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Did You Know?

Pitcairn was the site of one of the largest railroads. The railroads and shops employed almost 10 thousand. In 1900 our population was 2,604. By 1940 it grew to 6,310.

Welcome to the first Pitcairn News Patter !

The borough and I are excited to have a way to let all of you know what is happening in the community. The newsletter will be published four times a year and mailed to residents the first week of the month. The next issue will include the months of May, June and July. Organizations, businesses and individuals are encouraged to submit items for publication. There is no need to write up the item that you submit. You only need to send details and I will write the article. At this time we cannot print photos or actual flyers. Deadline for submissions will be the 15th of the month as follows:

April 15 will include the months of May, June and July

July 15 will include August, September and October

August 15 will include November, December and January.

I prefer that items be submitted via email to newsletterpit@gmail.com, but if necessary you can call 412-856-7294. When submitting an item, please include your name and phone number. *Patti*



FROM THE POLICE

The following was written by Chief Farally and appeared on Facebook on March 16, 2017. As Chief of Police for the Borough of Pitcairn, I would like to take a few moments of your time to address some current influx of transient criminal activity that has occurred in our town. I would like to first address that the Pitcairn Police Department is continuously and progressively always looking for innovative measures to assure the safety of our residents, visitors and business owners. We currently have seen an increase and a trend in violence this year as other Boroughs within Allegheny County. This violence is not only contained to Allegheny County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, but is also very noticeable and observed throughout the nation. As narcotic distribution and usage have increased, so has the violence such as shootings, assaults, burglaries, homicides, etc. Many individuals whom become desperate to support their habit or protect their assets will resort to violence as a defense mechanism. I have been getting many questions as related to the homicide we had last week here in Pitcairn and last night's shooting. I can tell you that the Pitcairn Police and the Allegheny County Detectives are working very closely and arrest warrants have been issued on both incidents which will bring the actors responsible for the shootings to justice. This will not be an ongoing incident for the suspects have already been identified. The Allegheny County Detectives and the Pitcairn Police have had a joint partnership investigation since the first incident in which was continuous making this investigation more proactive. In as little as 10 days both incidents have been investigated and arrest warrants issued. I would now like to address an issue that has brought many safety concerns as it relates to social media. It appears that the current trend on social media is to release information as soon as possible to the public when an incident is occurring. How I do so agree that the public has the right to know and information needs to be released to them as soon as possible, it is also being miscommunicated by verbage and emotions. Social media can put out false information sometimes and starts unnecessary arguments by ones opinion rather than facts. Lately I have found that it has impeded criminal investigations. I just want to say that if you are going to release information on an active incident, please think before posting and please have the facts rather than a personal opinion or bias. Also be respectful and courteous to the receiver of the message. I want to also thank the residence for their patience and cooperation in this matter as we investigated both these incidents.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Head Start Head Start is now enrolling for Home Base and Classroom preschool programs for children ages 3 to 5. The program is free. Call Jeannie Dennis at 412-969-4362 for more information.



CLEAN-UP DAY The borough's annual Janie Summer's Memorial Clean-Up Day is scheduled for April 22 from 7 to 11 a.m. Gloves, vests and bags will be available at the

Borough office. Dumpsters will be located at the borough building on 6th Street, Fire Company #1 on Center Avenue and Sugar Camp on Wall Avenue.

Clean-up Day is for Pitcairn residents only and photo ID for residency will be required at disposal sites.

No televisions or electronics will be accepted. Call 1-800-449-7587 to make arrangements to have these items picked up.

Tires will be accepted at Fire Company #1 only. Fees for tire disposal are as follows: Motorcycle, car and light truck tires are \$5 tires with rims are \$15.

Fire Company #1 will also accept Freon appliances, scrap metal, batteries and other appliances. There will be a \$15 fee for air conditioners and a \$20 fee for refrigerators.

Road Rally Camp G is having a Road Rally Scavenger Hunt on April 29. Registration begins at 5 p.m. at Gateway Hall #4, Northern Pike, Monroeville and the Road Rally/Scavenger Hunt begins a 6 p.m. Registration fee is \$20 per person or \$10 for the Designated Driver. Minimum 4 people per team.

Participating cars must have a seat belt for every passenger. The After Party will include beer, food, prizes and entertainment by DJ Heaps. No one under 21 years of age will be admitted. For more information contact Shelly @412-656-3913 or Erin @ 412-443-9233



Drivers Wanted

Meals-on-Wheels



is looking for drivers to deliver meals. Drivers usually work 1 hour per day and you can choose to work as many days as you are available. For information call 412-298-3770 or 412-372-9116

Easter Happenings The Parks and Recreation Committee will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the fields behind the Park Building, 557

Broadway Boulevard on April 8. The hunt is for girls and boys age 10 and under.

Immediately following the Egg Hunt, Camp G invites kids and adults to have lunch with the Easter Bunny inside the Park Building. Lunch is \$5 per person. There will be a raffle and opportunities to take pictures with the bunny.



Luncheon The Pitcairn High School Alumni Association's April luncheon is all about pies. The group will meet at Noon on April 18 at St. Michael's social hall, 749 Wall Avenue. Those attending are asked to bring a pie to share. Pies can be dessert, meat, savory or quiches.



Congratulations! The Order of the Eastern Star Cornith Chapter 229 turned 100 on March 16!



Clothes Closet

The Presbyterian Church Clothes Closet, 312 Highland Ave. will be closed during the month of April and will reopen in May

Trip The Pitcairn High School Alumni are planning a day trip to Ligonier on May 17 for a Banana Split Tribute. Lunch will be at the Ramada Inn, followed by "Jukebox & Mall Shop Hits" performed by Cathi Rhodes. There will also be a stop at the Latrobe Art Center for a hands on activity and a visit to the Unity Chapel and cemetery where Fred Rodgers and David Strickel, creator of the banana split, are buried. Cost is \$79. To reserve your seat contact Michele at 412-372-3792 or rwhide@verizon.net.



Movies The Parks and Recreation Board will sponsor a Free Movie Night at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard on April 28 at 7 p.m. The feature will be "The Secret Life of Pets". Free popcorn and drinks will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Fish Fry

Fire Company #1 and Fire Company #2 are both holding Lenten Fish Fries every Friday.

Fire Company #1's is at their headquarters, 100 S. Center Avenue from 4 to 9 p.m. Eat in or take out. To order call 412-372-7040

Fire Company #2's is at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard from 4 to 8 and is also eat in or take-out. Free delivery is available. Call 412-856-5630



Hoagies Fire Co. # 2 sells 12-inch hoagies on the second Saturday of every month in the parking lot on Broadway Blvd. The hoagies are \$8.50 each. The sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until all the hoagies are sold. Plan to get there early as they sale out fast.



Wishes Happy Birthday to Patsy Pizzuto who will be 90 on April 17 & to Council member, Dona Galia who also celebrates a birthday on the 17th



Deadline for Issue 2—APRIL 15

Bingo The Lion's Club will hold their annual Spring Bingo on May 3 in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Early Bird games start at 6:45 and regular games will begin at 7. Cost is \$20 and includes 18 games, each paying out \$50. Special games will be played throughout the night and the final game will be a full card jackpot with a payout of \$500.

Refreshments will be sold. Proceeds benefit the Lions sight related and community projects.



Flowers Fire Co.#2 will be selling Easter Flowers in the parking lot on Broadway Boulevard on April 14, 15 and 16. The sale will start at 9 a.m. and continue to dusk.

They will also be having a Mother's Day Flower sale at the parking lot on May 12, 13 and 14.



Bingo Fire Co #1 holds a Bingo every Saturday night at their Fire Station, 100 South Center Avenue. Admission price is based on the bingo package that is selected. Payout for games is determined by the number of players. Doors open at 6 p.m.; early bird games are played at 6:45; and regular games begin at 7. Refreshments are available for purchase.



Garden Club The Garden Club of Monroeville (GCM) welcomes new members from Pitcairn to their monthly meetings. The group usually meets every fourth Tuesday, February through November, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Monroeville Public Library's Program Room. The May 9 meeting will focus on backyard composting. Pitcairn resident, Marilyn Backus serves as the club's District VII Director. For information on the Garden Club visit their web site, www.gardenclubofmonroeville.org

FUTURE EVENTS

May 13—Mohawk Football/Cheerleader Clinic

May 16—Primary Election Day

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Police / Non Emergency—412-372-6500

Fire Station #1—412-372-7040

Fire Station #2—412-856-5630

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Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTTER at newsletterpit@gmail.com

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