



Borough of Pitcairn

Pitcairn News Patter

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I hope you are having a great summer. I'm sure you've noticed that the sun is setting earlier; the days are a little shorter; and students are heading back to school. That can only mean that autumn is just around the corner. Have a great start to the new school year; a happy and safe Labor Day; and take a moment to reflect and fly the American flag on September 11th, Patriot Day. Remember, if you or your organization would like to put something in the newsletter, email me at newsletterpit@gmail.com.

Patti



From the Chief

- If someone comes to your door soliciting, they are required to have a permit that was issued by the borough. You should ask to see the permit. If they decline to show it, close your door and call the police department to report the suspicious activity.
- The department is planning a Picture Day/Picnic Day sometime in August. Details will be posted on their Facebook page and Savvy Citizen.

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Mayor's Message

- All bicycle riders, young and old, should wear a helmets and also obey all traffic signs and rules.
- School will be starting soon, so when driving, be sure to watch out for children standing at the bus stops and walking to and from school.
- With all the rain, the grass grows rapidly. Just a reminder of Ordinance #978 Chapter 10 Subsection 602 regarding grass. It states that grass is to be no more than 6 inches high.



Notes From Our School Board

Hi, my name is Jack Bova. I am a 30 year resident of Pitcairn and a recent appointee to the Gateway School Board. I have served the people of Pitcairn as a council member for ten years and I have been given the opportunity to provide some insight into how your School Board works; what it means to you; and how you might participate in the process if you so choose. A bit of background first (and I know that a lot of you are already aware of the basics but please bear with me while I bring the other folks up to speed). The Gateway school district represents the communities of Pitcairn and Monroeville and yes, Pitcairn schools existed long before anyone even dreamed of a "Gateway School District". There are approximately 3400 students in the school district being educated by about 220 teachers and a number of aides. The school board itself is comprised of nine at large members which means that there is no district representation. As a consequence, perhaps, there have not often been Pitcairn residents on the school board (although it should be noted that the current superintendent, Dr. William Short, is a proud Pitcairn native). You might wonder why that matters and I would answer that by directing you to the "Propel" sign on the side of the Pitcairn Elementary School on Eleanor Street. When a previous school board and administration was attempting to address their problem of too many schools and empty classrooms as a result of declining enrollment their attention landed on the venerable Pitcairn Elementary School. Our town fought a gallant fight, and although Pitcairn had some friends on the school board at that time, there were not enough votes to save our school. And here is why that matters; instead of saving the school district the hundreds of thousands of dollars per year as predicted by that administration, the closing and subsequent creation of Propel Pitcairn has cost the school district millions of dollars because many Gateway kids chose to attend Propel Pitcairn. Local government matters, the sale of our elementary school is a good example. The school board is once again debating potential school closings/consolidation/new school construction, so now is the time for residents to weigh in. I encourage residents of Pitcairn to get involved before the next big decision is made. Attend a school board meeting or watch it on TV and then let your representatives know that you are paying attention and that you care. Weigh in on matters that affect and motivate you and have your voices heard. We have learned many new things over the years but one of the old truisms remains true - the squeaky wheel still gets the grease. In future newsletters, I hope to act as a liaison between Pitcairn and the school board by letting you, the residents, know what issues are being discussed and acted on by your school board.

Did You Know?

There is a Pitcairn Island located in the South Pacific. The population in 2016 was 50.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Fair Pitcairn Hose Co. #1 is having their annual fair at their fire station grounds, 100 South Center Avenue, July 31 to August 4. The fair will open every night at 6 p.m. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday they will close at 10 p.m. and open until 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. The parade will be held on Friday at 6 p.m. Come and enjoy food, rides and games while supporting the fire company.

Meals Meals on Wheels serves meals to the elderly, disabled and people who cannot prepare meals for themselves in the Pitcairn area. The meals are delivered five days a week for a nominal fee. The organization would also like to know if there would be more interest in their meal program if they were able to accept SNAP (food stamps, access card) for payment. Please note they do not have SNAP at this time, but may consider it if there is enough interest. To order meals, volunteer or comment on the possibility of the SNAP program, call 412-372-9116.



Football The Mohawk Football Association will hold registration for players and cheerleaders until September 1. The program is open to kids ages 5 to 13. Registration fee is \$75 per participant. For additional information call 412-600-8294.



Fundraiser Don't forget that Fire Co.#2 will continue to sell 18-inch Italian hoagies on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the parking lot on Broadway Boulevard starting at 9 a.m. Cost is \$8 per sandwich.



Alumni The Pitcairn High School Alumni Association meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, September through May. The luncheons are held at St. Michael's Church, 750 Wall Avenue at Noon. Covered dishes and/or donations are welcome. Alumni are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. The group will meet on September 18 for a tailgate themed lunch. October's theme will be Italian.



Camp Camp G would like to thank everyone who donated or helped with this year's camp. The girls had a great week of camping fun because of the volunteers and donations. Volunteers are always needed and welcome.



Burgers Pitcairn Community Renaissance will hold two more Burger Blasts, August 18 and September 15. The group will be grilling at Fire Co.#1, 100 South Center Avenue from Noon to 2 p.m. Proceeds from this year's fundraiser will help to provide sidewalks on Broadway going towards Rt. 48.



Clothes The Presbyterian Church Clothes Closet, 312 Highland Avenue, will be open Aug 11 and 25 from 9 a.m. to Noon and will be closed the month of September for the change over to winter clothes.



Movie The Free Movie Night for Kids, sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Board, has been discontinued.

BINGO

36	5	18	57	10
48	12	62	20	32
13	44	6	59	
28	1	47	30	42
73	14	55	8	19

Bingo Hose Co. # 1 holds a Bingo fundraiser 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 \$500 in 46 numbers. The kitchen will also be open.

Picnic The Italian Club will hold a picnic for members and their families on September 8 at Sugar Camp. The day will include food and drinks, games, prizes, raffles and fun for all. Contact the club or check-out their Facebook page for details.





.Anniversay Its coming in June 2019! Pitcairn's Quasquicentennial or 125th Anniversary! Planning has begun for the celebration to be held on June 7, 8 and 9 next year. Information can be found by visiting Pitcairn Q-19 on Facebook. If you are interested in volunteering contact Dona Galia at 412-380-4681.



Club The Pitcairn Woman's Club was founded in 1935. The club is open to all area women, age 18 or older. They meet on the second Monday of the month in the Park Building, 570 Broadway Boulevard. The first meeting of the 2018-19 club year will be held on September 10 at 6:30 p.m. Members and guests will enjoy a salad bar supper before the start of the meeting. The evening's program will include a speaker from a local women's shelter and the club's 2018 HOBY representative. October's meeting on the 8th will be Beverly's Birthdays. If you would like to attend a meeting or want more information on the club, call 412-856-7294.



PitCare PitCare offers a variety of programs to our town.

- The Food Pantry provides groceries once per month for lower income clients who reside in Pitcairn. Each month clients receive a wide array of groceries, including canned and dried goods, fresh fruit and vegetables, meat, dairy, snack and personal items. To qualify, client families must have an income less than 150% of the federal poverty level and reside in Pitcairn. Proof of income and residency must be provided when you register. The Pantry is open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10:00 am until Noon. Like the Pitcairn Food Pantry Facebook page to receive notices from the pantry.
- They are continuing work on the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Center Avenue, converting it into a library and community center. The library, which is expected to open sometime this fall, will be a full service facility with regular hours, staff and computer stations. The space will also be used to provide community activities such as concerts and exercise, art and dance classes and meeting space for local organizations. This summer's reading program, Build a Better World, was held in the basement of the building on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 1-3 p.m., and included oral reading and storytelling, games and snacks. The program will run through August 17.
- The organization's Girls Clubs will begin again in September. The clubs are open to girls in grades 1-12, with 1-6 grades meeting at 545 4th Street, and grades 7-12 meeting at the PitCare Ministry House, 549 2nd Street. The clubs meet every Tuesday evening from 6-7:30 p.m. The younger girls have dinner, Bible lessons and crafts. The older girls have dinner and discussion time. For more information call 412-444-8506.

Parade Fire Co.#2 would like to remind everyone that Halloween will be here before you know it. So kids should start now to think about their costume for the parade that will be held on October 27.



Yarn The ladies who knit and crochet blankets for Project Linus are in need of yard. The blankets are given to local ambulance companies who use them when they are transporting children. If you would like to donate, call Betsy at 412-372-2436





New App The borough has a new app available to residents. Savvy Citizen is a free notification system for Apple and Android users. The app will allow the borough to send information about important borough news and events directly to your mobile devices. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the Smartphone app through Google Play or the App Store or by visiting the website SavvyCitizenApp.com



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.

! ATTENTION

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. Also businesses can link their web sites to the borough's web site at no charge. If you are interested in this option give the borough office a call at 412-372-6500.

Garbage should be put out for collection no earlier than Wednesday at 6:00 pm. and should be put in sealed bags or leak proof containers. 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.



The News Patter Newsletter can also be found on the borough's web site: www.pitcairnborough.us



Contact Information

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Fire Station #2—412-856-5630
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EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTERN at
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. 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 9 that covers October & November is September 15