# The PINEKN®TTER News

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#### 17857.org Meeting

Noon @ Townside Cafe May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, Sept. 16, (3rd Tues. of the Month) *Please Join Us!* 

There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit

# THE NORTH BRANCH CANAL TRAIL THE VISION AND THE QUESTION

**THE VISION** In 2009, SEDA Council of Governments published The North Branch Canal Trail Feasibility Study for Columbia and Montour Counties. While the study was produced for Columbia and Montour Counties, the underlying concept has always been to construct a trail along the North Branch Canal from the main stem at Northumberland to Berwick — and potentially beyond. The 2009 study does an excellent job stating the vision:



"The vision for the canal trail is to connect communities along a trail that uses and celebrates the canal-era heritage and infrastructure that still exists within the

Middle Susquehanna region. Specifically, the project aims to develop a family-oriented pedestrian and bicycle trail for healthy living ... following the route of the historic North Branch Canal. Benefits will extend into many realms beyond simple recreation. The trail building will help stabilize, preserve and restore historically significant canal structures that will allow current and future generations to learn about and physically connect to the region's past."

Trail neighbors will benefit from the fostering of community pride, the protection of the environment, the creation of cultural connections, the promotion of healthy living and the economic benefits of visiting users. Families will have a place to play and spend time together; residents will have a place to meet and interact. The trail development will protect ecologically sensitive and significant areas. Trail based programs such as outdoor classrooms or naturalist workshops can inspire users to learn about rare and endangered plant and animal species in the region. Boaters, bikers, runners, birders, fishers, heritage tourists, fall-foliage viewers, and sightseers will all be attracted to the trail, bolstering the need for tourism and trail support businesses, from bed-and-breakfasts and cafes to bike shops and sports-outfitters.

# *THE QUESTION* How do we accomplish that vision here, & more importantly – *Do We Want To?*

The Northumberland County segment of the NBCT lies primarily within Point Township, with a short section in Northumberland Borough. In its entirety, the canal is between 9-10 miles long. This segment differs greatly from the Columbia/Montour one. That segment was owned primarily by SEDA-COG's Joint Rail Authority. They have since sold it to MARC\* for a minimal amount. Here, we have somewhere between 80 and 100 different land or adjacent land owners of the unused towpath.

So how do we get from here to there? First, it must be recognized that this is a journey. There is a destination but so far only one stop on the way has been determined. MARC has actually been working toward their trail for close to 10 years, and except for some small areas they are just now starting construction. We must also recognize that the journey will only get started if people get on the boat. And by the way, the boat is ready to pull out of the dock.

First Stop: A Feasibility Study is conducted by a DCNR approved consultant through a bidding process. The successful consultant will work with a task force of interested community members and will meet quarterly or as needed over

the course of a year. The group will be tasked to identify local needs and opportunities, define the scope of the

# CATCHING THE BOAT

#### **Donations of Cash**

The most important need at the moment, and even the smallest amount will help. All donations will be recorded and if necessary returned. Mail to the Point Township Recreation Fund. Funds already received by 17857.org will be turned over to Point Township.

#### Join the Task Force

Interested in making the trail a reality; write, email or call Point Twp. to volunteer your time.

#### **Express your opinion**

Your opinion matters, please call, email or write the Point Township Supervisors.

Point Township 759 Ridge Road Northumberland PA 17857

570-473-3198 pointtwp@ptd.net

# THE MAYOR'S CORNER

This spring is probably the most welcome in a long time. I thought winter would never end! Spring brings with it a time for outdoor activities and time spent in the garden. It is my wish that all of our borough and township residents take the time to enjoy budding plants, beautiful spring flowers, longer days, and returning birds. Have fun and stay safe. As usual, I have included something to hopefully entertain our readers. Please enjoy reading---

Best Regards, Mayor Len Zboray

#### PUNOGRAPHY

I tried to catch some fog. I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-O.

This dyslexic man walks into a bra.

PMS jokes aren't funny, period.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the cricket ball was getting bigger. Then it hit me! Broken pencils are pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in London police stations have been stolen. Police say they have nothing to go on.

I took the job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Velcro - what a rip off!

Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.

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project, shape trail concepts, and guide the vision for the North Branch Canal Trail. Key person interviews and focus group meetings will also be conducted with local stakeholders and state agencies to identify constraints and opportunities surrounding trail development. As a wrap-up, a public meeting will be held to unveil the findings of the feasibility study.

At a minimum, the study will

- Survey the corridor to identify landowners, determine their level of interest and evaluate options for partnerships and/or acquisition of free and clear ROW.
- Determine the demand for and potential use of the trail, especially as a transportation alternative to its parallel mixed –use highway.
- Physically inventory and assess the Right of Way, including existing canal structures for rehabilitation as educational opportunities.
- Include the preparation of a trail concept plan, and will mention potential recreational opportunities adjacent to the ROW. To the best of its ability, the concept plan will be designed utilizing the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessibility and Design.
- Determine ownership/maintenance/management options for organizational model(s) capable of overseeing both the construction and the maintenance of the trail, and will hold and carry liability for the corridor;
- Determine financial feasibility through cost estimates of acquisitions, easements, trail and facility construction; identifying potential funding sources; and develop a phased implementation plan.

The Feasibility Study will cost around \$60,000. Point Township has received a grant from DCNR for \$30,000. DCNR requires Point Township to match their \$30,000 with another \$30,000 for the \$60,000. For multiple reasons, the Point Township supervisors are reluctant to ask the taxpayers to foot the \$30,000 bill. However, if a significant portion of the \$30,000 can be raised, the supervisors would be willing to contribute to the study. This study is where the rest of the stops are determined or the boat goes back to the dock. It will also support future requests for construction and acquisition costs from grant sources, and is especially desirable (virtually a requirement) by state funding sources.

\*Current information including the study and additional documentation can be found on the Montour segment can be found at the Montour Area Recreation Commission (MARC) website, http://montourrec.com/marc/? page\_id=4985.



#### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE May 26, 2014

The annual parade will form at 8:30 am at the King Street Park, moving at 9:00 am., followed by a non-denominational service at the Riverview Cemetery.



## FLAG DAY June 14, 2014

7:00 pm

American Legion Post 44 will hold a flag burning ceremony at the Post. All are welcome to attend. If you have a flag to dispose off, please use the drop off container at the Legion before June 14th.



RUMMAGE & BAKE SALEApril 24, 25, 26, 20147:00 pmSt. John's Lutheran Church300 Queen Street

All the usual at the Rummage and Bake sale.

#### CALLING ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 3RD - 12TH

St. John's Youth Group is inviting all youth beginning in grades 3 through 12 to join us in fun and fellowship. The first meeting will be for all ages on May 4, noon - 2:00 pm. There will be a light lunch and activities to get to know each other. All Youth are invited.



#### ABOUT THE SUSQUEHANNA GREENWAY



Greenways are corridors of land recognized for their ability to connect people and places together. The Susquehanna Greenway will link natural, cultural, historic, and recreational resources along the 500-mile corridor of the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania. It will create a basin-wide organization for resource management and community conservation factors of lasting importance to the econo-

mies and quality of life of river communities.

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership seeks to:

- Determine the status of regional greenway efforts;
- Build upon public participation activities previously conducted in the corridor;
- Promote the importance of strong community involvement in present and future greenway development;
- Provide a diverse and inclusive program to maximize input from all segments of the population; and
- Promote local ownership of the greenway plan and it's implementation!

Those who will benefit from this project are as diverse, as common, and as unique as the area's urban, suburban, and rural populations. The Greenway Plan will lead to the establishment of an interconnected web of communities and ecosystems spanning great distances, and addressing the varied needs of all people, regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, and socio-economic status.

From www.susquehannagreenway.org

#### LIBERTY SPLASHLAND SEASON PASSES

Season passes are 10% Off until May 23rd at the Borough office or online. Passes includes the daily use of the entire park during normal hours. Special events and programs are not included. ID required to prove residency. Residents live within the 17857 zipcode.

Resident	Over 52"	\$45.00
	Under 52"	\$37.50

Non-resident Over 52"

Under 52" \$41.50

\$50.00





#### NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGH CAT LICENSE

Cat licenses will go on sale soon at the Borough office and online. Check the Borough website for updates. All residents are required to license their cats. Licenses are valid for one calendar year. The first year licenses will expire December 2015. Licenses cost \$4.00.

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Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in. ~Author Unknown

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#### FRIENDS OF SHIKELLAMY STATE PARK

			RECYCLING
Sunday Brunches a	t the Marina	11:00 am to 1:00 pm	
<u>2014</u>	Music	Food	CENTER NEWS
June 1	Burgess, Mitchell, Stetz	Hotel Edison	
July 13	Frank Wicher Band	Townside Café	Drop Off Hours:
August 10	Catman Stu	Shik Shak	Wednesday — 5:30 to 7:00 pm
September 7	Steve Adams "Chemistry"	McGuigan's	Saturday — 7:00 to 11:00 am
Thursday Overlook	c Concerts	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	The following items are accepted for drop off:
<u>2014</u>	Music	<u>Winery</u>	Aluminum cans
June 12	Lumpy Gravy	Spyglass	Glass bottles & jars (clear, green, brown; separated by color; rinsed
July 17	PA Crude	Fero Vinyards	clean with no lids)
August 14	Blind Chitlin Kahunas	Shade Mountain	Steel food and juice cans (rinsed clean, with labels removed)
			Newspapers - bundled and in a plastic bag
Thursday Night Drum Circles			Magazines, catalogs, and Glossy Color inserts
June 19, July 24, August 21 7		7:00 pm	Corrugated cardboard
			Cereal boxes or like kind cardboard
Special Events			Office paper - shredded or not
Spyglass Fundraiser May 15 - 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm		•	Plastics - Numbers 1 through 7
Help raise \$30,000 for new playground equipment at the Marina.		nt at the Marina.	Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
Fall Harvest Festival	Octob	er 5 - Noon - 5:00 pm	



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# THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER CLEANUP PROJECT3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUPMay 3rd, 2014



Registration will begin at 9 am at the Sunbury Amphitheater. The cleanup is done on foot and by boat spanning from just south of Lewisburg to below Sunbury. Last year's event drew over 100 volunteers who helped

remove 6,000 pounds of waste from the river and its shores. More than half of this waste was recycled!

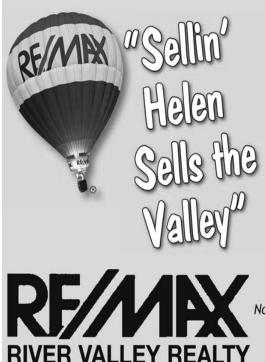
In recognition for their efforts in 2013, the organization received the *Swank Award for Outstanding Conservation Organization* from the Northumberland County Conservation District.

The cleanup organizers would like to invite all valley residents to join them in cleaning up waste from the Susquehanna and becoming part of a community movement. We would also like to thank those of you who volunteered in past years and welcome those new to the effort this year!

The organizers will supply volunteers with all necessary tools, gloves, and bags. They will also offer free lunch and t-shirts to volunteers while supplies last and a Cleanup Celebration Concert will start at 3:00 pm at the amphitheater!

For more information or to register to volunteer, please go to susquehannacleanup.com and like us on facebook!

Zachariah Stotter, SRCP Founder & Coordinator



Helen Martin BROKER/OWNER CRS/GRI/SRES e-mail: helenmartin@remax.net

166 Eighth Street, Northumberland, PA 17857 570-473-8888 Each office independently owned and operated.

#### HIS LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ

May 1, May 22, June 26, July 24, and August 28 from 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Street, Northumberland. Offering a free meal and fellowship. Donations gladly accepted. Enter down ramp door in parking lot.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office at 570-473-3770.

#### ST. JOHN'S PRESCHOOL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

for the 2014-2015 school year. Three-year old class meets Tuesday & Thursday, 9-11:30 a.m. Must be 3 years old by September 1 and potty trained.

Four-five year old class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m.-Noon. Must be 4 years old by September 1 and potty trained. For more information, please contact the Preschool at 570-473-3770.



## KING STREET PARK BENCHES

An order for new benches will be put in on April 25. To purchase a bench for King Street Park, please call the Borough office 473-3414. Benches cost \$1,540 per bench which includes the plaque and shipping.

#### PUBLIC POSTING OF SIGNS

Do not use staples to hang signs, please use duct tape. After the signs are removed often the staples are left. This can pose a hazard to children as the staples stick out at their level.





#### SIGNS OF SUMMER

The Revitalization Committee kicks into high gear as the summer approaches. You will find us at Pineknotter Days, Lemonade Day, Concerts in

the Park, Community Yard Sale Day, and a brand new, exciting, fun event to be rolled out in June! Watch for further info coming later.

We are working on the release of several new "NORRY" items to be unveiled at these upcoming functions ! Be sure to be the first of your friends to own them!

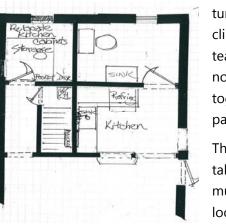
Our committee will be partnering with the volunteers who are working to Save the Girl Scout Little House. Find out what you can do to help. This is not something that a few people can do. Call the borough office, and give your name and contact information if you would like to join us in the worthwhile community endeavor.

# Kitcher

**GIRL SCOUT LITTLE HOUSE** 

How many of you reading those words spent time in that little house? Who has great memories of time spent there? Do you remember special people who shared those experiences?

This is more than a building...more than a community icon...it is an important part



of what makes this town unique ! This structure has fallen in disrepair and has seen declining use in recent years. It would be easy to tear down and create a vacant lot. But, easy is not always best. Therefore folks are coming together to save this Little House. You can be part of it.

There are plans in the works to do what it takes to make this structure a hub of the community, to see it used again, and to make her look pretty! Help us out...call the borough office (570-473-3414) to donate time, talent, or

treasure to this cause.

UPDATE: Above is a rough rendering of an idea to renovate the addition to make the building ADA accessible. A new heating system is in the works. The old furnaces in the basement have been removed.

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#### PRIESTLEY-FORSYTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

#### June 14, 2014 is our annual "TOUCH A TRUCK". King Street along

#### www.pfml.org

PFML would like to thank all those who generously responded to our annual fund drive letter. We are grateful for each and every donation no matter the amount. We all have our favorite charities and we only have a certain amount of funds we can afford to give, so PFML thanks you for choosing us. The great thing about our fund drive is that it's never too late to donate and no amount is too little. There is always something happening at PFML or an event to benefit the library.



May 3, 2014 is our 22nd Annual Derby Day Auction. We are still collecting items for the auction and there are still tickets available, with a \$10.00 donation. Come join the excitement and fun. Help our local celebrity auctioneer, John Deppen, raise as much as possible for the library.

**May 5, 2014 "The Amazing Mr. Franklin-Ben There, Done That"** will be present as a joint venture with Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble. The program is funded by the Woodcock Foundation for the Appreciation of the Arts. This is an introduction to our "Summer Reading Program – FIZZ, BOOM, READ". To register and for more information contact Miss Kim at the library: 570-473-8201 or <u>pfmlkids@ptd.net</u>.

#### May 10, 2014 will be the first official work day on the "Reading Garden & Children's Nature Classroom. Unfortunately we had to remove the very large tree that was in our side yard. When we realized this was necessary we began to brainstorm ideas about the space.

Thanks to landscape designer Brehon Odronic we now have plans for

a beautiful space. His drawing is presently on display in the library foyer, so stop in to check it out. On work days volunteers will be busy with shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows to transform the old and bring in the new. The project will take several months to complete. There will be lots of work sessions that you can become a part of. We will also be



accepting donations to help cover the costs of plants and accessories in the garden. Donations may be made in honor or in memory of a special person. For more information contact PFML at 570-473-8201, <u>pfml@ptd.net</u>, or Cynthia Paul at 570-473-8015 or email <u>cyn-</u> paul@ptd.net.

**May 27, 2014 the PFML Book Club** will begin reading and discussing *"The Piano Teacher"* by Janice Y. K. Lee. We will be acquiring copies of the book, so we encourage anyone interested in joining the group to contact the library and register. We are developing more programs for our adult patrons. If you have suggestions of topics or activities please feel free to submit them. We now have a volunteer group who come in to help the staff perform duties and aid the staff with activities. If you are interested we are always happy accept and train new volunteers. Contact Karen at 570-473-8201 or <u>pfmlcirc@ptd.net</u>.



the park will be blocked off and loaded with trucks and vehicles of all kinds. From 10:00 am till 2:00 pm everyone will be welcome to come and "touch" trucks and talk with the people whose careers are centered on that special truck. If you have a

unique truck or piece of equipment and would like to participate please contact the library at 570-473-8201 or Ms Kim at <u>pfmlkids@ptd.net</u>

June 16, 2014 is the first day of "FIZZ, BOOM, READ" the summer reading program. Summer reading has never been so much fun. Par-



ents, this is the opportunity to make sure your child does not slip backwards in his or her reading ability just because they are not in school. Miss King and her staff of "LAB ASSISTANTS" have a lot of science experiments and activities planned that will go hand in hand with encouraging reading. Additional "LAB ASSIS-TANTS" are needed, so if you are interested and available let us know. Preregistration is encouraged. For more information contact Miss Kim at the library: 570-473-8201 or <u>pfmlkids@ptd.net</u>.

Program and event calendars are available at the library and at the website. Please friend us on FACEBOOK and follow all the fun events that the library does to promote reading.

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#### NORRY PINEKNUDDER

#### JUNE 29, 2014

As part of our application to become a Susquehanna Greenway Rivertown, 17857.org has chosen a kids 'mudder' event to be an annual event celebrating the river. We're planning on having the event during Pineknotters' Days.

Similar to an adult "Mudder" or "Spartan" Race, it will be a fun activity to inspire fitness in kids and provide another summer activity. "Jr. Spartans" obstacle course races for kids 4-8 are about a 1/2 mile and their 1 mile kids spartan races are for older "Varsity Spartans" aged 9-13. Both kids races are filled with obstacle styles and amounts tailored just for them.

The Mini Mudder Pledge

To participate in the mini mudder

... I will work hard

... I will get dirty, wet and muddy

... I may get hot or cold and tired

... But I will not complain

- ... I will help my friends
- ... I will never give up
- ... And I will HAVE FUN!

Taking place at The Point and Pineknotter Park, the course is to be determined.

WE NEED HELP! We hope each obstacle will be the responsibility of a "sponsor". The sponsor could be a non-profit or business. Sponsor will gather materials, set-up, monitor obstacle, and tear down obstacle. A list of all required materials will be gathered in case one group can access an item another group needs. Most materials are readily available and not expensive.

Call Ann August at 570-274-0291 if your organization is interested in assisting in this fun for everyone event.

Possible obstacles are:

Tunnel of Fun Cargo Net Mud Pile Balance Beam Over Under Bleacher Climb Lumber Jack

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#### SIMPLIFY - SIMPLIFY - SIMPLIFY

"I should have listened to you years ago!" This is my favorite quote from so many of my residents at Nottingham Village Senior Living Community in Northumberland. For 20 years I've assisted residents and their families in making one of the most difficult decisions of their life, downsizing to a senior living community. Over three decades of expansion to meet the needs of area seniors, and still building, Nottingham Village Senior Living Community has proven to meet the ever -changing needs of our area seniors. Watch for the unveiling of future expansion plans.

While I have many 65 year olds who just want to make their lives simpler and get rid of homeownership chores, leaving your family home is never easy. But there comes a time in one's life when we have to look at the big picture. With age comes a different set of challenges and Nottingham Village is here to help!

Let us take care of the worries and do the chores. This frees you up to enjoy activities, interests, field trips and friends. Delicious meals and many services are available to those who make Nottingham Village their home.

105 acres of sprawling countryside welcomes residents and visitors to our community. A continuum of care is available to all residents if needed. Family owned and operated sets us apart from other facilities. Our 4 star Nursing Center rating shows the confident care that the Nottingham staff delivers to those in need of skilled nursing care and rehabilitation.

Go ahead, compare us to other facilities, and then call me to see what we are doing right for our senior community members, and what we can do for you. See, you too will be saying **"I should have listened to you years ago!"** 

> Judi Karr Marketing and Public Relations Director Nottingham Village Senior Living Community

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# N Borough of Northumberland

#### **Borough Officials**

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Chairman Pro Steve Reed Tem

> Council Ty Sees Ellie Rees Members Paul Ruane

Fire Chief Brian Crebs

EMA Dir. Chris Boyer

Tax Collector Joanna Rees

#### **Borough Office**

Mon. - Friday 9 to Noon Hours 1 to 5 pm Wednesday 9 to Noon 175 Orange St. Location 570-473-3414 February 17, April **Office Closed** 18 and May 26 Secretary Janice Bowman Streets Supervisor Code Officer Ted McCollum Building Code Official Jim Soos

Health Officer Mary Sue M. Buss

#### **Borough Police**

175 Orange St. Location (Upper Door) 570-473-8446

Police Chief C. L. 'Butch' Kriner

Community Development	
Finance	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 6:30 pm
Personnel	Closed meetings
Public Safety	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6:00 pm
Planning Commission	last Thurs. 7:00 pm
Rules Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday 6:00 pm
Streets	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7 :00 pm
Sewer Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday 5:30 pm
Zoning Board	last Tuesday 7:30 pm
	1st Monday

**Public Meetings** 

Borough Council each Month

Meetings/Work

Sessions

at 175 Orange St at 7:00 pm.

Official action may be taken at any

of the meetings. Meetings are held

**Committee Meetings** 

1st Tuesday of

with exceptions

3rd Tuesday of

with exceptions

each Month

6:00 pm unless The Emergency a holiday, then **Services Board** it will be the first Tuesday.

# **P** Point Township

#### **Township Officials**

#### **Board of Supervisors**

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Emergency George P. Geise

Zoning David Ramsey Hearing William LeVan Board Larry Crowford

Vacancy Board James Kohl Chairman

#### **Public Meetings**

Supervisors 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Meetings each Month

Meetings are held at 759 Ridge Road at 7:00 pm.

#### **Committee Meetings**

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Fire 6:00 pm Board Except June, July & Aug.

**Planning** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Commission 6:00 pm

Point Twp. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Sewer 7:00 pm

Meetings are held monthly at the Township Building 759 Ridge Road.

#### **Township Office**

Mon. - Friday Hours 8 to Noon 1 to 4 pm

759 Ridge Rd 570-473-3198 Location pointtwp@ ptd.net

Office Closed Nov. 22 & 23 Dec. 25, Jan. 1

Secretary/ Dianna C. Fister Treasurer

Road-Master George P. Geise

Ordinance Officer Roy Sulouff

#### **Township Police**

Location 759 Ridge Rd 570-473-9364

Police Chief Josh Vankirk

#### NEWS FROM PRIESTLEY CHAPEL

#### **First Sunday Program**

Priestley Chapel Associates presents an informal program of words and music from 9:30 to 10:10 am at Joseph Priestley Memorial Chapel, 380 Front Street, Northumberland, PA. Each First Sunday Program in 2014 includes a remembrance of Charles Phelps who served as the chapel musician for many years. Each program will feature poems from a Pulitzer Prize winning poetry book. The music portion of the program will be provided by guest musicians or by Hope W Kopf on the chapel piano and historic John Wind Organ.

<u>2014</u>	<u>Music</u>	<b>Poetry</b>
May 4	Hope W Kopf	Ann Evans
June 1	AJ Bashore	Richard Brook
July 6	Tom and Jina Rosencrans	Linda Godfrey
August 3	Hope W. Kopf	Sharlene Gilman
September 7	Lester Hirsh	Lester Hirsh
October 5	КJ	Jan Pearson
November 2	Hope W. Kopf	Steve Olosfson
December 7	Hope W. Kopf	Ben Hoskins

Programs begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 10:10 am.

*Sunday, May 18, 2014 - Annual meeting of the Priestley Chapel Associates*, the local group that owns and cares for the chapel, is scheduled for 1:00 pm. Just before the meeting will be the rededication of the new signs in the front of the chapel and the new plague on the wall of the chapel. Both projects were undertaken by the students at SUN Voc Tech in New Berlin. Representatives from the school will be on hand for the ceremonies.

Priestley Chapel Associates is a secular, non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation established in 1977 to care for and manage the Joseph Priestley Memorial Chapel, the beautiful memorial garden and the historic



1811 John Wind organ located in the chapel. This lovely country chapel was built in 1834 by descendants of Joseph Priestley and members of the Unitarian congregation in

Northumberland. The chapel is also used for wedding ceremonies, memorial services, and community events. For more information call 570-473-1688 or visit: <u>www.priestleychapel.org</u>.

#### NEWS FROM JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

Priestley House opened for the 2014 season on Sunday, March 9 for <u>Commonwealth Charter Day and Priestley's Birthday</u> with over 100 visitors who enjoyed the birthday cake and chemistry demonstrations.

The Museum is now open for regularly scheduled tours at 1, 2 and 3 pm on weekend afternoons (except Easter Sunday) until November 30, 2014. Tours at other times can be arranged. Admission prices are: Adult (12-64 years) \$6.00, Reduced (seniors age 65+ years of age; inquire about other reduced admission offers) \$5.50, Youth (3-11 years of age) \$4.00, Children 2 years of age and under admitted free. Always free admission to Active Military Duty and Immediate family and local firefighters and police officers and their families.

Special events in 2014 include:

*Summer History Camp* mornings from Wednesday July 23 to Friday July 25. The camp is for elementary school children. Attendance is limited to 20.

**Oxygen Day** on Sunday August 3. Tour the house on your own with and chemistry demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Free admission.

#### **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

Priestley House is administered by the Friends of Joseph Priestley House with volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers. What do volunteers do at Priestley House? Shelley Paul has lived in Northumberland most of her life. She attended Northumberland High as it merged with Sunbury to form the Shikellamy School district. She works in Lewisburg for Paul Romano, D.D.S. Her daughter, Lisa, lives



in Sunbury. She has 3 grandsons, Cody, Shawn Michael and Jesse Matthew, and a great grandson, Liam Silas, and a great granddaughter on the way!

Shelley has been a volunteer at Priestley House for many years, serving in the visitor center and as a guide in costume during special events. Asked why she volunteers, Shelly replied "I volunteer at the Priestley House museum because I am delighted our little borough has a piece of history that is found no where else, and we should all be proud of that and help maintain it for the future. I also volunteer as the event coordi-

Shelley Paul in costume at back kitchen.

nator for the Joseph Priestley Chapel, and again, a piece of history that I feel is important and needs to be preserved." And she adds, "I hope to see all the Northumberland residents at the museum or the Chapel at some time in the future."

For information about events or to become a volunteer please visit <u>www.josephpriestleyhouse</u>. org or call 570-473-9474.

# The Northumberland Point Township Senior Action Center

#### 268 Second Street

#### 473-9373

Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Not a Member? Stop by anytime to check out the center. Transportation is available to and from the center at no cost. Membership is \$7.00 annually and starts at age 60. New members are always welcome.

**Quilt for Sale** The craft class has a quilt for sale that they made. It is basic white with pink, blue, and green hearts embroidered on it. It can be seen at the center. They are asking \$400 or best offer. 84" wide x 108" long.

**Rummage Sale - May 16 & 17** Hot dogs, Barbecue, Beef Vegetable Soup, Chicken Corn Soup and Pierogies will also be sold. Friday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, Saturday 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

**Open House - May 23** Bingo will be starting at 6:30 pm, \$20 for sheet of 6 cards and 20 games. Cash prizes. Refreshments will be available and it is open to the public.

Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar - May 21, July 16, September 17, by Lois Stettler from Sunbury Community Hospital at 10:30 am. Public is welcome.

**Annual Area Agency on Aging Picnic - June 11** at Knoebels. Cost for meal ticket is \$8. Free bingo is played in afternoon at Pavilion F, a Health Fair is at Pavilion Q. You must stop by the center for a ticket.

Pineknotters' Days - July 4, Open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Hot dogs, Barbeque, soup and bake goods will be available.

Anniversary Banquet - July 16 at the Front Street Station. Cost is \$15 for buffet and entertainment. Please contact the center.

**Cosmetology** trip to North'd Co. Career Center on May 8. You can have your hair wash & set or cut, manicure, facial, perm, color and then enjoy a lunch there. Must call center if interested.

**Soup Sale** will be February 11th. Beef Vegetable and Ham & Bean Soup will be \$5 a quart or \$2.50 for a half quart. Orders are being taken.

Bible Study Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am.

**Bingo** Mondays & Wednesdays 12:15 pm., open to the public. **Nickel Bingo** every Friday 12:15 pm., open to the public.

**Birthdays** are celebrated each month on the 1st Friday during lunch.

**Cards** are played every morning 9:00 am to lunch. Parties are on the last Thursday of each month at 12:15 and refreshments are available. Dates for 500 Left Bar, Right Bar are May 29, June 26, and July 31. Pinochle card parties start at 4:30 with food available on May 12, June 9, July 14, and August 11.

**Chorus** restarts February 18 at 9:30. Practices will continue at the same time every Tuesday. New members welcome.

A **Computer** is available for use by seniors.

**Members Meetings** are held the first Monday of each month at 10 am.

**Penny Poker** Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30, open to the public.

Crafts & Knitting Class Monday mornings at 9:30.

Exercise Wednesdays 10:30 am. With Amy Zalar.

A **Treadmill** will be here for use sometime in January. Anyone is welcome to use it but you must have a doctor's slip with permission stating you may use one.

Wii Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday.

**Hot Lunches** are available and are served at 11:30 a.m. You must call the day before by 9:30 am to order a meal. A donation is asked to defray the cost of the meal.

#### Special Meals - \$5 served at 11:30

please call the center to sign up.

- May 27 Pork chops, scalloped potatoes, corn & dessert
- June 24 Chicken & waffles, Harvard red beets, Mashed Potatoes, gravy and dessert

#### Closed Holidays on May 26.

**Cards and Wii** can be played almost anytime. We have 2 Wii bowling teams that compete with other centers. If you are not familiar with the game, we would be glad to teach you.

**Rabbit Transit** is available for use to come into and from the centers at no cost for seniors 65 and older. It can also be used for doctor's appointments, hairdressers, etc. at a small cost. You must be signed up for the share a ride program which you can do at the center or by calling 1-800-473-2626 for an application.

Monthly activities are available in the newsletter at the center.



#### **RIVERVIEW CEMETERY IMPORTANT DATES**

**May 26th** Memorial Day Parade. The cemetery will have the early service this year.

August 23rd Our annual Day of Remembrance.

If you have any questions, please call Dee Zboray at 570-473-8296.



#### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES

May 6, 2014 Christ United Methodist Church, Front & King Sts 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

#### **CASINO TRIPS FOR 2014**

Casino Trips require prepayment, and one of the following: driver's license, state ID card, passport or military ID with photo, address, and date of birth on it to enter and get your free play.

#### Mohegan Sun Casino — May 22

Cost \$21.00 due 1 month before, includes tip for driver, \$25 free play, \$10 food voucher, leaves 8:00 am, returns home 5-5:30ish pm from Kmart parking lot.

#### **TRIPS FOR 2014**

#### "Moses" at Sights and Sounds in Lancaster — June 19

Shady Maple for lunch, show at 1 pm. Fast food stop on way home which is optional. Leave 8 am; return 6:00 pm. \$103 adults, \$84 for ages 13-18, \$68 for ages 3-12 for show and meal. Money due May 31st. **For more information** call Beverly Lenker at 473-8721 or the Senior Action Center.

#### LEMONADE DAY PLANNED FOR AUGUST 2



A glass of ice cold lemonade on a hot, sunny August day will certainly be on everyone's minds on Saturday, August 2 for the 9th Annual Lemonade Day in Northumberland. The event will take place at the Second Street Community Center at 2<sup>nd</sup> & Orange Streets. Festivities will begin at 11:00 am and end around 4:00 pm. There will be food, games, contests & raffles, fun surprises, and of course lemonade stands!

The main focus of this event is our young entrepreneurial lemonade stand vendors. We encourage kids to participate in this event for the experience and of course for the fun of it too! All proceeds from the individual lemonade stands are for the kids to keep! Once again, we will have various prizes to award to a few lucky lemonade stand vendors for Best Decorated Stand, Best Theme, and Best Tasting Lemonade.

#### Schedule of events include:

Chalk Drawing	11:00-3:00
Watermelon Seed Spitting	g 1:45
Bubblegum Blowing	2:00
Hula Hooping	2:15
Water Balloon Toss	2:30
Pie Eating	3:00
Judging Announcements	3:30

Lemonade Stand registration forms are available at the borough office, the **Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library** and online at www.17857.org or www.northumberlandborough.com. Cost is \$2 per participant. The first 50 registered participants receive a goody bag. *Registration is now underway.* 

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

Call Noelle at 473-7563 for more information or to sign up today!



NORTHUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI BOOKS ON SALE \$5.00

AT THE BOROUGH OFFICE



#### PINEKNOTTERS' DAYS NEEDS HELP

If you have the desire to help keep Pineknotters' Days going and are willing to pitch in to help, attend the Pineknotters' Days Committee

Meetings. They are normally held the 2nd Thursday in the Kiwanis Community Center on Prince Street. If you are unable to attend but are willing to help, please leave your name and telephone number with the Northumberland Borough office, 473-3414, or contact Kim King at the Priestley-Forsyth Library, 473-8201, or email her at pfmlkids@ptd.net.

#### GEISINGER AND SUN HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE SIGN COMPREHENSIVE INTEGRATION AGREEMENT

Geisinger Community Health Services (GCHS) and SUN Home Health & Hospice (SUN) announced the signing of a comprehensive integration agreement by which SUN Home Health & Hospice will become part of the Geisinger health system. The agreement will allow the organizations to work more closely together to benefit patients in need of home healthcare, hospice and other supportive medical services.

The integration agreement is subject to regulatory approval, and Geisinger and SUN Home Health are hopeful for a July 1, 2014 effective date.

"SUN Home Health & Hospice enables patients to stay at home with their families while recovering from surgery, dealing with a chronic illness or facing the challenges associated with aging," said Geisinger Health System Vice President for Population Health Denise B. Prince. "We are excited about expanding our programs by integrating with another like-minded, quality not for profit organization focused on doing what is best for patients."

"Healthcare continues to evolve throughout the United States, including here in central Pennsylvania," said SUN Home Health & Hospice President/Chief Executive Officer Steven Richard. "We are fortunate to have Geisinger, a nationally-recognized healthcare organization, here in our home community, and we look forward to looking at ways we can work with Geisinger Community Health Services to enhance care well into the future."

#### **Community Pavilions**

The King St. Park gazebo and the Pineknotter Park pavilion are available for rent. The rental fee is \$50.00, and a security deposit of \$50.00 is required. Call the Borough office at 473-3414.

#### PENN STATE EXTENSION PRESENTS "EAT RIGHT WHEN MONEY'S TIGHT"

Northumberland, PA – Penn State EXTENSION will present Eat Right When Money's Tight taking place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Susquehanna Valley.

Eat Right When Money's Tight is a six part series for caregivers of children under 20 years of age with limited resources. This course helps



participants learn healthy habits and money saving techniques. The workshop meets on May 6, 7, 13,14, 20, and 21from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Susquehanna Valley is located at 265 Point Township Drive, Northumber-

land, PA 17857 (next to Surplus Outlet).

Penn State EXTENSION Nutrition Links "Eat Right When Money's Tight" workshop series includes: Planning Meals on a Limited Budget, Fixing Food Safely, How Much and What Should My Family Eat? and How to Make Better Choices for Healthier Foods and Drinks. Participants will prepare and share a community meal each session. All clients will receive a prize bag and Penn State Graduation Certificate from the program. Door Prizes include (10) \$25 Weis Gift Cards awarded after completion of the program.

Some comments made from past participants show that the program is valuable and fun!

Here are a few:

- My certificate helped me get a job because I had food safety training!
- I love all the recipes!
- My Mom always thawed her meat overnight in the sink. Guess I better not do that anymore.
- I'm eating better and so are my kids. I have more energy to do things with them.

Classes are Free of Charge. You may sign up by contacting Cyndi Clayton at 570-369-8708 or email <u>cac53@psu.edu</u>

#### 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).

#### GOT STUFF ?



Save it...start stashing it away for our community yard sales !

Once again the revitalization committee will be sponsoring the sales to be held on Saturday, August 30th.

This will be the perfect time to get rid of your items and make some cash!

More details will follow in the summer. The more stuff you stash...the greater your cash!

#### MORE MUDDER POSSIBILITIES





As more information is available it will be posted on the 17857.org website. We need your help to make this possible!





#### SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

The Borough will again be hiring college students and college-bound high school seniors as part of the Summer Intern Program. A student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. grant to be eligible. Students may earn up to \$3,600 during the summer months through this program.

Traditionally, the borough has employed students to work at Liberty Splashland, Pineknotter Park and with the Borough Street Department. At Liberty Splashland, students are employed as lifeguards, concession stand operators, maintenance, and front desk personnel. Students applying for a lifeguard position must be at least 16 years of age.

Students working at Pineknotter Park maintain the ball field and operate the concession stand. Students working with the Borough Street Department help to cut grass, trim, paint crosswalks, and other property maintenance throughout the Borough.

Interested students should contact the Borough Office to obtain more information and application forms or go online at www.pheaa.org/ workstudy/index.shtml.

In past years, a Summer Recreation program was provided to elementary students in the mornings. This program would be revitalized if any student(s) would be interested in supervising the program. To discuss this program, please call the Borough at 473-3414.



Photo depicts one of the logs installed in the Stabilization Barrier at the Point. The log will provide current deflection and fish habitat. Installed in the riverbed, they will not interfere with boating activities during the Lake Augusta season.



#### THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

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