



## Borough of Pitcairn

# Pitcairn News Patter

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**Patti Kemerer, Editor**

I hope you enjoyed the first issue of the newsletter. The goal of the Pitcairn News Patter is to make residents aware of what is going on in the town. Residents, organizations and businesses are encouraged to submit information to be included in future editions. The next newsletter will be published in August and will include August, September and October. **The deadline for submissions will be July 15.** In order for the newsletter to reach residents, submissions must be received by the deadline.



Enjoy your summer! *Patti*

### **Borough Officials**

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Scott Farally, Chief of Police

### **Council**

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### **Mayor's Message**



\*You might want to think twice before passing a stopped school bus that is loading or unloading students. When you see the flashing lights and the extended stop arm, you are required to STOP. The fine in Pennsylvania for passing a stopped school bus is \$500 and 3 permanent points on your license! So be sure to obey the law!

\*You can drop off medications that you no longer want or use at the Police Department, Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a collection bin outside of the police office. The following will be accepted: prescription drugs, patches and ointments; over-the-counter medications, vitamins and pet medications. The following will not be accepted: Hydrogen Peroxide, inhalers, needles, aerosol cans, medications from businesses or clinics, non-prescription ointments (lotion or liquid) and thermometers.

\*The Mayor and Chief Farally invite you to attend the Crime Prevention and Adult Personal Safety program at 7 p.m. on August 15, 2017 in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. The program will be presented by Allegheny Police Officer, Michael Spagnoletti. Plan to attend and bring your friends and neighbors.

### **Did You Know?**

The 1st Baseball team sponsored by Pitcairn was the Y.M.C.A. team organized in 1895 by Melvin W. Callender. In 1902 the team won the West "Y" title, but lost the state title to Philadelphia.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Flowers

Fire Co.#2 will hold their annual Mother's Day Flower Sale, May 12, 13 & 14 in the parking lot at the corner of Center Avenue and Broadway Boulevard. It will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until dusk. They offer a variety of plants and hanging baskets.



**Movies** The Parks and Recreation Board continues to hold their monthly Free Movie Night. The movies begin at 7 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard.

Drinks and popcorn will be provided and children must be accompanied by an adult. On May 19 the feature is "Storks", June 30 will be "Ice Age Collision Course" and July 28, "Trolls". Check the calendar on the borough website for the August movie.

### Election

May 16 is Primary Election Day. Be sure to go out and cast your vote!



### Football

Let's bring the Mohawk youth football program back! A football/cheerleader clinic for all interested boys and girls will be held at the Cliff Adams Field on Broadway Boulevard on May 13 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. All children who participate will get a free hot dog or hamburger and a drink. During the clinic sign-ups will take place and the concession stand will be open. Car washes to raise funds for the program are planned for June 17 and July 1.



### Anniversary

John, the Postal Clerk at our Post Office on Broadway has been at the job for one year. Stop in and thank him for a job well done.

### Meals on Wheels

The Pitcairn Meals-on-Wheels program is looking for volunteers and clients. The program runs Monday through Friday at the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church located on Agatha Street next to Propel School. Volunteers help prepare and pack meals, from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. and can work as many days as their schedule allows. Clients who are unable to prepare meals for themselves can have meals delivered through the program. Clients can live in Pitcairn, Monroeville, Wilmerding, Level Green and Trafford. For information call 412-298-3770 or 412-372 9116.



### Burger Blast

The Pitcairn Community Renaissance Burger Blasts are back! The group will be grilling burgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs at the corner of Third Street & Wall Avenue from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on June 17th, July 15th, Aug 12th and Sept 16th. Also on the menu are cookies, funnel cakes, chips and drinks. You can eat on site or take your food to go. Proceeds benefit the group's community projects.



**Fundraiser** Camp G is holding a Chipotle Fundraiser on May 8 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Monroeville Chipotle, 4137 Wm. Penn Hwy. You must have a flyer to participate. Visit the Camp G Facebook page for the required flyer. When you make a purchase, show the flyer and tell them you want to support Camp G's Fundraiser. Camp G will receive a 50% of all purchases.



**Lunch** The Pitcairn High School Alumni will hold a Hawaiian Luncheon at Noon on May 23 at St. Michael's Social Hall, 750 Wall Avenue. Guests are asked to bring a Hawaiian main dish, side or dessert. Wear your Hawaiian shirt! There will be no lunches in June, July and August



**Memorial Walk** The annual Brandon Kuster Walk and Picnic will be held on May 21. The walk begins at the Park Building, 557 Broadway and ends at Sugar Camp on Wall Avenue where the picnic will be held. Detailed information can be found at [bpfoundation.com](http://bpfoundation.com)

**Hoagies** Rainbow Girls are taking orders for their famous hoagies that will be delivered on May 6. Choose Italian or Turkey. Cost \$6. To order contact Nancy 412-856-8031/[Rainbowmom201@aol.com](mailto:Rainbowmom201@aol.com) or Carla, 412-607-1851 /





**Church** Former resident, Bart “Colonel” Whitehead is renovating the old First Reformed United Church of Christ (UCC) on Sixth Street. In June 1899, two lots on the corner of Sixth Street and Highland Avenue were purchased to construct a church. The cornerstone was laid August 20, 1899; the first service held November 26, 1899; and the building was dedicated on December 3, 1899. The church was often spoke of as the Beckon of Christianity because it was the only “church on the hill” and could be seen by people on trains coming through the town. As a child, Bart grew up in the church as did his mother, Reenie (Graham) Whitehead. He credits his church upbringing as a foundation for what he believes and how he leads his life. The Church holds a lot of great memories for not only members, but for community groups that held meetings in the Social Hall, like Brownies and Girl Scouts. Genesis Corporation, a non-profit organization formed by Whitehead, was gifted the church by the members of the First Reformed United Church of Christ after learning the mission and vision of Genesis. Genesis Corp is committed to repurpose buildings that have a historical significance in the community, assisting the revitalization of Pitcairn. Whitehead believes that “the church on the hill” is just the first of many buildings in Pitcairn that Genesis will repurpose to revitalize the community. Church renovations started in January, a time when the weather is often too cold for the parishioners to attend church. The interior was researched by reviewing the records of the church as far back as the early 1900s, to maintain the integrity of the church and “turn back time”. E.J. Seibel was contracted and instrumental in making this project that once was a dream become reality. For 3 months, 6 days a week, Eric devoted his time to repairing plaster; reconfiguring pews, including scrapping off hundreds of pieces of chewing gum placed on bottom of the pews; renovating existing bathrooms and painting a 2200 square feet Sanctuary with high ceilings. Coordinating the renovations, keeping in mind that the church’s interior must be maintained, was not an easy task. A heating system that most would say was no good and the challenge of ADA access are two examples of challenges that required research and out-of-the-box thinking. An investigation of the building, showed doorways that once existed and are now re-opened for future ADA access and after many hours of research, someone considered an expert in boiler heat was found to repair the existing heating system. The future for the Church is to provide a venue for worship, weddings and events. As a function of the church, the Sanctuary will be made available for wedding ceremonies, regardless of religious affiliations or no affiliation. For now, it will be the new home for the Center Avenue United Methodist Church and will always be considered the home of the First Reformed United Church of Christ. Phase I of the project is completed and in the next phases, Genesis will work with Pitcairn Council and the Community to offer a venue for events. In the meantime, a UCC museum is being created and if you have any photos, memorabilia,, or would like to write a memory related to the church, please contact Bart Whitehead at [bartwhitehead@gmail.com](mailto:bartwhitehead@gmail.com). The Center Avenue United Methodist Church held a worship service in the new church on Easter Sunday. Easter symbolizes Hope, Renewal and New Life and the service celebrated a New Beginnings for the Church on the Hill.



**Camp G** Early Registration for Camp G will be held on May 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Italian Club on 8th Street. Camp is open to area girls, ages 6 to 17. Cost for the week of Camp is \$150.

This year’s camp, “Under the Sea “will be held July 30 to August 4. Final Registration will be at the Italian Club on June 14 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Applications are available at Joe’s Butcher Shop and Phil’s on Broadway and online at [pitcairncampg.com](http://pitcairncampg.com). Registrations can also be completed online. Any applications received after July 1 will be assessed a \$10 late fee.

### Camp B

Registration for Camp B will be on July 9 at the Italian Club on 8th Street. On June 3, the organization will hold a Golf Outing at Donegal Highlands. Information on registration and the golf outing can be found at [pitcairncampb.com](http://pitcairncampb.com) or on the Camp B Facebook page.



**Clothes** The Presbyterian Clothes Closet, 312 Highland Avenue, will open in May. The exact date is not determined yet, so clients should check the sign on the door.

They will also be open on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. to Noon: June 10, 17 and 24; July 8, 15 and 22; and August 12 and 19. Anyone in need of clothing should stop by the Closet.

### Rally

The Democratic Committee will hold a rally at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard, on May 14 at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the endorsed Democratic candidates.





**Memorial** Plan to attend the Memorial Day service on May 29. The service will be held at the Memorial Tablets located on Broadway next to the Park Building. It is a day to honor those service men and women who gave their lives for our freedom. Check the borough web site for the time.



**Picnic** The Pitcairn High School Alumni Association will have an indoor picnic at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard on July 29. Doors open at 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations are required. Call Betsy at 412-372-2436 to reserve your seat.



**Yarn** The ladies at Broadview Manor are in need of yarn . The ladies use the yarn to make blankets for area Ambulance Crews who use them when transporting children. If you have yarn to donate, call Betsy at 412-372-2436.

**Hoagies** Correction to last month's article about Fire Co. # 2 's hoagie sell. The hoagies are 18-inches and cost \$8 each. They are sold on the second Saturday of each month in the parking lot at the corner of Center Avenue and Broadway Boulevard starting at 9 a.m.



**Thanks** Fire Co. #2 would like to thank everyone for supporting their fish fry and flower sales



**Kickball**



Kickball games for boys and girls, ages 5 to 16, are scheduled to begin at Noon at the Park Building, on June 24, July 29 and August 26. The games are sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee.



**Club** The Monroeville Garden Club invites Pitcairn residents to join their organization. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Monroeville Library from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For information go to <http://gardenclubofmonroeville.org>

**DEADLINE for ISSUE 3 is JULY 15**