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Fink Named New Police Chief

On September 7, the Borough Council voted unanimously to hire long-time Northumberland patrolman Tim Fink to be our new Chief of Police. Fink's hiring ends an eight month search for a successor to Larry Redington, who retired as Chief last January.

Fink - who lives in the Borough—has served in the Police Department for nine years. Prior to arriving in Northumberland in 1995, Fink worked in both the Snyder and Lycoming county prison systems as a correction officer.

In Northumberland, Fink was instrumental in starting the annual Soap Box Derby race held during Pineknatter Days. In addition, Fink is an active member of the Northumberland-Point Township His-

tory Day committee, and has helped with the Northumberland Recreation Commission.

Emergency Services Committee Gets to Work

On August 30, 2004, the first meeting of Northumberland's new Emergency Services Committee met. After naming Borough resident Frank Wetzel its chairperson, the Committee held an open forum as to what its goals would be.

Council formed the Committee in April as a way to improve communication amongst Northumberland's emergency service organizations.

The Committee's main goal is to address Council's concerns and make recommendations for the future.

The Committee expects to meet with state officials in the coming weeks, as well as meet with members of each existing service organization to review current procedures then begin drafting recommendations.

The Committee will meet on a monthly basis, on the last Monday of each month in Borough Hall at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend these meetings.

The Committee is made up of members of both of the Borough's fire companies, as well as by members of the general public. Plans are to present final recommendations to Council in mid-2005. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings, to offer input.

Recycling Magnet Enclosed!





Leaves to Mulch

This fall Northumberland is embarking on a new adventure we hope will make our community a better place to live. In the past, after you struggled to clean up the leaves from your lawn you would stand and watch the Borough street crew clean the leaves from the street and haul them away never to be seen again. This year your struggle to remove the leaves from your lawn may not change but next spring you will be able to retrieve leaves in the form of mulch to use to beautify your property.

Nate Fisher, the street crew supervisor, recently visited Camp Hill to learn how they have been collecting leaves and making mulch for their residents for fourteen years. They have received a Governor's award for environment excellence for their recycling programs. This winter our street crew will be recycling your leaves into mulch and next spring you will be notified when you can come with bag, bucket or truck to the Liberty Glass Center to pick up mulch to beautify your home. We hope this new service will help our environment, your property and the Borough's budget as we apply for state grants to purchase equipment to both recycle the leaves and serve our community everyday.

Recycling Works

Enclosed in your *Pineknotted News* is a "refrigerator" magnet as a reminder of the hours of operation and the materials we are presently recycling at the Liberty Glass Center. The hours of operation changed the first week of May but some people still arrive after hours even though these new hours have been posted on the gate and on the building as you enter. ***Please do not litter by leaving your materials at the fence for someone to find.***

In addition to separating the materials to be recycled, another way you can help the volunteers at the Liberty Glass center is removing lids from the bottles

and jars to be recycled as well as rinsing all the bottles or cans you recycle. We hope to keep the rodents and pests out of our building and recycling clean cans and bottles will help greatly.

The contract we have with Marcal Paper benefits us more when you separate your glossy inserts from the newspaper and recycle with your magazines.

With the present day emphasis on Identity Theft we recommend you remove the labels from your magazines and either shred or burn them at home.

Your recycled magazines are shipped out of Pennsylvania and recycled into new paper

products.

The best way you can help the Liberty Glass Center continue to serve Northumberland and its neighbors is to volunteer to help a few hours a month. Presently there are three groups, Kiwanis, Lions and Braves football booster who man the center each week. on a rotating schedule. If your group can volunteer four hours on a Saturday morning and two and half hours on a Wednesday evening each month the burden would lighten greatly. All the money earned from the sale of the recycled materials is divided among the groups to be used in our community in other ways.

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From the President of Borough Council

It seems that each presidential election year is termed 'one for the ages', or the proverbial 'the most important election of our time', but this time around, each statement appears true.

On November 2, Americans will go to the polls to select someone to lead us for the next four years. Whether one is a Democrat, Republican, or Independent, I strongly urge you to take the time and vote in this, the *most important election of our time*.

In Northumberland, registered voters in the first voting ward can go to Borough Hall to vote; those in the second ward vote at the Girl Scout Little House. Finally, those registered voters living in the third ward should

go to the Kiwanis Building to vote. Polls are open on November 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the Borough Office or the Northumberland County Election Board.

In this issue of the *Pineknoller News* you have been introduced to our two newest members of Borough Council—Noelle Long and Jonathan Rees. Let me just say that the citizens of Northumberland are very fortunate that each of this young and energetic members of our community are willing to serve. Both Noelle and Jonathan bring to the table their own unique talents and understandings; and, both are committed to making Northumberland a bet-

ter place to live. I encourage each of you to visit one of our many public meetings, and get to know not just Noelle and Jonathan, but all of us that serve as Council members.

Finally, a word about the upcoming holiday season: get involved. The Northumberland-Point Township Revitalization Committee is looking for individuals to help decorate the Borough for the holiday season. If you can give the Borough just a few hours of your time, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact the Borough Office for more information.

Until 2005, I wish you all a happy autumn and approaching holiday season!

Bryan

Budget Meetings Conclude November 17

The Borough's budget committee concludes its work on drafting the 2005 budget on November 17. On that day, the committee is expected to pass a tentative budget, which will then go to the full Borough Council for approval.

Your comments, suggestions and ideas concerning the budget are gladly welcomed.

The meeting on November 17th is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Borough Hall.

The meetings needed to discuss and approve the Budget by full council are scheduled for December 7 and 21st.

Council meetings begin at 7 p.m.

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Northumberland Christian School Fall Community Service Project

The 5th through 12th grade students at the Northumberland Christian School located at the corner of 2nd and Queen Streets will be raking leaves for Senior Citizens in the Borough. This community service project will take place during the last week of October and the first week of November. If anyone desires help with their yard work, please contact the NCS office at 473-9786 and tell us you are interested in this project. The physical education teacher will contact you and schedule a time convenient for both you and the NCS students.

Leaf Pickup

Curbside pickup of leaves continues through December 1. Leaves should be placed between the sidewalk and the curb, not in the streets. Note: Leaves **SHOULD NOT** be placed in plastic bags for pickup.

Meet Jonathan Rees—New Council Member

Greetings fellow Pineknotters,

I am glad to have this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself and how I hope to serve you as a new council member.

My parents moved to Hanover St. in Northumberland when I was six months old, and as I was growing up in our Borough, I could not imagine there being a better place to live than Northumberland, PA. I have many memories of playing at Jolly Hollow with my three sisters, bike rides with my friends, summer swimming lessons at Liberty Pool, and Saturday AYSO soccer games.

After high school I went to Grove City College and got a degree in Electrical Engineering. I then accepted an engineering position in Syracuse, NY for Lockheed Martin, Naval Electronics and Surveillance Systems, where I worked for five years. The first two and a half years of my working life were busy with night classes as I completed a masters degree in computer engineering. When graduate school was finished and night classes were behind me, I became involved with helping Syracuse youth by volunteering as a soccer coach, a Junior Achievement Consultant, and an Explorer Post Advisor with

the Boy Scouts.

Although my work was often interesting, the job was not as fulfilling as I had hoped. Through my volunteer experiences I was reminded that what really gave me joy was working with kids. These relationships were especially rewarding if a student began to get excited about math and science. I began to consider shifting careers to one where I was directly serving people. At the same time, despite Syracuse being a nice small city, I was wishing I could be back in place more like Northumberland with the

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Meet Noelle Long—New Council Member

Hello Borough! My name is Noelle Long and I am one of your newly appointed Borough council members. I am a recent graduate of Elmira College in Elmira, NY with a B.A. in International Studies and Political Science with a minor in French. After graduating from Shikellamy, I was a Rotary Foreign Exchange student in Belgium and had some of the best experiences of my life. During college I spent semesters in France, Mexico, and Washington DC and completed internships at the Chemung-Schuyler American Red Cross, and Women for Women International. I work at SEDA-Council of Governments in Lewisburg in the Export Development

Program. My husband Bob and I have been married for two years, and have just welcomed a new addition to our family this summer, our dog Benny.

Northumberland has always been a great place to live and more people need to know about it. We, as a community need to show off where we are, what we are known for, and what we have to offer our community. Growing up, I always had the feeling that I needed to move on to a big city in order to become a success, have fun, and make a difference in the world. I have since learned that my yearning to “make the world a better place” really needs to start at home.

The Second Street Commu-

nity Center is going to be a great addition to our community and I am ready, willing, and able to put a lot of time into the project. Resources are out there for us, we just need to find them and put them into use. I would like to see more community oriented events planned throughout the year, not just during Pineknott Days. Block parties, pot-luck dinners, yard sales, etc. are fun and are a great way to get to know your neighbors. All in all, I hope to enhance and highlight what we as a community have to offer!

I am excited for this opportunity to represent the Borough and make Northumberland an even better place to live! Thanks!

A Little Early But...

Santa is Coming to Town -- He needs your help!

The Revitalization Committee will be sponsoring Santa's arrival on November 29, 2004 in King Street Park. Before he arrives we need to decorate the town and park and we need volunteers to help. Please consider helping with checking the lights on Saturday, November 6, at 10:00 am at the Borough garage on top of the rescue building. On Saturday, November 20th, your assistance would be appreciated at 9:00 am in the park. We will be cleaning the Santa House, and decorating the park for the holidays. We need help.

Santa will arrive on November 29th at about 7:15. The Sunbury City Band will start playing at 6:30. Tom Gresh will lead the carol singing at 6:45. Refreshments will be served by the committee following the band selections. If you can help with any of this please call the Borough office at 473-3414. Thank you.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Northumberland Borough will have Christmas tree pick-up from Jan. 3rd thru Jan. 12th, 2005. **The final dates for pick-up will be January 10, 11, and 12 following the street-sweeping schedule.** On these final days, the trees must be placed between the curb and sidewalk by 8:00 a.m. The crew will drive down each street once and will not go back for trees that are put out after they have completed that street.

Trees will not be picked up if they are covered with bags or have any type of ornaments or trimmings, including tinsel, on them.

The Borough employees appreciate the residents' co-operation.

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Bazaar--Fall 2004

Trinity United Methodist Church at 6th and King Streets is having its annual Christmas Crafts Bazaar on Friday, November 5th, and Saturday, November 6th.

Friday hours are 8:30 am until 7:30 pm. Lunch will be served from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm. There will also be a complete roast turkey dinner with dessert served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Saturday the hours will be 8:30 am to 1:30 pm with lunch served between the hours of 11:00 to 1:00.

From The Health Officer

Review and Update On The New State Food Codes:

The state food codes are the laws of Pennsylvania and as a state certified Health Officer, I am expected to enforce these laws (food codes). It is my intent to educate and make the public aware of our food codes. We do a surveillance and inspection of all public eating and drinking places. We expect all operators of eating and drinking places to follow proper and safe food handling,

however we do not always know what occurs when we are not present. This is a bit like when people exceed the speed limit if they do not see a police officer. There is one difference, you the customer can complain to the manager of the restaurant or simply not eat there. You can also report the problem to your local or regional health department.

One major change in the food codes is that it prohibits handling ready to eat (RTE) food with bare

hands. RTE is defined as any food that is not further processed/cooked prior to the customer eating the food. Foods can be handled with clean disposable-gloved hands or by using deli wraps, spatulas, tongs, etc. but not bare hands. Food handlers are also expected to have hair restraints.

Food Training for Volunteers and Non-profit Groups:

I am pleased to report

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Holiday House Tours Scheduled

The Sunbury Area Chapter of the Red Cross, and Agency of the United Way, will sponsor the 4th annual Holiday House Tour, Sunday December 12, 2004. The tour with new hours this year will be held from 1:00 - 5:00. Tickets will be \$6.00 per person and will be on sale, Sunday the day of the tour from 12:30- 3:30 in the King Street Park, at the Santa House. With each ticket you will receive a booklet describing each stop and a map to help direct you on the tour.

The six or seven homes will vary in style and all will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. Join us and get the feel of Christmas.

Advance tickets may be purchased at the Sunbury Red Cross office, 30 North 5th Street, Medical Center Phar-

macy Market Street, First Susquehanna Bank and Trust, Market St. and 1104 North 4th Street locations all in Sunbury. Gubin's, Northumberland National Bank, and Townside Cafe, all on Front Street, Northumberland also will sell tickets.

Donations from the ticket sales will benefit the Sunbury Area Chapter of the Red Cross, in providing food, shelter and clothing to local families following a disaster, a communication links for members of our armed forces and their families, and also to provide volunteers' educational health and safety classes.

One of the stops featured this year is located on Rt. 11 and Ridge Road in Point Township. The land and home on the 14 acre property has un-

der gone extensive renovations. Keystone Insurers Group purchased this property in November 2002. The focal point of the property is a 34 room manor house, with a front portico. It also includes an in ground pool, pool house, exercise room, barn, gazebo and two ponds containing a variety of fish.

Keystone purchased the property in order to consolidate its subsidiaries. The large rooms on the ground floor have been converted into office and meeting rooms.

Purchasing a ticket and spending a beautiful Sunday afternoon with family and friends will help us in this special cause.

The Red Cross thanks you in advance for your support.

Borough Offices Closed

The Borough offices will be closed on November 25-26 in observance of the Thanksgiving holidays. In addition, the offices will be closed on December 23-24 for the Christmas Holiday. The office will also be closed on the afternoon of December 30th and all day December 31st for the New Year's Day holiday.



Picture (added at printing)



Christmas Gift Ideas- 2004

The Revitalization Committee has two great Christmas gift ideas for you:

1. A maroon mug inscribed NORTHUMBERLAND 2004. This large mug can be viewed on the Borough website. The cost is \$15.00.

2. A watercolor print of the Front Street Station by artist Jeffrey Lynch is being sold for \$90.00. Interested persons should contact Judith Ditton at 473-1061.

The Pineknotted Association also has articles to consider when doing your Christmas shopping. Check out the Borough web site for articles and costs. The list includes a Pineknotted Box Car, Norry jackets, Boyd's Bears, Northumberland or Norry bracelets, railroad mugs, totes, golf umbrellas, and various shirts and sweat shirts. Contact Mayor Gretchen Brosius at 473-9426.

Veteran's Day Service Planned---2004

Veteran's Day will be commemorated by a ceremony at the Riverview Cemetery on November 14th at 1:00 pm. Plan to attend and honor our veterans.

From the Health Officer

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that we recently conducted a free training class for non-profit groups. We had 85 people attend from churches, clubs and other non-profit groups in the Northumberland/Sunbury area. The class is four hours long and food safety people from the Pa. Department of Agriculture teach it. Those who complete the training receive a certificate of attendance

from Harrisburg. I believe there are more people who should and would like to attend another class in our area. According to your response, I will arrange to schedule another course in the future. Please contact me or call the Borough Office at 473-3414. Tell us how many people are interested and the name of your non-profit group. I strongly urge all non-profit groups to have people attend this food safety training. The Pa.

Department of Agriculture also emphasizes the need for food safety training. We remind everyone that non-profit groups are expected to follow the same rules as all restaurants, delis, etc. Let us hear from you.

From Your Health
Officer---Lee Shaffer

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Meet Jonathan Rees

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familiarity, community-spirit, and the picturesque location.

In light of these thoughts, when the opportunity presented itself to teach math, physics, and computer science at Northumberland Christian School, it seemed like it might be a perfect job for me. So last year I taught my first year of high school and loved it; and I was very glad to be back home in Northumberland, where it is more family-friendly, the noise is less, the air is cleaner, and the surrounding country is beautiful.

However, I'm still thankful for the time I spent in Syracuse. First off, I enjoy the perspective I gained from having used in the business sector the subjects I now teach in the classroom. But secondly and most importantly, I met the most wonderful woman in the world

in Syracuse and am very blessed to be married to her for one and a half terrific years. She is very generous in opening up our home, including having the high school boys' soccer team that I coach come over every couple of weeks throughout the year. I think the biggest contribution I'll ever make to Northumberland is having brought such a remarkable woman to our Borough.

As a councilmember, one of my goals is to bring back some of our state tax dollars to Northumberland by applying for state grants. Work has been done on this in the past with money being sent back for the Second Street Community Center. However, money that was approved by previous administrations has not been released by our present Governor. There are still lots of other grants we can apply for, and Darvin Straub has put a lot of energy into this effort already.

Hopefully Noelle and I, the two new council members, will be able to use our experience in grant writing to help have a portion of our tax dollars actually used on our community.

I also hope at some point to begin a program that would get some of the Borough's students interested in science and engineering. We could hopefully encourage more technical jobs in our area when more high school graduates attend colleges to get technical degrees and also want to come back to work in or near Northumberland. There are many bright, young minds out there now, and when they get a great idea for a business ten years from now, I want them to think of their childhood home, Northumberland, as the perfect place to start it.

Now that I've introduced myself to you and have told you some of my dreams for Northumberland, let me invite you to return the favor by introducing yourself to me (if we have not already met) and telling me your thoughts about how we can work together in the Borough. If you have questions or concerns about Borough issues, please e-mail me at jdrees@norrychristian.net or call our home at 473-0341.



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Community Yard Sale is a Success!

If you weren't able to make it to the Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 11, we will be having another one next spring. We had a beautiful sunny day full of bargains, yummy food, and even a Chinese Auction! Start cleaning out your basements and attics to get ready for the next community yard sale.

The sale would not have been such a success without all of the volunteers and donations we received. A great big **"Thank You"** goes out to the following people and area businesses for their donations and support: Amato's Pizza, Domino's Pizza, Dunkin Donuts, Giant, Holsum, Judy & Jim Groninger, Northumberland Point Township Kiwanis Club, Sylvia Bucher, Tom & Pat Propst, and Weis Markets.

We appreciate everyone's continued support in our efforts to revitalize the Second Street property. If you would like information on how you can become involved, visit our website or give us a call at 473-3414.

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Important Dates—October 2004–January 2005

November 1: Council Meeting, 7 p.m. (Monday)

November 2: Election Day; 7 a.m.—8 p.m.

November 5-6: Holiday Bazaar, Trinity Methodist Church

November 6: Holiday Elves Needed at Rescue Building, 10 a.m.

November 14: Veteran's Day Service, 1 p.m.

November 17: 2005 Budget Meeting; 6:30 p.m.

November 20: Holiday Elves Needed at King Street Park, 9 a.m.

November 29: Santa Arrives, 7: 15 p.m.

December 1: Last day for curbside pickup of leaves in the Borough

December 7: Council Meeting

December 12: Holiday House Tours, 2004

December 21: Council Meeting

January 3-12: Christmas Tree pickup