



# Borough of Pitcairn

## Pitcairn News Patter

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### **Did You Know?**

Our town was named after Robert Pitcairn, but he never lived here. As Superintendent with the Pennsylvania Railroad, he was looking to expand the railroad's freight yards and chose land near Wall which became the Pitcairn Rail Yards. People who located near the yards, formed a borough and decided to name it after Robert Pitcairn who brought the yards and provided employment.



As I have done in the past when I wrote our community column in the Times Express, I would like to recognize our town. We are fortunate to live in a town that offers so much to its residents. Our business community on Broadway includes two pizza shops, a flooring store, a tile store, two consignment shops, a Post Office, a tailor, a day care, a podiatrist, a law office, a grocery/butcher shop, an eye doctor, two pharmacies, a gas station, a laundry mat, an auto repair, a used car dealership and an insurance agency. On Wall Avenue you can find a convenience store and ServiceMaster. Center Avenue has a hair salon, day care, convenience store, florist and barber shop. If you go up on "the hill" there is a car dealership, auto body shop and hair salon. And all of this is within walking distance. Yes, times change and we said goodbye this year to TJ's Beer Distributor, but welcomed Grant's Barber Shop. Our town also has many wonderful organizations made up of dedicated volunteers. The Lion's Club, Woman's Club, PitCare, Meals on Wheels, Girl Scouts, Camp B, Camp G, Mohawk Football, Clothes Closet, Community Renaissance, Rainbow Girls, Order of the Eastern Star and the Pitcairn High School Alumni. We have two volunteer fire companies who provide a valuable service. Our borough manager, electric and road crews, park building custodian and office employees work hard on a daily basis to maintain the town. Our police chief and police officers provide us with a safe environment and our school crossing guards make sure the children in the borough are safe as they go to and from school. Our council members dedicate time and effort to solve issues and provide stability to the community. Over the last few years we have lost many of our churches, but those congregations that remain, offer the community spiritual support. TriUnity renovated the "Church on the Hill", not only providing a place for people to worship, but a place to hold events. Propel School and Head Start provide us with a link to education and PitCare has relocated the Food Pantry, continuing to provide for those in need. We have the Park Building available for meetings and events, Sugar Camp, playgrounds and ball fields. Change is inevitable; but the heart of a community remains constant because of the people who live there, work there and volunteer there. We all need to be part of the community. How? Join one of our organizations; volunteer; frequent our many businesses; support the organizations' fundraisers since that's how they support the community. and participate in community events.; keep your property maintained whether you own or rent; and say "thank you" to all those that help to make our small town one to be proud of.

May the new year bring you peace and happiness.

*Patti*

### **Rodents**



Mentioning rats is never pleasant, but like many highly populated boroughs and towns, Pitcairn has a rat problem. Due to liability, the County Health Department limits the Borough to baiting only on Borough property. Private property owners may bait their property with a variety of affordable deterrents. But baiting is ineffective if food is provided. Rats are attracted by garbage, bird seed and pet waste. Garbage must be contained in secure bags inside of trash cans with lids. Pet waste should be contained in metal cans as rats will chew through plastic. Do not leave pet waste exposed. High grass and weeds on private property offer shelter for rodents. It is important that everyone on your block makes a conscious effort to deprive rodents of food and shelter. Report rodent problems to the Allegheny County Health Department, 412.687.2243 or [www.achd.net](http://www.achd.net)

### **From the Mayor & Chief**



**Ordinance** The Borough has adopted and is enforcing the "Borough Pitcairn Quality of Life Ordinance #1023" This ordinance was adopted to protect and enforce the maintenance of property and structures within the borough. Violation of the ordinance will result in a \$25 per day fine which will accrue until the problem is corrected. In addition to increasing the safety and appearances of properties, this will aid firefighters, who will have immediate access to the interior of a home because obstacles, such as furniture and debris, will have been cleared from porches and yards

**"Lost & Found"** The Police Department has a box for lost and found items. If you have lost something such as a cell phone, book bag or other personal item, stop by the office and check the box.

**Drugs** Prescription and non-prescription drugs must be disposed of properly and should not be thrown down sinks, flushed down toilets or put out in the garbage. The borough has a Drug Disposal Box located inside the borough building, outside of the Police Department, where you can dispose of medications.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Fish Fry** Both Fire Companies will hold Lenten Fish Frys starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14 and continuing every Friday through March 31.

**Hose Co. #1's** will be at their Fire Hall, 100 S. Center Avenue from 4 to 9 p.m. Eat-in or take-out. Delivery is also available and free to Pitcairn residents. Call 412-372-7040 to order.

**Fire Co. #2** will hold their fish fry at the Park Building, 557 Broadway, from 4 to 8 p.m.. You can dine in or take-out. Also free delivery is available. To order call 412-856-5630

**Hoagies** The Rainbow Girls Pitcairn Assembly are selling their famous hoagies that will be delivered on February 24. Both Italian and turkey hoagies will be available. The Italian has baked ham, bologna, salami, chipped chopped ham, American and provolone cheeses. The turkey has sliced turkey and American and provolone cheeses. Both sandwiches come with lettuce, onions, & pickles bagged separately. Cost is \$6 each. Contact Nancy at 412-856-8031 / Rainbowmom201@aol.com or Carla at 412-607-1851 /holderbaum1230@gmail.com



**Flea Market/Craft Show** at Pitcairn Hose Co. #1, 100 South Center Avenue, on February 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tables are available for a \$20 deposit, with \$10 being refunded the day of the event. For information contact Kim at 412-816-7442



**Easter Fun** The annual Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and under, sponsored by the Parks and Rec Board will be held at Noon on March 24 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway. Immediately following the hunt, Camp G will host a Bunny Lunch. Kids and adults can enjoy lunch for a nominal fee, visit with the bunny and participate in fun activities.

**Hoagies** Fire Co. #2



continues to sell 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.

**Bash** Hose Co. # 1 will hold a Gun Bash on April 8 at 100 South Center Avenue. Doors open at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from any member or call 412-372-7040



**Races** Camp B will hold their 26th "Night at the Races" on March 3 at Monroeville Fire Co. #4, 4370 Northern Pike, Monroeville. Doors open at 6 p.m. with post-time at 7. Tickets are \$10 and include food and beverages. There will also be a Chuck-O- Luck Wheel, basket raffles and 50/50 drawing. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle or purchase tickets, call Garret at 724-396-4396. The Camp B organization provides a week camping fun for area boys, ages 7 to 16. All proceeds from the fundraiser will fund the operation of camp. This year's races are sponsored by James Mrdjenovich CFP, LPL Financial.



**Flowers** Fire Co. # 2 will hold an Easter Flower sale March 31 through April 2 in the parking lot on Broadway from 9 a.m. to dusk. A variety of plants will be available. They will also have a Mother's Day flower sale May 11 through May 13



**Luncheons** The Pitcairn High School Alumni Assn. continues to meet at Noon for lunch on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Michael's Church, 750 Wall Ave. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish to share. February's theme is Pot Luck and March is Irish Food.



**Church** The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, invites you to join them for Easter services. Maundy Thursday service on March 20 is at 7 p.m.; Palm Sunday service on March 25 will be held at 11 a.m.; and the Easter Celebration will be April 1 at 11 a.m. Women's Bible Study group meets every Thursday in the church library from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. If you would like to learn how to read the Bible, there is an evening group that meets. For information on this group or any other programs contact the church at 412-372-7707 / www.pitcairnpc.org and www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/

**Meals-on-Wheels** The Pitcairn Meals-on-Wheels program is looking for clients. The program has been in the community for over 40 years and recently Dan Casey became Program Coordinator. Dan has an extensive background in the food industry. His experience includes working as a chef in Monroeville at the Wooden Nickel and Houlihan's and also as the owner of Casey's Kitchen restaurant in Squirrel Hill. Dan would like everyone to know that the program makes most meals from scratch and they are proud that the meals are home cooked. The cost of meals is very reasonable. For \$5 a day, clients receive a cold meal that includes a sandwich, salad, fruit, milk and dessert and a hot meal. Meals are delivered five days per week, Monday through Friday and clients can sign-up to receive meals every day or for as many days as needed. If you are finding that preparing meals for yourself has become difficult, consider the Pitcairn Meals-on-Wheels program. For information call 412-372-9166 and leave a message including your phone number or call Nancy at 412-793-4310. The organization also can use volunteers to help assemble and deliver meals. If interested call the numbers listed.



**Be Prepared** Do you know what to do in an emergency? Hopefully the frigid cold and snow will be gone soon, but natural disasters can happen in any type of weather and it is a good idea to be prepared. Here are some guidelines. \*Keep some bottled water on hand. You need 1 gallon of water per person per day. You should have enough to last a week. \*Stock up on non-perishable foods, such as canned meats, soups and peanut butter. \*Keep a first aid kit that includes bandages, antiseptic wipes, etc. Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to see what your kit should include. \*Have flashlights with working batteries, candles and matches. Keep the matches in a waterproof container. More information can be found at [gov/build-a kit](http://gov/build-a-kit). What can you do if there is a power outage? Normally when the power goes out it lasts only a few hours, but you should be prepared as if it will last a few days. \*Consume perishable and refrigerated foods first before they spoil. \*Pack frozen foods close together; have alternative lighting sources: flashlights, batteries candles and matches. \*Have on hand manual tools such as can openers. \*Keep your cell phone fully charged and of course in an electrical storm unplug all electronic devices to avoid power surges. Just remember that with a little forethought, you're likely to make it through a disaster. For more information on disaster preparedness go to [ready.gov](http://ready.gov). (Information was provided by Mayor Stevick and obtained from an article by Thomas Kirk that appeared in the January 2018 issue of Pennlines)



**Honey** John G. Yakim is a pharmacist and has a pharmacy, Yakim's Compounding Pharmacy at 412 Broadway. Three and half years ago, he began keeping bees. Some of his bees can be found in Pitcairn's backyards. His honey is local, raw, unfiltered and of course delicious. He extracts his honey by yard so each batch retains its unique character. John calls it small batch honey. The honey is extracted at least twice a year, so he gets a spring and fall batch for each yard. Each honey is different. Flavor and color are determined by the nectar source, which is determined by location and season. In western PA, our honey contains nectar from the fruit trees, nuts, sumac, locust and our spring flowers. The fall honey is a mixture of golden rod, aster and the dominant fall flower around Pitcairn and Monroeville, the Japanese Knotweed, which gives the honey a deep, dark red color. John has both extracted and comb honey. His honey is usually available for sale at the pharmacy during regular business hours.



**Bingo** Hose Co. # 1 holds a Bingo every Saturday 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 starts at \$50 in 46 numbers, Kitchen will also open.



**Gabrielle D'Annunzio Society**, known as the Pitcairn Italian Club, was established in 1915 by a group of Italian immigrants to provide support and social activities for the many Italians that settled in Pitcairn. In 1928, the group bought the building on 8th Street where it is now located. Over the years, the club saw a decline in membership. But a year ago a few young men stepped up, making repairs to the building, holding events, increasing the membership and bringing the society back to life. The club recently brought back an old tradition by having Santa Claus visit the club. Over 50 kids received gifts and were thrilled to visit with Santa. The club officers would like to thank the Police Department and Fire Company #2 for helping with the event. The club is now accepting applications for 2018. All new members (non current) must be sponsored by a current member. Please see a bartender or officer for more details. Also back room hall rental applications are available for 2018. The rental fee ranges from \$25-\$75, plus a security deposit. Any officer or the bartender can provide you with rental information. The new officers have several events planned for the upcoming year, including a golf outing in early spring and the return of the summer picnic at Sugar Camp. Check the Pitcairn Italian Club's Facebook page for daily updates. The officers would like to thank the community and their members for a great 2017. They are looking forward to an even greater 2018.



**Clothes** The Presbyterian Church Clothes Closet, 312 Highland Avenue, provides clothing, free of charge, for adults and children in need. They will be closed February 3 and open February 10, 17 and 24. In March they will be closed on the 3rd and 31st and open the 10th, 17th and 24th. They will be closed the month of April so that they can change over the clothes for the summer season and reopen in May. Operating hours are from 10 a.m. to Noon. If clothing is needed in an emergency when the Closet is closed, call the church office at 412-372-7707.



**Students** Pitcairn students who will be graduating from Gateway High School in 2018 and who are planning to continue their education after graduation are encouraged to complete the Common Scholarship Application available from the school guidance office. The application is used by Pitcairn organizations, like the Lions and Woman's Clubs, to award scholarship money. Deadline to submit the application is the end of March. For information about the application, check with the Guidance Office at school.



**Dinner** Mark your calendar for the Rainbow Girls' Spaghetti Dinner on April 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Park Building, 557 Broadway. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children age 12 and under. Take-out will also be available. Questions contact Nancy at [Rainbowmom201@aol.com](mailto:Rainbowmom201@aol.com) or 412-856-8031



**Event** Resident Angela Rocco, is organizing a Spring Fling event at Monroeville Mall on March 11 from Noon to 6 p.m. There will be vendors, a charity auction and for children, a coloring contest, egg hunt and face painting. Angela is looking for vendors and homemade crafters to participate. An 8 x 6 space is \$50 and each vendor must donate an item valued at \$10 for the charity auction. Vendors must also bring their own table and chair. If interested contact Angela at [angroc50@gmail.com](mailto:angroc50@gmail.com)





**Club** The Monroeville Garden Club invites Pitcairn residents to join them at their monthly meetings that are held every 4th Tuesday, February through November, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Monroeville Public Library. The program for the February 27 meeting will be “Always Green”, a local garden supply company. The speakers will present information about indoor and outdoor gardens and plants and they specialize in hydroponic systems, nutrients and soil amendments for indoor growing. For information visit the club on Facebook or [www.gardenclubofmonroeville.org](http://www.gardenclubofmonroeville.org).

**Auction** The Woman’s Club’s annual “Saturday Nite at the Auction” fundraiser will be held on April 14 in the Park Building. All items auctioned are new and include sports memorabilia, restaurant gift cards, entertainment passes and much more. Tickets are \$12 and include a dinner with beer and wine. Reserved seating is available for tickets purchased by April 5. For more information or to purchase tickets call 412-856-7294



**Garbage** should be put out for collection no earlier than Wednesday 6:00 pm. Some holidays may cause one day’s delay. Check the Borough website Calendar and Verizon customers can check Community Channel, 28.



The News Patter Newsletter can also be found on the borough’s web site: [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us)



**Contact Information**

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[www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us)  
**Police / Non Emergency**—412-856-1111  
**Fire Station #1**—412-372-7040  
**Fire Station #2**—412-856-5630  
**Tax Collector/Sally DiRobbio**—412-372-3009  
[sdirobbio@verizon.net](mailto:sdirobbio@verizon.net)  
**EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATER at [newsletterpit@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterpit@gmail.com)

**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.



**Electric Bill** Its easy to pay your electric bill online. Just log on to [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://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.



**DEADLINE for ISSUE 6 that covers April & May is March 15**



