



The Pineknottedter News

New Mayor Takes Office

On January 5th, 2002, Judge Charles H. Saylor swore in Gretchen H. Brosius as the new mayor of Northumberland. The 9:30 a.m. ceremony at the Borough Building was attended by her family and friends as well as other borough officials.

After thanking those in attendance and those that helped in her election she commented, "Many volunteers have gone before us to make this community a wonderful place to live, including my parents. And I'm sure you remember many others. Let us follow those who have set good examples and let us all get involved. Let us leave behind the differences that may separate us and work together for the good of Northumberland. Please pray for your homes, your churches, your schools, your neighborhoods, and your government officials at all levels."

Brosius hopes that more people will get involved in the community through volunteerism. She believes that Northumberland would be a better place if more people got involved.

"I am thankful for the men and women on council who give freely of their time to serve," she said. And, she realizes that there are many challenges ahead for her and the new council. These would include the long-term storm drainage and street repair project, as well as the future of the Second Street school property. In addition, Brosius has been working with the Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee to improve the underpass at lower Water Street and hopes to see a community bulletin board constructed at the end of King Street Park.

Besides being involved with community activities, the new mayor is a part-time pre-school teacher at the Northumberland Christian School and says that working with the children is the highlight of her day. Her other interests include following New York Yankee baseball and attending various prayer groups.

The recent events of September 11th have

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From the Health Officer Lee Shaffer

September 11, 2001 is a day we will long remember. I recently attended a Food and Drug Society Seminar. The topic was "Bioterrorism-Issues and Concerns." I will not burden you with all topics covered but refer only to one topic. "Bioterrorism and the Food Supply."

There are some rules, you as a consumer,

should follow to protect your self and your families. As an inspector, the Federal and State Food Codes guide us. I will share one paragraph of the codes with you:

"No food prepared in a private home or processed in a place other than a commer-

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Upcoming Borough Council

Meetings—7 p.m.

January 22

February 5, 19

March 5, 19

April 2, 16

(All meetings are in the Borough Office)

Borough Council Reorganizes

On January 7th, the Northumberland Borough council reorganized for the 2001/02 term. Sworn into office in new four year terms were Paul J. Bowersox, Greg Carl, Don Troxell and Bryan M. Wolfe. Judith H. Groninger was sworn into a new two year term. All five members taking their oaths of office from newly inaugurated Mayor Gretchen H. Brosius are incumbents. Other action taken at this reorganization was as follows:

President and Vice President Elected

Elected president of the council was Bryan M. Wolfe, the incumbent. Wolfe will serve as president through the end of 2003. Serving as the board's new vice president will be Charles "Bud" Ditton, who has served on the council since 1999, replacing Paul J. Bowersox in the position. Greg Carl was elected the board's new Chairman Pro Tem.

Fees Approved

Approved at the reorganization meeting was Resolution A-2002, which establishes fees and penalties for the 2002 fiscal

year. Copies of these fees are available in the borough office or on our web site at www.northumberlandborough.com

New Committees Formed

President Bryan Wolfe announced that the following council members will serve as committee chairs during the 2001/02 council term.

Finance—Bryan M. Wolfe

Parks and Recreation—Greg Carl

Personnel—Charles "Bud" Ditton

Property—Judith H. Groninger

Public Safety—Gregory S. Shaffer

Streets—Don Troxell

Paul J. Bowersox was appointed to serve as the council's representative on the Sewer Authority.

From the Health Officer

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cial food processing establishment shall be sold or used in the preparation of foods offered for sale, sold or given away in a public eating or drinking place unless the place is regulated by a health authority."

One might ask where foods can show up that may not be from inspected and approved sources. These foods can be found anywhere from Roadside stands and Farmers markets to

Charity fund programs. If you are sure of the source you may be safe! In our local Farmers Market the vendors are inspected and certified. Bakeries and small grocery stores are checked on a regular basis. The PA Department of Agriculture agents and I work very closely together to insure that foods are safe for the public. Tainted-Contaminated foods can come not only from a terrorist but also from some unknown, unsanitary kitchen or garage or even from a person with a grudge.

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Future Goals Key to Revitalization's Success

The Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee has been busy since it's organization in late summer.

The Revitalization Committee is selling Jeffrey Lynch's print titled "Front Street Station" as a fundraiser. Prints are available at Peace of Home gift shop on Queen Street for \$90. A ticket sale was held to raffle the first print of 450, which was coordinated by Karen and Brian Stahl. \$220 was raised and the winners of the print were Sandy and Bill Lehman of Northumberland.

Through the efforts of Gretchen Brosious, the committee was given permission by Norfolk Southern to paint the railroad bridge across Rt. 11 near Duke Street. Norfolk Southern has cleaned up the loose concrete and inspected the structure, but it will be up to

community volunteers to paint after we've received proper instructions.

A few of the committee's future goals are to beautify the railroad bridge and surrounding area, create a historic brochure of Northumberland/Point Township and to put a permanent, attractive community bulletin board at King Street Park.

Anyone interested in sharing their ideas, please join us at one of our meetings! Everyone is welcome!

Those interested in joining the Northumberland-Point Township revitalization efforts should contact the borough office for complete details.

From The President of Northumberland Borough Council

As I write this, the borough has finally 'officially' entered the winter season with the arrival of our first snow fall. It took longer than anyone probably expected, but it is here nonetheless. The trees are full of white stuff and children (young and old alike) are making snowmen. What a sight! Here at borough council, we recently reorganized, welcomed a new mayor to the table, and laid out goals for the new year.

I am very honored to have once again been elected by my peers to serve as president of the borough council. I have enjoyed serving in this capacity for nearly a year and a half, and look forward to serving for another two. Joining me in this endeavor will be Charles "Bud" Ditton, elected vice president. Bud and I took a call from Gretchen Brosius over three years ago asking us to consider serving the borough by running for a council seat. I don't think that either of us knew what we were getting into, but we agreed, spent countless nights assisting Gretchen and her sister Judy Groninger in making hand-made advertisement signs, and both were elected in the fall of 1999. Bud did so well that year that he was elected to *two* vacant seats. Because of this, Judy heard the calling too and was appointed to fill one of Bud's vacancies, and as they say, the rest is history! Gretchen is now mayor, (elected last year, along with Judy and I being re-elected again) and for the first time in many, many years, I am proud to say that all seven of your council members have been elected and not appointed by others! I, as well as the rest of us on council welcome Gretchen to the team. All of us are ready to have a successful 2002 and 2003.

Among the goals for the coming year is continued work on the Second Street School property, and full completion of Pineknoller Park. In addition, committee chairman Don Troxell and the rest of the Streets Committee will be making recommendations this spring on the hiring of a new streets supervisor for the borough, as well as for a second part-time code officer. Look for advertisements regarding these new positions in *The Daily Item* in a few weeks.

Finally, the Parks and Recreation committee headed by Greg Carl, with input from all of Council and the Mayor is in the process of looking at future plans for the Liberty Pool. These plans are exciting, so stay tuned!

I hope everyone has a terrific and healthy new year and if there is anything that I can do or assist you with, please email me at president@northumberlandborough.com

Bryan M. Wolfe

Brosius Gets Down to Business

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made Brosius realize that the Northumberland community needs to be ready for the unexpected and hopes to work with the EMA's, police, and fire departments in reviewing and updating the borough's emergency operation plans.

Brosius has always been proud to call herself a Pineknoller and as such, plans to continue to work for the borough in many capacities and pray for its improvement.

WINTER

From the Health Officer

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The first rule to follow is, inspect the products. Look to see if it has a proper label, lists the ingredients, and if the name or source of the preparer is listed; i.e. address and or phone number? Improperly prepared canned goods can be very dangerous. Improperly handled pies or baked goods containing dairy or eggs need to be kept refrigerated. When products are listed as "home made" make sure you know the home it was made from or who made it.

When you buy fresh produce or fruit either from a farmer's market or grocery store always wash the product before you cut or slice into it.

Always wash hands thoroughly, before handling food, after handling raw meats or seafood and after using the restroom.

You can help to protect yourself by being observant and using common sense.

For those of you who have not received your flu shot, it is still not too late.

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CODES TO KNOW— Shoveling Snow Onto Street Prohibited



According to Chapter 50-20.1 of the borough code:

For purposes of this section, a "street" shall be any public way or public thoroughfare having a right-of-way in excess of twenty (20) feet.

It shall be unlawful for any person to shovel or place any snow or cause any snow to be shoveled or placed onto or upon any portion of any street in the Borough of Northumberland except that portion of the street extending four (4) feet centerward from the curb or from the edge of the paved portion of the street if there is no curb.

It shall be unlawful for any person in shoveling, moving or removing snow or causing any snow to be shoveled, moved or removed from any portion of any street in the Borough of Northumberland to place said snow or to cause said snow to be placed upon any portion of any street in the borough except the portion of the street extending four (4) feet center ward from the curb or from the edge of the paved portion of the street if there is no curb.

