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Did You Know?
Pitcairn Borough built its first
school house in 1896

I hope despite all the restrictions you were able to enjoy the summer. Its hard to believe that we are now into autumn, with winter just around the corner. Hopefully things are getting better . There is some normalcy: kids are back to school, some in classrooms and some doing virtual learning; businesses are open; and many people have returned to their jobs. Of course there are still restrictions: restaurants are limited on how many they can serve; bars are closed; inside and outside gatherings have been scaled down; and we are still wearing masks. But we have come a long way since March and we will continue to move forward.

Kudos to all the teachers who are doing their best to make the learning experience a good one for all the students and to everyone who is lending a helping hand.

And lastly, it makes me smile when I see improvements being made to our town. Have you noticed the new shiny roof on the old borough building on 6th Street and the flower shop on Broadway?

Wishing all of you a blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year. (2021 has to be a better year than 2020 –fingers crossed)

Patti



From the Mayor School is back in session!

- Beware of children at bus stops .
- Adhere to directions of crossing guards on corners and bus stops
- Keep our students safe.

School Bus Stopping Law

- More than 700 drivers are convicted for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing
- Drivers may proceed on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposites side of the road. If in doubt, STOP!

○ Penalties: If you are convicted of violating PA’s School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive the following:

- ^60 day driver’s license suspension
- ^Five points on your driving record
- ^\$250 fine



Notes from Code Enforcement Let’s all come together as a community and fight the blight together! Picking up and preventing litter is a big help!!! Bagging up the trash and putting your garbage in sealed cans with lids prevents litter from scattering around our alleys and streets!!

As winter approaches and snow is sure to fall, please remember that 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 it has been plowed.



Meals-on-Wheels St. Paul’s Meals-on-Wheels has been serving Pitcairn for over

50 years, providing meals to people who can't help themselves (elderly and disabled). Recently the organization received a subsidy grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation. The grant helps low income people, living in Allegheny County, pay for the meals that the organization provides. Through the grant, meals are \$3 a day instead of the normal \$5 a day. St. Paul's Meals-on-Wheels clients receive a hot meal plus a bagged lunch that includes a sandwich, salad, fruit, dessert and milk/juice. Portions are generous, home cooked and menus vary weekly. There are other home delivered meal services available, but most of them use meals that are massed produced, more expensive and often require a delivery fee. Surprisingly, the majority of St. Paul’s clients are not from Pitcairn and they would like to see that change. If you or someone you know could use this valuable service, contact them at 412-372-9116. St. Paul’s would also like to thank everyone who donated to the organization on August 19 through the Pittsburgh Gives #ONEDAY campaign. The money raised will help them serve more clients as well as update their kitchen. Meals is also looking for volunteers to help assemble meals. If interested, contact them at the number above.



COMMUNITY NEWS

November 7



Halloween Come and join all the Halloween fun!

- **Parade:** Hose Company #1 will host the annual costume parade on October 24. Those wanting to participate can start lining up at the Assembly of God Church on Wall Avenue. The parade will start at Noon. It will proceed down Wall Avenue to Broadway Boulevard, ending at the Fire Station where bags and treats will be distributed outdoors by masked volunteers.
- **Harvest Festival:** The festival will be different this year. Children, ages 13 and under can visit organizations and businesses that will be set up in the grassy area near the fire station. Social distancing recommendations should be observed.
- **Trick or Treating** will be held on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Masks must be worn even if your costume doesn't require one.

This is a time to have fun, but please remember to be safe.



Clerk You may have noticed that the Post Office has a new clerk, Jodi. Stop by and welcome her to town.

November 3



Thanks Pitcairn did it again. On August 27, 180 backpacks filled with supplies and snack bags were given out to our town's school age children. Thank you to all the local organizations and businesses that made this possible. Special thanks to Hose Company #1 for the use of their community room. Thanks also go out to Pitcairn Council members, Chief Farally and his officers, the Woman's Club, volunteers who helped to assemble the backpacks and PitCare for the snack bags. Once again our little town came together to make sure all our students had the supplies they needed to begin the school year.



Cash Bash Because of COVID 19, Camp G and the Pitcairn Woman's Club had to cancel their Cash Bash fundraiser that was to be held in March.

The organizations are happy to announce that the event has been rescheduled! It will be held virtually on October 25. Updated information will be posted on Facebook, so please keep checking. Tickets for the Bash are still available at \$25 each. To purchase, contact Diana at 412-583-9096. This is a major fundraiser and the organizations would appreciate your support. Proceeds allow Camp G to continue providing a one week camping experience for local girls and helps the Woman's Club support many needs within the community.

November 11



Church The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, the people of God, 312 Highland Avenue, is experiencing and sharing the living hope of Christ and they invite everyone to their public Sunday Worship Services at 10 a.m. The congregation is thankful that they have the opportunity to gather in person, but want to pass on some guidelines to help minimize the risk of the virus as they worship together:

- If you are sick, stay home
- Be mindful of the health concerns of others, please wear a mask. Wearing a mask is one way to express love to others and make others comfortable. The services can also be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/.
- At this time, the nursery will not be open, but families may use it for their needs as long as they insure their own care for their children.
- An online Bible Study is being offered by Pastor Jeremy Whipkey. Please call the church office for details. 412-372-7707.



Celebration The Parks and Rec Committee will be having the annual Christmas celebration on December 5. Details will be posted on their Facebook page at a later date. Keep checking the page for updates.

**Need help?
St Paul's
Meals on
Wheels
412-372-9116**



Birthday Happy 94th birthday to former mayor, Frank Gallo. Frank will celebrate his special day on October 25. For those of you who may not know, Frank was instrumental in securing the Viet Nam War Memorial on Broadway and he also was the MC for the annual Memorial Day Parade for many years.



Clothes The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn Clothes Closet, 312 Highland Avenue, will be opened from 10 a.m. to Noon on October 10 and 24, November 7 and 21 and December 12 and 19. Please wear a mask. If the Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707.



Worship Center Avenue United Methodist Church is still meeting for Sunday Worship!! They meet at TriUnity (the Church across from the old Borough Building), 614 Sixth Street. You are welcome to join them for Sunday services at 11:15 a.m. At this time, they are following the COVID-19 guidelines in order to keep everyone safe and healthy by practicing social distancing/hand hygiene/masks. Masks (if you need one) and plenty of hand sanitizer are made available for everyone! The church is handicap accessible with a ramp at the side entrance. Come and see many familiar faces! The new Pastor, Rev. Dan Cunkelma and the entire congregation would love to have you join them!



Club Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Woman's Club has delayed their 2020/21 club year. The organization will start the club year in January 2021. They meet on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. If you would like to join, attend a meeting or receive more information, email pattiakem@gmail.com.

December 10



Italian Club The organization is planning some holiday events.

- They will be passing out Halloween treats for kids on October 31
- Prior to Thanksgiving, they will have a turkey give away for members and also the Food Pantry
- Santa will be visiting children of club members at the annual Christmas party.

Check for updated information and Club hours on their Facebook page



Rainbow 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



Yarn The ladies who make blankets for Project Linus are in need of yarn. Project Linus distributes blankets to local ambulance services who use them when transporting children. If you have yarn to donate, call Betsy at 412-372-2436.



Club The Garden Club of Monroeville welcomes members from Pitcairn. They continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Monroeville Community Park, Pavilion 4, where they can practice social distancing. Masks are required. Everyone is invited to come and listen to the programs and make new friends.



Christmas Trees Hose Company # 1 will be selling Christmas trees starting on November 27 at their station, 100 South Center Avenue. Prices vary depending on the size of the tree. They will continue the sale until Christmas day or until they are sold out.

Merry Christmas





Contact Information

- **Borough**—412-372-6500 / 609 Broadway / 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 or 412-589-3194 / code@pitcairnborough.us

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

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Electric Bill It's 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. 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 or Verizon customers can check the Community Channel, 28.



January 1



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

DEADLINE for ISSUE 19 that covers January, February and March is December 15