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Fall Festival ~ October 27, 2007

COUNCIL PASSES RENTAL ORDINANCE

Are you aware that 25% of the borough's total residences are rental units? This community is very fortunate to have many outstanding landlords who maintain their properties to the highest standards. Along with that are the hundreds of tenants who do their part to add positively to the community. For this we are very grateful.

Unfortunately, we have some landlords who allow their tenants to live in sub-standard housing. The condition of which not only affects the tenants but also the entire community. In general, the drug users,

drug dealers, and gang members of this borough can often be found living in these units. This in turn negatively affects the good rental units. Many tenants are fearful of residing on a street or block where questionable individuals are living.

A large numbers of calls and complaints are made to the borough office regarding rental properties. In response, the borough council passed Ordinance 2007-2 to regulate rental properties. The ordinance establishes a systematic inspection program, registration and licensing of all residential

units, and penalties. While the ordinance is regarded unfavorably by some landlords, current and past problems have made the ordinance necessary. Most of us would never consider driving unsafe vehicles, yet we are all required to have them inspected and licensed. The same is now true for our rental units.

Ordinance 2007-2 may be viewed online at www.northumberlandborough.com/2007_ordinances.htm, examined at the borough office or a copy mailed to you for \$6 to cover copying costs and a mailing fee.

SECOND STREET COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION TO START

Borough Council has accepted bids for renovations to portions of the Second Street Community Center. The successful bidders are Hepco Construction, Inc., SRS Electric, LLC and Spencer Mechanical, Inc.

During this phase of construction, new doors and windows will be installed. The outside walls of the classroom areas of the gymnasium will be insulated, the ceilings will be lowered, and the rooms will be

completely renovated. New wiring and heating will also be installed. A handicapped restroom and storage closet will be constructed in the wide hallway at the 2nd Street end of the building. Larger restrooms will be constructed in a portion of the newer addition of the structure, accessible from the classroom area along Park Avenue. A new office and storage closets for recreation are planned for the previous reception area of the school office. Handicapped

ramps will be constructed at various doorways into the building. This phase of construction will be completed in the spring. By June, these rooms will be available for rent.

If you are interested in obtaining more information or have any suggestions regarding the building, please join the Second Street Committee which meets with the council's Property Committee on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

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Treasure Hunt Rules

Treasure hunting will take place October 12-26, 2007.

Maps must be stamped by each participating business identified on the map in order to be a qualified entry.

All *completed* treasure map entries must be dropped off at the borough office by Friday, October 26 at 5:00 pm.

Each child must be accompanied by an adult when visiting participating businesses for treasure hunt purposes.

Only ask *participating* businesses for a stamp and treat.

One entry per child.

Participation is limited to children 12 years and younger.

Costumes are not required for visiting businesses... but it could be fun, and may earn you extra treats!

The drawing for the great ghoulish surprise will be held at the Fall Festival, Saturday, October 27 at 5:45 pm in King Street Park.

Winner does not need to be present to win.

Additional copies of the official treasure map are available at participating businesses, the borough office, or online at www.northumberlandborough.com.

Feel free to contact Noelle Long with any questions 473-7563.

Trek-for-Treats Treasure Hunt!

Something exciting is about to hit Northumberland – the **Trek-for-Treats Treasure Hunt!** Goodies have been hidden at select Northumberland businesses and are just waiting to be found by kids.

Treasure maps have been distributed at schools and are available at participating businesses and the borough office. The goal of this activity is to visit each of the businesses on the map (with an adult) to receive a special treat and a stamp on the map. Once the treasure map has been stamped by each participat-

ing business, kids can turn them into the borough office by 5:00 pm on October 26 to be entered to win a great ghoulish prize!

Thank you to all of the following participating business, treasure hunting would not be as fun without you!



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The Northumberland Police department has formalized an agreement with the *A Child Is Missing* alert program. *A Child Is Missing* is a nationwide non-profit organization that helps law enforcement agencies locate missing children, missing elderly (often with Alzheimer's), college students, and missing persons who are mentally or physically challenged or disabled.

Upon receipt of a missing person call, Northumberland Police will now make their first

phone call to a toll free number in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

This call, answered 24/7, 365 by a technician at *A Child Is Missing*, initiates a rapid process of information gathering, and results in thousands of phone calls within minutes. A customized recorded message detailing the missing persons description and last known whereabouts is broadcast to residents and businesses in the vicinity. The message will also include a phone number for

the Northumberland County Communications to be called by anyone who has information regarding the location of the missing person.

To date the efforts of *A Child Is Missing* have been credited with more than 290 safe assisted recoveries. To register your unpublished home or cell phone number, visit www.achildissing.org.

Tim Fink,
Chief of Police
Borough of Northumberland

Trick or Treat Night October 31 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The practice of dressing up in costumes and begging door to door for treats on holidays goes back to the Middle Ages. Trick-or-treating resembles the late medieval practice of "souling," when poor folk would go door to door, receiving food in return for prayers for the dead on All Souls Day (All Hallows Day). It originated in the British Isles, and is still popular in Ireland, some parts of England, and Scotland. Yet there is no evidence that souling was ever practiced in America, and trick-or-treating may have developed in America independent of any Irish or British antecedent.

Excerpted from www.wikipedia.org.

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The following Steps are taken in using ACIM 's Alert System.

A person calls the police department to report a missing child, elderly or disabled person.

The police department then calls *A Child Is Missing* on a toll-free number.

ACIM takes all pertinent information, including but not limited to:

- Name of law enforcement agency
- City, county and state of agency
- Name of person missing
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Nationality
- Height and Weight
- Hair and Eye color
- Clothing description
- Any scars or other physical characteristics
- Any medical/psychological conditions to be aware of
- Home address including zip code
- Location last seen with zip code if different than residence
- Police department phone number for the public to call to report information
- Case # or Reference # assigned to the case
- If there is water or wooded areas in the vicinity
- Have friends and family been contacted
- Has the person gone missing before
- Is there foul play, kidnapping or parental abduction suspected
- If the missing is a child, is the agency aware of any sexual predators within 1 mile of the last seen address

A Child Is Missing also requests a cell or beeper number to reach the officer on the scene for additional information.

ACIM then makes a recorded message with the information that has been supplied.

The location last seen is entered into the computer and a database of phone numbers of the residents/businesses is gathered. The message is then sent out to the community.

When a child is reported missing near water, the immediate area is canvassed with the message, then the search area is expanded if the child has not been found.

ACIM continues to work with the officer on the scene and/or the communications department until the missing person has been found.



The Sunbury Area Chapter of the Red Cross, an agency of the United Way, cordially invites you to the 7th annual Holiday House Tour. On Sunday December 9, 2007 come and enjoy a winter afternoon touring some beautiful homes.

To date five homes have been selected, one in Northumberland and four in Sunbury. One of the homes featured is the home of Gary and Jane Londis, 70 King

RED CROSS HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Street, Northumberland. All three floors will be open to tour. They purchased the home in October of 2006. The house has an open feel with beautiful trim and hardwood floors. All homes will be decorated for the holiday.

Tickets will be \$8.00 per person or two tickets for \$15.00. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Sunbury Red Cross office 30 North 5th Street, at Gubins or at The Northumberland National Bank both on Front Street in Northumberland. Tickets will also be on sale the day of the tour from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the King Street Park Santa House.

Children must purchase a ticket and be supervised by an adult at all times. We

ask that common courtesy be given to the owners of the homes.

Each ticket holder will receive a booklet with a map showing the locations of the homes while touring look for Red Cross signs. The money generated from this event will help provide food, shelter, and clothing for local families within the Sunbury Chapter.

The tour is held from 1 - 5 p.m. on Sunday December 9th; in case of heavy snow, it will be held Monday December 10th from 6 - 9 p.m. Listen to your local radio station for more information.

The Red Cross wishes to sincerely thank the homeowners for allowing us all to tour their beautiful home, and the volunteers who help during the day of the tour.

Thank you for all your support and enjoy the day Sunday December 9.



The Northumberland Point Township Senior Action Center will be having a Fall Bazaar on Friday, November 2, 2007. Upstairs at the center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., there will be baked goods, hot dogs, barbecue, chips, and soda for sale. The craft class will have their crafts for sale along with a rummage sale. The center is located at 268 Second Street, which is also behind the Saint Marks Episcopal Church.



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Basketball Tournament a Success!

Our new basketball court was officially broken in at the first annual Ed Pfeiffer Memorial Basketball Tournament. All eight teams had a great time at the double elimination tournament. "The Executives" took home the title of champions, "The Ringers" took second place, and



"The Buzz Saws", the youngest team, took home third place.

W&L Subaru is the 2007 Corporate Pig Challenge Champion.

Mayor Gretchen Brosius thanks Bob Long for his generosity with the new basketball court.

A Sweet Day in Northumberland

Lemonade Day was once again a great success. Over 50 children came to peddle their lemonade... everything from old-fashioned lemonade to fruity lemonade! All the great tasting lemonade was sure

needed on such a hot day! The best-decorated lemonade stand turned out to be a tie between the "Construction Crew" and Sam Funk's Hawaiian Oasis Lemonade Stand. The best tasting lemonade was awarded to "Kiddlewinks". Kids enjoyed a variety of games, activities, a martial arts demonstration, and a performance by the Shikellamy Marching Braves drum line. Thanks to all who helped make this event a great success!

Playground Update

The Recreation Committee would like to first thank our volunteers and those who contributed to the Second Street Playground Project. Despite a few kinks in our plans with shipment delays and other concerns, the playground is finally ready for play!

Brick orders and financial contributions are still being accepted. The donation bricks will be proudly displayed on 6-foot pillars that will line Second Street. Fencing will be installed in between the pil-

lars. Turner Custom Building will be completing the masonry work at the playground. Turner's work will begin this spring. Remember - a commemorative brick makes a great Christmas gift for friends and family that will last a lifetime!

Fencing will be installed along the Sheetz Avenue this fall. Temporary fencing will be placed on Second Street until the masonry work is completed.

Cameras will be used to monitor the playground and basketball court area. The system has infrared capabilities so the space will be effectively monitored during evening hours as well. We hope this will be a deterrent to potential vandalism and additional security to area. We strongly encourage you to call the police if you witness any inappropriate behavior or hear any offensive language.

The Recreation Committee meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the borough building. *See you then!*

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Second Street Playground Rules

No bikes, skateboards or roller blades on playground surface.

Foul language will not be permitted.

Take turns so everyone can enjoy the playground.

Dispose of trash in the receptacles provided.

No climbing allowed on non-play equipment.

No smoking allowed.

Respect this space! Vandalism will result in appropriate legal action!

To report inappropriate behavior or suspicious activity please call the police at 473-8251.



Basketball Court Rules

Foul language will not be permitted.

Dispose of trash in the receptacles provided.

No climbing on the fence.

No smoking allowed.

Respect this space! Vandalism will result in appropriate legal action!

Beautification Awards

The Revitalization Committee would like to recognize the Beautification Award winners chosen thus far in 2007. Winners are selected for their efforts in making or keeping their properties pleasing to all who see them !! Thank you on behalf of the borough !

January

Gary and Deborah
Scholvin
194 Orange St.

February

Raymond and Tracy
Fessler
571 Queen St.

March

Jenica and Alex
Blackstone
780 King St.

April

Linda Baker
627 Queen St.

May

David and Shelly Ramer
644 Orange St.

June

Harry and Joy Wynn
390 Prince St.

July

Karen Shaffer and David
Rudy
621 Queen St.

August

Dawn Hubbard and
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September

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Northumberland-Point Township Halloween Parade

Fifty years ago, Bob Orr, Bob Waltz, Ray Young and three other gentlemen organized the Northumberland-Point Township Halloween Parade. That first year, the parade consisted of about 10 entries and marched down 4th Street. Today, the parade has grown to 100 entries of individuals, bands and floats. The parade route consists of King, 2nd, Orange, 7th, Queen and Front Streets.

On Wednesday, October 24, 2007, the Halloween Parade will again be held in Northumberland, forming at King Street Park beginning at 6 p.m., with the parade starting at 7 p.m. All individual, clubs and busi-

nesses are encouraged to participate. You may register in advance at the Northumberland Borough office on 2nd Street, or the evening of the parade at the Gazebo prior to 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for individuals, small groups, large groups, floats and commercial entries. Candy bars will be distributed to all children who participate.

The parade costs approximately \$2,500 per year. The costs include candy, bands, Fire Police and prizes. These funds are contributed by generous individuals and businesses. Donations may be made to Steve Hafer at Northumberland National Bank. *See you at the Parade!*

Fall Festival

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Fall Festival on October 27. The event will take place at King Street Park, 4-7 pm.

Kids will enjoy free crafts, free games, and fun prizes. Rumor has it, that a funny Frankenstein may be coming as well. The famous hot caramel apple sundaes will also be for sale along with other food and drink. Costume contests will be a fun part of the event too! Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, and most original costumes.

Pumpkin Decorating Judging
5:30 p.m.

Trek-for-Treats Contest Drawing
5:45 p.m.

Kids' Costume Contest Judging
6:00 p.m.

Spooky Strolls through
"Haunted Hollow" begins at dusk

In case of rain, the festival will be held at the Second Street Community Center.

As always, anyone who is interested in helping out with the festival or "Haunted Hollow" is asked to call the borough office 473-3414.

This event is sponsored by the Joseph J. Anselmo Sr. Community Trust, Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee, and Northumberland Borough.

Revitalization Announces New Award!

Dust off the lights, plastic snowmen, and blow-up Santas... the Revitalization Elves will be strolling around town before Christmas to check out the decorations of homes and businesses. Prizes will be awarded to select businesses and/or residents who exhibit creativity and beauty with their decorations. Winners will be announced at the beginning of January.

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Northumberland - Point Township Comprehensive Plan

The Borough of Northumberland and Point Township are in the process of preparing a multi-municipal comprehensive plan. The committee, comprised of residents from both communities, started developing the plan in January 2007.

The finished product is scheduled to be completed next spring. The committee has worked with planners from Gannett-Fleming, Inc. Steps toward finalizing the plan include analyzing the two communities, noting the trends and issues of the area, reviewing zoning and subdivision ordinances, and developing goals and objectives for the future. Each municipality will retain its own individuality while still maintaining consistency with the Northumberland County Comprehensive Plan.

Numerous residents were interviewed individually. An open meeting was held on October 1, 2007 for additional public input. The study includes topics such as transportation, industry and commercial businesses, agriculture, historic preservation, community services, education, recreation, infrastructures, and trends in demographics, housing and economics.

Michelle Brummer of Gannett Fleming provided a preliminary assessment of current conditions and recent trends. She noted that the communities have a decreasing population of young people and an increasing middle-aged and elderly population. Michelle also provided an overview of the area's assets and facilities.

Residents attending the meeting agreed with the facts revealed during the presentation. They voiced their opinions on topics that most concerned them and the area's future. Those topics included the traffic and the Central Susquehanna Valley Thruway project, Northumberland's downtown area, attracting manufacturing businesses to the valley, regionalization of

area services, recreational opportunities, and land use.

The planners led focus group discussions on three broad topics:

- Land Use, Water and Sewer (Infrastructure) and Natural Resources
- Transportation and the Economy Community and Neighborhood; Housing, Community Services, Recreation and Historic Resources

During this time, residents expanded upon their thoughts and ideas for the future.

The advisory committee and planners will use this and additional information to formulate the comprehensive plan. Another public meeting will be set to reveal a final draft of the plan. The Northumberland Borough Council and the Point Township Supervisors will then take action to approve the plan so it may be implemented.

Department of Community and Economic Development and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources awarded grants to the two municipalities to help fund the project. With the completion of this multi-municipal compre-

FYI

Our assessment of current conditions and recent trends is almost complete. Did you know that...

52% of residents are part of our civilian workforce

80% of workers in our community work within a 30 minute commute.

There are 46 sites that are potentially eligible for historic designation

The Borough had over \$1 million in private renovation and redevelopment investment from 2000 to 2006

Our public meeting on October 1st shared much more information about our community. Another public meeting will be held once the vision and recommendations are drafted. Stay tuned.

hensive plan, the communities anticipate additional grant funding for future projects.

You can help! Please contact the Borough Office at 473-3414 or email us at office@northumberlandborough.com if you would like to comment on any aspect of the plan or share your vision of the future of our town.

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Party Rentals

Having a holiday party?

Do you really want everyone at your house?

The Northumberland / Point Township Kiwanis Club Community Center is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, reunions. Please contact Jane Ressler (473-8343), Michael McWilliams (473-9802), or the Borough Office for available dates and additional information.

Still in Time for the Holidays !

The Revitalization Committee has some Norry items for sale. The packages of 12 note cards for \$6.00 are available as well as prints of the Girl Scout Little House and the Gazebo for \$10.00 each. There are also some ceramic trivets suitable for use on a countertop or for hanging. These things can be purchased at the Fall Festival and at Santa's Arrival. They are also available each day at the borough office during regular business hours. It's not too early to do your shopping !!

SANTA WILL ARRIVE !

Once again you can expect the arrival of the big guy thanks to the Revitalization Committee. He will get here on Monday, November 26th at 7:00 pm in the King Street Park. We will prepare for his coming by decorating the park and his house on Saturday, November 10th at 9:00 am. Your help would be greatly appreciated. With help, we hope to be done in about two hours.

At 6:30 pm, prior to the arrival, we will all enjoy some holiday music from the Sunbury City Band and join in with some carol singing led by Tom Gresh. There will also be crafts and food for you to partake of. If you are interested in selling your wares, please feel free to call Noelle at 473-7563. She will be happy to answer any questions or to help you join in. This would be a good way for your club or church to perhaps make some added revenue.

Special thanks goes to the Joseph J. Anselmo Sr. Community Trust for their continued support of our local activities. We also thank the Northumberland-Point Township Kiwanis for their donation of goodies to be handed out that night. Thank you !



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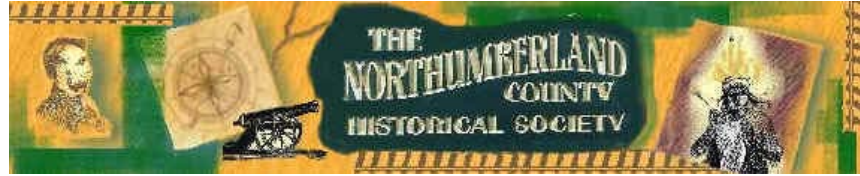
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Christmas Bazaar

The Trinity United Methodist Church will be holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on November 2nd and 3rd. Baked goods, crafts, food and a White Elephant are planned. The Turkey Dinner will be Friday the 2nd. The bazaar will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

The Northumberland County Historical Society has graciously approved the use of articles from their Northumberland Historic District Self-Guided Walking Tour publication. The publication is available free at the Borough office and will be available online in the near future at www.visitcentralpa.org. Thank you to the Northumberland County Historical Society, please visit them at 1150 North Front Street, Sunbury or on the web at www.northumberlandcountyhistoricalsociety.org.



Northumberland Historic District Self-Guided Walking Tour Stop 9 ~ 206 Priestley Avenue

In 1786, Reuben Haines sold this lot to Ennion Williams, a Berks County merchant, who conveyed the property to several Philadelphia merchants. They sold it to William McQuahae of Northumberland in 1803. McQuahae married Deborah Cowden, daughter of John Cowden, and after his death in 1846, their children sold the property to Forsyth, Wilson, and Co., a firm of Northumberland merchants. William T. Forsyth purchased it in 1851, and the Cummins Map of 1858 shows a house on the lot at that time. In 1866, Martha Kapp, the widow of Michael Kapp, a stagecoach agent, purchased a "two-story frame dwelling house and a one-story log kitchen." Later that year, she conveyed the property to her son Hosea Kapp. Eventually, it became a rental property owned by George and Ella Wendt Echert, who sold it as "a single-dwelling house" to Shirley Dagle in 1972.

The house, in the hall and parlor style, incorporates the log kitchen and has the later addition of a two-story bay window extension.



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Borough Housekeeping

Leaf Pickup

The borough will be recycling leaves into mulch. Leaves must be placed between the curb and sidewalk, please not on the street. Check your street cleaning sign for as to the day of the week the leaves will be picked up. Final collection dates for leaf pickup are set for the week of November 26.

All Christmas trees should be curbside by the week of January 14, 2008 and free of all trimmings.

FYI: Grass clippings are not to be placed on the street at any time.

Office Closings

The Borough Offices will be closed on November 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas. The offices

will also close at noon on December 31 and will be closed on January 1, 2008 for the New Year's holiday.

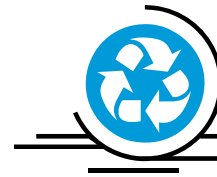
Snow Removal

Heavy snowfall is always a problem. It would be helpful when a storm is imminent if larger parking areas are kept free by grouping cars together. In this manner, the plow can clear larger spots at once. As areas are cleared, cars can then be moved to allow clearing of the remainder of the street. Snow may not be thrown on the street. The street department appreciates your cooperation.

Polling Locations

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Polls are open from 7 am - 8 pm.

First Ward Borough Building
Second Ward.. Girl Scout Little House
Third Ward.... Kiwanis Building



**Computer
Recycling
October 20th**

Northumberland County will be holding a recycling day on October 20th for any items associated with a computer including monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, scanners, printers and hard drives.

Items can be dropped off at the Liberty Glass Center on Route 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The first 50 vehicles will receive a \$10 Gift Certificate from Best Buy.

Additionally, a document shredder will be available from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. No fee will be charged for shredding.

If you have any questions, please call Dale Henry at 988-4278.

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It's estimated that in the United States there are over 45 million old cell phones sitting in drawers and closets. These old cell phones could help tens of thousands of our citizens feel safe and secure by converting them into 911 emergency-use cell phones and given away for free to those in need.

Any phone that can be turned on can be used to call 911. It's always a free call and will connect you to the nearest local emergency operator. If you have a cell phone, you're always close to getting help. But if you don't have a phone, you could be in trouble.

That's where Secure the Call Foundation comes in, a non-profit coalition of Police Departments, Sheriff's Offices, Battered Women's Shelters, Neighborhood Watch Groups, Community Service Organizations and Senior Citizen Centers. They take your donated phone and convert it into a 911 emergency only phone and give it back to coalition partners for distribution. If you have a need for a 911 phone, they'll work to get you one.

They need your old cell phones to make this program a success. Visit www.donatemycellphone.org for more information.



Northumberland Historic District Self-Guided Walking Tour Stop 17 ~ 85 King Street

Because of the canal business, Northumberland became the financial center for a large area of Central Pennsylvania. This building was erected in 1834 as the Bank of Northumberland, and Joseph Rayner Priestley, grandson of the chemist, became its first cashier. The bank prospered and survived the panics of the 1840s under President Andrew Jackson's administration. In 1864, the bank was moved to Sunbury and became the First National Bank. When the bank closed, Joseph Bird, a prosperous businessman, who dealt in coal and iron, purchased the building and remodeled it as his dwelling. At that time, it was considered the finest and most costly home in the county. The Birds furnished it in luxurious style and adorned the parlor walls with fine paintings.

Originally, the bank was a large, impressive two and one-half story, four-over-four room Georgian. The portico, with Ionic columns and pediment, is an example of Neo-Classical architecture. The Birds converted the roof to a flat, Mansard style, added a tower at the front, and enlarged the structure at the rear. In 1917, the Loyal Order of the Moose purchased the building. Most of the rear half of the house was removed, the tower was also removed and the Mansard roof modified. In 2002, the building's ninety years of history as the Moose Lodge came to an end. The furnishings and fixtures were sold at auction, and the building and property were purchased by a private individual.

Footnote: In 2007, this building was demolished. A new building is currently under erection by the The Northumberland National Bank to house their administration offices.



Our Next Issue...

The next issue of *The Pineknott News* will be published in late January. For those interested in submitting advertising or sending in articles for publication, kindly do so by Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Emergency Services Board Vacancy

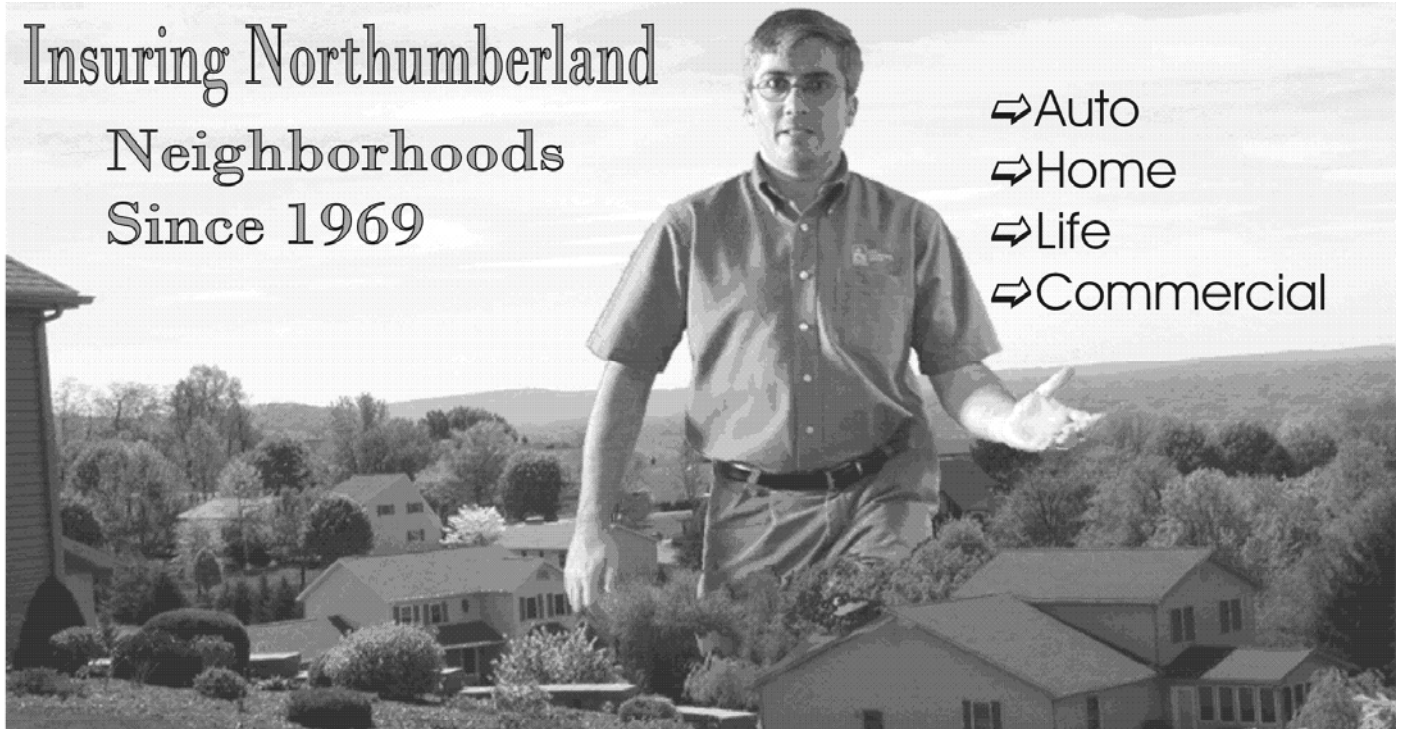
Are you interested in serving on the Borough's Emergency Services Board? The Borough Council is seeking an interested resident to appoint to a term dating from January 11, 2008 to December 31, 2011.

The Board consists of five people: One member elected from and by the general membership of the Northumberland Fire Company No. 1; one member elected from and by the general membership of the Northumberland Hook and Ladder Company; and three at-large residents of the Borough of Northumberland, appointed by the Borough Council.

The Board is charged with the duty of interpreting the rules and regulations pertaining to the Fire Department and of formulating policies for the harmonious operation of the Department. The Board submits to the Borough Finance Committee a budget plan for the Fire Department and assists Council in the dispersing of approved Board funds, per the budget plan submitted by Board, and approved by Council.

The Board meets on a monthly basis, currently the first Monday of the month. If you would like additional information about this voluntary position, please contact the Borough Office at 473-3414.

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Upcoming Community Notes/Events

Rummage Sale

St. John's Lutheran Church 300 Queen St.
November 1 & 2 8 - 4 p.m.
November 3 8 - 12 p.m.

Christmas Bazaar

St. John's Lutheran Church 300 Queen St.
December 7 9 - 7 p.m.
December 8 9 - 2 p.m.

Red Cross Blood Drives

November 13 1 - 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church 300 Queen St.

January 8, 2008 1 - 6 p.m.
St. John's Lutheran Church 300 Queen St.

Veterans Day Ceremony

Riverview Cemetery 7th & Orange
November 11 1:00 p.m.

All events are listed online at www.Northumberlandborough.com, to have your event added please call 473-3414 or email office@northumberlandborough.com.

Public Meeting Dates 2007

The following meeting dates have been announced by the Borough Council for the remaining months in 2007.

Borough Council 7:00 p.m.

November 5 December 4 December 18

Work Sessions 7:00 p.m.

October 16 November 20

Monthly Committee Meetings

Finance Oct 17 & Nov. 29 6:30 p.m.
Property 4th Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Public Safety 4th Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Recreation 4th Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Streets 2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Planning Comm.. Last Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Zoning Board..... Last Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Borough Building, 221 2nd St., Northumberland. The Emergency Services Board will meet at 7:00 p.m. the 1st Monday of each month at the Borough Building unless that day is a holiday, when the meeting will be the first Tuesday at a location to be determined.