



Borough of Pitcairn Pitcairn News Patter

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Clean-up

The Janie Summers Memorial Clean-up Day will be April 24 from 8 to 11 a.m. Check the borough web site for information

Did You Know?

Sugar Camp Park was established in 1951. The site was a former maple sugaring camp. In 1982 land was annexed from Monroeville to expand the park. The park has pavilions, a kitchen, a barbeque pit, playground and a basketball court. You can rent Sugar Camp for picnics and events through the borough.

For updated borough information and events, including the 2021 Memorial Day Service, check the calendar and postings on www.pitcairnborough.us

Who would have thought we would be living our lives wearing masks, fist bumping instead of shaking hands, working from home, attending school at the computer and be overjoyed to get a shot in our arm? It's hard to believe that we are still dealing with the pandemic a year later, but as I write this, some restrictions have been lifted or modified. Spring welcomes a new beginning, so hopefully we will see things continue to get better. Enjoy the warmer weather; get out and do something fun or just relax on your porch.

Patti



From the Mayor

- **Bells Across Pennsylvania** will take place on Sunday, May 2 .at 7 p.m. Mayors and their municipalities will have the opportunity to celebrate their hometown heroes who have done so much to enable their communities to prevail against the pandemic. Individuals with hand bells, churches and public buildings with bells and other noisemakers will ring out for three minutes in a solid chorus of statewide support for the Pennsylvanians who put themselves in harm's way to serve the public during the pandemic.
- Winter is coming to a close as the sun shines some light on a hopeful spring. The community has faced a number of challenges over the winter months and everyone is excited to get back outside and soak up some sun and that means large numbers of our community's children will be back outside playing in the streets and on the sidewalks. They will be riding bikes and skateboards; roller blading; and just being on foot. The Chief and Mayor want to bring awareness to the dangers associated with children playing in the streets. According to Parents.com, almost 400 children, age 15 and under, are killed annually from being struck by vehicles. The Police Department has already warned kids they see playing in the streets, but we need your help spreading the word. Today's world is full of distracted drivers that are constantly on their cell phones. Please teach your children about distracted drivers and the dangers that motor vehicles pose to them as they play outside.
- There are more stray/feral cats in our neighborhoods. Please do not encourage them by sheltering or feeding them, as we do not want this to become an issue.
- In addition to collecting yarn for Project Linus and cell phones for abused women, the Mayor can take unneeded medical equipment. Medical equipment includes wheel chairs, walkers, canes and adult diapers. Call her at 412-372-2436 for pickup or to arrange delivery.
- Damaged or unwanted American flags can be dropped off at the borough building. The Mayor will see that they are properly disposed of.



Congratulations

For the third year, Pitcairn has been named a **Banner Community**. The Banner Community program, sponsored by Allegheny County and the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM), recognizes communities that show a commitment to professional development, prudent fiscal management, transparency, accountability and proactive communications to engage community stakeholders.

Pitcairn has also been awarded participation in **Allegheny Together**, a three-year grant-funded program through the Economic Development department of Allegheny County. The program offers a variety of resources, consulting and comprehensive planning to improve the business district and economic development of the borough.



Notes from Code Enforcement

- There's an app for that! The Code Enforcement Department now has a new reporting app that can be found in your App Store. Just use the search engine and follow the hyper links for Pitcairn Code Enforcement.



Look for this symbol and the picture of Broadway to make sure you have the correct app.

Once you download the app and create an account you will see a menu of popular complaint topics; make your selection and follow the prompts to file a complaint.

- As a community we need to come together to keep our beautiful town clean. Please clean up litter around your home and encourage your neighbors to do so also.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Sympathy This past February, Pitcairn said good-bye to two of its outstanding citizens. On February 15, Frank (Frankie) Gallo passed away. Frank was a former mayor of our town, Commander of the Pitcairn American Legion, Little League coach, band leader/singer, Pitcairn's Citizen of the Year twice and served in the Navy in WWII. He was instrumental in adding the Korean and Viet Nam tablets to the War Memorial that is on Broadway. Frankie loved his country and would leave American flags on the porches of his neighbors and friends so they could display them on Memorial Day. He served as Master of Ceremonies for the annual Memorial Day Parade/Service for many years. On a personal note, as many know, Frankie loved to sing and never passed up the opportunity to sing a song and years ago his band played at my wedding. I will truly miss Frankie. I looked forward to seeing him on Sunday at church and loved hearing his stories of days gone by, especially those involving my Dad. It always made me happy to hear the stories. I'm sure he is now entertaining them all in Heaven. On February 17, John "Huntin'Dog" DeCenzo passed away. John had a career in law enforcement for 32 years and was a former Police Chief of Pitcairn. He was also a WWII Army Veteran. Both of these men served our community well. They will be missed but never forgotten.



Outing The Pitcairn Italian Club will hold their annual Golf Outing on May 22. They, like others, have been severely impacted by the pandemic and even though they are not aggressively seeking donations, they welcome and are accepting support for the outing. Donors can sponsor a hole or t-shirts, as well as items for the basket raffle.

- The Club is also taking orders for Italian Club gear including face masks, shirts and more.
- Information on the golf outing and/or merchandise can be found on their Facebook page or email them at PitcairnItalianclub@gmail.com
- Recently the Club made a generous donation to the Police Department that will help to offset the cost of training and education for the police officers.



Bingo Fire Co.# 1's Bingo is back. The Bingo is held 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 is \$300 and must go every week. The kitchen will also be open. Proceeds benefit the company. Check out the company's Facebook page for tip board raffles and other fundraisers.



Church Center Avenue United Methodist Church has returned to in-person services as of February 21. Everyone is welcome to attend the Adult Sunday School Class at 10 a.m. and the Worship Service that begins at 11:15. The church meets in the Trinity building located at the corner of Highland Avenue and Sixth Street. Masks are required. If you are ill or not comfortable with attending church at this time, links to the weekly sermons and information can be found on their website, <https://centeravenuemchurch.faithlifesites.com>.



Eastern Star Pitcairn Eastern Star Chapter will hold a Ham Loaf Sale. Large loaves are \$10 each and small ones, \$6. To order call 412-818-2151 or 724-515-5711 before April 5, 2021. Orders can be picked up at the Park Building, 557 Broadway, on April 10 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Clothes Closet The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn's Clothes Closet at 312 Highland Avenue, will be open on April 24; May 1; May 22; June 5; and June 19. The hours are 10 a.m. to Noon. Please wear a mask. If the Clothes Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707.



Congratulations to part-time Officer Stefan Lawson who was recently hired as a full-time officer for the borough.



Pit Care With spring comes new opportunities!

- **FOCUS Beyond the Field** will be getting PitCare's FREE athletic program going again at the park on Broadways as soon as the weather is warm and the fields are dry. Look for it Monday through Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.. The program is open to kids, ages 6 to 18 years of age. Contact Jarrett for any questions at 724-292-4159.
- **Student Study Zone** is open again for the remainder of the school year at the library located at the corner of Agatha Street and Center Avenue. Students can take advantage of the quiet and safe space to focus on classes or school work. Students will need to bring their own devices, mask and headphones. The doors are open Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Contact Heather at 412-444-8506 for questions.
- The **Learn & Earn** program will be accepting applications through early June. Applicants must be 14-21 years. There are 6 spots open this year. Please apply via jobs4summer.org and include "wish to work with PitCare Inc" in the application. For questions contact Heather at 412-444-8506.
- PitCare is once again looking for individuals to volunteer with some of their programs, such as the athletic program FOCUS; the summer kids program, Kids Connect; and Student Study Zone. If you are looking for ways to get involved with the community go to www.pitcare.org to learn more about them and stay up to date with the latest news. To take the next step to volunteer click on the "Volunteer" tab at the top right.



Insect There is a new invasive insect in southwestern PA, commonly called the spotted lanternfly (SLF), that is harmful to vegetation. The PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) is trying to limit the spread of the insect and has established a quarantine order in some counties. The pest is a community concern and regulations of the quarantine order are in place to prevent the spread of the insect by people. Here are some tips to help avoid the spread of the SLF and be in compliance with any regulations set by the PDA:

- Learn which counties are included in the quarantine order
- Learn what the spotted lanternfly looks like in every stage of development
- Avoid parking or storing items under trees that are in the infested areas
- Inspect all items that you need to move from within a quarantined area to areas outside the quarantined area. Check all vehicles, campers and equipment, including wheel wells, windshield wipers, grills and truck beds for the insect. Also inspect plant material, woody debris, mulch, lawn furniture, etc. for the SLF. Remove and destroy any SLF that you find before moving items. Mobile stages of SLF can be destroyed by crushing them. The eggs can be destroyed by smashing or scraping them into a container of rubbing alcohol.
- It is believed that the spotted lanternfly does not lay eggs in grass clippings or autumn leaf collections, so they can be moved from a quarantined area if necessary
- Pennsylvanians need to look out for signs of the SLF. According to the PDA, if you see the insect, you should scrape every egg mass, squash every bug, and report every sighting.
- Information on the quarantine order and more information on the spotted lanternfly can be found at www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/quarantine/Pages/default.aspx
- If you find any insect that you cannot identify, it is suggested that you squash it. If you think you have found a spotted lanternfly you should notify the PA Department of Agriculture.



Head Start Head Start is now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. The preschool program is five days per week and offers quality teachers, meals, preparation for kindergarten, family support and in-home services. Applications are being done through email or by phone. Spots fill up fast, so apply today. To complete an application call or email April at 412-969-7926 april.schmidt@aiu3.net



Business Recently the Closet Connection on

Broadway closed after serving the community for almost 30 years. It provided a needed service to the town and will be missed. Thank you Michele for being a part of Pitcairn for so many years.



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.



Worship The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, are the people of God who are experiencing and sharing the living hope of Christ. You are invited to their Sunday Worship Services at 11 a.m. in person or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/. Please call the church office for possible changes in worship times or refer to the church website and calendar, 412-372-7707; www.pitcairnpca.org CDC guidelines are being followed.

- **Easter Week** You may be asking, "What is a Christian?" If so, join the Church for their Easter week services that will celebrate the basis of their faith. Palm Sunday Service, March 28 at 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 1 at 7 p.m.; Easter Celebration, April 4 at 11 a.m.
- **Blessing of the Bicycles** June 19th (weather permitting) from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kids can bring their bikes and get them ready for summer riding by visiting the "Maintenance Station." There basic maintenance will be done on the bikes, including putting air in the tires. There will also be food, games, prizes, and fun. It will be awesome so you won't want to miss it!
- **Bible Study** An online/in-person Bible Study is being offered on Wednesday evenings by Pastor Jeremy Whipkey. Please call the church office for details. 412-372-7707.
- **Slip N Slide** Look forward to a summer of slipping and sliding at the Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn. Children ages 5 to 12 are welcome to enjoy water fun and a snack. You can register by calling or emailing the office at 412-372-7707 / office@pitcairnpca.org and to receive the permission slips.



Club The Monroeville Garden Club will hold their annual plant sale on May 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Monroeville Community Park. There will be a variety of annuals, herbs, perennials and hanging baskets available for purchase. As well as hand-decorated terra cotta pots and wreaths made by members. The Garden Club welcomes Pitcairn residents to join their group.






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


EMERGENCIES DIAL 911


Need help?
St Paul's Meals on Wheels
412-372-9116




 **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 21 that covers July, August & September is June 15