

THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Winter 2010

JUST IMAGINE THIS HEADLINE

PINEKNOTTER DAYS CANCELLED!

Just imagine....what your community would be like without activities in our lovely park.

Seeing it sit there empty and quiet would be so sad. Beautiful summer days would hold nothing special, nothing to wait for, nothing to look forward to. We would miss those times of meeting up with old friends who have come to enjoy what we have to offer. The music that brings back memories would be no more.

The children's excitement in waiting for the scary creatures to appear in a Halloween parade would be gone. So, too, would the Christmas decorations. But...more importantly...so would Santa! Did you know that Santa has been visiting his house in our park for over 30 years?

Warm days could become quite different if baseball, soccer, swimming, etc. cease to be. Wow, how this would change our lives!

It is hard to imagine, isn't it? Unfortunately, this could all happen right here in Northumberland. We are in crisis mode! These things take shape only because of VOLUNTEERS. Many of us don't realize that our events will have to end if we do not get more people to help out. It is that simple. We are giving you advanced notice so that you are not shocked when the time comes.

We have a core group of very dedicated folks who make things happen, and have been doing so for decades. But, they are getting ...well, er...um... OLD !! Something has to change.

Currently we have the following committees and organizations who are in great need of volunteers: Revitalization, History Day, Pineknatter Days, Soap Box Derby, Lemonade Day, Cornfest, Fall Festival, Halloween Parade, Santa in the Park to mention a few. Do you want to see the gazebo, the pond in the park and Christmas decorations maintained? What if in 2010 these events disappeared? Do you care enough to help? We hope so! Please don't say that you haven't been warned. These are the facts.

If you are willing and able to help, please call the borough office (473-3414) and you will be put in contact with the right people. Keep those phones ringing folks!



A NEW YEAR

A new year is a good time to reflect on the past, present and future. As 2009 came to a close we saw the end of the tenure of some of our hard working council persons: Robert L. Long, Darvin L. Straub, and Bryan M. Wolfe.

At their last meeting on Dec. 15, 2009, they were awarded the first ever "Mayoral Certificate of Excellence". As mayor it was my pleasure to recognize them for their volunteer spirit. Robert L. Long and his wife Noelle (a former borough councilwoman), were recognized for their distinguished work to establish the Second Street Playground, creating Lemonade Day, and the Fall Festival for the children of Northumberland. They also work on the following community committees: History Day, Revitalization, and the Second Street Community Center.

Darvin Straub has distinguished himself on borough council with his revitalizing of the Liberty Glass Recycling Center and his work on the Second Street Community Center. Other community volunteer committees of which he is involved include the Northumberland/Pt. Township Kiwanis Club and Pineknatter Days.

Bryan Wolfe has held the position of council president for ten years. During his tenure on council he brought the borough into the 21st century by creating the borough website, establishing the quarterly "Pineknatter News" and serving with distinction on the finance committee and obtaining a PennVest loan to improve the Borough's stormwater system, and he has served on the Second Street Community Center committee. Although Bryan did not run for re-election, he was appointed to the council for another two-year term.

Thank you to these four past and present dedicated council persons for serving our community. Northumberland would not prosper without the commitment of volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all and any of you who volunteer in any way to make Northumberland a safe and better place in which to live. And if you haven't gotten involved in the community as yet, please call the borough office and volunteer!!

May God continue to bless you and our community during 2010.

Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor

P.S. It is my fervent wish to create prayer cells in each block of Northumberland. If you would be interested in praying for your neighborhood and community please contact me at home. 473-9426

2ND STREET COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

The Borough offices are just about finished. By the end of February, they should be in their quarters in the previous classrooms on the Park Avenue end of the building. The Police Department will also be moving into their temporary quarters in the classrooms on the 2nd Street end of the building. The Pennsylvania Conservation Corps members are doing an excellent job. They will be moving on to work on the permanent Police offices after finishing their current work. Watch for news regarding an open house later this year.

FRIENDS OF JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE WELCOME PINEKNOTTERS

Friends of Joseph Priestley House welcome all Northumberland residents and hope you can stop by for a tour. After the current annual winter break, the doors will be thrown open again on **Commonwealth Charter Day, Sunday, March 14** from 1-4 p.m. when admission is free. That's the day we'll be observing Joseph Priestley's birthday and guides will be in 18th century costume.

Can't make it that day? From March through November, the house will be open Saturday and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Group tours may be arranged at other times with prior notice. To check on Priestley House hours and activities, contact us at www.josephpriestleyhouse.org.

The Friends are also extending a special one-time discount to Pineknotters – a \$1 discount off the regular \$6 adult or \$5.50 senior ticket. Just bring along your copy of this newsletter as proof of residence.

Want to volunteer at Priestley House? We can use your help! Contact volunteer coordinator JoAnn Long at 286-6683 or lenlong@ptd.net.

Joseph Priestley House is owned and maintained by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, and staffed by volunteers from Friends of Joseph Priestley House, a not for profit 501C(3) corporation.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW COUNCILMEN.

During the re-organizational meeting on January 4, 2010, the following council persons were sworn in: incumbents Jonathan Rees and Frank Wetzel for a four year term and newcomers Steven Reed and Gregory Carl (Mr. Carl served previously on Council from 2002-2004) for four year terms. Bryan Wolfe was appointed to a 2 year term.

Steve Reed is the new face on council. A life long resident of Northumberland, he and his wife Crystal have three adult children and he is employed by UGI. Welcome all!

SAVE 10% ON LIBERTY SPLASH- LAND SEASON POOL PASS!

On sale now at the Borough office, a family pass is \$135 (regularly \$150) and an individual pass is \$72 (regularly \$80) until May 16th.

New this month, the pool will be opening at noon instead of 12:30 p.m. and stay open until 8 p.m. for two days a month.

Book your pool party while dates are still available.

FLOOD PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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

NEW CONSTRUCTION REQUIRES PROPER PERMITS. New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. The Borough's 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, flooding and other drainage problems can be prevented.

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.

DO NOT DUMP OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE DITCHES OR BASINS. Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Borough Code. 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 in helping the drainage system work. Sweep or clean up your gutters to prevent blockages in the storm sewers. Pick up trash and fallen branches in the ditches. Remove snow and ice from the storm sewer.

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 570-473-3414. The debris or project may cause flooding on your property.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Most homeowners insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage. The Borough of Northumberland participates in the 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. There are two types of flood insurance coverage; building coverage and contents coverage. Coverage for sump pump failure or sewer backup might be available as an addition to your homeowner's insurance policy. *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.*

Additional information is available at the Borough Office, the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library, or online www.northumberlandborough.com.



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☆☆ **PATROLMAN MATTHEW LAUVER** of ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ the Northumberland Borough was honored ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ with two commendations: ☆☆☆

☆☆ For his actions on the 16th of October 2009 ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ Officer Lauver did exhibit meritorious ser- ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ vice in the City of Sunbury in assisting them ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ in subduing a highly violent trespasser and ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ therefore did receive a Commendation of ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ Merit from Chief Stephen A. Mazzeo along ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ with his thanks from the City of Sunbury. ☆☆☆

☆☆ The second Commendation of Merit was ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ received from the Northumberland Police ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ Chief Timothy Fink and Mayor Gretchen ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ Brosius for exhibiting the highest level of ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ law enforcement professionalism during the ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ early morning hours of November 17, 2009. ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ During patrol he saved an elderly woman ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ who had wandered from her residence. The ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ confused and shivering woman was trans- ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ ported by the EMS to the hospital. Thank ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ you from the citizens of Northumberland to ☆☆☆
 ☆☆☆ Officer Lauver for his service. ☆☆☆

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PINEKNOTTER PARK – IS IT SAFE?

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) – *yes, the park is safe.*

According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – *yes, the park is safe.*

According to the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) – *yes, the park is safe.*

The Borough had complied with the experts' recommendations and remedied the issues that plagued the park in the late 1990's. The Borough's engineers, Larson Design Group, Inc., developed the plan that was followed by the contractors and completed in 2001. DEP was involved throughout the process and approved the work that was done. Since that time, DEP has conducted inspections at the site to ensure that the park is still in compliance. The EPA expects to have its report of the final results from the testing that was conducted in December of 2009 to the Borough by the end of February 2010. At the December 1, 2009 council meeting, representatives from the EPA informed the council that they concluded from the scientific data that was gathered during the investigations that *the park is safe.*

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When a tree falls in a forest, as the story goes, it does indeed make noise, even if someone doesn't hear it fall firsthand.

The Borough Council, with the Mayor present, meets at least once a month in a regular meeting where action items are voted upon by the full Council. In addition, during most months, the Council also meets in a work session format, where specific action items are discussed.

Too often in our community, however, your elected officials are forced to make important decisions without the necessary public input that is required because the meetings mentioned are rarely attended by residents. Often times, it is only after decisions are made that we "hear" from residents that have other opinions and questions. And then we hear "when was this decision made?"

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DID YOU KNOW???

This publication has begun a new column called "Did You Know.....?" It will contain some historical facts about Northumberland's past. If you would like to contribute to this column please let us know.

The first article begins here with a congratulations to the Selinsgrove Seals for winning the 2009 Class AAA Pennsylvania State Football Championship and *did you know* that the Northumberland High School Class of 1935 did the same.

On December 8, 1934, they defeated Canton High School for the Class B Pennsylvania State Football Championship. N.H.S. represented the Susquehanna Valley League and the game was played at the Community Field (Pineknoller Park) with a reported attendance of 5000 fans. The 1935 N.H.S. yearbook, pg. 44 describes the game.

"Norry was felt to be the under dog. Canton's big guns rumbled onto the field. Norry faced them with steam backed will, experience, and skill. A signal from a whistle and action began. As proven many times skill conquers strength and with the aid of the forward pass Norry limped off the field later on that memorable day, happy and singing, and carrying under their arms a banner on which was written in big letters, STATE CHAMPIONS. Score 26-6. And so ends the greatest season in Northumberland High School History."

The players on that team were: Albert Di-Rocco, Louis Baylor, John Earp, Jacob Fleming, Robert Fletcher, Russell Haddon, Robert Kirkpatrick, Frank Noll, George Ratusnock, William Ray, John Scholvin, Richard Strausser, Sam Lewis, Lewis Hummel, William Shannon, John Gross, John Lewis, Joe Marrotto, Burrell Mordan, Monroe Myers, Herbert Wiand, Max Hackenburg, Pete Shilo, Joseph Stine, James Lowe, Harry Dorley, William Forsyth, John Gulick, Charles Shilo, William Ratusnock, Fred Poff, Elwood Hopewell, Robert Horton, Robert Rorke, Carman Marotto, Frank Holtzapple, John Orwig, Lester Tobias, Michael Shilo, ? Michaels, ? Caldwell, ? Reichenbach,

Coaches were: head coach Asa Kirkuff, and assistant coaches Rex Turse and Russel Evans. The managers were Austin Geise, Nevin Hamor, and Melvin Anderson (Page 163 of "Northumberland High School 1883-1965").

For Weather Report **PINEKNOTTER REVIEW** See Almanac
No. 000 Published by the Northumberland Seniors 1934-35
NORRY WINS CLASS B STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW TITLE CONCEIVED BY N. H. S. PRINCIPAL

December 8, 1934, marked the occasion of probably the most important athletic conquest in the history of Northumberland High School. With the defeat of Canton High School's football team Northumberland received its first state award for athletic excellency—the Class B State Football championship.

Bringing to the front the greatest scarlet gridiron machine we have ever had, the season was completed with only one loss in a schedule of ten hard games. This loss, however, occurring in non-league competition did not affect our Susquehanna Valley League standing and we were awarded the title for that group.

A playoff for state supremacy was necessary and in a battle with the leaders of the West Branch League we were pitted against the heavier team of Canton High School. In that history making contest the 26-6 defeat handed to the up-state team by the scarlet squad through its capable use of the forward pass will never be forgotten. The grit and determination evinced by the lighter Northumberland team coupled with the experience obtained from its excellent coaching staff soon made evident its superiority over the West Branch leaders and before the afternoon had ended the Class B State Championship was nestling safely under the folds of N. H. S.

The football season of 1934 was the birth of this title of recognition of football supremacy among smaller schools. The State Championship, Class B, award is the "pet" of Professor Boise L. Bristor, Principal of Northumberland High School and also President of the Susquehanna Valley Football Conference. Realizing that it was almost an impossibility for the smaller school of our state to win the Class A State Championship he conceived the plan of having a similar goal towards which the smaller schools might work. As a result he made arrangements to have the winner of the conference over which he had charge play the leader of the West Branch League. It so happened that his school's team, although closely pressed by Williamstown, led the Susquehanna Valley League and in the end became the State Champions.

It is hoped by the men who have fostered this movement that in the years to come more schools might become interested and that some day all small schools of our state might take part in the competition.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Community Development

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month, 6 p.m.

Greg Carl, Chairperson
Cindy Lark
Steve Reed

Finance

Meets the 4th Tuesday of each month thru July, 7 p.m.

Jonathan Rees, Chairperson
Judith Groninger
Bryan Wolfe

Personnel

Meets as needed
Judith Groninger, Chairperson
Jonathan Rees
Bryan Wolfe

Public Safety

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.

Frank Wetzel, Chairperson
Greg Carl
Steve Reed

Rules

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.

Steve Reed, Chairperson
Cindy Lark
Frank Wetzel

Streets

Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.

Cindy Lark, Chairperson
Judith Groninger
Steve Reed

Bryan Wolfe, President

Jonathan Rees, Vice President

Greg Carl, Chairman Pro Tem

Planning Commission
Representative
Frank Wetzel

Sewer Authority Representative
Cindy Lark



GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

St. John's Lutheran Church
April 2nd
1 p.m.

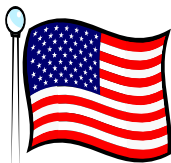
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

April 22: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 23: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 24: 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Includes soup and bake sale, call 473-3770 to
order soup.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

May 6th
Borough Building

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

March 13

C.W. Rice 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 11

C.U. Methodist 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.



JUBILATE DEO — MARCH 31

St. Mark's Episcopal Church @ 7:00 p.m.

Jubilate Deo will provide music and meditations
on the Passion of Christ.

SOUP & SANDWICH DINNERS



Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m. during Lent

Discussions will be based on the
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March 3 - St. John's Lutheran Church
March 10 - Grace Lutheran Church
March 17 - Trinity United Methodist
March 24 - Christ United Methodist

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JOBS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Borough will again be hiring college students and college-bound high school seniors as part of the Summer Intern Program. To be eligible, the student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. loan or grant. Interested students should contact the Borough Office after February 15th to obtain more information and application forms.

In the past, the borough has employed students to work at Liberty Splashland and with the Borough Crew. At Liberty Splashland, the students are employed as lifeguards, concession stand operators, maintenance, and front desk personnel. (Contact the YMCA to learn when lifeguard classes are scheduled.) Students working with the borough street crew help to cut grass, trim, paint crosswalks, and other property maintenance throughout the Borough. Students may earn up to \$2,500 during the summer months through this program.

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BOROUGH HOUSEKEEPING

Pole Lights: We often get calls regarding street lights that have gone out. PP&L is responsible for the changing of light bulbs. You can call them yourself at 1-800-342-5775. Please do not call without first getting the numbers off the pole.

PARTY RENTALS



The Northumberland/Point Township Kiwanis Club Community Center is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, and reunions. Please contact Jane Ressler

(473-8343) or Michael McWilliams (473-9802).

21ST CENTURY PLUS TEN

It's amazing to know that the first decade of the 21st century is in the history books and with it comes some exciting news in the Borough of Northumberland.

In the coming weeks, the Borough's administrative offices will officially be moving to the Second Street Community Center. In addition to providing the Borough much-needed work space, the move will allow us to concentrate more closely on our eventual goal of opening the building up to community activities, inherent to all Community Centers, such as recreational activities and the like.

In addition, with the upcoming sale of the existing Borough building, much-needed resources will be available to complete the renovation of the Community Center's gymnasium and surrounding locations.

Watch for more information coming...

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

St. John's Preschool, located at 300 Queen Street, Northumberland, is now accepting registrations for the 2010-2011 school year.

Our 3-year-old class meets Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Students must be 3 years old by September 1st to register.

Our 4-year-old class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Students must be 4 years old by September 1st to register.

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WOW! Did our patrons
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for our December Food for Fines campaign! Thanks to you, we supplied the Reaching Out Food Pantry at Trinity United Methodist Church with a wonderful supply of necessary items.

We also want to thank all of those thoughtful people who brought gifts in for the Northumberland Police Concini Memorial Toy Drive.

With the new year, we at the library anticipate opportunities to continue to offer new and interesting experiences to our community. If you have not been in recently, our computer room now houses 3 additional PC's for patron use. We also have two new computers in the teen area.

These are all due to a Gates grant. We have two laptops available at the circulation desk to utilize as well. We are continuing to work on funds to enhance and improve our technology so that we can provide our patrons with the tools they need in these challenging economic times.

In the near future the library will be offering a beginners computer workshop for any interested individuals. Look for registration information, times and dates in February. They will be posted at the library.

The library is currently in the process of a 2010 Fund Drive campaign. The mailings went out at the end of December. To those of you who have responded so far, we can't thank you enough. Every dollar helps. We are determined to maintain the standards of service you enjoy. The fund drive runs all year, there is no time limit, and if you have misplaced the information you may call the library, or, ask about the fund drive at the front desk.

The winter months can be dreary. You can brighten up your days by visiting us. We promise you smiles and laughter.

Miss Kim offers children's programming from infant to teen. A new program being offered focuses on bringing experiences in nature to school-age children. Have a baby, or a toddler and need a

place to get out, relax and enjoy yourself in a child centered environment? Then we're the place for you. Want a creative story time for your pre-schooler? Call the library and find out what we have to offer.

Reader Girls and Reader Guys wanted. There are after-school reading groups just for school-age kiddos. Fun and interesting activities to go along with the stories.

Adults....like to read with a group? The Norry Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday of every month. Call Karen and see what books are being talked about. Right now we are running an Adult Winter Reading Trivia contest. Win weekly prizes and be entered for the Grand Prize in March.

Stay well,

stay warm

.....read a book!

SRVVB UNVEILS 2010 OFFICIAL GUIDE

The Susquehanna River Valley Visitors Bureau (SRVVB) which is the Tourism Promotion Agency for Snyder, Union, and Northumberland Counties, is pleased to unveil its 2010 Official Guide. The Guide is the Bureau's key promotional piece of the year.

The 2010 Guide emphasizes the year-round treasures of the region. The inside contains sections for Outdoor Treasures, Historical Treasures, Arts & Cultural Treasures, Town & County Treasures, an extensive Calendar of Events and a Scrapbook section. The Guide also features the Bureau's 260+ members, in categories such as attractions, shopping, dining, lodging, and community resources. It can be downloaded at www.VisitCentralPA.org.

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CAN'T YOU GIVE YOUR COMMUNITY ONE OR TWO HOURS A MONTH?

Many years ago, I was told that ninety percent of work is done by just ten percent of the people. Regretfully, that is often times the case in the Borough of Northumberland. As a small community, often times the only way 'big things' can get done is if a group of dedicated volunteers gather to make something happen. While tax dollars pave our streets, and provide us with police protection, and the like, almost everything "extra" needs volunteers to be accomplished.

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But Who Has Time?

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Where?

Already this year, we are looking for dedicated volunteers that can give

one or two hours a month to help make the following community events possible this year and in the future:

History Day (May)
Pineknoller Days (July)
Lemonade Day (August)
Corn Festival (August)
Halloween Parade (October)
Farmer's Market (in the planning stages)

How?

For more information, please contact the Borough office or visit northumberlandbor-ough.com and tell us how you would like to get involved.



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NORTHUMBERLAND POINT TWP SENIOR ACTION CENTER

Annual Rummage & Food Sale is Friday, February 26th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, February 27th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also we will be selling Hot Dogs, Barbecue, Beef Vegetable Soup and Ham & Bean Soup. There will be containers for carry outs. If you have any items in good condition that you would like to donate for the rummage sale, you may drop them off at the center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Card Parties are every 4th Thursday starting at 12:30 p.m. They usually play 500 and Pinochle. Refreshments are served.

Bingo is on Monday & Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. along with nickel Bingo on Friday's at 12:15 p.m. Public is welcome.

Wii is available at the center. It can be played almost anytime and is a great form of exercise and entertainment.

Hot Lunches are available and are served at 11:30 a.m. You must call the day before in order to get a meal.

Penny Poker is played on Tuesday afternoon starting at 12:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome.

Hoagie & Pizza Sale We are having a fundraiser and will be taking orders for Marianna's 14" hoagies and 12" pizza's starting in March. The cost is \$6.00 for either type. You can call the center to order or order from one of the active members. There are 9 different types of hoagies and 3 different types of pizzas.

Healthy Steps Fall Risk Program will be in March. At least 5 people are needed to take the program. It is a learning experience and also an enjoyable time. For anyone who takes the program, they will receive \$10.00 from the center.

Birthday's are celebrated each month on the 3rd Wednesday. We serve ice cream & cake along with lunch.

St. Patrick's Dinner will be on March 17th. We will be having corn beef & cabbage, rolls, and a dessert. The cost is \$5.00. You can call the center to sign up.

Volunteer Day is being planned for Wednesday, April 21st.

Contact the center at 473-9373.

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Mohegan Sun — March 24

Departure is 8:30 a.m. from Kmart and arrival home at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$21.00 due by February 3rd. Price includes \$20-25 free play and \$10 food voucher.

Meet Me in St. Louis @ Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Lancaster — April 27

Dinner and a show. Departure is 8:00 a.m. from Methodist Church and arrival home at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$90.00. Price includes bus, dinner and show.

Mohegan Sun — May 19

Departure is 8:30 a.m. from Kmart and arrival home at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$21.00 due by April 21. Price includes \$20-25 free play and \$10 food voucher.

Erharts @ Hawley, PA — June 2nd

Grand Old Opry, dinner and a show. Departure is 9:30 a.m. from Methodist Church and arrival home at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$76.00 due by April 1st. Price includes bus, dinner and show.

Mount Rushmore — September 8 to 17

See House on Rock, Wisconsin Dells, Sioux Falls, Corn Palace, Deadwood, Wall Drug, Badlands, Custer St. Park, Crazy Horse Memorial and much more. Cost is \$1568 per person for a double room; price includes 9 breakfasts, 9 dinners and 2 lunches.

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BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS

The Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee is pleased to announce its most recent beautification award winners.



These awards are given to property owners who have completed renovating, remodeling, sprucing-up, or maintaining their homes in such a way as to bring pride to our community. We thank you for your hard work!!

July

Amy Keefer for her gorgeous flowers
137 Orange Street

August

Paul Reed for superior maintenance of his apartment building
248 Queen Street

September

Kenneth and Catherine Arter for lovely landscaping
501 King Street

October

Al and Elaine Harry for all around property care
750 Horizon Avenue

November

Jane and John Moore for barn renovation
552 Queen Street

December

Mic Finley and James Gallo for their Christmas display
394 Queen Street

Business

Subway for building improvements
Duke Street

WHAT IS A PINEKNOTTER?

Each year Northumberland welcomes people to Pineknoller Days and they begin asking, "What is a Pineknoller?" "Pine" is a versatile evergreen. "Knot" is a hard piece of wood growing from a branch. Pineknollers have been and will be versatile and hard. The "Pine Tree" gives a vision of pride, standing erect. The "Knot" strength and the will to win.

Source: Northumberland Alumni Book 1883-1965

GENEROUS GIVING

Northumberland has been very fortunate to have been the recipient of donations from numerous foundations and corporations. With this funding, loans of equipment, and expert advice, projects have been undertaken that enhance the Borough's facilities and parks. Liberty Splashland, the 2nd Street Community Center, Pineknoller Park, and King Street Park have all been improved with funds and time from these generous donors. We plan to recognize these contributions in our next newsletter – stay tuned!



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THE BOWL SLIDE HAS ARRIVED!

You are invited to stop by Liberty Splashland and take a look at what an exciting feature this will be for our park. I am pleased to say that the slide has been purchased and plans are under way for the start of construction this spring. To date approximately \$42,000 of the estimated \$100,000 project has been raised.

The installation of this type of thrill ride will be a huge benefit to the development of Liberty Splashland and a great attribute to the Borough. It is one of only four of its kind in Pennsylvania and the only one owned by a municipality. Those older teens, early twenty some things and us older but fun-seeking adults will have a real thrill ride to ride without traveling hours and paying a huge admission fee.

We anticipate the bowl slide to be operational for the 2011 season. However, we expect it will be partially installed by the opening of this season for all to see. It goes without saying that the added entertainment value will set the park down a road to financial freedom as people who are looking for fun things to do will come here.

As other local facilities have faced hard decisions about their community pools, we have forged ahead with the foresight to survive. We have continually added features to boost interest while at the absolute least amount of money possible because we have done a high percentage of the work ourselves.

To continue this project in a timely manner we are asking you to get involved. Financial help is of great importance. However, the donation of certain materials will minimize the amount of money actually needed as a majority of the funds will be used for purchasing materials. We are seeking materials for electrical, plumbing, concrete, landscaping and signage.

If you would like to get involved you can contact me at 570-556-7740. Otherwise, your monetary gift would be greatly

appreciated. Amounts as small as \$5.00 will gladly be accepted. Larger gifts of \$100 or more will expedite the process. One generous donor will be granted the right to name the slide a fun water park type name with minimal limitations, with the donation of \$41,000 or more. See our Buy a Block donation form for more information.

Thank You.

Greg Carl

Liberty Splashland Operations



BUY A BLOCK!

All throughout the bath house are blocks that people bought in 1976 and painted with their own designs. Take a moment to see those that people did some 30 years ago. For \$50 per block, you can become a fan of history and have your very own block with a family name or picture or design for an individual or group.

For those able to donate more, your name will be engraved on a plaque:

Friend \$100 to \$299

Your name or that of a loved one will be permanently engraved on a plaque which will be displayed like the one from 1976.

Patron \$300 to \$499

Get your engraved name and a family season pass good for up to 4 people for the first season the bowl slide is open.

Sponsor \$500 to \$999

Name engraved on an individual plaque.

Benefactor \$1000 to \$4999

Name engraved on an individual plaque.

Partner \$5000 or more

Name engraved on an individual plaque.

Naming Rights - for a donation of \$41,000, one extremely generous donor will have naming rights for the slide. Call it the "Whirlpool" or "Brought to You by Jim's Sporting Goods" or "Donated in Memory of Jane Smith" whatever you like, with minimal restrictions.

Please send your donation and contact information to:

Liberty Splashland

Northumberland Borough Office

221 Second Street

Northumberland, PA 17857.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Please be sure and include a telephone number or e-mail so we can contact you regarding the engraving.



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