

The Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania



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Haunted House to Benefit the new Aquatic Center

—As the heat of summer slowly fades, The colors of leaves will surely change, Autumn is coming and soon will be here With it comes gut wrenching fear.

The 3rd annual "A Nightmare on 2nd Street" haunted house is back once again to the former Second Street School at Second and Orange Streets. If you liked the previous 2 years, you will surely like this one. The haunted house will once again have the awesome special effects and "scare your pants off" rooms. Things have been expanded to include "the Boiler Room" and some completely new scenes. While other haunted houses have raised their rates, we still have admission of just \$4 for all ages. Haunted house dates are October 18, 19,

25, 26 and Nov 1, 2 from 7PM to 11PM.

A special night is set aside on Monday October 14 from 7PM to 11PM for the sponsors of the haunted house. Once again, we are calling it "The Premiere". If you are looking for an evening of extra special treatment and would like to sponsor the haunted house, then this is for you. 250 tickets will be available for purchase to The Premiere.

Ticket holders will have the right to:

- an exclusive, ticket holder night Oct 14 7PM to 9PM
- short lines
- smaller groups
- personalized treatment

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Why *Liberty* Splashland? A History in a Name

Travel with me if you will back in time to the year 1970, when environmental awareness and recycling are hot topics across the nation. It is around this time when the late Joanne Bettleyon, a local school nurse, became a volunteer at Selinsgrove's recycling center. She was so excited by the work being done there, that she started talking to people in Northumberland about doing our part to protect the envi-

ronment. Hereafter, a group of women, and their very supportive husbands, began collecting glass for recycling.

■ See Buy 'A Brick in Time', page 4

While this was happening, Norry was also preparing for the 1972 Bicentennial Celebration. One part of the festivities was the formation of groups called "Belles". Many or-

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Borough Meetings Schedule

OCTOBER

- 1—Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15—Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 30— Finance Committee, 2003 Budget, 6:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 4—Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 5—Election Day
- 19—Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 20— Finance Committee, 2003 Budget, 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 3—Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 17—Regular Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

BOROUGH BUILDING CLOSED

The borough building will be closed on November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition, we will be closed on the afternoon of December 24th, as well as all day on December 25th for the Christmas holiday.

Note:

All meetings are held in the borough office at 221 2nd Street unless otherwise noted. These dates are correct at time of publication. Any changes to these dates will be announced via an announcement in *The Daily Item* and on our web site.

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Calendar of Events at The Joseph Priestley House—Fall 2002

The following events are being held at the Joseph Priestley House, 472 Priestley Avenue, Northumberland over the course of the next few months. Questions regarding these events can be addressed to Andrea Bashore, the Historical Site Administrator at mbashore@state.pa.us or by calling 473-9474.

OCTOBER 13, 2002

1 - 4 PM

“HERITAGE DAY AT PRIESTLEY HOUSE”
COME JOIN DR. PRIESTLEY IN HIS LABORATORY,
AND HIS FAMILY AT HOME.
CHEMISTRY DEMONSTRATIONS at 1, 2 & 3 pm
(limited seating)/FEE

NOVEMBER 9, 2002

9:30 TO 12 NOON

CRAFT WORKSHOP

CREATE YOUR OWN SIMPLE, VERSITILE AND
USEFUL

HANDBAG BASED ON THE REGENCY
PERIOD RETICULE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED/FEE

DECEMBER 14, 2002

6 PM AND 7 PM

“CANDLELIGHT TOURS AT PRIESTLEY HOUSE”
OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS QUIETLY AND PLAINLY
AS DID ENGLISH DISSENTERS AT THE END OF THE
18TH CENTURY/FEE

Please join us for these special events. Bring your family and friends to learn about Joseph Priestley, his family, and his American home.

Priestley House currently seeks volunteers to serve as tour guides, visitor center receptionists and program assistants. The historic site offers you an opportunity to learn about local history in various aspects - archaeology, genealogy, historic preservation, social and cultural history and research. As ambassadors for Priestley House and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Pennsylvania’s official history agency, volunteers, in turn, can share their knowledge with the site’s growing local, regional, national and international public audience.

Volunteer training is available by appointment. Individuals with disabilities who need special accommodation should call in advance to discuss their needs.

Recycling in the Borough: At a Crossroads

For many years, through the efforts of community volunteers, the Liberty Glass Center has been the centerpiece of our Borough's recycling efforts. Dedicated, devoted and willing to serve at moments notice, these volunteer groups serve for the betterment of the environment, the community, and with the hope that at the end of each calendar year, they can share in the Center's modest profits.

has naturally decreased as well. Second, quite simply is the lack of volunteers. Why is this? The group that met seemed to conclude that in addition to the lower profits available, another reason for weakened volunteer support is quite simply the work involved. Collectibles received at the Center include newspapers, magazines, catalogs, glass jars, tin cans, brown corrugated cardboard, aluminum, and telephone books.

However, people are dropping off other items as well, most

which amount to nothing more than garbage. In recent weeks, an old baby pool, thrown-away screen door, as well as a five-pound bag of used diapers have been illegally dropped off.

According to Propst, no one likes to "go through other people's garbage," especially at a Recycling Center.

One final problem addressed: the lack of broad community support for its recycling efforts.

Although people may drop-off recyclables 24 hours-a-day at the Center in conjunction with the monthly curbside pickups, a clear majority do not take advantage of these services.

So, what is to be done? The group has concluded that educating the public is the first step (this article being the first in a series of educational steps) to increase and automate the usage and maintenance of the Center. Second, the group believes that placing greater emphasis on the curbside recycling may be warranted. Currently, the Borough is in discussions with the state about acquiring recycling bins that will be available for all residents free-of-charge. These bins, to be used for curbside

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Upcoming Recycling Schedule for the Borough

Curbside recycling in the borough will be held on the following dates this fall:

*October 7, 8, 9 * November 4, 5, 6 * December 2, 3, 4*

However, the Center's profits have dwindled in recent years, and the number of groups willing to dedicate their time and energies has decreased as well, to the point that the Center and our Borough's recycling efforts appear to be at a crossroads. For example, one of the Center's earliest supporters, the Northumberland-Point Township Kiwanis Club has elected to terminate its participation as a recycling volunteer group at the end of the year. According to Tom Propst, Kiwanis secretary, "profits are so small, there really is no incentive...to be concerned."

Recently members of the Northumber-

■ See *Why Liberty Splashland*, Front Page

land Borough Council met with members of the Liberty Glass Center organization in the hopes of coming up with a long-term solution to the current set of problems facing the Center. Initial findings seem to conclude that problems at the Glass Center stem from three, overlapping issues.

First, is the obvious decrease in profits coming into the center. With the price of key recyclables falling to historic lows, the amount of revenue available

Northumberland Recycling

Citizen's Guide

Liberty Glass Center
Route 11 (across from W & L Subaru)

Drop Off Hours
Monday, Wednesday—5-8 p.m.
Saturday—8 a.m. until Noon

Curbside Pickup

The first week of each month, excluding holiday weeks.

Collected both for Curbside and Drop-Off

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, green, brown)
(separated by color; rinsed clean with no lids)
- Steel food and juice cans
(rinsed clean, with labels removed)
- Newspapers—bundled and in a plastic bag
- Magazines, Catalogs and Glossy Color inserts
- Corrugated Cardboard—must be bundled
- Telephone books

Not Collected

- Grey paperboard, like cereal boxes
- Brown paperboard, like 6-packs
- Flat glass & ceramics
- Motor oil
- Auto batteries
- All types of plastic
- Brush and Grass clippings
- GARBAGE

ANYONE CAUGHT DROPPING NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS OFF AT THE CENTER IS SUBJECT TO A FINE

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What's in a Name?

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organizations had a group of "Belles". Joanne and the women in her group chose the name "Liberty Belles".

After the bicentennial celebration ended, it was decided that the Liberty Belles would stay together and continue to operate Northumberland's Liberty Glass Collection Center. All of the volunteer hours were directed toward helping our environment. Because the collected glass was being sold to Brockway Glass Company, an income was being generated. It was then time to decide what to do with the money.

Joanne had a great love for the children in this town and she wanted them to have a safe place for recreation. There had been talk about a community pool for years, but

nothing had really happened. Joanne suggested that if the Liberty Belles gave all of their money toward a pool, perhaps other organizations would also get involved.

It worked! There were many organizations, families and individuals who dedicated hours, even years, toward establishing and maintaining the pool. The communities of Northumberland and Point Township formed an association to operate the pool for the benefit of the citizens.

When it came time to choose a name for the new pool, the name Liberty Pool was selected from the many choices offered, an obvious reference to the work that the "Belles" had done.

The new aquatic center—the Liberty Splashland—still recognizes

those contributions. It's all in a name!

Gregory S. Shaffer

Red, White and Blue

Okay, we heard you. Not many people (over the age of five anyway) liked the purple and yellow colors at the pool this year. Rest assured, next year will be different. This August, Borough Council elected to recolor the pool area Red, White and Blue to celebrate our country and our Borough.

From The President of Borough Council

Choices. From the little choices (what shirt should I wear today), to the big ones (which school is best for our children), we all face choices each and every day of our lives. As 2002 winds down and the Borough Council begins considering funding for the upcoming year, we too are being faced with making choices. But be assured that we haven't lost sight in our goal of utilizing our normal tax-base *only* for the day-to-day operations of the Borough. Special projects continue with the help of outside funding. Consider:

Liberty Splashland

The new Liberty Splashland is seeking primary funding from outside sources. While a percentage of its maintenance costs will be funded through our tax base, the new aquatic center will be funded through anticipated grants, donations and corporate advertising. In addition, a large part of the profits from this year's 'Nightmare on Second Street' event will benefit the Splashland.

Second Street Community Center

Since we purchased this building from the Shikellamy School District, council has been committed to moving this project along without the use of local taxpayer monies. Through a generous state grant, we have already put on a much-needed roof, and are hopeful that another state grant will help us with adding a new heating system to the building. Thereafter, we anticipate that remodeling of the building will finally begin.

Borough sidewalks, streets, storm water project.

Continued maintenance on our Borough streets will commence in '03. The Streets Committee is currently recommending specific plans to the full council for approval. In addition, the Borough will spend resources next year on replacing or repairing Borough-owned sidewalks, to comply with requirements of the new Sidewalk Beautification Project. In addition, the \$1.13 million storm water project should be complete in early '03.

The public is invited to attend all of our public meetings, including those regarding the 2003 budget. See the upcoming Borough meeting schedule on page 2.

Until next time,
Bryan M. Wolfe
president@northumberlandborough.com

Buy 'A Brick in Time'

In 1976 to help raise funds for the then-new Liberty Pool, members of the Liberty Pool Association sold bricks to the public to raise funds for the new bath house. These bricks—still clearly visible after 25 years—show the names of Northumberland residents, passed and present.

As the Borough, in conjunction with the revised Liberty Pool Commission, kicks off fundraising for the new Liberty Splashland (see page 1), the selling of community bricks is once again in style. Plus, they make great Christmas gifts!

Personalized sidewalk bricks to be used at the new aquatic center are now available to the public. These bricks—which can be ordered in either gray or red—are available in three sizes: 4" x 8", 8" x 8" and 12" x 12".

To buy 'a brick in time' simply fill out the attached form. Mail your form and check or money order today!

Buy a Brick Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____; Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Sizes

(4 x 8 brick) - which includes 3 lines of text, 15 characters per line—\$50

Line 1— _____

Line 2— _____

Line 3— _____

(8 x 8 brick) - which includes 4 lines of text, 15 characters per line—\$100

Line 1— _____

Line 2— _____

Line 3— _____

Line 4— _____

(12 x 12 brick) - which includes 5 lines of text, 15 characters per line—\$250

Line 1— _____

Line 2— _____

Line 3— _____

Line 4— _____

Line 5— _____

Mail form and check or money order payable to: Liberty Pool Commission,
221 Second Street, Northumberland, PA 17857. Refer questions to 570-473-3414

Borough of Northumberland Flood Awareness

As part of its effort to save you money from flood damage and reduce your flood insurance premiums, the Borough of Northumberland is implementing a variety of flood protection activities, including periodic cleaning of the ditches and channels, regulating new construction in the floodplain, and preserving floodprone areas as open space. But there are also some things that you can do.

First, let's talk about the problem we're faced with.

Find out if your property is in the mapped floodplain and subject to overbank flooding by calling the Borough Office at [473-3414](tel:473-3414).

The Flood Hazard

Properties in Northumberland's floodplain are subject to three flood problems: overbank flooding, local drainage, and sewer backup. You could be faced with one, two or all three of these hazards.

Overbank Flooding: The major flood problem facing Northumberland Borough is flooding of the West Branch and the Susquehanna River. Since 1891, 56 floods have caused the Susquehanna River to exceed its channel capacity and inundate riverfront communities. Although some of the most notable floods were the result of tropical storms, the majority of flood events are attributed to snowmelts; 20 of the 25 largest floods of record occurred between January and April. Major flood events occurred in 1936, 1972, 1975, and 1996.

Overbank flooding also occurs along smaller tributaries that drain toward the Susquehanna River and West Branch Susquehanna River: A flash flood occurred on these smaller streams in September 1999.

Overbank flooding affects properties in the Borough along Penn Street, and the lower ends of King and Queen Street and Orange Street. A total of 60 buildings are subject to damage during the 100-year flood according to GIS and the Flood Insurance Rate Map. Flooding also presents a safety hazard. Velocities can be as high as 6 or 7 feet per second – so fast that the flood will wash people off their feet in only ½ foot of floodwaters.

Local Drainage: There are several areas of local drainage problems where stormwater collects and does not drain away. These include properties on between 4th and 5th Street. Sometimes, flooding is aggravated by debris that has been carelessly thrown into the channel.

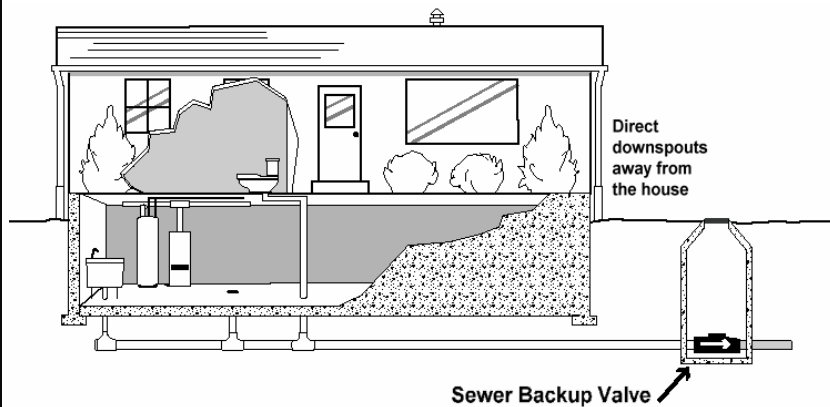
An excellent source for more information is *Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting: Six Ways to protect Your House from Flooding* (FEMA publication 312). It can be read at the Library, ordered (for free) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency by calling 1-800/480-2520, or viewed and downloaded from FEMA's web site at http://www.fema.gov/mit/tsd/dl_rfit.htm

Sewer Backup: With no place to go, sewers back up and flow into the lowest opening in the sewer line. Sanitary sewers back up into basements and storm sewers back up into streets. Northumberland has had basement flooding caused by sewer backups. The worst problems were when the Susquehanna was also flooding and there was nowhere for the stormwater to go.

Floodproofing

Floodproofing a house means altering it so floodwaters will not cause damage. Different floodproofing techniques are appropriate for different types of buildings. Use the following as a guideline:

÷ If you have a basement, split level, or other floor below ground level, there are lots of ways to protect your basement or lower floor from seepage and sewer backup (see illustration).



A backup valve is one way to prevent sewer backup

If your house is on a slab foundation, investigate a low floodwall, berm or “dry flood-proofing” (i.e., making the walls watertight and closing all the openings when a flood comes).

÷ If your house is on a crawlspace, a low floodwall, berm or “wet floodproofing” will work. “Wet floodproofing” means moving all items subject to damage out of harm’s way so water can flow into the crawlspace and not cause any problems. If floodwaters go over the first floor, it is relatively easy to elevate the building to get the first floor above the flood level.

Emergency measures: No matter what kind of building you have, some last minute emergency measures can always help. For example, you could move valuable items (photos, antiques, and other “irreplaceables”) or items that are most damaged by floodwaters (upholstered furniture, stuffed toys, mattresses, foam rubber, etc.) up to a higher level. You can place sandbags or plastic sheeting in front of doorways and other low entry points.

Whatever emergency protection measures you use, it is always best to have a plan written in advance to make sure you don’t forget anything after you hear the flood warning.

Flood Insurance

Flood insurance is highly recommended because no floodproofing measure is 100% foolproof. Most homeowners insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage. The Borough of Northumberland participates in the

Safety Tips:

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you go through an area where the water is not flowing, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there.

Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don’t drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Borough of Northumberland Flood Awareness (continued)

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Local insurance agents can sell an NFIP policy under rules and rates set by the Federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates.

Any house in Northumberland can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. There are two types of coverage which can be purchased separately:

Building coverage covers everything that stays with a house when it is sold, including the furnace, cabinets, built-in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.

÷ **Contents** coverage covers furniture and other personal possessions except for money, valuable papers, and the like. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy building coverage.

There is no coverage for things outside the house, like the driveway and landscaping. *If you have a policy, check it closely.* Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents. You may only have building coverage. If so, your furniture, carpeting, appliances, and other contents are not covered.

An NFIP policy covers sewer backup and basement seepage if there is a general condition of flooding in the area. You may do better by checking out sump pump failure or sewer backup coverage that might be available as an addition to your homeowner's insurance policy. Each company has different amounts of coverage, exclusions, deductibles, and arrangements. Most exclude damage from surface flooding that would be covered by an NFIP policy. The cost varies from nothing to up to \$100 more on your homeowner's insurance premium.

Flood Protection Regulations

Lots were originally designed so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and re-

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30 day waiting period before National Flood Insurance coverage takes effect. Contact your insurance agent for more information on rates and coverage.

Safety Tips:

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel through water. Report downed power lines to the Police Department by calling 911.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Look out for animals that have been flooded out of their homes and who may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Carbon monoxide exhaust kills. Use a generator or other gasoline powered machine outdoors. The same goes for camping stoves. Charcoal fumes are especially deadly when cooking with charcoal outdoors.

grading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain.

÷ ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE BOROUGH OFFICE BEFORE YOU BUILD ON, FILL, ALTER, OR REGRADE YOUR PROPERTY. A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.

÷ Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.

DO NOT DUMP OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE DITCHES OR BASINS. Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Borough Code.

÷ You can do your part in helping the drainage system work. Sweep or pick up your gutters to prevent blockages in the storm sewers. Pick up trash and fallen branches in the ditches.

New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Our development regulations require that new residential buildings must be elevated 1½ feet above the base flood level. These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. By getting the proper permits before you build, we can prevent flooding and other drainage problems.

The ordinance also requires that all substantial improvements and substantial damage to a building be treated as a new building. A project is “substantial” when the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50% of the value of the existing building. In the case of an addition, only the addition must be protected. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must be protected.

For example, if a house in the floodplain is flooded, has a fire, is hit by a tornado, or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level.

If you see dumping or debris in the ditches or basins, filling or construction near property lot lines, or filling or construction in the floodplain without a permit sign posted, contact the Borough Office 473-3414. The debris or project may cause flooding on your property.

Safety Tips:

Clean everything that got wet. Flood waters have picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories, and storage buildings. Spoiled food, flooded cosmetics, and medicine can be health hazards. **When in doubt, throw them out.**

Take good care of yourself. Recovering from a flood is a big job. It is tough on both the body and the spirit and the effects a disaster has on you and your family may last a long time. Keep your eyes open for signs of anxiety, stress, and fatigue in you and your family.

Future Reference:

Copies of this Flood Protection Information will be available online at:
http://www.northumberlandborough.com/flood_mitigation.htm

Really is 'Good To Know'

As a service to Northumberland residents, the borough is making available "Good To Know" cards, offering quick, precise information on an array of issues that affect all of us living here. These cards are available in the borough office or online at www.northumberlandborough.com

More precise information on each of the topics mentioned is available here:

Noise in the Borough

Unreasonable noise in the borough is a violation of Chapter 37 of the Borough Code. The Noise Ordinance is enforced between the hours of **10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.** A good rule of thumb: if it's too loud, you're violating the ordinance.

Dogs in the Borough

All dogs must be restrained by a leash or other appropriate restraining devices when being walked on public property. If your dog makes a mess on private or public property, please clean it up promptly. See Chapter 24 of the Borough Code for more information.

Unaccompanied Minors

Those under the age of 17, unaccompanied by a parent or guardian cannot roam the borough between the hours of **11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** nightly. See Chapter 40 of the Borough Code for more information.

If you have any questions about these or any other borough policies, please feel free to contact Paul J. Ruane, Code Enforcement Officer.

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New Sidewalks Equal New Curbing

In our continuing efforts to improve the safety of everyone living in and those visiting Northumberland, as everyone knows the Borough has recently implemented a 4-year Sidewalk Beautification Project. For many residents, this project means the replacement or placement of new sidewalks, at owner's expense.

For owners of corners properties—in the affected areas—there is the additional issue of the adding of handicapped ramps, a cost which will be covered by the Borough.

If your property sits at an intersection *without* a handicapped accessible sidewalk/ramp, please contact the Borough **BEFORE** doing any sidewalk work. We would like to work in conjunction with your improvements so that we may put in a new handicapped-accessible ramp at the same time.

Questions regarding this should be addressed to the Code Enforcement Department.

Sidewalk Project— An Update

Second Ward—Voting at the Girl Scout House

The first year of our sidewalk project has gone according to plan, according to the Code Enforcement Department. Those properties situated in the 2nd ward have until October 31st, 2002 to complete sidewalk renovations. Because the kickoff of this project started later than expected, however, all property owners in this ward received an automatic one-year deadline extension, whether or not they requested one or not. Therefore, 2nd ward residents all have until October 31, 2003 to comply. If you have not personally heard from someone from our code enforcement staff regarding this and live in the 2nd ward, it is your responsibility to contact the borough office regarding these

new rules to take sure that your sidewalks are 'okay.'

Third Ward—Voting at the Kiwanis Building

Next year, the Borough is requiring residents in the 3rd voting ward to comply to the new regulations. The deadline for submitting an exemption or one-year extension request for those living in this ward is July 1, 2003. The compliance deadline is October 31, 2003.

First Ward—Voting at the Borough Building

Residents living in the first ward will have until October 31, 2004 to comply. The deadline for submitting an exemption or one-year extension request will be July 1, 2004.

Revitalization: An Update

The Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee has had a successful summer completing several projects. Thanks to a donation from the Northumberland National Bank, new waste containers have been added to the downtown. Many thanks to our volunteers, Eugene Brosius and Buzz Meachum! Gene has planted flowers in our new crocks downtown and has potted mums near the railroad trestle. Many of the light posts have been repainted by Revitalization Committee Co-Chair, Buzz Meachum.

Private donations have contributed to the purchase and placement of additional memorial benches in King Street Park. The Kiwanis Club donated funds to the gazebo restoration project. The restoration of the gazebo is being directed and funded by the Northumberland Community Improvement Committee who contributed the funds for the gazebo 20 years ago. The Kiwanis Club and Christ United Methodist Church donated money in support of "Songs in the Park", held in the King Street Park Gazebo in August. Plans for more music programs are in the works for next Spring/Summer.

Northumberland Borough Council has donated \$4,000 toward the revitalization to the southeast end of the King Street Park, which will include a Community Bulletin Board. Jim Kadryna of A Touch of Class Landscapes worked thoughtfully on the new look, which will also incorporate a donation from Strong Industries. These ideas will be presented to Borough Council for their approval.

A new "History Day" project is being considered and ideas and volunteers are being sought. We are also interested in incorporating the beautiful blooming Azaleas as an attraction to Northumberland. If you have any information or history of Northumberland that you would like to share,

please contact Mayor Gretchen Brosius at 473-9426.

The railroad underpass project moves forward and a work party is being organized for a future date. If you can help with concrete work or landscaping, please call the Mayor at 473-9426.

Prints of the "Front Street Station" by Jeffrey Lynch are still on sale and proceeds benefiting the community works of the Revitalization Committee. They are available through Peace of Home Gift Shop on Queen Street.

Volunteers and donations are always welcome! Please call the Borough office at 473-3414 if you would like to get involved or visit our website at www.northumberlandBorough.com.

Karen Nogle, co-chair

Fire Volunteers Desperately Needed

Both local fire companies—the Northumberland Fire Company Number 1 and the Northumberland Hook and Ladder Company—are in need of volunteers to support fire operations. Please contact each of the fire companies for more information:

No. 1's—(570) 473-8621

Hookies—(570) 473-1975

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2002 Pool Season

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school has started, we would like the months between now and the next pool season to be exciting and productive ones. There are many changes and additions planned over the next couple of months. Combining the 1976 Liberty Pool with the future "Liberty Splashland" is in the works and a lot of volunteers are needed. I encourage everyone to get involved when and wherever they can. Before we know it, the 2003 pool season will be here, so come out, bring your family and get involved. Find your own fountain of youth at the Liberty Pool, where it is OK to act like a kid again and no one will tell you to "grow up!"

Travis Fisher, Pool Manager

Northumberland Police Department

From The Beat: A Citizen's Guide

Commonly, when the Police Department makes contact with a resident of the Borough regarding a Borough Ordinance violation on their part, the resident quite typically, and honestly, states that they did not know that their actions constituted an ordinance violation. I would like to take this opportunity to review with the residents of the Borough some of the more common Ordinance violations we encounter and what those ordinances regulate or prohibit.

a) It is unlawful to permit on private property the accumulation of junk, garbage, rubbish, and junked and/or abandoned vehicles.

b) To place or cause to be placed grass clippings or leaves upon the street. Incidental grass clippings from lawn mowing activities should be cleaned up immediately after mowing the lawn. In the fall, leaves placed out for collection should be placed at curb side and not placed in a pile on the street.

c) To permit grass or weeds to grow more than six (6) inches tall

d) It is illegal to burn articles other than paper. Burning is permitted on Wednesday and Saturday morning. Burning without a spark arresting screen over your burning receptacle, to burn without a person in attendance, or to allow the contents of the burning receptacle to smolder or smoke beyond the time

when burning is permitted are all prohibited.

e) To permit snow and/or ice to remain on your sidewalk or pavement beyond 24 hours after the snow or ice has fallen is prohibited

f) To shovel or place, or cause to be shoveled or placed, snow and/or ice upon the street for a distance beyond 4 feet from the curb or edge or the street is prohibited.

g) Certain streets have been declared "Snow Emergency Routes" and are indicated by red and white highway signs. If your residence is on one of the snow emergency routes, you are obliged to move your vehicle(s) off the street until the street has been cleared. Other Borough streets will be cleared on a schedule to be determined and announced by the Borough. In the event of a significant winter event, residents are reminded to continually check with their local media sources for this information. Residents may also call the Police Department's Community Messaging System at 473-8446 and with your touch tone telephone select the voice mail box that pertains to special parking regulations. Residents who are online may also check with the Police Department's web site at <http://www.mcsvs.com/norrypdp>.

Yours in Service
Lawrence E. Redington, Chief of Police

The Health Report

West Nile virus is spreading because mosquitoes are provided with stagnant water in which to breed. Everyone needs to check your property for stagnant water. Public health officials can only do so much. The public needs to be involved to help protect the family and the neighborhood.

Food Safety:

This is another area where you can do much to improve safe food handling practices. Here are a few suggestions for you, the consumer. When you see a food handler handling your prepared food after running their hands over their hair or face, handling money, or dirty dishes, complain to the owner/manager and don't accept the food. They need to know why you are complaining and/or why you may not come back to their establishment.

Personal Hygiene:

Good hygiene is essential for safe food handling. Food handlers are required to wash their hands often and especially after going from a non-food task to handling and serving prepared food. When you see these procedures violated, complain. If you are not satisfied with their reaction, let us know.

We are requiring handwashing sinks in all new or remodeled facilities. We are encouraging the separate sinks be installed in existing operations (many are now in compliance). We require our food handling establishments to follow proper and safe food handling procedures. Starting next year, July, 2003, each establishment in the State of Pennsylvania will be required to have at least one trained/certified food manager/supervisor on staff. Non compliance could jeopardize their license because ignorance to proper procedures is no excuse. You, the customers, are the best control over bad procedures. Help protect yourself and your community.

Keep it Clean and Safe.

Your Health Officer,

Lee C. Shaffer

Haunted House to Benefit the new Aquatic Center

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- Premiere tickets can be used on any night of the haunted house
 - Premiere ticket holders have preferred status and will be automatically advanced to the front of the line during regular haunted house nights. Just show your tickets at the admissions area.
 - your name will be placed on the Haunted House Honor Roll list in the gym.
 - Sponsors can place an advertisement in the gym for patrons to see.
- Tickets are available at the borough office at 221 Second Street. Call 473-3414 for ticket info. Tickets are 2 for \$25 or 4 for \$50. Additional tickets over 4 are \$10 each.

The haunted house is the kick-off event for the capital fundraising campaign for *Liberty Splashland Family Aquatic Center* Phase 1 that is planned at the pool. Phase 1 includes the installation of 2 large water slides. One is a 300' inner tube flume and the other is a 260' body slide. Access to the slides will be from a 33 foot high tower. Both slides will empty into a new splash down pool. The master plan will be on display in the gym for you to see.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated and help to create a great, new, fun, family oriented, regional mini waterpark. Thanks for your support and let the hauntings begin

Gregory D. Carl

Job Opportunities

The Borough of Northumberland has two job openings. A full time Streets Supervisor is available, as is a part-time office clerk position. Contact Janice Bowman in the Borough Office for more information.

Haunted House Volunteers Wanted

We are actively seeking *adult* volunteers to volunteer their time and energies at the upcoming Haunted House. A number of 'actor' positions are available. If you want to scare some people, all for a good cause, contact the Borough Office today!

2002 Pool Season Offered Changes, Look to Future

When you were a child, how many times did your parents say to you, "Grow up"? Some of us probably heard that more than others and some of us probably still hear it. For me, I've found the fountain of youth that still makes me feel and act young at heart. My fountain of youth is at the Liberty Pool, where I've spent the past 18 summers of my life, either as a patron or as the pool manager. Being surrounded by kids in both my career and leisure, keeps me somewhat in-tune to the

kids of today. During the ten years I was a patron, the pool changed very little. Back then it was acceptable to patrons that no changes were made. Unfortunately, now I'm not naive enough to believe that the average run of the mill town pool is enough to keep today's kids "packing" our pool day after day. While it does break my heart to see the 1976 Liberty Pool slowly being changed, the 2002 changes were the first step to "packing" the pool like it was "back in the day."

From the newly renovated and expanded menu at the concession stand, the inner tubes, the lounge chairs, to the sand volley ball court, these changes gave the patrons some different options that they didn't have in the past. Replacing the out dated "baby pool" with our new dump tower gave patrons a small glimpse into the future as to what other possible attractions may be down the road at OUR pool. More customer friendly days were also added this year in

order to encourage more people to attend. These days included mother, father, and grandparents get in free days. Our once a month splash hops were increased to twice a month, with one being a contest night, where our kids showed off their lip sync abilities and sometimes dancing to their favorite songs. If you missed them this year, be sure to catch one next year. This is a show sure to bring a smile to your face.

Now that the 2002 pool season has come to an end and

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Recycling in the Borough: At a Crossroads

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recycling could make the sorting of materials easier for both citizens and volunteers.

Finally, there is great support in closing the Center to 24 hour drop-offs, due to the excessive amount of garbage and other non-recyclable materials being left at the Center on a weekly basis. Preliminary

plans call for drop-offs to only be allowed during Monday and Wednesday evenings and on Saturday mornings.

In order to continue Northumberland's recycling efforts in the future, greater cooperation and more active volunteerism will be required. Contact the Borough office to see how you can improve the environment in which you live

by living a life made of recycling.

Note: Dan's Disposal provides garbage collection service at the Recycling Center each Saturday from 7 until 11 a.m. A fee for this service is charged.

Community News

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Chicken & Chili Festival Set

The annual Chicken & Chili Festival, sponsored by the Priestley-Forsyth Library is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th at King Street Park.

Borough Fire Chief To Serve Another Term

Chief Josh Newbury was recently re-appointed as Borough Fire Chief, extending his tenure for another two years. The Chief will serve through 2004.

Gazebo Improvements Started

Thanks to the generous support of the Northumberland Improvement Committee, the King Street Gazebo is undergoing some much-needed renovations.

Some Strong Holiday Elves Are Requested

Hard to believe, but the 2002 Holiday season is just around the corner. To 'spruce up' the Borough for the holiday season, we are asking for your assistance. Members of the Northumberland Improvement Committee, as well as members of the Northumberland/Point Township Revitalization Committee are looking for volunteers to help decorate the downtown. If you are interested in giving some of your time, please contact the borough office. Volunteers will be needed in mid-November.

Election Hours Set

The 2002 General Election will be held November 5th from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. Those registered to vote can do so in their polling place: 1st Ward: the Borough Building; 2nd Ward: the Girl Scout House; 3rd Ward: the Kiwanis Building. In addition to electing local representatives, this election will give us a chance to elect a new state governor. Make your vote count! Vote on the 5th!

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