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## JOINS US FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival on October 28. The event will take place at King Street Park, 2 pm – 8 pm.

Kids will enjoy a great magic show, free crafts, free games, and fun prizes. Costume contests will be a fun part of the event too!

Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, and most original costumes.

In case of rain, the festival will be held at the

future Second Street Community Center.

As always, anyone

This event is sponsored by the Joseph J. Anselmo Sr. Commu-

### Schedule of Events

“Mood Magic” performance at 3:00

Pumpkin Decorating Judging at 5:30

Kids’ Costume Contest Judging at 6:00

Trek-for-Treats Contest Drawing at 7:00

Spooky Strolls through “Haunted Hollow” begins at dusk

who is interested in planning for the festival and “Haunted Hollow” is asked to call the borough office 473-3414.

nity Trust and the Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee.

## OPEN BURNING OFFICIALLY BANNED IN BOROUGH

On September 5, 2006, the Borough Council officially ended the practice of open burning for the purpose of eliminating rubbish.

Through the end of October, residents may contact the Borough office at 473-3414 to

have your EMPTIED burn barrels hauled away, free of charge. Thereafter, it will be the resident’s responsibility to remove the barrels from their property. All residents have until November 30, 2006 to remove the barrels or face fines.

Residents found in violation of the burning ban will face fines ranging from \$25 to \$100 for a first offense, and \$50 to \$300—or jail time—for a second or subsequent offense. For questions, call the Borough office.

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## Upcoming Festivals

### Rummage Sale, Soup & Baked Goods

November 3: 8:00 to 7:00

November 4: 8:00 to 3:00

November 5: 8:00 to Noon

### Christmas Bazaar

December 2: 9:00 to 7:00

December 3: 9:00 to 2:00

Crafts & Baked Goods

"Santa's Secret Shop"

Call the church for more details

### Christ United Methodist Church

Front & King Sts.

### Health Fair

October 22: 10:00 to 3:00

Free screening/ Lunch available

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### A Gift Idea

Purchase a 2007 Season Pass to Liberty Splashland for a holiday gift this year. Available at the Borough Office, the passes are being offered at 10% off the regular rate and now cost just \$135 for a family pass and \$67.50 for an individual pass.

# SANTA IS ON HIS WAY!

The Revitalization Committee will once again be sponsoring Santa's arrival on November 27 in King Street Park. Before he arrives we need to decorate the town and park which is where you can help! On Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 am, your assistance would be appreciated in the King Street Park. We will be cleaning the Santa House, and decorating the park for the holidays. An hour or two of your time would be a great help!

Santa will arrive on November 27 at about 7:00

pm. The Sunbury City Band will begin their concert at 6:30 with carol singing to follow. Refreshments will be served by the committee too.

This year we will have a new spin on the festivities with crafts, home-made wreaths, and baked goods for sale. If you or someone you know might be interested in having a stand to sell your goodies, give Ann a call at 473-8199. This is a great opportunity for churches to sell remaining bazaar items or maybe just to

make a bit of extra spending money for Christmas!

The committee thanks the Joseph J. Anselmo Sr. Community Trust for their continued support of this event. Many thanks go out to the Northumberland-Point Township Kiwanis organization for supplying goodies for the fun evening as well.

If you would like to help out in any way, call the borough office at 473-3414. Thank you!

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## RECYCLING NEWS

Liberty Glass Center thanks all of you who care enough to recycle your materials with us. Volunteers are needed so if you care to get involved we will be glad to show you how we prepare the materials for market. Sorting the shiny ads out of the newspapers is a great help. Recycle your shiny ads with your magazines in a bag separate from your newspapers. Recycling only bottles and food jars ( no candle

jars, drinking glasses, coffee cups, or window glass ) saves us from picking those materials out of a pile of broken glass. Cereal boxes, soda can frig packs and shoe boxes are usually not made of corrugated cardboard, please do not include them with your cardboard boxes. We must pay to dispose of all the non- recyclable materials you dump on us. Remember, we now recycle #1 and #2 plastic bottles also. Please do

not include any other kind of plastic containers. Our market to sell the plastic only wants bottles. We do not have enough volume to transport our materials out of state.

Finally, it should be noted that if you have a desire to volunteer at the recycling center, know that your help is indeed needed! Contact the Borough office for more information!

## Halloween Night

The Borough of Northumberland will hold Trick-or-Treat on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Residents who wish to distribute candy should leave their porch lights on. Trick-or-Treaters are asked to go only to those homes with their porch lights on. The 2006 Halloween Parade will be October 25 at 7 p.m.

## IMPORTANT NEWS

### Borough Offices Closed

The Borough Offices will be closed on November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday and on December 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas. The offices will also close at noon on December 29<sup>th</sup> and will be closed on January 1, 2007 for the New Year's holiday.

### Leaf Pick-up

With autumn come the falling leaves. Once again, the Borough Street Crew is collecting your leaves and recycling them into mulch.

Please remember to place your leaves in the space between the curb and sidewalk. Do not put them in the streets – we need to keep our storm drains clear! Leaves will be collected periodically throughout the season, with the final collection dates set for December 4-6, following the street sweeping schedule. NOTE: Leaves should NOT be bagged for pick-up.

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## Veteran's Day Service Planned

Veteran's Day will be commemorated by a ceremony at the Riverview Cemetery on November 12th at 1:00 pm. Plan to attend and honor our veterans.

## HOLIDAY TOUR IS DECEMBER 10TH

The Sunbury Area Chapter of the Red Cross, an agency of the United Way, cordially invites you to the 6th Annual Holiday House Tour. Sunday December 10, 2006 is the date to come and enjoy a lovely winter afternoon touring some beautiful homes.

The six homes featured this year are located in Northumberland, Point Township and Sun-

bury. All homes will be beautifully decorated for the holidays.

The tour will be held from 1 to 5 pm and in case of a heavy snow, the tour will be held the following day on Monday, December 11 from 6 to 9pm. Listen to your local radio station for more information.

Tickets will be \$8.00 per person or 2 tickets for \$15.00. Advance

tickets can be purchased at the Sunbury Red Cross office at 30 North 5th St., Medical Center Pharmacy, First Susquehanna Bank & Trust, all on Market Street in Sunbury. In Northumberland they are available at Gubin's, the Northumberland National Bank and Townside Garden Cafe.

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## TREK-FOR-TREATS TREASURE HUNT SET

Something exciting is about to hit Northumberland – the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Trek-for-Treats Treasure Hunt! Goodies have been hidden at select Northumberland businesses and are just waiting to be found by kids. Treasure maps have been distributed at schools and are also available at participating businesses and the borough office. The goal of this activity is to visit each of the businesses on the map (with an adult) to receive a special treat and a stamp on the map. Once the treasure map has been stamped by each participating business, kids can turn them into the borough office or at the Fall Festival on October 28 to be entered to win a great ghoulish prize!

Thank you to all of the following participating business, treasure hunting wouldn't be as fun without you!

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### Treasure Hunt Rules

Treasure hunting will take place October 16-28, 2006.

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

All *completed* treasure map entries must be dropped off at the borough office by Friday, October 27 at 5:00 pm or at the Fall Festival on October 28 by 6:00 pm.

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

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

One entry per child.

Participation is limited to children 12 years and younger.

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

The drawing for the great ghoulish surprise will be held at the Fall Festival, Saturday, October 28 at 7:00 pm in King Street Park.

Winner does not need to be present to win.

Additional copies of the official treasure map are available at participating businesses, the borough office, or online at [www.northumberlandborough.com](http://www.northumberlandborough.com).

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

## Upcoming Festivals

### **Christmas Bazaar**

November 12: 8:00 to 3:00

Food and Crafts

Call the church for more details

### **Trinity United Methodist Church**

6th & King Sts.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

November 4: 8:30 to 7:30

November 5: 9:00 to noon

Food & Crafts

Call the church for more details.

### **Northumberland Pt./Township Senior Action Center**

Second St. (Rear of St. Marks

Episcopal Church at King & Second)

### **Christmas Bazaar**

November 4: 9:00 to noon

Crafts & Food

Call the center for more details

## Get Your Northumberland Watercolor Sketches

Barbara L. Kistner Designs at [www.barbarakistner.com](http://www.barbarakistner.com) has generously donated her talents to create "Our Town" watercolor sketches with pen and ink for the Northumberland Pt/Township Revitalization Committee. The committee is selling prints and note cards of the following locations: the Girl Scout Little House, Portzline Dairy, the Gazebo with Santa House, and the Townside Garden Cafe. Two of the original watercolors will be raffled at the Fall Festival in King Street Park on Oct. 28 from 2:30 to 8 (Proceeds from the raffle will go toward the Scout House Renovations which include a memorial to Kissy Kistner). Any of these would make wonderful Christmas gifts. If you would like to purchase any of the originals, prints or note cards call the borough office or any member of the committee. The committee takes this opportunity to thank Barbara for her generosity.



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## House Tours

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Tickets will be on sale also on Sunday, the day of the tour, from 12:30 to 3:00 in the King Street Park at the Santa House. With each ticket you will receive a booklet with a map showing locations of homes and a short description of all six homes. Watch for Red Cross signs along your way.

Money generated from the event will help provide food, shelter and

clothing for local families within the Sunbury Area Chapter.

One of the homes featured this year is the home of Dave and Bonnie Wallace of 601 Horizon Ave. in Northumberland. This is a two story colonial home built in 1991. The Wallace's purchased the home in 1999 and have spent much time remodeling, recently adding a formal dining room and a new kitchen with custom made cherry cabi-

nets. They have also added an in-ground pool featuring a mountain stone fireplace next to it. The home sits on a 3 acre lot nestled down in behind surrounding properties.

Many collections will be featured including antique stoneware, Majolica and Boleslawiec pottery.

The Red Cross wishes to thank sincerely the home owners for so graciously opening their homes and the

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## **Day of Remembrance—A Success**

The Riverview Cemetery Day of Remembrance on September 30th was a great success. The board members would like to express our gratitude to all who donated to the construction of the archway. Also, thanks

to all who came to the cemetery for the balloon release, even though the weather didn't turn out as well as expected. Approximately 75

people attended and over 300 balloons were released. I was told from people standing up on the Vista Avenue section of the cemetery, the balloons that were released from down below looked like a flock of white doves rising into the sky. Thanks to all who care about the cemetery.

The cemetery board is comprised of volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with the upkeep of the grounds, would be welcome, even if it is just pulling a few weeds off gravesites close to the ones you visit.

The fundraising for the archway is an ongoing project, so any donations are still welcome. The archway will cost approximately \$5,000.00. Thanks again for your continued support. To send a donation, make checks payable to Riverview Cemetery, c/o Dee Zboray, 305 Susquehanna Rd. North'd. PA 17857

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## From the Fire Chief: Brian Crebs

As I am writing this today, folks all over the Central Susquehanna Valley are breathing a sigh of relief. The rain has finally stopped after a three-day constant downpour. The sun is out and shining briefly today, but there is still a breeze of anticipation blowing off of the river. Everyone is concerned about the rising waters of the Susquehanna and what impact they will play on our everyday routines.

It has been a tough 60 hours or so for the Fire Departments of Northumberland and Point Township. We have worked together very closely over the past 3 days to handle approximately 60 incidents, big and small. One VERY good thing has come from our most recent severe weather event. The Mayor, Police Chief, Emergency Management Coordinator, Public Safety Committee Chair, and I have had a meeting to examine ways that we can better serve you during our next incident. I foresee these meetings continuing on a quarterly basis.

Folks, I would like to cover a couple of important issues with you. The first is about the responsibility of emergency pre-

paredness. Now it wasn't long ago that the Federal government put out some information about gathering food, water, batteries and enough duct tape to surround your home.

While I'm not too enthusiastic about the duct tape idea, the others are not bad suggestions. Residents of the borough should take a few minutes to prepare their households for emergencies. Having some bottled water, extra non-perishable food items, flashlight (no candles please), batteries, portable radio, and some first aid supplies handy can make all the difference when the power is out or when even the weathermen aren't even sure what's in store. Also, develop a contact person who preferably lives out of state. Advise all members of your household to check in with this person following a serious event, that way if local infrastructure should be affected your family will be able to account for themselves.

Next is preparing your home itself. Many residents who do not normally get water in their homes have over the last few days. My home was affected as well. We visit some folks to pump their

basement every time there is a serious rain event. If you know you get water please, please take steps to help yourselves out in these situations. There are fixes for rainwater runoff that enters basements, some of them are inexpensive.

Budget to purchase a sump pump and check it occasionally to ensure it is working. If you're unsure of how your equipment will perform due to its age or condition, purchase a back-up pump and have it on hand in case your existing pump fails. It's often easier (and cheaper) to find one on a sunny summer day, rather than when the dark clouds are surrounding Lowes or Home Depot. Perhaps an auxiliary submersible pump would be handy to store on a shelf for a "rainy" day.

Other relatively easy fixes would be to ensure that rainspouts are connected and directed away from your home as much as possible. Of course they only function correctly when they are free of blockage. Sometimes regrading of the lawn surrounding your house can have a great affect on wet basements. This only re-

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## Christmas Tree Pickups

Northumberland Borough will have Christmas tree pick-up from Jan. 2nd thru Jan. 17th, 2007.

**The final dates for pick-up will be January 15, 16, and 17th 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.**

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## From the Fire Chief: Brian Crebs

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quires some good dirt, a wheelbarrow, rakes, some quality grass seed, and some friends to help!

Finally, ask your heating equipment provider if your home heating equipment can be raised off the floor, even if only by a few inches. This includes boilers and furnaces, water heaters, and home heating oil tanks. For houses in the flood plain strapping heating oil tanks and water heaters down is also desirable.

Just like it is a homeowner's responsibility to ensure the sidewalks are in great shape in front of their homes, they need to take responsibility

for emergency preparedness. It's a simple matter of helping us help you. We would NEVER deny anyone services, but I can tell you that during our most recent rainfall we had to prioritize our responses and we simply couldn't get to everyone. As you may have read from one of my last articles, we are struggling for manpower and we have to use the same folks to pump basements that would also be responding to other various emergencies of a more severe nature. So please, please, put some of these items into your budget plan as well as your own "honey-do" list, and look for other changes in how we will handle these emergencies in

the future.

My next item is VERY, VERY serious. Every day I read reports of firefighters being struck and killed while working to help citizens at traffic incidents. Every day, firefighters are injured or worse while providing services in the street. You might think that these only occur in areas populated by freeways and superhighways, and if you think that you're wrong! We have had two incidents in the borough this year and I know of another in Snyder County. I am bothered by this fact tremendously and I

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## From the Chief

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am simply NOT willing to explain to a firefighter's wife or mother that their loved-one was injured or killed at the scene of a traffic incident in our borough or anywhere we respond.

We have taken every precaution to try to protect the victims of the incidents we respond to, as well as ourselves. We use our Fire Police on our incidents to control traffic and guide motorists thru congestion. We have all of our personnel wearing high-visibility traffic vests even over our regular protective clothing. We also park our apparatus in a manner to provide physical protection to our responders.

This is not enough! It comes down to motorists knowing that the flashing lights on our apparatus are not there to look pretty during parades. They are there to tell drivers that there is an emergency or other situation that they need to pay special attention to. Motorists also need to know that if they choose not to heed this warning, and give us the space and time that

we need, there will be penalties. It should be common courtesy; after all it could very well be YOU we are working so hard to benefit someday.

One last thing before I go! The Northumberland Fire Department is looking for a web designer. This is not a paying position; however the experience will be priceless. I will personally guarantee it! It's a chance for a computer savvy individual to work with literally one of the oldest Fire Departments in this country and to tell its story. We're looking for

this website to be a history lesson, public safety education tool, and recreational web area for firefighters to view. We have a bounty of materials and photographs ready to go, all we need is the right person. If interested call Jan at the borough office and she will put you in touch with me. Thanks so much!

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**Our Next Issue...**The next issue of *The Pineknotted News* will be published in late January 2007. For those interested in submitting advertising or sending in articles for publication, kindly do so by

Friday, January 5, 2007.

#### **Upcoming Community Events**

##### **Halloween Parade**

October 25

##### **Fall Festival**

October 28

##### **Trick or Treating**

October 31, 2006

##### **Holiday House Tours**

December 10

Dates for all events are listed online at  
[NorthumberlandBorough.com](http://NorthumberlandBorough.com)

#### **Important Pickup Dates**

**Burn Barrels**—The Borough will pick up all EMPTIED burn barrels free-of-charge through the end of October. Call the Borough Office at 473-3414 to schedule a pickup. **ALL BURN BARRELS MUST BE REMOVED FROM PROPERTIES BY NOV. 30.**

**Leaves**— Through December 6, the Borough will periodically be picking up leaves. Please leave your UNBAGGED leaves between the curb and sidewalk in front of your property.

**Christmas Trees** – From January 2-17, 2007, the Borough crew will be picking up Christmas trees. Unwrapped trees should be placed in front of Borough properties and will be picked up according to the street-sweeping schedule.

*The Borough of Northumberland wishes each of you a terrific autumn season and warm wishes for 2007!*