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LIBERTY HDLLDW RUN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY

The Chesapeake Bay Trust funded a study on the storm water problems at Liberty Hollow. The study conducted is in its final stages. Below are extracts from the study. However, many of the ideas presented can be used anywhere storm water is a problem.

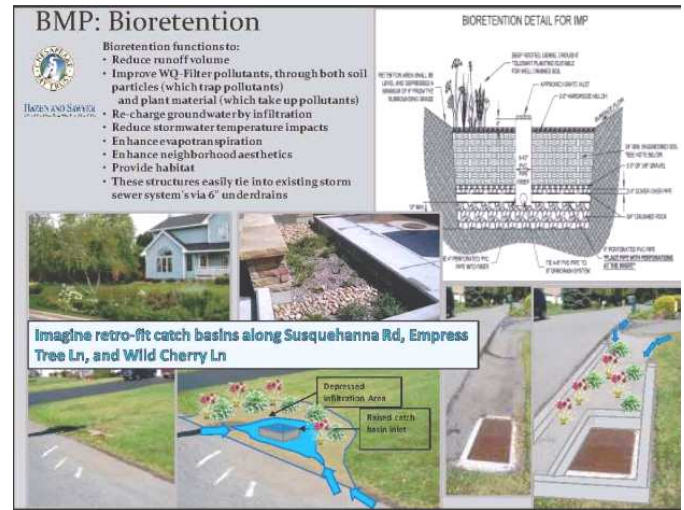
...**Green infrastructure** is a term used to describe practices which serve to revert the effects of development, and allow for more natural processes to take place. Infiltration, evapotranspiration, recycling/reuse, and interception are among the practices which "green infrastructure" uses to achieve its purpose. Awarded the grant, the Borough contracted with Hazen and Sawyer to conduct a study, in line with the requirements of the grant program, to evaluate opportunities to install green infrastructure in the Liberty Hollow Watershed, which will benefit the property owners, the neighborhood, the Borough's assets (park, stream, pipes, & pool), and ultimately the water quality of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay.

...**The neighborhood** which contributes the majority of runoff to Liberty Hollow Run appears to have been developed with the mentality that storm water should be removed as quickly as possible, this was common for most developments well into the 1990'se. That design approach is now known to have adverse environmental effects.

...**A summary of the proposed recommendations** are provided below:



1. Develop a Rain Barrel Program
2. Develop a Tree Planting Program in conjunction with the existing Borough Shade Tree Commission
3. Provide workshops to educate the public about installing and maintaining private property Best Management Practices (BMPs)



4. Install All priority 2 & 3 bioretention and pervious pavement BMPs, which are recommended as the preferred alternatives considering safety and water quantity/quality results per dollar spent.
5. The Borough should consider the installation of Blue or Green Roofs at Liberty Splashland as those roofs require repair/replacement
6. The results of the recommended BMPs should be measured for flow and water quality impacts.
7. Public outreach and education should continue, including working with the Shikellamy School District. This program could bridge BMPs construction in conjunction with the new development/rehabilitation of the new C.W. Rice Middle School.

Hazen and Sawyer recommend that the Borough applies for a second round of funding through the Chesapeake Bay Trust, for the maximum amounts allowable for design and construction services. The report also provides information on other grant opportunities. The Borough Council will vote on February 4th to submit a grant application to the Chesapeake Bay Trust.

On a side note of the FYI variety,
demolition of the C. W. Rice
Middle School is set
to start the week of February 2nd.

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

The year 2013 was another special year for our Borough at King Street Park! The Borough would like to thank the S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust for another donation of \$5,000.00. Because of this, we were able to purchase more LED lights, trees, snowflakes, electronic snow, ribbon, and extension cords. Many church, schools, and civic groups decorated the thirty fresh trees to the delight of many residents and visitors.

I wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped with decorating our park and downtown area for the holidays. Also, thanks to our street department and office employees who placed the decorations and Santa's House; all who helped with Santa's arrival, and thanks to Santa himself!



The year 2013 also saw the passing of our former Mayor, Gretchen H. Brosius. Her passing on November 14th, 2013 was a sad day for our borough. She was the face of our borough for many years as she served as Mayor from 2002 to 2011. She had to resign her position due to health reasons in July of 2011. Her influence is seen throughout the borough as she was the force behind renovating the Sec-

ond Street School and moving the borough offices to that location. She helped create the Second Street Playground, and the pond at King Street Park. She was very active in helping with Pineknotter Days and recruiting volunteers for many events in the borough to include History Day, Lemonade Day, the Fall Festival, and Santa in the Park. She and her husband Gene were married for 44 years. They could be seen many days working on flowers and shrubs at the entrance to the borough on Water Street. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, and friend to all who knew her. I am proud to have known her most of her life as she inspired all who knew her. Above all, she was a very religious and faithful person. She could be seen many mornings driving through the borough praying for the residents and the borough. She will surely be missed, but her legacy lives on!

I would like to take the time to thank Mr. Tom Slodysko, our borough street department supervisor. Tom left his position on January 10th, 2014. I presented him with the Mayoral Certificate of Excellence which stated: In recognition of his eight years of faithful service as the supervisor of the Northumberland Borough Street Department.



And in recognition of his volunteer spirit that has been demonstrated during his tenure on borough council and on the recreation commission and his public service in numerous community projects such as Liberty Splashland and Howling Hollow Dog Park. His community-wide volunteer efforts have been recognized by the Pineknotters' Days Committee who named him "Pineknotter of the Year" in 2008.

I wish him well in his new position in sunny Florida. He will certainly be missed by all of the staff and our borough residents.

On January 6th, 2014, Patrolman Edward M. Hennessey retired. Ed spent 16 years as a police officer in the borough. He was a faithful servant to the borough and surrounding communities. As Mayor, I had a lot of contact with Ed. He was a great person to know and work with. He will be sorely missed and I wish him only the best in his retirement. On a bright note, he has accepted a part time position as an officer in our police department and will help us when the need arises.

I would like to thank outgoing council member Greg Carl for his many years of service to our borough. He was a great asset to our borough and its citizens. I recently presented him with a Mayoral Certificate of Excellence which read: In recognition of his volunteer spirit that has been demonstrated over the past 14 years by his faithful involvement for the betterment of Northumberland. He has served as a member of the Northumberland Recreation Commission, Chairman of the Community Development Committee, volunteer manager of Liberty Splashland and an exemplary member of the Northumberland Borough Council, holding the offices of President and Vice President. I wish him well in future endeavors.



It is my sincere hope that all of our citizens will have a prosperous and safe New Year. May you reach any goals you have set for 2014!

This time I have something to challenge your knowledge and thinking skills. Answers are on page 11.

Mayor Len Zboray

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HOUSEKEEPING

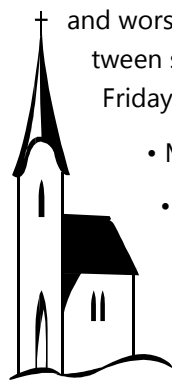


Pole Lights: We often get calls regarding street lights that have gone out. PP&L is responsible for the changing of light bulbs. You can call them yourself at 1-800-342-5775. Please do not call without first getting the numbers off the pole.

- On average, the life span of an American dollar bill is:
A. 6 months B. 18 months C. 1 year D. 3 years
- The National Safety Council reports that the object most often choked on is:
A. peanut B. popcorn C. toothpick D. chewing gum
- What animal has a bigger brain than humans:
A. Dolphin B. Lion C. Giraffe D. Polar bear
- The average human sheds how many pounds of skin in a lifetime?
A. 30 B. 40 C. 25 D. 12
- Your hearing is not as sharp on a full stomach. A. True B. False
- What is the only substance that gets stronger the longer it is under water? A. Aluminum B. Glass C. Coal D. Rubber
- 5 out of 10 people who read or hear the word yawn or see yawning, feel the urge to yawn. A. True B. False
- The U.S. Government will not allow portraits of living persons on postage stamps. A. True B. False
- A snail takes how many days to travel one mile?
A. 25 days B. 18 Days C. 115 Days D. 65 Days
- A female elephant can be pregnant for almost:
A. 1 year B. 9 months C. 2 years D. 18 months
- In the United States, brides mostly wear white for their wedding. Red is the color most brides wear in what country?
A. Russia B. Australia C. Japan D. China
- In a 5-card poker game, how many possible hands are there?
A. 270,400 B. 135,200 C. 2,598,960 D. 1,540,250

MORNING PRAYER / WORSHIP

The Northumberland Ministerium is continuing the morning prayer and worship time as part of their outreach program. Rotating between several churches, services are at 8:00 a.m., Monday thru Friday. The weekly schedule is as follows:



- Monday - St. John's Lutheran, 3rd & Queen;
- Tuesday - Trinity United Methodist, 6th & King
- Wednesday - Christ United Methodist, Front & King;
- Thursday - Christ United Methodist, Front & King;
- Friday - Saint Mark's, King & 2nd Streets

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2014

Four Days of Fun! Indoor Yard Sale at the Hunter House. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come out of hibernation and check out the bargains! Snow dates are February 20, 21, 22 and 23.

Donations of clean, gently used items are needed to make our sale a success. We are now accepting donations of used kitchenware, glassware, china, books, toys, craft and hobby items, holiday decorations, videos, DVDs and items of local interest. Sorry, no clothing, pillows, bedding, electrical appliances, stuffed animals or encyclopedia sets will be accepted.

Please remember us as you declutter your closets, basements, and attics. Donations may be dropped off at the Hunter House by appointment or we can pick up your donation. Call us @ 570-286-4083.

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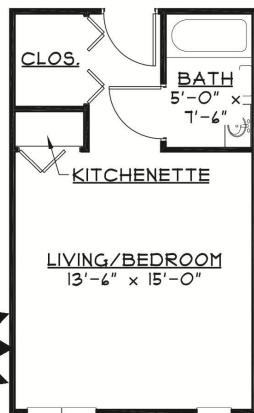
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Church Office at 570-473-3770.

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WIPES PLDG PIPES!

Many household cleaning and sanitary products are marketed as disposable and/or "flushable" but that doesn't mean it's a good idea to flush them down the toilet. These items include:

- Disinfecting Wipes
- Baby Wipes
- Mop Refills
- Paper Towels and Towelettes.

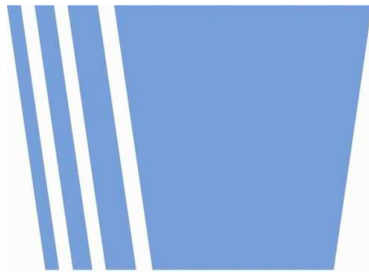


These cloth-like products don't dissolve once they are flushed, such as toilet paper. They clog private pipes and cause expensive repairs for homeowners. On a larger scale, these products also get tangled up and stuck in public sewer pipes and pump station equipment leading to unpleasant sewer backups and costly maintenance. Please save yourself and your wastewater utility from a pain in the drain, and the wallet. Put wipes, rags and towels in the trash, not the toilet.

Just because it WILL go down the toilet, doesn't mean that it SHOULD.

Thank You,

Jeremy Deitrick, Superintendent
Northumberland Borough Sewer Department



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SEVENTH SEASON OF THE FIRST SUNDAY PROGRAM STARTS AT PRIESTLEY CHAPEL

The seventh season of the First Sunday Program of Words and Music at Priestley Chapel, was held on November 3, 2013 with a collective reading of *Dog Songs*, a just published and best selling book of poems by Mary Oliver. The program opened with Bruce Jackson recalling the days he walked dogs with Mary Oliver while she was poet in residence at Bucknell. They met while walking their dogs and arranged to meet again and again. The poet would often stop to silently absorb the natural surroundings while Bruce and the dogs waited.

Six readers recited the new poems from the collection: Sharlene Gilman, Jan Pearson, Claire Lawrence and daughter Blake, Harriet Bresenhan and Lenore Askew. The poems presented a challenge as most included a conversation between a human and a dog requiring the reader to use two voices. What followed were very interesting interpretations of what dogs might sound like if they were speaking. Two members of the audience brought dogs to the program. From comments by their accompanying human friend the dogs enjoyed the program especially parts about food, water and walks. The program concluded with Gail Broome discussing the mission of Mostly Mutts, a no-kill dog shelter south of Sunbury. Broome noted that the shelter is a happy place where dogs are kept in pack until they are adopted into a permanent home or end their days naturally.

Musical interludes for the program were provided by Charles Phelps

accompanying himself on guitar in a version of "Settin on the Porch" by Leon Redbone and on piano with own composition, "Halloween Suite". A month later Charles Phelps passed away at age 83. He served as the Chapel organist and pianist.

The 2014 season of the First Sunday Program at Priestley Chapel is dedicated in his memory. Programs begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 10:10 am. and for the first half of the year include:

- March 2, 2014 pianist Brian Kelly and poet Raymond Cummings
- April 6, 2014, pianist Hope W. Kopf and poet David Bauman
- May 4, 2014 pianist Hope W. Kopf and poet Ann Evans
- June 1, 2014 dulcimer player Alf Bashore and poet Richard Brooks

Priestley Chapel Associates is a secular, non-profit 501(c)3 corporation established to care for and manage the Joseph Priestley Memorial Chapel, the memorial garden and the historic 1811 John Wind organ located in the chapel. Currently, the chapel is open to the public the first Sunday of each month for a program of words and music. The chapel is also used for wedding ceremonies, memorial services, and community events. For more information visit: www.priestleychapel.org.



Participating in the *Dog Songs* program at Priestley Chapel: (Seated from left to right) Charles Phelps and Bruce Jackson, (standing from left to right) Lenore Askew, Jan Pearson, Harriet Bresenhan, Gail Broome and Sharlene Gilman (Missing or too late for the photo were Claire Lawrence and daughter Blake and son Julian).

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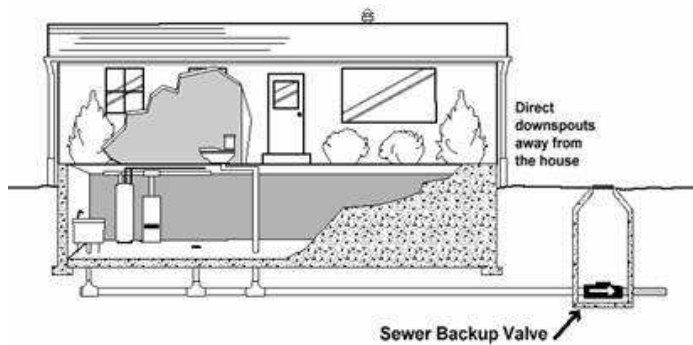
Properties in Northumberland's floodplain are subject to three flood problems: overbank flooding, local drainage, and sewer backup. You could be faced with one, two or all three of these hazards.

Overbank Flooding: Flooding of both the West Branch and the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. Since 1891, over 60 floods have caused the Susquehanna River to exceed its channel capacity and inundate riverfront communities. Overbank flooding also occurs along smaller tributaries that drain toward the Susquehanna River. Flooding also presents a safety hazard. Velocities can be as high as 6 or 7 feet per second – so fast that the flood will wash people off their feet in only ½ foot of floodwaters.

Local Drainage: There are several areas of local drainage problems where storm water collects and does not drain away. Sometimes, flooding is aggravated by debris that has been carelessly thrown into the channel.

Sewer Backup: With no place to go, sewers back up and flow into the lowest opening in the sewer line. Sanitary sewers back up into basements and storm sewers back up into streets. Northumberland has had basement flooding caused by sewer backups.

Find out if your property is in the mapped floodplain and subject to overbank flooding by calling the Borough Office at 570-473-3414 or Point Township at 570-473-3198.



FLOODPROOFING

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

- If you have a basement or other floors below ground level, there are ways to protect your basement or lower floor from seepage and sewer backup (see illustration above).
- A Backup valve is the one way to prevent sewer backup.
- If your house is on a slab foundation, investigate a low floodwall, berm or "dry flood proofing" (i.e., making the walls watertight and closing all the openings when a flood comes).
- If your house is on a crawlspace, a low floodwall, berm or "wet flood proofing" will work. "Wet flood proofing" means moving all items subject to damage out of harm's way so water can flow into the crawlspace and not cause any problems. If floodwaters go over the first floor, it is relatively easy to elevate the building to get the first floor above the flood level.

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

Whatever emergency protection measures you use, it is always best to have a plan written in

advance to make sure you don't forget anything after you hear the flood warning.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% foolproof. 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. Any house in Northumberland can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. There are two types of coverage which can be purchased separately:

- Building coverage covers everything that stays with a house when it is sold, including the furnace, cabinets, built in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.
- Contents coverage covers furniture and other personal possessions except for money, valuable papers, and the like. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy building coverage.

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

An NFIP policy covers sewer backup and basement seepage if there is a general condition of flooding in the area. You may do better by checking out sump pump failure or sewer backup coverage that might be available as an addition to your homeowner's insurance policy. Each company has different amounts of

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coverage, exclusions, deductibles, and arrangements. Most exclude damage from surface flooding that would be covered by an NFIP 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. Contact your insurance agent for more information.

FLOOD PROTECTION REGULATIONS

Lots were originally designed so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and re-grading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain. ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP OFFICE BEFORE YOU BUILD ON, FILL, ALTER, OR REGRADE YOUR PROPERTY. A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.

Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, *please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.* DO NOT DUMP OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE DITCHES OR BASINS. Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Borough Code.



You can do your part in helping the drainage system work. Sweep or

pick up your gutters to prevent blockages in the storm sewers. Pick up trash and fallen branches in the ditches.

New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Borough 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.

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

Within the Borough, if you see dumping or debris in the ditches or basins, filling or construction near property lot lines, or filling or construction in

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the floodplain without a permit sign posted, contact the Borough Office 570-473-3414.

SAFETY TIPS

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you go through an area where the water is not flowing, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there. Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ELEVATION CERTIFICATES

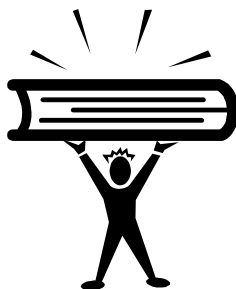
New construction and substantial improvements to buildings on the floodplain requires a FEMA Elevation Certificate. A registered surveyor prepares this certificate. Information on the Certificate include ground elevation and elevation of the first floor of the structure. Elevation certificates are on file at Borough Office.

REAL TIME RIVER GAGE DATA

Real time stream information is available over the Internet. Water levels of the Susquehanna River can be obtained from the Sunbury river gage at Shamokin Dam on this website: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv/?site_no=01554000&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060,00010

RIVER FORECASTS

River forecast statements and river conditions can be obtained at the Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center, at State College, from this website: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/marfc/>.



The Friends of Priestley-Forsyth Library are actively seeking members. This is a great way to support your library and doesn't take a large amount of your time. Sign up @ the library or e-mail the Friends at pfmlfriends@ptd.net

The friends group collects books the first Sat. of every month from 9-12 @ Christ United Methodist Church on Front St.



DOG LICENSES

Kevin Gilroy, North'd County Treasurer would like to remind all county dog owners that 2014 dog licenses are available. Dog Licenses can now be purchased online! Or at the County Treasurer's office or through the mail. State law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed.

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NEWS FROM JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

Priestley House opens for the 2014 season on Sunday, March 9 for **Commonwealth Charter Day and Priestley's Birthday**. From 1 to 4 pm there will be birthday cake in the visitor center. Visitors can tour



Ron Blatchley as
Dr. Joseph Priestley

the house on your own to talk with docents in each room who will explain life in the early 1800s. Chemistry demonstrations, always a family favorite, will be in the Pond Building at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Free Admission.

The Museum will then be 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.

Other special events in 2014 include:

- **Summer History Camp** for three mornings in late July, dates to be announced.
- **Oxygen Day** on Sunday August 3. Tour the house on your own with chemistry demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Free admission.
- **Heritage Day**, Sunday November 2. Tour the house on your own with chemistry demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Children's games. Regular admission.
- **Twelfth Day**, Sunday, January 4, 2015. Priestley House is decorated for the holidays as it would have been in 1800. Children's games & holiday treats. Tour the house on your own with chemistry demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Regular 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? Here is an example of a couple that serves as volunteers. Barbara and Bruce Johnson have been volunteers since 1998. Barbara says, "I enjoy history and meeting with people. It's much like a Waldorf salad, you can't make one without the nuts – the people who send you back to the books for answers. I like working here as part of a team." Like other volunteers at Priestley House Barbara works only two afternoon shifts a month in the visitor center or as a tour guide. In addition she helps decorate the house for special events, and cleans and cares for the historical collection. With

husband Bruce, Barbara has helped out in other ways. Bruce took down a series of dying hemlock trees near the parking lot. Together they



Johnsons recognized as
Volunteers of the Year by PA
Historical & Museum Comm.
(l to r: Andy Masich, Chair-
man PHMC, Bruce and Bar-
bara Johnson, Jim Vaughn,
Exec. Director PHMC.

held a candle making session at their cabin to make period candles that are now at Priestley House. And both were extremely helpful during the recent flood threats at the museum. For these actions Barbara and Bruce were recognized as Volunteers of the Year in 2011 by the Pa Historical and Museum Commission.

More recently Barbara organized the ping pong toss during Pineknott Days to raise awareness of the Friends of Priestley House and to raise

funds for activities at the museum. Barb, a retired entrepreneur, founded and ran Johnson's Patio Furniture in Northumberland and Shamokin Dam. Although born in Elk County she has local roots as the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ford of Northumberland. Bruce worked 42 years at American Home Foods. They have been married more than 50 years.

Two new members of the Board of Friends of Joseph Priestley House are from Northumberland. They begin serving their terms in January 2014. Lindy Fasold, a middle school social studies teacher in the Shikellamy School District,



Lindy Fasold

has served for many years as the director of the summer History Camp at Priestley House. She also volunteers when she can at special events. John Moore is a retired newspaper editor and author of historical books. John often portrays Priestley's friend Thomas Cooper at special events at Priestley House.



John Moore

For information about events at Priestley House or to become a volunteer please visit www.josephpriestleyhouse.org or call 570-473-9474.



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N Borough of Northumberland

Borough Officials

Mayor	Leonard Zboray
Council President	James Troup
Vice Pres.	Adam Klock
Chairman Pro Tem	Steve Reed
Council Members	Ty Sees Ellie Rees Paul Ruane
Fire Chief	Brian Crebs
EMA Dir.	Chris Boyer
Tax Collector	Joanna Rees

Borough Office

Hours	Mon. - Friday 9 to Noon 1 to 5 pm Wednesday 9 to Noon
Location	175 Orange St. 570-473-3414
Office Closed	February 17, April 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

Location	175 Orange St. (Upper Door) 570-473-8446
Police Chief	C. L. 'Butch' Kriner

Public Meetings

Borough Council	2nd Tuesday of each Month except July
Meetings/Work Sessions	3rd Tuesday of each Month

Official action may be taken at any of the meetings. Meetings are held at 175 Orange St at 7:00 pm.

Committee Meetings

Community Development	2 nd Monday 7:00 pm
Finance	3 rd Thursday 6:30 pm
Personnel	Closed meetings
Public Safety	3 rd Tuesday 6:00 pm
Planning Commission	last Thurs. 7:00 pm
Rules Committee	2 nd Monday 6:00 pm
Streets	2 nd Tuesday 7:00 pm
Sewer Committee	1 st Tuesday 5:30 pm
Zoning Board	last Tuesday 7:30 pm
The Emergency Services Board	1st Monday 6:00 pm unless a holiday, then it will be the first Tuesday.

P Point Township

Township Officials

Board of Supervisors	
Chairman	Randall W. Yoxheimer
Vice-Chairman	Montie E. Peters
Members	James Neitz, Sr Justin Dunkelberger George Geise
Solicitor	Richard Shoch
Fire Chief	James Geise
Tax Collector	John Snyder

BCD	Andrew Orzechowski
Zoning & Sewage Officer	Gene Powlus
Planning Comm.	Ronnie Vandine Jeanie Brooks Thomas Strouse Chris Peifer James Groninger
Emergency Mgmt	George P. Geise
Zoning Hearing Board	David Ramsey William LeVan Larry Crawford
Vacancy Board Chairman	James Kohl

Public Meetings

Supervisors Meetings	2 nd Tuesday of each Month
Meetings are held at 759 Ridge Road at 7:00 pm.	
Committee Meetings	
Fire Board	4 th Tuesday 6:00 pm Except June, July & Aug.
Planning Commission	3 rd Tuesday 6:00 pm
Point Twp. Sewer	2 nd Thursday 7:00 pm

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

Township Office

Hours	Mon. - Friday 8 to Noon 1 to 4 pm
Location	759 Ridge Rd 570-473-3198 pointtwp@ ptd.net
Office Closed	Nov. 22 & 23 Dec. 25, Jan. 1
Secretary/Treasurer	Dianna C. Fister
Road-Master	George P. Geise
Ordinance Officer	Roy Sulouff

Township Police

Location	759 Ridge Rd 570-473-9364
Police Chief	Josh Vankirk

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fellow citizens of Northumberland and Point Township,

On January 21st of this year I submitted my letter of redirection to borough council notifying them of my decision to step away from overseeing Liberty Splashland. I wanted to say a few things about my time at the park and where things go from here.

During this past 2013 season, I could start to see my time at the park winding down. I have dedicated a huge piece of my life to it and now wish to pursue other interests.

I want to say that I am honored to have been trusted with the operation of the park for the past 14 seasons. I wanted to keep the park viable unlike has been seen or perceived in some other communities. Watsontown and Montoursville have closed their facilities. It is my opinion that people in charge can sometimes see that as the easy way out. I didn't want that to happen to our park.

With my decision comes some changes on the horizon that the borough council will need to visit. I would like to think the council would take a similar interest in Liberty Splashland as they have with taking over of the sewer department. This would be a great opportunity for the current council. Council President Jim Troup has said that he thought the park could be run better by committee. Nothing would please me more than to see Liberty Splashland continue to succeed especially in that way. On another occasion it was stated that no one is indispensable. For someone to step forward and take the torch of this fine community park would ensure this is true.

I feel like I've made a generous contribution of time and effort to the community. It was former Mayor Gretchen Brosius who came to me one day asking if I would be involved in the borough's park system. Had it not been for her, the odds are Liberty Splashland wouldn't be here as it is today. Everything is in place for the park to succeed except someone to be interested in doing what I did.

Borough Secretary Jan Bowman has a list of things that need to occur for this coming season. It's entirely up to the council to make sure that those things are put in place. Not only do they need put in place but they need to be put in place in a very timely manner.



It has been no simple feat overseeing all aspects of the park. I personally put many thousands of hours into the planning, policy making, job descriptions, maintenance, vision, implementation, training, operation and oversight of the park. I felt compelled to contribute to the borough financially, with my tools,

vehicles and especially my time. Former Streets Supervisor Tom Slodysko oversaw water quality and worked countless hours with me on almost all projects.

Behind the scenes, I made sure things were taking place so that everyone could enjoy the park. I made sure there was never a financial crisis at the park by doing repairs and upgrades every year with not only the help of Tom Slodysko, but my son Taylor and recently Phil Hallden. The collaboration and cooperation of many dedicated Northumberland borough office employees like Jan Bowman, Ann August and Jane Sanders-Ressler, our streets crew employees (past and present) our park employees and our police who patrol during the summer all help make the park what it is. 2013 Park Manager Rebekah Kline contributed her aquatics skill and knowledge to managing the day to day aspects of the park and in my opinion, was the best I have seen yet. It is my hope that she will continue in some capacity as her contribution is very beneficial to the operation of a park that people enjoy bringing their children to. The contributions made by these people have gone unnoticed by some but have been essential to a great park. I want to say that - I noticed their efforts. All of these people rarely get appreciated or recognized for their contributions. To all who helped, I want to say "thank you". To those council members past and present who understood my vision and saw/see Liberty Splashland as a benefit to the community, thanks to you as well, for without your support the park would not have come into fruition. And a special thanks to the Point Township supervisors for their support and contributions over the years.

In conclusion, with the changing of borough council comes the changing of responsibilities. Liberty Splashland is used by more people than any other borough function by far. Many tens of thousands of people have come through the gate since I started there. And yet, as much as some people would like to convince you otherwise, it was the farthest from budget breaking. Most of those years, I requested funds for projects which amounted to less than 1 percent of the entire borough budget. Liberty Splashland, in my opinion, is great for the community. Who will be that person, group or committee who will take the torch?

Please contact the borough office at 473-3414 if you are interested.

Thank you and best wishes, Greg Carl

Answers to the Mayor's Corner

Answers: 1. (B) 18 months, 2. (C) toothpick, 3. (A) dolphin, 4. (B) 40, 5. (A) true, 6. (B) glass, 7. (B) false—it is 8 out of 10, 8. (A) true, 9. (C) 115 days, 10. (C) 2 years, 11. (D) China, 12. (C) 2,598,960

Hope you did well! Mayor Zboray

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.

"Good Cholesterol & Bad Cholesterol" - February 12 at 10:00, by Wendy from Kramms.

Chronic Disease Self-Management Classes will be discussions about chronic disease. The center needs 15 seniors to hold the class. Tentatively starting in March on Friday mornings, 9:00 - 11:30. Please call the center if interested.

Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar - March 19 and May 21, by Lois Stettler from Sunbury Community Hospital at 10:30 am.

Cosmetology trips to North'd Co. Career Center on February 13, March 13, April 10, and 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 12:30 and refreshments are available: February 27, March 27 and April 24.

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.

February 4 - Meatloaf, Scalloped Potatoes, Veggie, Dessert

February 14 - Stuffed Shells, Hot Potato Salad, String Beans, & Strawberry Pretzel Salad

March 6 - Pigs in a Blanket, Peas, Spinach Salad, Dessert

April 17 - Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Creamed Lettuce, Corn, Red Beet or Deviled Eggs, Rabbit Cake

Closed Holidays on February 17, April 18 and 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.



AMERICAN RED PRDSS BLDDD DRIVES

March 5, 2014

Unitarian Congregation, Route 11
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 6, 2014

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

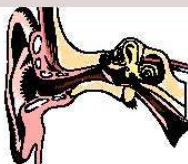


Minnier Hearing Center

Two Locations:

596 2nd Street
Northumberland, PA 17857
570-473-1200 or 877-696-4949

Frederick Health Center
Millersburg, PA 17061
1-877-696-4949



RIVERVIEW PEMETERY IMPDRTANT DATES

March 15th Spring clean-up will begin. Please remove all Christmas items by this date or they will be disposed of.

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

August 23rd Our annual Day of Remembrance.

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

Borough Committee Members

Community Development Steve Reed, Chairman
Ty Sees
Jim Troup

Finance Ty Sees, Chairman
Adam Klock
Ellie Rees

Personnel Jim Troup, Chairman
Adam Klock
Harry Wynn

Public Safety Ellie Rees, Chairman
Paul Ruane
Harry Wynn

Rules Committee Paul Ruane, Chairman
Steve Reed
Ellie Rees

Streets Harry Wynn, Chairman
Steve Reed
Ty Sees

Sewer Committee Adam Klock, Chairman
Paul Ruane
Jim Troup



This article bears repeating. **To All Our Volunteers** - where would we be without them? We want to recognize and thank the volunteers who have helped the community to become a better place.

Naming all the people who help our community would take pages. Many of those listed would be surprised to be on the list. They don't consider themselves volunteers. They're 'just helping out'.

These people who are 'just helping out' are the ones who get up out of their warm beds to direct traffic at accident scenes and fight fires. They are also the ones who make Pineknotters' Days happen, putting in hours of work so others can have fun. To all the coaches, Sunday School teachers, many of our elected officials, scout leaders, firemen, fire police and countless others —

We applaud you!!!

KING STREET PARK GETS NEW BENCHES

Through donations from Northumberland National Bank celebrating 110 years of community banking 1903-2013, the S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust, and the Knitting Friends of Evelyn & Earl Strauser, new benches were placed at King Street Park. Donation are being accepted at the Borough office for the purchase of additional benches.



PUT YDUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YDUR BED AT NIGHT

From an email... Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your Dr.'s office, the check-out girl at the market, everyone you run across. Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.



Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation.

Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

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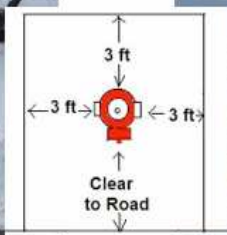
I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

HELP US HELP YOU!

"Adopt-A-Hydrant"

The snow is on the ground which means winter is officially upon us. The arrival of cold weather means that firefighters will be in a constant battle with slippery roads, hidden hydrants, and frozen hose lines. Do your part to help keep your neighborhood safe by clearing hydrants of snow. A clear path on all four sides makes hydrants easier to locate and operate in an emergency.

Also, in snowy weather, please utilize off-street parking whenever possible. This allows better access for emergency vehicles and also allows the Department of Public Works to clear the roads more efficiently. And never shovel snow into the street!

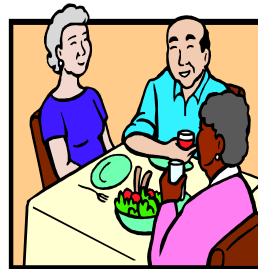


PINEKNOTTERS' DAYS NEEDS HELP



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.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



3rd Saturday of each month
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church,
Front & King Sts.

All are welcome for a hot meal
and good company at CUMC's
free dinner on February 15,

March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 21.

KATHRYN'S KLOSET

3rd Saturday of every month 9:00 -11:15 am.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 3rd & Queen Sts.

A monthly free giveaway of laundry detergent, and occasionally a variety of other products, for needy households in the area. Enter through the side door in the parking lot.



Piece of North Branch Canal in Point Township

PALLING ALL
PDINT TDWNSHIP RESIDENTS

On February 11th, the Point Township Supervisors will be deciding whether or not to accept the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grant. In Spring 2013, the township applied for funding for a feasibility study for the placement of a trail on the North Branch Canal from the Point in Northumberland (a partner) to the Point Township line on Route 11 bordering Montour County.

The grant requested \$30,000 in funding. However, the township needs to match it with \$30,000 of its own funds. Applications were made over the past year to various foundations and organizations for the match requirement. However, many organizations are not able or willing to fund a study, and no additional funds were received. *Unfortunately, DNCR will not be willing or as willing to fund design and construction of the trail without the feasibility study.*

From the Grant: Due to the size and complexity of rehabilitating the towpath for use, a study is necessary to determine the feasibility of constructing the 9-10 mile trail. Prior to commencing the study, the study committee will establish identifiable decision-making points at which the study will be stopped because trail development is not feasible at this time. Through public participation and site analysis 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 Right Of Way.
- Determine the demand for and potential use of the trail, especially as a transportation alternative to its parallel mixed –use highway.
- Physically inventory and assessment of the ROW, including assessing canal structures for rehabilitation as educational opportunities. It will also determine the ability of the trail to comply with 1990 ADA act.
- 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 study will be conducted by a fully qualified consultant, hired per DCNR requirements through a bidding process. Please come out and show your support or voice your opinion on the question of funding the feasibility study.

Ann August, President 17857.org

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, Pineknotted 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 Pineknotted 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 after February 15th 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.

PA FIRE PDMPANY & AMBULANCE SERVICE
GRANTS ANNDUNCED

Rep. Lynda Schlegel Culver announced that North'd Fire Co. No. 1, Point Township Fire Co., North'd Hook & Ladder Company and the Tuckahoe Volunteer Fire Co. all received funding under the program.

REPORTING A POWER OUTAGE



Please report emergencies immediately, including downed power lines, by calling 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775). Press 1 for "Power Problem" when prompted. Also call in to report partial power or flickering lights.

If you are completely without power, check to see if your neighbors have lights, and check your breakers and fuses. Then contact PPL.

Outage reports help PPL determine the scope of an outage and direct crews to the problem. So even if you think someone in your neighborhood already has reported the outage, they want to hear from you, too.



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