

# THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Fall 2009

## FOR SALE

In case you haven't heard, the Northumberland Borough Building is being offered for sale. As a government entity, the Borough Council had the option of selling the building by sealed bid or by auction. The Borough Council voted to accept sealed bids for the property that currently houses the Police Department, Borough Municipal Offices, and Council chambers. Bids are due by October 20 at 4:00 p.m., and will be opened that evening at a Borough Council work session. The Borough Council will review the bids and make a determination on them at the regular meeting on Monday, November 2, 2009. Bids will remain open and subject to acceptance for ninety (90) days after opening or until the Borough Council awards the bid. The Borough reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities in the bids.

The municipal offices, located in this building since 1974, will be moved to the 2nd Street Community and Municipal Center at 2nd and Orange Streets. The Borough purchased the former school building in 2000. Renovations have been ongoing since that time. The new Borough Office will be housed in a classroom in the Park Avenue wing of the structure. The new Code Enforcement Office will be next door to the Borough Office. The Police Department will be temporarily housed in the Second Street wing of the building until the basement area of the Park Avenue wing is renovated into the permanent Police Headquarters. The Borough Council, office staff and police have provided input to the architect to optimize the functionality and cost effectiveness of the final design. The additional space that this building will afford to these offices is anticipated to provide a much-improved and more efficient work environment.

## PINEKNOTTER DAY'S SUMMER HONOREES

**Pineknitter of the Year** was "Bing" Jeffrey Bingaman, honored for his many years of dedication to the Northumberland Fire Department and other community activities.

**Good Citizen Awards** went to Middle school students Keegan Myers, son of Mr. & Mrs. Blaise Myers, and Bernadette Chaney, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Chaney.

**The Charles Ditton Award of Excellence** went to Dylan Wynn, son of Mr. & Mrs. Ron Wynn. This new annual award goes to a student, chosen by the math department at Shikellamy High School, who excels in mathematics. The award includes a \$1,000 debit card to be used toward college expenses.

## ELECTION IS NOVEMBER 3RD

The following residents are on the ballot for the Borough of Northumberland:

Mayor (4 year term)

Gretchen Brosius (R)

John Simeone (NOP)

Tax Collector (4 year term)

Lana Gulden (D)

Joanna Rees (R)

Assessor (2 year term)

No petitions.

Five Council seats (4 for 4 years, 1 for 2 years)

4 Year Seat

Gregory D. Carl (R)

James P. Hartman (D)

Adam R. Klock (D)

Daniel M. Perna (D)

Stephen D. Reed (R & D)

Jonathan D. Rees (R)

Frank E. Wetzel (R)

2 Year Seat

Theron G. Fasold (D)

Jonathan D. Rees (R)

One Constable from each ward

Ward 3—Ellie Rees (R)

Judge of Election

Ward 1— Judith Eroh (R)

Ward 2— Adrian Shearer (D)

Ward 3— Carol Diehl (R)

Inspector of Election

Ward 1— Judith A. Stuck

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Visit the borough website for council minutes, zoning and code regulations, current and past issues of The Pineknitter News, the calendar of events and local business listings.



### RECYCLING CENTER

*Liberty Recycling Center hours*  
Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Saturday 7:00 – 11:00 am

Please do not leave materials at any other time. We continue to accept the following materials:

**Glass** (clear, green, brown) bottles and jars. Please do not bring window glass, coffee cups, drinking glasses or candle jars.

**Corrugated cardboard**, Please – No waxed cardboard from food.

**Newspaper** – Please remove the shiny ads and recycle with your magazines.

**Magazines and shiny ads from newspapers.**

**Steel cans and aluminum cans** Please rinse food cans but labels do not need to be removed.

**Plastic bottles and jars only** with a #1 or a #2 recycling symbol on the bottom. **NO OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS!** The definition of a bottle or jar used by the recycling industry is that the neck or opening is smaller than the base. Microwave dishes, butter dishes, yogurt cups and berry boxes are not recyclable in our area.

**BATTERIES** – **Rechargeable** batteries **only.**

 Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Sunbury for joining as volunteers to man the recycling center on a monthly basis. Special Thanks to all who recycle.

### NORTHUMBERLAND/POINT TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN PARADE



On Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009, the Halloween Parade will again be held in Northumberland, forming at King Street Park beginning at 6 p.m., with the Parade moving at 7 p.m. All individuals, clubs, and businesses are encouraged to participate. No entrance fee. You may register in advance at the Northumberland Borough Office on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, or the evening of the Parade at the Gazebo prior to 7 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for individuals, small groups, large groups and floats. Plaques for commercial entries. Candy bars will be distributed to children after the Parade at the Gazebo. The Parade starts and ends at the King Street Park. The Parade Route will be the same as previous years. If you live along the Parade Route—please turn on your porch lights.

The Parade costs approximately \$2,500 per year. The funds are contributed each year by generous folks and businesses. We are in great need of more contributions. Donations may be made or taken to: Northumberland National Bank, 245 Front Street, Northumberland, PA. 17857, Attn: Steve Hafer. Make checks payable to: North'd/Point Twp. Halloween Parade. Any questions or concerns contact the borough office at 473-3414.



Thank You to all “who give and participate” and for your support. Your “community spirit” helps continue this great local event. See you at the Parade!



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## THIS FALL

### **Free Community Dinners**

Christ United Methodist Church, Corner Front and King Sts. All are welcome for a hot meal, friendship, and fellowship, 4:30 p.m.— 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 17

Saturday, November 21

Saturday, December 19

### **October 28—Halloween Parade**

Starts and ends at the King Street Park

Registration starts at 6 p.m.

Parade starts at 7 p.m.

### **October 31—Trick or Treating**

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### **November 5 to 7—Fall Rummage Sale**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Queen St.

Thursday, November 5 8 a.m.— 4 p.m.

Friday, November 6 8 a.m.— 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 7 8 a.m.— Noon

### **November 6—Christmas Bazaar**

Trinity United Methodist Church, Corner 6th and King Sts. Crafts, nice household items, baked goods, Christmas Shop, gift baskets, and food. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert; Adults \$7, children under 12 \$3.50.

Bazaar 9 a.m.— 8:30 p.m.

Lunch 11 a.m.— 1 p.m.

Dinner 5 p.m.— 7 p.m.

### **November 14—Decorating King St. Park**

Help get the town ready for the holidays 10 a.m.

### **November 14—Christmas Festival**

Christ United Methodist Church, Corner Front and King Sts. Themed basket Chinese Auction, crafts, baked goods, soup, "Christmas Past" Second Hand Shoppe, Lunch, 8 a.m.— 3 p.m.

### **November 21—New York City "On Your Own" Bus Trip**

Christ United Methodist Church, Corner Front and King Sts. Leaves the church at 6:30 a.m. and New York City at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 per person.

### **November 30—Santa in the Park**

Sunbury Band begins playing at 6:30 p.m.

Santa arrives at 7 p.m.

### **December 4 to 5—Christmas Bazaar & Santa's Secret Shop**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 300 Queen St.

Friday, December 4 9 a.m.— 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 5 9 a.m.— 2 p.m.



## Trek-for-Treats Treasure Hunt!

Something exciting is about to hit Northumberland – the 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 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 by 5:00 pm on October 23 to be entered to win the hunt's grand prize at the Fall Festival!

Thank you to all of the following participating business, treasure hunting would not be as fun without you!

**Dress to the Nines**

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**Northumberland National Bank**

**Priestley Forsyth Memorial Library**

**Taylor's Meat & Deli**

**Young's Sporting Goods**

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## FALL FESTIVAL

Be sure to mark your calendar for the 5th Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 24th at King Street Park, 4 p.m.— 7 p.m.

Kids will enjoy free crafts, free games, and fun prizes. The famous hot caramel apple sundaes will also be for sale along with other food and drink. Costume contests will be a fun part of the event too! Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, and most original costumes.

Pumpkin Decorating Judging at 5:30

Trek-for-Treats Contest Drawing at 5:45

Kids' Costume Contest Judging at 6:00

"Haunted Walks" through Pineknoller Park begin at dusk

In case of rain, the festival will be held at the 2nd St. Comm. Center.

As always, anyone who is interested in helping out with the festival or "Haunted Walks" is asked to call the borough office 473-7563.

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

Treasure Hunt Rules

The goal is to visit each location on your "Trek-for-Treats Treasure Hunt Map" to receive a stamp and a special treat. All completed treasure maps will be entered in a drawing to win the hunt's grand prize!

1. Treasure hunting will take place October 9-23, 2009.
2. Maps must be stamped by each participating business identified on the map in order to be a qualified entry.
3. All *completed* treasure map entries must be dropped off at the borough office by Friday, October 23 at 5:00 pm.
4. Each child must be accompanied by an adult when visiting participating businesses for treasure hunt purposes.
5. Only ask *participating* businesses for a stamp and treat.
6. In the event a business would close or drastically change their hours, a missing stamp *will* be overlooked. The entry *will* be considered eligible.
7. One entry per child.
8. Participation is limited to children 12 years and younger.
9. Costumes are not required for visiting... but it could be fun and may earn you extra treats!
10. The drawing for the grand prize will be held at the Fall Festival, Saturday, October 23 at 5:45 pm in King Street Park or at the Second Street Community Center in the event of rain.
11. Winner does not need to be present to win.
12. Additional copies of the treasure map are available at the borough office, participating businesses, or online at [www.northumberlandborough.com](http://www.northumberlandborough.com).

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

**THE NORTHUMBERLAND POINT TOWNSHIP SENIOR ACTION CENTER**

A hot lunch is served at 11:30 a.m., lunch orders must be received *by 9:30 the day before*. There is free transportation to and from the center located at 268 Second Street, 473-9373.

**Chorus** If you enjoy singing and having a good time, the center's chorus is always looking for new members. Members typically meet on Monday afternoons to practice and then go to nursing homes, churches, etc. to perform.

**Bingo** Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday afternoon at 12:15.

**Crafts** We have a craft class that meets every Monday morning at 9:30 until Noon.

**October 21—Lazarski's Dinner Dance** Tickets are available at the center. The cost is \$12.

**October 21—Healthy Eating** Donna Fritz will be here at 10 a.m. to discuss healthy eating for seniors.

**October 27—Penny Poker** Games start at 12:30.

**October 30—Halloween Party** Costumes are optional. Pizza, salad and a dessert for lunch, followed by Bingo. Lunch is \$4.

**November 10 & 17 —Penny Poker** Games start at 12:30.

**December 16—Christmas Banquet** 5 p.m. At St. John's Lutheran Church, on the menu is ham, chicken breasts, filling balls, scalloped potatoes, Harvard beets, pickled cabbage, roll and pie. Cost is \$12.

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In the last newsletter, the Borough Council announced their intention to add a junior council member to their ranks. The program,

established by The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, seeks to get youth to participate in the governing process of their own communities. Once appointed, the student would be allowed to participate in all council and committee meetings, but will not be permitted to vote or attend executive sessions.

Unfortunately, no candidates sought this position. If you know of an interested teen or are an interested teen, please call the borough at 473-3414.

### WATCH YOUR STEP!

Sadly, we still have our irresponsible dog-walkers in our midst. During the winter when there was snow along the sidewalks, there seemed to be a lot of dog dirt on the sidewalks. Well...winter is long gone and things haven't changed.

Failing to pick up your dog's droppings is a disgusting and inconsiderate habit. Most likely these culprits are doing this under the cover of darkness, because surely they do not want to be seen. Let's keep an eye out for these folks and let them know that this will not be tolerated. If YOUR dog makes a deposit on someone else's property, it is YOUR job to clean it up!!

In some communities there are hefty fines for such behavior. Signs are posted warning of the prosecution of these individuals. PLEASE let's not have to use taxpayer dollars for something that should not occur in the first place. Do your part to keep the sidewalks clean.



### PARTY RENTALS

The Northumberland/Point Township Kiwanis Club Community Center is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, and reunions. Please contact Jane Ressler (473-8343) or Michael McWilliams (473-9802).

### RECYCLING CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Liberty Recycling Center will be closed to observe the holidays on Wednesday, November 25.

### BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

The Borough Council Reorganizational meeting will be held Monday, January 4, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Borough offices.

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**LEMONADE DAY – A SWEET SUCCESS!**

What a wonderful day we had for Lemonade Day! It's hard to believe this was our 5<sup>th</sup> year already! This year boasted 13 lemonade stands and 22 participating kids. It's always fun to walk around and admire the creative stands and to taste the wild lemonade concoctions that our entrepreneurs come up with.

There was everything from jungle-ade to smoothies to traditional varieties. Prizes were awarded to the Best Decorated Stand, Best Tasting Lemonade, and this year we introduced a new category of Best Theme.

Winners this year were:

**Best Decorated (2 stands tied)**

Sierra Gulden & Kayla Billman's  
"Exploding Jungle-ade" Stand

Dakota & Hunter Reinhart's  
"Lemon Tree" Stand

**Best Theme**

BreAnna, MacKenzie, & Jayden Good's  
"Touchdown Lemonade"

**Best Tasting**

MacRay VanKirk's  
"Wheelie Good" Lemonade

In case you missed it, we enjoyed the traditional games too – watermelon seed spitting, bubblegum blowing, hula hooping, water balloon toss, and no one can forget the pie eating contest! When you see the following individuals be sure to congratulate them on their win at Lemonade Day!

Activity Winners: (in order of youngest to oldest)

**Watermelon Seed Spitting**

Skyler Spickler, Brayden Gully, James Olive

**Bubblegum Blowing**

Autumn Bond, Melissa Owens, Autumn Kessler

**Hula Hooping**

Lauren Kerney, Elise Brubaker, Michelle Snyder

**Water Balloon Toss**

CJ McDonald & CJ Pehowic

**Pie Eating**

Ciara Kessler (kids division)  
& Bob Long (adult division)

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Pie eating contest in progress at Lemonade Day.

**Sidewalk Chalk Drawing**

Jonathan Fisher (5 and under)

Shaylyn Force (6-9)

& James Olive (10 and over)



Lemonade Day wouldn't be possible without the help of dedicated volunteers. A special "thank you" goes out to the following people: Eric Brosius, Gene Brosius, Gretchen Brosius, Sylvia Bucher, Cindy Diogo, Maurice Diogo, Bob Long, Noelle Long, Heather Oister, Tom Propst, Ann Roll, Tom Słodysko, Jason VanKirk, Jay VanKirk, Linda Williard, and the Shikellamy Band Members. Keep in mind, we could always use more help! If you are interested in helping out at Lemonade Day or any other event, feel free to give the office a call 473-3414 to add to our volunteer list.

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

### BOROUGH HOUSEKEEPING

#### Leaf Pickup

The borough will be recycling leaves into mulch. Leaves must be placed between the curb and sidewalk, please not on the street. Your No Parking sign indicates the day of the week the leaves will be picked up. Final collection dates for leaf pickup are set for the week of November 30.

**All Christmas trees** should be curbside by the week of January 13, 2010 and free of all trimmings and *not* in a bag. FYI: Grass clippings are not to be placed on the street at any time.

#### Office Closings

The Borough Offices will be closed on November 26 and 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and on December 24 and 25 in observance of Christmas. The offices will also close at noon on December 31 and will be closed on January 1, 2010 for the New Year's holiday.

#### Polling Locations

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Polls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

- First Ward ..... Borough Building
- Second Ward .. Girl Scout Little House
- Third Ward.....Kiwanis Building

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#### Snow Removal

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ing of the remainder of the street. Snow may not be thrown on the street. The street department appreciates your cooperation.



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## LIBERTY SPLASHLAND IS GROWING!

For the past ten years I have, with great enthusiasm, operated and maintained Liberty Splashland -voluntarily. Thousands of hours have been accumulated in planning and improving our community pool for all to use at a reasonable cost. Unlike Watsonstown which has permanently closed their pool, and Milton which budgets about \$50,000 a year for operations, far more than the borough.

Today's successful aquatic facilities are no longer just a pool. They have fun things to do while getting wet. Over the years, we have added sand volleyball, drop slides, the Dump Tower, the Spray Zone, moved the concession stand outside and expanded the menu.

Attendance has increased as a result of our efforts. I am very pleased to say that we are not facing closing. The park is still financially in the red but I feel we can move into the black with additional equipment. An economic study done several years ago indicated larger items would create more interest. I have located a bowl slide like the Vortex at Camel Beach. The bowl slide will be installed beside the deep well and have a starting platform located on the hill behind the pool. The height of the starting tower for this bowl slide will be approximately 45' off the sidewalk that surrounds the current pool. Swimmers slide speedily down the tube, enter into the bowl and then spin around and around before falling down through the center of the bowl into its own 6'6" deep splashdown pool. The bowl can be seen at Liberty Splashland.

Just like all of the other projects we intend to do almost all of the work ourselves. The purchase price is \$30,000 for the completely refurbished bowl/slide with an additional \$11,000 for site design and installation on our prepared site. Site preparation will cost approximately \$60,000 almost all of which is materials. Donations of materials would lower costs even more. To have this same slide purchased new and installed by contractors would cost nearly \$450,000.

This is an exciting prospect for our town, but we need your help. You can be a valuable part of this exciting addition by making a donation today. It will make a difference. We take pride in bringing an innovative and exciting park to the Borough at very minimal costs. There are a variety of ways you can contribute:



Taylor Carl presents Mayor Gretchen Brosius his contribution of \$100 towards the bowl slide.

**Buy a Block** All throughout the bath house are blocks that people bought in 1976 and painted with their own designs. For \$50 per block, you can become a part of history and have your very own block.

**Friend of Liberty Splashland** For a donation of \$100 to \$299, your name or that of a loved one will be permanently engraved on a plaque which will be displayed like the one from 1976.

**Patron of Liberty Splashland** For a donation of \$300 to \$499, your name will be engraved on the plaque and will receive a family season pass good for up to 4 people for the first season the bowl slide is open.

**Sponsor of Liberty Splashland** For a donation of \$500 to \$999, your name will be engraved on the plaque.

**Benefactor of Liberty Splashland** For a donation of \$1000 to \$4999, your name will be engraved on the plaque.

**Partner of Liberty Splashland** For a donation of \$5000 or more, your name will be engraved on the plaque.

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

We will gladly accept any donation whether it is a dollar or \$100,000. Donations can be made at the Borough office located at 221 Second Street, Northumberland. Time is of the essence as we want to open it for the 2010 season. I can answer any questions you might have and would be pleased to meet with you. You can contact me either through the borough office or on my cell phone at 570-556-7740.

Greg Carl, Liberty Splashland Operations

## TRAVERSING THE STREETS

It has been brought to Borough Council attention that a number of people choose to run or walk on the streets instead of the sidewalks. While the borough does not have an ordinance prohibiting it, they strongly recommend utilizing the sidewalks as it is difficult to see some people when they are in the street, especially at dusk. Please use the following safety guidelines.

**Use common sense.** Before you even head out for a run, take a minute or two to do a safety check. Are your shoes tied? Are you familiar with your route? Does someone else know where you'll be running? Make sure you're running off the street or against traffic (so you can see cars coming at you). Watch out for cracks or bumps in the sidewalk, or rocks and branches on your path.

**Make sure you're visible.** No matter time of day you're running, it's important that you're visible, especially to drivers. Get in the habit of wearing white or bright-colored clothes. When running in the early morning, night, or dusk, make sure you have reflective gear on.

**Limit your distractions.** It's tough -- maybe impossible -- for some of you to run without music, but you really shouldn't use your iPod or MP3 player for outdoor runs. Cutting off your sense of hearing means you can't hear oncoming cars, cyclists yelling to move, unleashed dogs, or any other potential threat.

**Don't make assumptions about drivers.** Remember that many drivers aren't paying attention because they're listening to the radio, talking on their cell phone, or reading a map. Don't assume that drivers can see you or that they'll let you go because you have the right of way. Be sure you make eye contact with drivers at street crossings before you cross. And, better yet, try to stay off the roads as much as possible and stick to running in parks or on paths and sidewalks.

**Obey traffic laws.** You must obey all laws governing pedestrian traffic when you are running.

Visit <http://running.about.com> for additional safety guidelines.

## GOOD NEWS...

### BEAUTIFICATION AWARD WINNERS!



Once again we are pleased to announce our most recent Beautification Award Winners. Please congratulate these folks for doing their part to keep our town special. Whether it is a small remodel, a new paint job, or some spruced-up landscaping, we all enjoy and appreciate your efforts!

#### January

Pastor Michael and Cindy Cantine  
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#### February

Nancy Hartman and Tim Hummel  
388 Prince Street

#### March

Mary Ellen Clark Hughes  
654 Wallace Street

#### April

Mary Jane Londis  
70 King Street

#### May

Dolores Smith  
449 Park Avenue

#### June

Judy Hafer  
127 Hanover Street

#### Business

Priestley-Savidge House  
620 Front Street



## BAD NEWS...

Criticism and complaints are often directed toward some homeowners regarding the way that they keep their homes. Most frequently it involves weeds, high grass, messy yards, or unsightly porches. Take a look at your property. Does it look like a permanent yard sale is going on? When was the last time you picked up litter or dog droppings? Do you sweep your sidewalks frequently? We can all do our part to show pride in our community.

Remember that homeowners are responsible for the entire property. This means that weeds along fences, hedgerows, and back alleys must be kept cut, too. It makes a tremendous difference in the appearance of your neighborhood. Take a walk outside to see if you have areas to be improved. We all will thank you!

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*The Revitalization Committee encourages you to notch up your community spirit by one degree!*

**PFML YOUR LIBRARY @ WORK**

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If you have visited our library lately I am sure you have noticed much shifting and moving of materials. I wish to thank all of you for your patience and understanding. Several months ago, our building was at capacity for materials. We now have room to grow and update our collection to provide you with the best possible resources we can.

We wish to thank the borough for allowing us to utilize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Community Center for our adult book sale. The money from the book sale will be going to several needs the library has. A flat screen TV will be purchased to allow us the opportunity to offer special programming for teens and adults. Wii games and movie nights are only the beginning. Do you have thoughts or ideas? Feel free to drop them into our suggestion box located in the lobby. Your opinions are important. Did you know that you can request materials if you don't see them on our shelves?

Coming soon we will have additional computers for patron use, thanks to the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of a Gates Grant. We have heard from many patrons about needing our internet service at the library. We are working hard at improving that service.

During these tough economic times, PA libraries are very aware and concerned over the emotional drain we see on our patrons faces as they come to the libraries to utilize the free services, work on-line, fill out job applications and find affordable entertainment. As of this writing, there is anticipation of a possible 37% cut in library state funding. We at Priestley-Forsyth are working to maintain as much of the quality of our services to you as possible. Many of the services our library district office provides its 44 libraries may have to be cut due to the fiscal crisis. For those of you who are not aware, our library district is the largest one in the state. Some libraries will be hurt more than others. The public libraries in our surrounding area have already committed to work together to help each other and you.

**Falling Into Fun!**

A number of book discussions are happening as well. For a complete calendar of events, dates and times go to the **Read Across the Valley** website [www.readacrossvalley.org](http://www.readacrossvalley.org)

**Family Place Parent/Child Workshops** are here! October 22, 29, November 5, 12 & 19 9:30-10:45 register with Kim King. Join us for a five week session of play, socialization, and a visit with various community resource specialists who are available for any developmental questions you may have. This program is geared for parents/caregivers and their children ages 1-3 years of age.

**Storytimes** (contact the library for Nov/Dec dates)

- Baby Laptime      Mondays @ 10:30 a.m. 10/26
- Toddler Tales      Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.
- Time for 2's      Wednesdays @ 10:30 a.m. 10/28,
- Pre-School      Friday's @ 10:30 a.m. 10/23, 10/30

**School-Age Activities**

- Girls Rock a club for girls      Tuesdays @ 3:30 p.m.
- Reader Guys a club for boys      Wednesdays @ 3:30 p.m.

**Junior Pineknotters for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade** Youth group who talk, discuss the collection, read, have hands-on activities and become involved with the community. We are always looking for new members. Call the library for details.

**The TTT's for youth 12 and up** Teen voices are critical in a library. We listen, discuss and take ideas seriously. Community service and active participation in library functions are encouraged. Members are always welcome.

**A Crafter's Palette** Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup> Get ready to enjoy Through a grant from Cherokee Pharmaceuticals we are offering a day of arts and craft experiences featuring various crafters from our area. We have designed this to be a hands-on experience for families to participate in together as well as show off local artisans in the area. From jewelry making to pottery to weaving, it is sure to be a delightful time.

**The Norry Book Club for adults** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. They are currently reading *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Call Karen for more information.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall 2009

### PUBLIC MEETING DATES

#### **Borough Council**

November 2  
December 1 & 15

#### **Work Sessions**

November 17  
December - no session

### CRIME WATCH DATES

November 5                      December 3  
7 p.m. at the Savoy, 221 Front St.

Suspicious activity can be reported by either calling **473-8251** or by calling **911**.

### MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Comm. Dev. – the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. as needed  
Finance – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March, June, August, Sept., October, & November only at 6:30 p.m.

Personnel - meets in closed meetings through the year  
Public Safety – the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. as needed  
Planning Commission – last Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Rules Committee - as needed  
Streets – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7 p.m. as needed

Zoning Board– the last Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Borough Building, 221 Second Street..

The Emergency Services Board will meet at 7:00 pm the 1st Monday of each month at the Borough Building unless that day is a holiday, when the meeting will be the first Tuesday at a location to be determined.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

October 17: Free Comm. Dinner at Christ United Methodist  
October 24: Fall Festival  
October 24 & 25: Haunted Walks at Pineknотter Park  
October 28: Halloween Parade  
October 31: Trick or Treating  
November 3: Election Day  
November 5 - 7: Fall Rummage Sale at St. John's Lutheran  
November 6: Christmas Bazaar at Trinity United Methodist  
November 14: Decorating at King Street Park  
November 14: Christmas Festival at Christ United Methodist  
November 21: Free Comm. Dinner at Christ United Methodist  
November 21: New York City "On Your Own", CUM  
November 30: Santa in the Park  
December 4 - 5: Christmas Bazaar & Santa's Secret Shop, St. John's  
December 19: Free Comm. Dinner at Christ United Methodist  
January 4: Borough Reorganization

### LIBERTY GLASS CENTER

#### **Drop Off Hours:**

Wednesday — 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
Saturday — 7:00 to 11:00 am

The following items are accepted for drop off:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, green, brown; separated by color; rinsed clean with no lids)
- Steel food and juice cans (rinsed clean, with labels removed)
- Newspapers—bundled and in a plastic bag
- Magazines, catalogs, and Glossy Color inserts
- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastics— # 1 & # 2
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Rechargeable Batteries

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Visit the borough website for council minutes, zoning and code regulations, current and past issues of The Pineknотter News, the calendar of events and local business listings.

### BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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Gretchen H. Brosius

**Secretary**  
Janice Bowman

**Street Supervisor**  
Tom Slodysko

**Code Enforcement**  
Paul Ruane

**Police Chief**  
Tim Fink

**Fire Chief**  
Jim Troup

**Health Officer**  
Mary Sue Buss

**Council President**  
Bryan Wolfe

**Council Vice President**  
Jonathan D. Rees

**Council Chairman Pro Tem**  
Darvin L. Straub

**Council Members**  
Judith H. Groninger  
Cynthia J. Lark  
Robert E. Long, Jr.  
Frank Wetzel

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon. - Friday  
9 to Noon  
1 to 5 pm

Wednesday  
9 to Noon

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Dec. 24 & 25  
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