




Borough of Pitcairn Pitcairn News Patter

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There's a chill in the air so Autumn must be here! It's a time to cheer on football players, carve pumpkins, greet trick-or-treaters, drink cider and enjoy the vibrant colors of leaves. In October we'll celebrate Halloween; in November we'll vote, honor our veterans and gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving; and in December there will be Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa celebrations. This surely is a busy time of year! Enjoy every minute!

Happy Holidays!

Patti

 **Trick or Treat**
The borough's trick or treat will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.



From the Mayor SCHOOL'S OPEN! Watch out for our children!

• This Fall we have an increasing number of children at our school bus stops. Gateway School

District reports that as of this date, there are 94% more students attending our schools.

- Reminder: the penalty for passing a stopped school bus is:
 1. a \$250 fine plus court costs
 2. 60 day driver's license suspension
 3. 5 points on your driver's record
- If you have any "no longer needed" medical equipment: walkers, wheel chairs or portable potty chairs, you can leave them on the Mayor's front porch to be donated to the Brothers Brothers organization.
- The ladies at the high rise are in need of yarn to make blankets for Project Linus. The organization donates the blankets to area ambulance services to be used when transporting children. Donations can be dropped off to the Mayor or call 412-372-2436 to arrange a pick-up.

Borough Officials

- Betsy Stevick, Mayor
 - Scott Farally, Chief of Police
- Council**

- Dona Galia, Pres.
- John Bova, Vice Pres.
- Kevin Dick
- Debra Freeman
- Lisa Petrosky
- James Rullo
- Michael Tobias

Administration

- Annette Dietz, Manager
- Mike Bolen, Staff
- Carri Kozier, Staff

Code Enforcement

- Nick Turner, Code Officer
- Lynette McKinney, Staff



Notes from Code Enforcement

- October is Fire Prevention month. Make sure that your house or apartment has working smoke and carbon dioxide detectors.
- Keep porches and entry ways clear of debris for emergency personnel.
 - 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



Pharmacy

Phil's Pharmacy on Broadway for over 50 years has closed. The following was submitted by Phil's family:
"I bought a business 52 years ago in a small town where I knew no one and eventually ended up knowing almost everyone. I consider them as friends first and caring customers second." - Phil

Phil's Pharmacy, a staple of downtown Pitcairn, PA since November 1, 1968, closed the doors on August 6, 2021. Many will miss the ease of obtaining prescriptions at 426 Broadway. Kids and adults will miss the slurping of a sweet sticky slushies on a hot summer's day. Gone are the penny candies, inexpensive toiletry items, and fabulous finds like the Pittsburgh Steelers, Pirates, and Penguin's t-shirts. What will be missed more than all the sundry items in the brick-and-mortar store front is the contagious laughter of Phil and the staff bantering with customers. To know Phil, and all the various staff members over the 52+ years, is to know family. Phillip R. Arlia began his working career at the age of 11, earning a dollar a week. Eighty years later Phil has finally retired. Phil attended Duquesne University, graduating in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences. After working for a couple years with Thrift Drugs and Rite Aid, Phil made the bold move to purchase Ken's Pharmacy. Over the years Phil would see generations of families come and go – attending graduations, weddings, and funerals. Phil's Pharmacy was a hub for many seeking a happy place. Phil deeply appreciates how those of Pitcairn embraced him and his family, as well as the pharmacy staff. Loyalty and love made the years go by in a blur.

Editor's Note: It didn't matter if you were a regular customer who got prescriptions filled or a casual customer who purchased cards, candy or other items from the drugstore. Phil was a friend to everyone in the community. He supported many organization fundraisers and also had a kind word for anyone entering his store. You are missed Phil. Wishing you a wonderful retirement.



Did You Know?

Woods & Pearce Drugstore was located on Center Avenue and Grimm's Drugstore was on Broadway



COMMUNITY NEWS



Hoagies The Rainbow Girls September hoagie sale was rescheduled for October. They are offering an Italian hoagie with baked ham, bologna, salami, chipped chopped ham, American and provolone cheeses or a turkey hoagie with sliced turkey and American and provolone cheeses. Both hoagies come with lettuce, onions and pickles bagged separately. Cost is \$7 each. Orders will be delivered on Saturday, October 23. Place an order now. Contact Nancy, 412-856-8031 /Rainbowmom201@aol.com or Carla, 412-607-1851/cholderbaum1230@gmail.com



Breakfast Pitcairn Woman's Club is holding a pancake breakfast on October 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Park Building, 540 Broadway Boulevard. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children age 10 and under. Dine-in or take-out.



Halloween Halloween fun will be happening on October 23. Hose Co #1 will have their annual Halloween parade. And the borough will hold their Harvest Festival. Details on both events were not available before the newsletter went to print. It is suggested to check both the Pitcairn and Hose Company's Facebook page for updated information.



Congratulations Camp B is celebrating 75 years. The organization held a weekend celebration in August for members and guests at Seven Springs Resort. Camp B is an organization dedicated to providing boys a week of camping in Laurel Hill State Park every year.



Wishes Belated birthday wishes to Mae Sheridan who celebrated her 90th birthday on August 4.



Gabrielle D'Annuzio Society

- The Italian Club will be handing out treats to trick or treaters on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- They will be giving out 50 Thanksgiving turkeys. Those in need should sign up at the Food Pantry.
- The club will hold their annual Christmas party with Santa for members' kids on December 18.



Congratulations Happy 50th Anniversary to Fox's Pizza. Jim Fox opened the first Fox's Pizza Den right here in Pitcairn in 1971.



PitCare The Kim Parsons Library and Community Center, 416 Center Avenue is now open. Hours are Tuesday and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. PitCare also runs the Food Pantry. Visit their Facebook page for information.



Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn

The church is located at 312 Highland Avenue.

- Worship services are held on Sundays as follows: Sunday School for all at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. The 11 a.m. service is also on Facebook, www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/. Information and updates for services and events can be found on Facebook, at www.pitcairnpca.org or 412-372-7707.
- Clothes Closet The church also sponsors the Clothes Closet. It will be open on October 16 and 30; November 6 and 20; and December 4 and 18. Hours are 10 a.m. to Noon. Please wear a mask. If the Closet is closed and you are in an emergency situation, call the church office at 412-372-7707.
- Bible Studies There are Bible studies lead by the Pastor, a women's study and a group for young adults. Bible studies are offered in person and on Zoom. For more information call the office at 412-372-7707.



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.





Head Start Apply now for Head Start! The Head Start programs offer quality preschool services to help children learn the skills they need to be prepared and excited to go to kindergarten. The program is FREE and open to children ages 3 to 5 (those that miss the kindergarten cutoff dates) . It includes home base and classrooms across Allegheny County. Eligibility is based on income guidelines. The program is staffed with qualified teachers who have experience working with children. It provides learning and activities that help children thrive; in home learning with 90 minutes of weekly one on one teaching/learning; full day classrooms: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.; and provides breakfast and lunch. **DO NOT WAIT, ENROLL TODAY!** Call April Schmidt 412-969-7926 or Michelle Cowan 412-737-4818 NOW to enroll. Applications are reviewed and prioritized prior to enrollment/placement.



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. 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.



Church As most of you know, St. Michael's Church Pitcairn officially closed and is now part of Christ the Divine Shepherd Parish that has churches in Monroeville and Penn Hills. Parishioners from Pitcairn are invited to attend either St. Bernadette's in Monroeville and/or St. Suzanna's in Penn Hills. Their mass schedule is as follows:

St. Bernadette's, 245 Azalea Dr, Monroeville, Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:30 a. m.; Saturday, 4 p.m.; and Sunday at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. St. Suzanna's, 200 Stotler Road, Penn Hills, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m.; Saturday, 5 p.m.; and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masks are not required if you are fully vaccinated. Masses are also broadcast on T.V. and Radio on Sundays: 6:30 a.m. - WINP (ION) Channel 16; 7 a.m. - Atlantic Broadband Cable TV WPGH Channel 710 or 10; 10:00a.m. - Comcast Cable TV Channel 95 (St Paul Cathedral); Daily: Monday - Saturday: Comcast Cable TV Channel 95 (St Paul Cathedral) 8:15 a.m.; 12:00 p.m. (St Mary of Mercy) Comcast Cable TV Channel 95/XFINITY On Demand; 12 a.m., 7 a.m., 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. EWTN – Eternal Word Television Network, DISH Network-Channel 261/DirectTV370 . WAOB Catholic Radio (We Are One Body); WOAB-AM 860/FM 106.7; and WPGH-AM 1510 For information on marriages, Baptisms and RCIA, call Deacon Mike Kelly at 412-373-0050x112. Information on the Parish can be found at: www.cdsmph.org; www.facebook.com/ChristTheDivineShepherd; www.youtube.com/ChristTheDivineShepherd; www.flocknote.com/ChristTheDivineShepherd or call the parish office at 412-373-0050



Christmas The borough will be holding their annual Old Fashion Christmas this year. Look for information on the Pitcairn Facebook page and the borough's website.



Meals Meals-on-Wheels can provide meals to seniors and those who are unable to prepare meals for themselves.

The organization is always in need of volunteers. For information call 412-372-9116.



Sale The Garden Club of Monroeville, is having a holiday greens sale on Saturday, December 4, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Monroeville Community Park, Pavilion 3. Featured will be newly cut evergreen boughs tied with beautiful bows for porches, doors and mantles and table center pieces in small vases will hold fresh greens or artificial flowers. Also available will be wreaths, kissing balls and potted branches with lights. All items will be sold at reasonable prices to encourage giving to family and friends. The Garden Club welcomes members from Pitcairn.





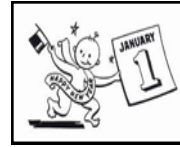
Contact Information

- **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

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NEWSLETTER

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



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 .



! 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 23 that covers January, February & March 2022 is December 15