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Did You Know?

Pitcairn was originally known as "Wallurba" a suburb of Wall.

Well the weather this winter has been a roller coaster ride. We have had snow, rain, winds, temperatures below freezing and temperatures in the 70's. Punxsutawney Pete predicted an early spring and I for one am hoping he's right. There has been a change to the mailing schedule for the News Patter. The newsletter will now be mailed out four times a month, with each edition covering three months. As you read this issue of the News Patter, you will see that it is filled with lots of events and important information. You won't want to miss all the events going on in the next three months, so don't throw the newsletter away. Keep it near by so that you can refer to it often. Remember, the organizations depend on your participation in their events and especially fundraisers. And don't forget to attend the annual Memorial Day service to honor those brave men and women who fought for our freedom. Check the borough website in May for details.

Happy Spring!

~Patti~



Anniversary Pitcairn's Quasquicentennial (125th Anniversary) or Q19, will be held on June 7, 8, and 9. The festivities will open with a reception on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at the TriUnity Church, located at the corner of 6th Street and Highland Avenue. Lou Chandler, a local historian, will talk about Pitcairn's history and author Peggy Loughner Fisher, who grew up in Pitcairn, will discuss the book she wrote, *Daddy Came Home*, about her father who was in the Bataan Death March in World War II. On Saturday there will be a parade at Noon; from 1 to 9 p.m. the park area behind the Park Building will be filled with food booth and activities, a car cruise, live bands, a talent contest and appearances by local sports and business Mascots. Also the Kona Ice Truck will be selling Hawaiian shaved ice from 2 to 5 p.m. The evening will end with fireworks at 9:30. On Sunday the celebration will conclude with a community picnic at Sugar Camp on Wall Avenue. Tickets will be sold for the picnic. Keep checking the Q19 Facebook page for updates. Monetary donations to offset the cost of the celebration are appreciated. For additional information, questions or to make a donation, contact Dona at 412-380-4681 or galiarmarty@verizon.net.



Notes From Our School Board Hello once again Pitcairn. By the time you read this spring, sweet glorious spring, will be upon us and as the saying goes a boys thoughts turn to baseball. The originator of that saying did not even bother to guess what girls thoughts might turn to in spring but here on the Gateway school board, our thoughts whether it is spring, winter or fall, are almost always on security. For the vast majority of you reading this, when you thought of security in school you most likely thought about the likelihood of someone swiping that banana flip cake that your mom might have packed for lunch. Security now means strictly controlled entry points into schools, fully staffed school police departments and if you are fortunate enough to be part of the Gateway School District, a pilot program for both metal detectors and believe it or not, artificial intelligence. Gateway, in conjunction with folks originally from CMU, is the first school district in the area to utilize artificial intelligence to monitor our existing camera systems to detect threats before they can become more than just threats. Computers will be trained to recognize suspicious people and actions seen by our already in place cameras and instantly alert security. To attempt to provide the same level of security without artificial intelligence would require a human being to actually monitor each individual camera all day long which would be extraordinarily expensive. So, in this case artificial intelligence is not replacing human beings, it is augmenting them. It should go without saying that none of us ever imagined a world where this level of sophistication and technology would be necessary to keep our children, teachers and staff safe at school, but this is indeed where we find ourselves here in the spring of 2019. You should be at least somewhat comforted to know that the school district is using every tool available, and some just emerging, to battle this scourge. There is no perfect solution to this problem short of getting into the minds and souls of the maniacs intent on doing harm and stopping them before they are able. And statistically, the chances of anything happening at Gateway are minuscule but until the technology or magic is created to eliminate threats before they appear, we will do everything possible to keep our Gateway folks safe.

-submitted by John Bova-



COMMUNITY NEWS



Easter The Parks and Rec Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Park Building grounds on April 13 at Noon. All kids ages 12 and under are welcome. Immediately following the hunt, Camp G will host Lunch with the Bunny inside the building. Cost is \$5 per person.



Clean-Up The borough's annual Janie Summer's Memorial Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 27 from 8 to 11 a.m. Dumpsters for residents' use will be located at the borough building, Sugar Camp and Fire Co.#1, 100 Center Ave. Photo ID proof of residency is required on site. No televisions, computers or electronics will be accepted. The site located at the fire company will accept Freon appliances, scrap metal, batteries and tires for a small fee. Clean-up supplies will be available for free at each site for litter collection teams.



Bash Camp G & the Pitcairn Woman's Club will hold a Cash Bash fundraiser on June 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Gateway Hall, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville. Tickets are \$25 per person and include refreshments, beer, pop, water and music by DJ Heaps. Each ticket will have a 3 digit number and winners will be announced every 15 minutes. Winners need not be present to win. The grand prize of \$1500 will be awarded at 9 p.m. to a winner if they are present. The prize will be \$1000 if the person holding the winning number is not present. The event is also BYOB. For tickets call Diana at 412-246-2195. Proceeds from the event will offset costs of camping expenses for girls attending camp and the Woman's Club's scholarship fund. August and will benefit the Woman's Club scholarship fund.

Movies The Parks and Recreation Board will again hold their monthly Free Movie Night. The movies begin at 7 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. Drinks and popcorn will be provided and children must be accompanied by an adult. Check the Parks & Rec Facebook page for dates.



Sale There will an Odds-n-Ends Spring Clean Out Part II Flea Market and Craft Fair on May 4 from 11 a.m to 4 p.m. at the TriUnity Social Hall, 614 6th St. There will be 15 vendors selling flea market items, handmade crafts, and direct sale vendors. Lunch will be available to purchase. Please enter at the rear of the building. For more information contact Angela at agroc50@gmail.com



Blasts Believe it or nor summer is just around the corner and that means the Pitcairn Community Renaissance Burger Blasts will begin. The Blasts are scheduled for June 22, July 27, August 17 and September 21 from 11 a.m to 2 p.m. at Fire Co. #1, 100 South Center Ave. Picnic tables are available if you would like to eat there or you can have it to go. The menu includes hamburgers, cheese burgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, chips, cookies and drinks. Proceeds benefit the organizations community projects



Fish Fry Fire Co #1's Fish Fry is back on Fridays during Lent. They are open from 4 to 8 p.m. and offer dine-in, take-out and delivery. Delivery in Pitcairn is free. The menu can be found on the Pitcairn Hose Co. #1's Facebook page. To place an order call 412-372-7040 or 412-277-2796. Proceeds benefit the fire company.



Outing The Pitcairn Italian Club's annual golf outing is scheduled for May 18 at the Irwin Country Club. 9 a.m. shot gun start; 4 man scramble. Cost is \$100 a player; \$400 a team. There will be an after party at the club with dinner, drinks, basket raffles and giveaways. Non golfers can attend the party for \$20. The cost includes dinner, drinks, raffles and giveaways. More information will be available



Hoagies The Rainbow Girls are taking orders for their famous hoagies that will be delivered on May 7. The Italian has baked ham, bologna, salami, chipped ham, American cheese and provolone cheese. The turkey has American cheese and provolone cheese. Both come with lettuce, onions and pickles bagged separately. Cost is \$7. Contact Nancy at 412-856 - 8031/Rainbowmom201@aol.com or Carla at 412-607-1851/cholderbaum1230@gmail.com



Bingo Fire Co.# 1 holds a Bingo every Saturday at their station, 100 South Center Ave. 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 also be open. Proceeds benefit the company.



Walk The Brandon Kuster Memorial Walk is May 19. Doors will open at 10 a.m. at the Park Building for registration. Coffee, fruit and bagels will be served. The walk will begin at 11 and proceed through town, ending at Sugar Camp on Wall Ave. A picnic at Sugar Camp will start immediately after the walk. There will be snacks, hot dogs, live bands, basket raffles, kids' activities, cornhole and LCR tournaments. Dinner will be served at 2 p.m. This year's theme is a "Decade of Missing You" For more information go to bpfoundation.com. Proceeds benefit the Foundation.



Lions The Club will hold their Super Bingo on May 7th. Early Bird games start at 6:45 p.m. The \$20 donation includes 18 regular games with a \$50 payout and a \$500 full card Jackpot. Extra cards, specials and jackpot tickets can be purchased. The club also offers a \$1000 scholarship to Pitcairn residents graduating this year. Visit the club's Facebook page or their web site, @Pitcairn Lions Club, for more information about the organization, scholarships and fundraisers.



Hoagies PFD2 Social Club sells hoagies on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the parking lot on Broadway. The 18-inch Italian hoagies are \$8 each. The sale starts at 9 a.m. and continues till the hoagies are gone. Proceeds benefit the social club.



Football Pitcairn Jr. Mohawks will be having their 3rd Cheer and Football Clinic on May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the ages 5-13. The event is free and lunch will be provided.



Camp G The organization will hold a Road Rally on April 27 at Gateway Hall, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville. Cost is \$20 per person or \$10 for the designated driver.

There is a minimum of 4 members for a team and each team must have a designated driver. All participants must be 21 years of age or older. Entrance fee includes the after party with snacks, appetizers, beer, prizes and entertainment. If you just want to attend only the after party there is a \$10 charge per person. To register your team or for more information, call 412-656-3913 or 412-443-9233. Proceeds benefit the organization's camping program.

- Camp this year will be July 28 to August 2 at Jumonville. Registration will be held at the Italian Club, 8th Street on June 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration forms will be available at the organization's Bunny Lunch on April 13. After April 13, registration forms can be found at Phil's Pharmacy, Joe's Butcher Shop and Dan's Floral Designs. Visit Camp G's website, www.pitcaircampg.com or their Face book



Golf Camp B will hold their annual Golf Outing at Don-egal Highlands Golf Course on June 1. The scramble format will start at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$110 per golfer if pre-paid or \$129 the day of the event. Included is golf, lunch at the turn, a buffet dinner with draft beer, prizes

and a basket raffle. Deadline to register is May 24. The event sells out quickly so it is suggested to sign-up early. For more information, sponsorship forms, donations, or golf registration call 724-396-4396. Proceeds help to offset the cost for boys attending camp.



Reunion Attention all Gateway High School 1970 graduates. Plans are being made for the class' 50th reunion, August 21, 22, 23, 2020 .

They are looking for classmates and their contact information. Contact: Sandy Sablofski sandyreuion70@yahoo.com



Photos Bart Whitehead is looking for wedding pictures taken at the First Reformed United Church of Christ that will be showcased in a history area in the renovated church. Anyone having pictures, please contact Bart at

bartwhitehead@gmail.com or by phone 954-818-0979.



Garden Club Pitcairn resident, Marilyn Backus, President of the Monroeville Garden Club, would like to invite you to their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Monroeville Community Park on Tilbrook Road. There will be rare home-grown herbs, pollinator-friendly flowers and vegetable plants. The club will also offer locally grown hanging baskets, potted year-old trees and members' perennials and house plants. Also terra cotta pots that the members have painted and decouped in various sizes and colors will be available to purchase. A repotting service will also be provided for those who want their root-bound houseplants transplanted to the next pot size. The Garden Club of Monroeville maintains three local gardens and hosts youth contests that support horticulture-related education. The club welcomes new members from Pitcairn to its monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Monroeville Library.



Congratulations Residents, Rome and Colleen Smeltzer, are proud to announce that their son, Michael Desmond, has been competitively selected to the National War College at Ft. McNair, Washington D.C..

The NWC mission is to educate senior leaders of the Armed Forces, Department of State and other civilian agencies for high-level policy, command and staff responsibilities by conducting a senior-level masters of science course of study in national security strategy for positions supporting Presidential and Legislative decisions. Mike is currently a senior officer with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency for the past 24 years and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves for the past 28 years. Mike is married to Lisa Desmond who is the Executive Director of Home Health Services in Virginia. They have two children, Layla and Nate.



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Church The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Ave. invites you to participate in the following:

- **Easter Services** Palm Sunday Service, April 14 at 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 7 p.m.; Easter Celebration, April 21 at 11 a.m.
- **Blessing of the Bikes** June 15 (weather permitting) 1:30 to 4 p.m. Kids can bring their bikes and get them ready for summer riding by visiting the "Maintenance Station." There will be basic maintenance done on the bikes and air put in the tires. There will also be carnival games, face painting, food, drinks, a talk on bike safety and the sharing of the living word of Christ.
- **Bible Study** Groups meet in the evenings and also on Sunday afternoons. For information contact the office at 412-372-7707. A women's bible study meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m.



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 **App** The borough has an 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

 **Website** Business Owners you can now link your business to the borough's website at no charge. Just send your website link and logo to manager@pitcairnborough.us

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


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. 

 **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 EMERGENCY SERVICES TO CHECK THE AREA.

 **Contact Information**
 Borough—412-372-6500
 www.pitcairnborough.us
 Police / Non Emergency—412-856-1111
 Fire Station #1—412-372-7040
 Tax Collector/Sally DiRobbio—412-372-3009 / sdirobbio@verizon.net
 Code Enforcement—412-372-6500 x 15 / code@pitcairnborough.us
EMERGENCIES DIAL 911
 Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTERN at newsletterpit@gmail.com

 **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.

 **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.

DEADLINE for ISSUE 13 that covers July, August and September is June 15