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Its hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. There's shopping to be done; cookies to bake; presents to wrap; and the list goes on and on. But I hope you find time to relax with a cup of hot chocolate and enjoy this holiday season. Make the holidays a time for fun, friendship, love, peace and reflection. Be sure to look inside the newsletter for all the holiday events happening around town. Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year *Patti*

A Message from the Mayor & the Chief of Police Winter Travel Safety Tips:



- Always carry extra blankets in your vehicle for all passengers, along with non-perishable food supplies and other necessities incase of a roadside emergency in inclement weather.
- Allow time to warm up the vehicle and brush off any snow or ice before entering and securing passengers.
- Keep projectiles like snowbrushes and ice scrapers in the trunk along with kitty litter.
- Allow extra time to travel. Driving in wintry conditions requires you to slow down and be extra cautious.
- Explain to young children that driving on snowy roads requires concentration and they will need to sit quietly during the trip.
- For children, purchase a winter coat that is warm but not too bulky. Coats that are not bulky allow for a better fit of the child safety seat harness without compromising the child's warmth. Coats that are not bulky will also allow for a better fit of the lap and shoulder belt.



Know the Codes

from John Prucnal, Code Enforcement Officer: The Winter Season is nearing and that means snow is on the way. Pitcairn averages over 40 inches of snowfall each year. Property owners or tenants are required by Pitcairn Ordinance #1023 to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours from the end of the snowfall and should clear all sidewalks at a safe and comfortable width of at least 24 inches. Snow and ice makes walking difficult for school children, mail carriers and the elderly. Lend a hand to neighbors and others who may need your assistance. Clearing streets, sidewalks and fire hydrants is an important part of maintaining safe mobility for everyone, but especially vital for public safety crews who are responding to emergencies. Also, do not push snow back out onto the street once it has been plowed. Let's all keep the sidewalks clear and stay safe this winter season.



Notes From Our School Board

The following was submitted by Jack Bova, Pitcairn resident and Gateway School Board member: The holiday season is upon us which means that most peoples' thoughts will turn, at some point, to the primary elections coming up in May. All right, that might not be near the top of your list but it is something worth considering in those rare quiet moments when visions of sugarplums are not dancing in your head. The practical reason to be considering the upcoming primaries is that there are a number of deadlines for residents who would like to become a candidate. There are deadlines for collecting signatures and submitting signatures to get on the ballot and those deadlines extend from early February to early March. Miss any of those deadlines and you cannot run for the school board or council or any other elected position that interests you. And why might you want to run for office? It is certainly not for fortune or fame at the local level. These positions are filled by people who simply want to be part of the solution in their community. Maybe they have children and they want to be more active in the school district or maybe they would like more direct input into decisions made here in town. Whatever the reason all are welcome, but the established process must be followed or one cannot be a candidate. I have been asked many times about my reasons for serving and lately I have been asked how the school board differs from Pitcairn Council. I got involved initially more than 10 years ago mostly out of curiosity and I have discovered that Pitcairn Council is far more hands-on than the school board simply because of the size and complexity of the two entities involved. The one big similarity that I have noticed is that there are a few stalwart residents who regularly attend the meeting and interestingly, there are far more people who do that in Pitcairn than who come to the school board meetings. So kudos to those folks in Pitcairn for making the time to observe how the business of government gets done and who take the opportunity to make their voices heard. It is said that the squeaky wheel gets the grease and in fact you are much more likely to have a problem solved if the people responsible know what that problem is. As you make your resolutions for 2019 please consider a more active role in your town and your school district either as a candidate or as an attendee at meetings or even as a committee volunteer. Your community will be better off for your effort and I promise you that your time will not be wasted. Thanks for all of your support over the years and please have a wonderful holiday season.

Did You Know?

Pitcairn native and Award winning Saturday Night director, Don King, had a cameo appearance in the new Star is Born movie



COMMUNITY NEWS



Sale Hose Co.#1 will be selling Christmas trees at the fire station, 100 S. Center Avenue, from November 24 through Christmas Eve. Prices range from \$35 to \$45 depending on the size/type of tree.



Celebration The annual Old Fashion Christmas celebration will be held on November 25 from 2 to 9 p.m. At 4 p.m., Santa will arrive at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard, on Fire Co.#2's fire truck. DJ Heaps will fill the air with Christmas music and there will also be a bonfire, hayrides provided by Hose Co.#1, hotdogs and hot chocolate. Come and celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends and neighbors. The event is free.



Tailgate Camp G will hold a Steelers Tailgate fundraiser at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard, on December 9. Doors open at 3 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes food, beer and prizes. There will also be a basket and 50/50 raffles. No one under 21 years of age will be admitted. Come and cheer on the Steelers as they face the Oakland Raiders. For advance tickets call 412-443-9233 or 412-651-5932. Tickets will also be available at the door. All proceeds will help Camp G provide a week of camping fun for area girls.



Church

- The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, will hold their Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
 - On December 1, all women are invited to the church's Ladies Christmas Brunch and Tea from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The event will include brunch, fellowship and a message from Carol Agate. Guests are asked to bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift, with a value of no more than \$5. If you plan to attend, RSVP to the church office, 412-372-7707.
- For additional information on the church visit www.pitcairnpca.org or www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/

Breakfast The Mohawk Football Association will hold a Breakfast with Santa in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard on December 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids, age 5 to 13. Kids 4 and under are free. Proceeds benefit the organization's youth football program.



Cookies with Santa Hose Co. #1 invites all kids, age 12 and under to have Cookies with Santa on December 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. at their fire station, 100 S. Center Avenue. There will also be a coloring contest for ages 1 to 4; 5 to 8; and 9 to 12.



Visit Santa will be visiting the Italian Club on 8th Street, on December 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Kids, age 12 and under must be signed up in advance by a member. There will be food, snacks and beverages. Later that evening there will be an adult holiday party for members. Information on both events is available at the Club.



Meals on Wheels For the eleventh year running, the Meals on Wheels network is participating in the Subaru Share the Love® Event. Over the past ten years, Subaru and its retailers have helped Meals on Wheels to deliver nearly 2 million meals nationwide to seniors in need. Why does Subaru support Meals on Wheels? Too many seniors are struggling to stay independent and healthy. One in four seniors lives alone in isolation and one in seven seniors might not know from where their next meal is coming. This is simply unacceptable, which is why St Paul's Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals, friendly visits and safety checks to the seniors of Pitcairn, Monroeville, Wall, Wilmerding, Trafford and Levelgreen. This vital support keeps seniors in their own homes, where they want to be. Meals on Wheels is incredibly grateful to Subaru and its retailers for supporting their organization and the seniors they serve. Here's how the program works. From November 15 through January 2, for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased, Subaru will donate \$250 to the customer's choice of participating charities. Meals on Wheels is one of four national participating charities and has been since the inception of the event. Through this event, as a member of Meals on Wheels America, St Paul's Meals on Wheels will receive a share of the donation from Subaru vehicles sold in Pennsylvania. You might not be in the market to purchase a new car, but if you are, please look into the Subaru Share the Love® Event to learn more. If you're not shopping for a new vehicle, you can still help by spreading the word to your family and friends. Share St. Paul's Meals-on-Wheels posts about Share the Love® Event on Facebook@ Stpaulsmealsonwheels. Remember this holiday season you can ensure our senior neighbors are not forgotten when you buy or lease a new Subaru and select Meals on Wheels as your charity of choice. Disclaimer: Subaru will donate \$250 for every new Subaru vehicle sold or leased from November 15, 2018, through January 2, 2019, to four national charities designated by the purchaser or lessee. Pre-approved Hometown Charities may be selected for donation depending on retailer participation. Certain participating retailers may make an additional donation to the Hometown Charities selected. Purchasers/lessees must make their charity designations by January 31, 2019. The four national charities will receive a guaranteed minimum donation of \$250,000 each. See your local Subaru retailer for details or visit subaru.com/share. All donations made by Subaru of America, Inc.



Thanks Pitcairn Community Renaissance would like to thank everyone who donated money, purchased their strip tickets and/or supported their Burger Blasts. The money raised enabled the organization to install 100 feet of sidewalk near the Friendly Inn on Broadway Boulevard.



Wishes Happy Birthday to Harvey West. Harvey will celebrate his 101st birthday on December 10.



New Year Camp G is hosting an over 21 New Year's Party on December 31 at Tri-Unity at the corner of 6th Street and Highland Avenue, from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$25 per person and include snacks, beer, games, music and a midnight champagne toast. The event is BYOB. For tickets call 412-443-9233. All proceeds benefit the organization's camping program for local girls. For tickets call 412-443-9233



PitCare The organization exists to empower families, build community and promote economic stability in Pitcairn. To fulfill their mission, the scope of their work includes:

- Operating the local Pitcairn Food Pantry on Broadway Boulevard
- Providing space for the "St. Paul's Meals-on-Wheels Program" at the "On Center" building
- Providing a Life Skills training program for future home owners
- Hosting a weekly Girls Club with mentoring activities for Pitcairn's elementary through high school girls
- Sponsoring a weekly Boys Basketball program
- Managing a program to refurbish and give away bicycles for youth
- Participating in "Kids of Steel" an award-winning, free youth physical activity and nutrition program designed to instill lifelong healthy habits in children.
- Offering Cooking and Nutrition classes
- Running a Summer Reading Program

The PitCare "Literacy Team" is in the process of sorting over 20,000 donated and purchased books in anticipation of the Grand Opening of the Kim Parson's Library and Community Center, which is slated for May 2019. The Library is located on the main floor of the renovated "On Center" Building, located at the corner of Center Avenue and Agatha Street, which is around the corner from the Pitcairn Propel Elementary School.

On Saturday, December 8, PitCare will be offering a Christmas Cookie Baking and Decorating Party from 2 to 4 p.m. in the basement of their building at 426 Center Ave (the old Lutheran Church). They will provide the dough and the decorations, you just come for an enjoyable Christmas celebration. Moms, this is a great event to share with your daughters! Please RSVP to Scott Parsons scott@pitcare.org or 412-444-8506 if you plan to attend.

The Pitcairn Food Pantry is now offering evening hours on the first Thursday of each month, for those who work during the day. Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins will be served. To register, go to either the Pitcairn Food Pantry or PitCare Facebook pages.

For more information about PitCare contact Scott Parsons at scott@pitcare.org or 412-444-8506.

Anniversary Belated congratulations to Phil's Pharmacy. Phil's celebrated their 50th anniversary in November. Thank you to Phil and his employees for providing our community with a wonderful service.

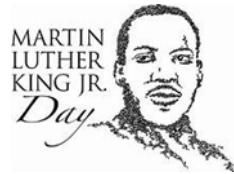


Party Meals on Wheels will honor all volunteers past and present at a party on December 29 at 6 p.m. at their building, 416 Center Avenue. The organization's entrance is located on Agatha Street next to Propel School. The event is being sponsored by Subaru of America. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to 412-372-9116.





New App The borough has a new app available to residents. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users. The app will allow the borough to send information about important borough news and events directly to your mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the Smartphone app through Goggle Play or the App Store or by visiting the website SavvyCitizenApp.com



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.

! ATTENTION

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. Also businesses can link their web sites to the borough's web site at no charge. If you are interested in this option give the borough office a call at 412-372-6500.

Garbage should be put out for collection no earlier than Wednesday at 6:00 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 or Verizon customers can check the Community Channel, 28.



The News Patter Newsletter can also be found on the borough's web site: www.pitcairnborough.us



Contact Information

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Tax Collector/Sally DiRobbio—412-372-3009 /
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code@pitcairnborough.us
EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTERN at
newsletterpit@gmail.com

Waste TVs, E-Waste and hazardous household materials must be disposed of properly. They cannot be put out for regular trash pick-up or dropped off at the borough building. You must call 1-800-449-7587 to arrange for a pick-up. More detailed information can be found on the borough web site.



Electric Bill Its easy to pay your electric bill online. Just log on to 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.

DEADLINE for ISSUE 11 that covers February & March is January 15