER

Contact the Pitcairn Community Newsletter at  
newsletterpit@gmail.com  
The newsletter is available on the Pitcairn Borough website



### 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 /  
[sdirobio@verizon.net](mailto:sdirobio@verizon.net)
- Code Enforcement—412-372-6500 x 15 or 412-  
589-3194 / [code@pitcairnborough.us](mailto:code@pitcairnborough.us)

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### 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 Borough building at 609 Broadway.



**Facebook** The borough's Parks and Recreation Committee and the Police Department each have a page on Facebook. Visit the pages for events and current information.



**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**



**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.

### 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.



**! 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 the 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.

**DEADLINE for ISSUE 25 that covers July, August, September 2022 is June 15**