

THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Winter 2009

2ND STREET COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Construction will once again be happening at the 2nd Street Community Center. While the Borough was unsuccessful in its grant application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program, alternative sources of funding are being sought, and progress has been made.

SUN Area Career and Technology Center has agreed to take on the challenge of renovating the Community Room. During the 2009–2010 school year, students from various construction departments at SUN Area will be using the 2nd Street Community Center as their learning project. “I see this as a win/win situation for our 2nd Street project and the SUN Area students. It is said that when God closes a door somewhere he opens a window.” commented Mayor Brosius. The Borough is responsible for the transportation of the students,

the materials, and the installation of a support beam.

As to the Gymnasium/Stage area, additional resources and partnerships are being researched. The Borough recently submitted an application to the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps. Should the project be accepted, the PCC will provide a crew and crew leader to renovate the Gymnasium/Stage and additional projects within the borough. Once again, the Borough would be responsible for the cost of the materials.

The S. Luther Savidge Foundation has awarded \$30,000 toward the Community Room project. Renovation funds have also been awarded by other community organizations including the Degenstein Foundation and the Sunbury Northumberland Community Trust. A Capital Campaign is underway for the additional funds needed to complete the 2nd Street Community Center.

FROM THE MAYOR

The New Year brings new hope and grateful hearts to Northumberland. Unfortunately, 2009 began with a devastating fire that left three homeless and one seriously burned. Fortunately, we have heroic concerned citizens, neighbors and first responders who rescued the Beaver family from losing their lives.

I am very grateful to all and thank you all on behalf of the citizens of Northumberland. When you hear those sirens, please remember to lift a prayer for all who are involved in the emergency.

Lord, our Great Provider and Protector, thank you for the blessings of 2008 in Northumberland and the hopes for 2009. May your wisdom and understanding guide the plans for our community. Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans and guide our officials at all levels of government. Amen. Mayor Gretchen Brosius



THE ENGINE

The 2009 Pineknotter Day's choice to add to their train is the ENGINE. Celebrating the 25th anniversary of the North Shore Railroad headquartered in Northumberland, the engine will be painted the same as the North Shore Railroad Engines. The engine will be available as a “dummy” (non-powered, \$175), without sound effects (\$225) or with TMCC train sound effects (\$275) plus shipping and handling (\$12.50) if shipped. Due to the cost of this item, the engine must be paid in full at time of ordering. Orders must be received by March 31, 2009. Order forms may be picked up at the borough office. Checks should be made payable to “Pineknotter Days” and mailed to Pineknotter Days (Train Order), PO Box 252, Northumberland, PA 17857.



COUNCIL RECOGNIZES NORTHUMBERLAND POLICE

On January 3rd, Mayor Gretchen Brosius and the Northumberland Borough Council presented the Northumberland Police Department with a Resolution commending the police for their toy drive each year that helps less fortunate families. The Martin Concini Jr. Memorial Toy Drive has just completed its 10th year of operation under the leadership of Sergeant Clifford Kriner. Past Chief Martin Concini Jr. had begun the drive in 1990 before his untimely death in 1992.

FLOOD PROTECTION REGULATIONS

ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE BOROUGH 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. 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.

NEW CONSTRUCTION REQUIRES PROPER PERMITS.

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

DO NOT DUMP OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE DITCHES OR BASINS. Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Borough Code. Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches

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can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, please do your part in helping the drainage system work. Sweep or clean up your gutters to prevent blockages in the storm sewers. Pick up trash and fallen branches in the ditches. Remove snow and ice from the storm sewer.

If you see dumping or debris in the ditches or basins, filling or construction near property lot lines, or filling or construction in the floodplain without a permit sign posted, contact the Borough Office 570-473-3414. The debris or project may cause flooding on your property.

FLOOD INSURANCE

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. There are two types of flood insurance coverage; building coverage and contents coverage. Coverage for sump pump failure or sewer backup might be available as an addition to your homeowner's insurance 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.*

Additional information is available at the Borough Office, the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library, or online at www.northumberlandborough.com.

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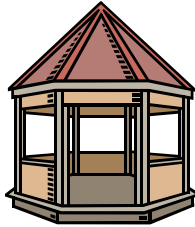
At Christ United Methodist Church the 3rd Saturday of every month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. King and Front Streets.

Rummage Sale

Christ United Methodist Church
April 16 & 17 - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
April 18 - 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
(\$2 a bag day)

COMMUNITY PAVILIONS

King St. Park gazebo, Pineknott Park and Liberty Hollow pavilions are available for rent. Call the Borough office for information (473-3414).



2008 RECYCLING REPORT

Thanks to all who recycle at the Liberty Recycling Center. In

2008 the Liberty Recycling Center processed 270,000 lbs. of glass, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, steel cans and aluminum cans. A special thanks to the volunteers of the Lions clubs of Northumberland and Sunbury, the Northumberland – Point Township Kiwanis Club and Tom Wandishin and Steve Bucher who donated their time on behalf of the Shikellamy Football Boosters to staff the recycling center on Wednesdays and Saturdays. If you belong to a civic group with members interested in building the club's treasury speak to either Bill Gross or Darvin Straub about getting involved in this service to the community. You need to commit to thirteen Wednesdays and Saturdays in a year.

Several changes are under way for the future. **PPL has provided a container for recycling CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs)** so you can dispose of them properly. However, **NO BROKEN BULBS** will be accepted. Interstate Batteries has informed us that they can **only recycle lead acid batteries**. We are in the process of contacting a company to recycle rechargeable batteries and the small "flashlight" type batteries need to go into your trash.

As you have read many recycling centers have closed. The main reason is TRASH. People bring their trash and mix it in their materials to recycle, dump it off and run. Please read the signs and place only the correct materials in the containers provided. But now a new problem has developed. Newspaper, cardboard and magazines have dropped in value about \$100 a ton making the work much less rewarding but we hope to keep the center open if we can.

Our hours are: Wednesday 5:30 – 7:00 pm and Saturday 7:00 -11:00 am.

We recycle: Cardboard, Newspaper (shiny ads removed), Magazines and shiny newspaper ads, Clear, green, and brown glass jars and bottles, number 1 and 2 plastic jars and bottles, steel and aluminum cans, lead acid batteries, and CFL bulbs.

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GET A HEAD START ON YOUR SPRING CLEANING !!

While we are sitting here looking out at the snow-covered ground it might be a good time to start thinking of spring! Now is the time that many folks clean out closets, basements, and attics.

We ask, however, that you do not store your unwanted items on your front porches. Perhaps you need to have your shovel, salt, and boots there, but it is not the place to keep pre and post yard sale items, old indoor furniture, tires, belated holiday decorations, "dead" pumpkins, etc., etc.

We receive a lot of complaints about junk that is left on porches. Some people are collectors... BUT a year's worth of pizza boxes left on a porch (even an enclosed one) constitutes an eyesore! Please help to do your part to keep our community looking its best.

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JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Steering Committee for the Northumberland/Point Township Joint Comprehensive Plan is finalizing its work on the draft of the plan.

Prior to the plan's adoption by the Northumberland Borough Council and the Point Township Board of Supervisors, two public review meetings will be held.

The first public meeting will be hosted by the planning commissions of the two municipalities. The second will be a public hearing hosted by the Borough Council and the Board of Supervisors. Once dates have been set, the meetings will be advertised in the Daily Item and on the website at www.northumberlandborough.com.

Copies of the plan will be available for review at the Borough Office, the Point Township Building and the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library for at least 45 days between the planning commission public meeting and the public hearing.

Residents are encouraged to attend these meetings and voice their comments. Written comments will also be accepted at the municipal offices. All comments will be reviewed by the Borough and Township officials prior to the plan's adoption so any comments with significance may be included in the plan.

With the finalization of the comprehensive plan, the participating communities will have a blueprint for future growth that is coordinated and complementary to each other. The plan reviewed, revised and updated the 1985 joint comprehensive plan. A joint comprehensive plan and its use by the participating communities is viewed very favorably by state and federal funding sources.

Please watch for the notices and plan to attend the meetings and/or review the draft of the plan. If you have any questions, you may contact the Borough Office at 473-3414.



GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
April 10th
12 noon to 3 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING RUMMAGE AND SOUP SALE

April 30: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 1: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

May 2: 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Call 473-3770 to order soup



PARTY RENTALS

The Northumberland/Point Township Kiwanis Club Community Center is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, and reunions.

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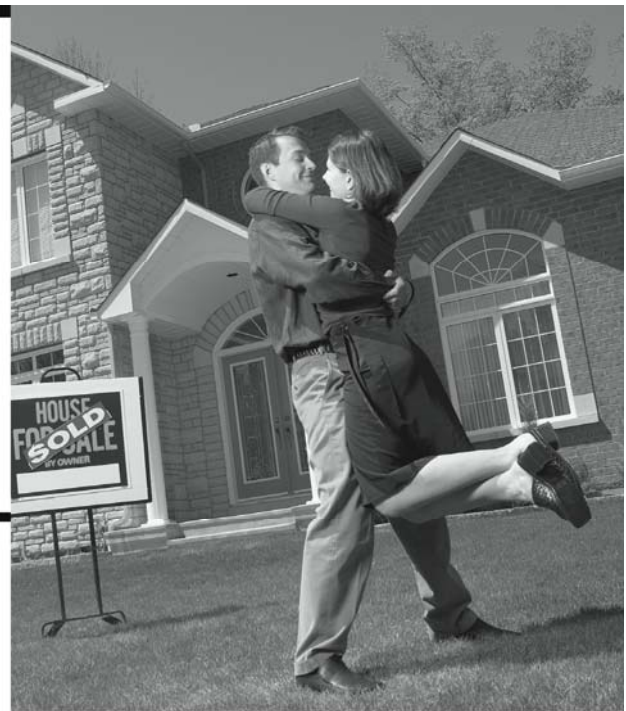
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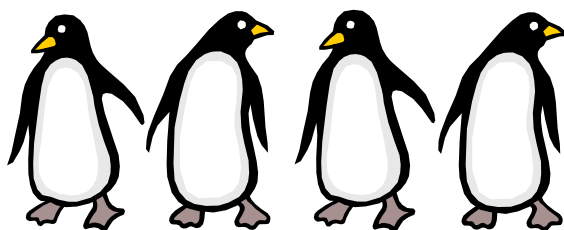
In October of this year, Kim King, Youth Services Coordinator/Assistant Director and Dottie Fasold, Bookkeeper/Co-Manager, participated in the intensive four day Family Place Training. The Family Place curriculum assists in preparing children to become life long library users and in helping parents in becoming their child's first and most important teacher.

As part of the program, libraries redefine their youth spaces and promote the library as a family friendly destination. Libraries are no longer being thought of as a place to say, "Shh." Infants, toddlers and preschoolers are made to feel comfortable in a space specifically for them.

A key component of Family Place Libraries is the Parent-Child Workshop. The workshop is designed to give parents the opportunity to spend time with their toddlers in an educational and creative environment that is filled with toys and play equipment. The five week series looks like a toddler play group because children can choose the activities they wish to do while parents follow their lead. The workshop focuses on encouraging parents to read to their children early and often, reducing the sense of isolation that many parents feel when raising children, providing an opportunity for parents to interact with other parents, supporting the role of "parents as teachers," and establishing connections between professionals and parents.

Collaborating with Project ELECT, a teen parent and support program, the first Parent Child Workshop is planned for March 2009. Parent resources will be expanded in the library and other means of parent support will be offered to everyone in the community. This program is made possible through a grant from the Pennsylvania Library Association. Look for new learning toys, games, a parent resource area and a train table in the library's second floor children's area.

On April 18, King Street Park will be the place to be to see the King Penguin parade, penguin related activities and copies of the book *If I Were A Penguin* by Florence Minor. The event involves the Early Care & Education Coalition of the Susquehanna Valley United Way and Pennsylvania's One Book Every Young Child program. Copies of the book will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that day. Visit the library for more information.



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Just to get you thinking about the summer, the library's Summer Reading Program will be the theme of "Be Creative @ Your Library" for preschool through middle school children and "Be Expressive @ Your Library" for teens. If you know of anyone who can help us to become creative, offer their talents, or would like to assist at summer reading, please contact Kim King, Youth Services Coordinator at 473-8201.

Also during the summer months, you will begin to see programs based around the book *Marley and Me* by John Grogan. The library will be working on activities with six other libraries in the area. The event will kickoff on August 22 with a Pet Parade in King Street Park. The author, John Grogan will be visiting the area as a culminating event on October 3 at Susquehanna University.

As you can see, the library is the place to come for fun, entertainment and enrichment. We enjoy being part of the community and

look forward to seeing you during the winter and spring months.

JOBS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Borough will again be hiring college students and college-bound high school seniors as part of the Summer Intern Program.

To be eligible, the student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. loan or grant. Interested students should contact the Borough Office after February 15th to obtain more information and application forms.

In the past, the borough has employed students to work at Liberty Splashland and with the Borough Crew. At Liberty Splashland, the students are employed as lifeguards, concession stand operators, maintenance, and front desk personnel. (Contact the YMCA to learn when lifeguard classes are scheduled.) Students working with the borough street crew help to cut grass, trim, paint crosswalks, and other property maintenance throughout the Borough. Students may earn up to \$2,500 during the summer months through this program.

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SECOND STREET PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The bricks have been installed at the Second Street Playground. However, it is not too late to order bricks. If you are interested in adding a name to a brick please pick-up an order form at the Borough Office. We are also excepting donations toward a pavilion, benches, landscaping, etc. Thank you to all who have donated to this project in anyway. Contributors who donated \$700.00 or more are:

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REVITALIZATION AWARD WINNERS



The Revitalization Elves had a fun time driving around town checking out all the lights and decorations. The committee thanks everyone who braved the elements to decorate their homes and businesses. When everyone chips in a little to beautify their own property, it makes our whole town that much more festive!

The nominations are in, votes have been calculated, and the winners are...

Most Original

501 Hanover Street
Shawn Erdman

Prettiest

689 Duke Street
Leslie & Jim Brosious

Funniest

583 Front Street
Shirley & Allen Wolfe

Honorable Mention

486 Front Street
Catherine & Steven Treon

The winners received a gift card to a local restaurant and a certificate of accomplishment.

Congratulations to all the winners!



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SHORT-TERM JOBS WITH LONG-TERM RESULTS

The U.S. Census Bureau is already looking for job applicants to work for the 2010 Census. Peak hiring will be from February 2009 through the end of May 2010 for temporary assignments, most lasting 5 to 10 weeks.

By working on this once-a-decade population headcount, residents have an opportunity to be a part of history. Conducted every decade since 1790, the constitutionally mandated census affects community funding and determines representation in Congress.

"The jobs, which offer competitive wages and flexible schedules, also allow people to work in their neighborhoods and for their neighborhoods," said Marilia Matos, the Census Bureau's associate director for field operations. "We hire locally, and an accurate count means a fair distribution of money for schools, roads, neighborhood improvements and elderly care in your community."

In 2009, the Census Bureau will hire about 140,000 people to help update the Census Bureau's address list. The workers will use GPS-equipped hand-held computers to verify, add and delete addresses, and they will be paid for training. By the end of the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau will have employed about 1.4 million temporary workers in communities across the country. Employees will update the Census Bureau's address list, interview people who do not respond to the census by mail and perform other assignments vital to the national count.

By 2010, there will be more than 310 million people living in an estimated 130 million households across the country and everyone must be counted in order to ensure seats are apportioned in the U.S. House of Representatives and federal and state funding is distributed fairly.

The U.S. population is more diverse than ever before, with people speaking a record number of languages. As a result, in many areas the Census Bureau will need to hire people who are bilingual.

"If we do not obtain an accurate count in 2010, each person residing in the United States will be affected," Matos said. "Everyone deserves to have a voice and be counted, and by working for the 2010 Census, you will be directly involved with ensuring that happens."


Most positions require U.S. citizenship, a driver's license and use of a vehicle, and each applicant will undergo a background check. A short-term job with long-term results, 2010 Census positions offer competitive wages and flexible schedules.

To apply for a census job, call toll free 1-866-861-2010. For more information on the 2010 Census, visit www.census.gov/2010census/ or pick up an informational flyer at the borough office.


PRIMARY ELECTION

On May 19th elections will be held for the following positions in Northumberland Borough: Mayor (4 year term), Tax Collector (4 year term), Assessor (2 year term), five Council seats (4 for 4 years and 1 for 2 years), and 1 Constable from each ward (6 year terms). Petitions may be circulated starting February 17th; the deadline for submissions is March 10th.


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1700's to the World War time period depicted by local historians and volunteers.

Taste and smells of the earlier days come alive at this annual event.

NORTHUMBER- LAND POINT TWP SENIOR ACTION CENTER

The center is planning a Valentines Party on Wednesday, February 11. We will be having pizza for lunch followed by Bingo. Call to sign up.

We will be making Beef Vegetable and Chicken Corn Soup on February 19th and will be selling it on Friday, February 20th. The cost is \$4.00 a quart. You can call the center to place your order. Orders must be in by Friday, February 14th.

The annual Rummage Sale is Friday, February 20th. Donations are being accepted for the sale. For all of you who enjoy puzzles, there are quite a few for sale. Soup, hot dogs, and barbecue will be served for lunch that day. Please call or stop by to sign up.

Chorus practice begins Monday, February 16th at 12:30 p.m. The chorus travels to nursing homes, other centers, churches, etc. Always a good time, any senior is more than welcome to join.

Coming in April, there is a Healthy Steps for Older Adults program on the risk of falling. For anyone 50 or older, the program consists of two classes lasting two hours each on Thursdays, April 9th and 16th from 2 - 4 p.m. Both classes must be attended. Seven more people are required for the course to run. Anyone who finishes the course will receive a gift.

NORTHUMBERLAND BOROUGH POLICE

STATISTICS SUMMARY 2008

09 Alarm Activations	130 Police Information reports
59 Animal Complaints	09 Protection From Abuse cases
11 Assaults	01 Prowler report
69 Ambulance Assists	10 Public Drunkenness
17 Fire Department Assists	04 Rapes cases
09 Motorist Assists	09 Record Inquiries
521 Other Agency Assist (i.e. police, probation/parole &, public works/utilities)	81 Reported Thefts cases
24 Public Assists	06 Roadway Obstructions reports
04 Bad Check cases	02 Robbery reports
09 Borough Ordinance violations	23 School Crossing assignments
29 Burglary reports	267 Business Security Checks
06 Burning Complaints	02 Sex Related Offenses
01 Child Abuse case	01 Shots Fired Complaints
06 Child Custody Problems	39 Speak to the Officer Request
42 Civil Problems	04 Special Assignments
26 Community Policing assignments	04 Subpoena Services
81 Criminal Mischief complaints	09 Suicide and/or attempts
02 Criminal Trespass complaints	138 Suspicious Activity reports
10 Dare Instruction Classes	131 Sweeper Enforcement Details
02 Death Investigations	17 Traffic Control Assignments
01 Death Notification	02 Transports of persons
78 Directed Patrol (i.e. monitor school, school traffic and bus stops)	05 Unwanted Persons reports
06 Directed Traffic Enforcement	03 Vehicle Lockouts request
39 Disabled Vehicles	04 Vehicle Thefts
13 Disorderly Conducts	05 Wanted person's reports
25 Disturbances	06 Warrant Service
51 Domestic Disputes/fights/assaults	24 Welfare Checks
25 Driving Under the Influence violations	34 Youth Problems
11 Drug Law Violations	
01 Drug Overdoses	
10 Drug Task Force assignments	
01 Elderly Welfare (check)	
04 Escorts	
02 False Reports to Police	
11 Fight Calls	
02 Forgery complaints	
67 Found Property reports	
07 Fraud reports	
60 Harassment & Stalking	
41 Hazardous Conditions	
34 Hit & Run Accidents	
19 House Checks	
05 Identity Thefts	
07 Landlord/Tenant problems	
14 Liquor Law violations	
11 Littering reports	
14 Lost Property reports	
05 Mental patient problems	
69 Meter Enforcement reports	
12 Missing Person reports	
35 Motor Carrier Inspections	
72 Motor Vehicle Accidents	
04 Neighbor Problems complaints	
38 Noise Complaints	
05 Open door/window reports	
109 Parking Complaints	

During 2008, the Northumberland Police Department logged 3,199 calls for service, the above numbers reflect the more common incidents logged by the department. 55 non-traffic citations and 408 traffic citations were issued during the year. Over 200 misdemeanor and felony criminal charges were filed for various violations of the law some of which included attempted homicide, aggravated assault and possession and selling of illicit drugs.

Thank You

The members of the Police Department would like to take this time to say thank you to the citizens of Northumberland, for the help that you have provided during the year. Some of you came forward and provided details and information about crimes which you witnessed. Some of you provided support to our annual Soap Box Race and to the Martin E. Concini Toy Drive at Christmas time. It has been our pleasure to serve each and every citizen, thank you for allowing us to serve you and all who may visit the Northumberland Borough in 2009.



NORTH'D PT. TWP. S.A.C TRIPS FOR 2009

Mohegan Sun — Wed, March 25 & April 22

There are two trips to Mohegan Sun back to back for your enjoyment. You will receive a \$20.00 rebate and a \$10.00 food voucher. Departure is at 8:30 a.m. and arrival home at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.50, reservations and money due by February 25th for the March 25th trip and March 22nd for the April 22nd trip.

Penns Peak — Thursday, May 14

At Penns Peak, your entertainment will be Guy Lombardo. Departure is 9:45 a.m. and arrival home at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$69.00 due by April 14th. Cost includes bus, meal and show.

New Candlelight Theatre - Delaware — Wednesday, June 17th

It's show time and the show is "Oklahoma"! You will enjoy a buffet lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the show begins at 1:00 p.m. There will be a coffee stop en route and a fast food stop on the way home. Departure is 7:00 a.m. and arrival home at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$96.00 due by May 17th. Cost includes bus, show, and meal.

Lancaster County Amish Farms & Strasburg Railroad — Wednesday, August 19th

Start with a 3-hour tour of Amish farmland and enjoy a full, 2-entrée lunch at an Amish home. From there, you depart to Strasburg for a 45-minute excursion and return to the train depot to enjoy time visiting the Railroad Store and Gift Shop. There is a fast food stop en route to Lancaster and also on the way back to Northumberland. Departure is 6:45 a.m. and arrival home at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$79.00 due by July 19th. Cost includes bus, tour, lunch and train ride.

Mount Rushmore & The Black Hills — Wed, September 9th to Friday, September 18th

Time for a vacation? Go to South Dakota! There will be many sights to see - House on the Rock, Wisconsin Dells, Devils Gulch, Corn Palace, Wall Drug, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park and a Safari jeep ride. Cost per person, with 2 per room is \$1,555.00; with 3 per room is \$1,449.00; with 4 per room is \$1,396.00. This includes transportation, 9 nights lodging,

luggage handling, 9 breakfasts, 9 dinners and attractions. Payments can be done on a monthly basis. Departure and arrival home times to be announced. Insurance is available for pre-existing conditions at the cost of \$99.00 and must be paid by March 31st.

Covered Bridges & Covered Dishes in Bedford — Wednesday, October 14th

Looking for something different to do? This is it! There are many sights and stops made on this trip and your meal is spread out through out the stops. Departure is 6:00 a.m. and arrival home at 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$87.00 due by September 14th. Cost includes bus, meals and gratuities.

Lucky Holidays - New York City & Atlantic City — Wednesday, November 11th & Thursday, November 12th

Enjoy a day in New York City by seeing the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes. Afterwards you get a guided tour of the city and receive a box lunch. When the tour is over, you will head for Atlantic City to the Casino Hotel where you will receive a Dinner Buffet. Enjoy the next day at your leisure. See a Revue Show at Casino Hotel at 12:30 p.m. Departure is 10:00 a.m. Wednesday and leave Atlantic City at 3:30 p.m. Thursday. Cost per person, with 2 per room, is \$270.00; a deposit is due by April 1st with the remainder due by October 12th. Cost includes bus, Radio City tickets, room, guided tour, box lunch, dinner buffet, Casino Hotel Revue Show, and a \$10.00 rebate. There is insurance available at the cost of \$50.00 deposited by April 1st..

All trips leave from Christ United Methodist Church. You do not need to be a member or a senior to go on these trips. Please contact Beverly Lenker at 473-8721 for additional information.

RADIOSHACK.COM LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE ELECTRONICS TRADE-IN PROGRAM

RadioShack Corporation announced it has an online electronics trade-in program that allows customers to exchange certain used portable electronics for a RadioShack Gift Card. Acceptable items for the RadioShack Online Trade-In Program include GPS devices, MP3 Players, wireless phones, digital camcorders, car audio head units, digital cameras, notebook computers, game media and game consoles.

The RadioShack Online Trade-In Program allows customers to receive an immediate estimate by following these simple steps: 1.) Go to the [RadioShack Trade-In Program Web link](http://radioshack.cexchange.com/online/home/index.rails) to receive an instant estimate of the product's trade-in value. 2.) If the value is acceptable, a customer completes the transaction online by following the simple prompts. 3.) The customer boxes up their product and prints out the prepaid shipping label. Shipping is free of charge to Web users residing in the Continental United States. 4.) RadioShack sends an email notification alerting the customer that their trade-in product has been received. 5.) RadioShack issues a gift card within 10-14 days after product is received, to be used towards the customer's next RadioShack purchase either in stores or online. <http://radioshack.cexchange.com/online/home/index.rails>



Beautification Award Winners

The Northumberland Point Township Revitalization Committee is pleased to announce its beautification award winners for the second half of 2008. On behalf of the entire community, we would like to thank you all for doing your part in keeping our town looking its best!!

July

Mark and April Geisen
180 Orange Street

August

Phil and Loyce Hallden
356 Prince Street

September

Gene and July Ray
610 Leighow Avenue

October

Greg Carl
322 King Street

November

Marian Shannon
435 Ropewalk Avenue

December

Jim and Leslie Brosious
689 Duke Street

New Business

Dressed to the Nines
92 Queen Street

2009 EVENTS AT JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

COMMONWEALTH CHARTER DAY

March 8, 2009 from 1 - 4:00 p.m. Tour the mansion at your own pace, Join Dr. Priestley in his laboratory and his family at home. Costumed interpreters; chemistry demonstrations at 1, 2, and 3 p.m. (Seating in the laboratory is limited and on a first come, first serve basis.) Free Admission.

IN HER OWN WORDS

March 29, 2009 @ 2:00 p.m. A special women's history guided tour featuring quotations from diaries, letters and books written by Mary Priestley, her family, friends, and acquaintances. Admission \$6.00 adults; \$5.50 seniors (65+); \$4.00 youth 3-11 years.

SPARKS & POPS FOR CURIOUS KIDS!

April 18, 2009 @ 2:00 p.m. Families with children 1st - 5th grades take part in hands-on experiments based on Joseph Priestley's scientific interests. Registration required, call (570) 473-9474 for details and to register. Admission \$6.00 adults; \$5.50 seniors (65+); \$4.00 youth 3-11 years.

Hours and programs subject to change. For information about any of our events, please call (570) 473-9474 or visit www.josephpriestleyhouse.org



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter 2009

PUBLIC MEETING DATES

Borough Council

February 3
March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 2
December 1 & 15

Work Sessions

February 17
March 17
April 21
May - no session
June 16
July - no session
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December - no session

MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Comm. Dev. – the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. as needed
Finance – the 3rd 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 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. as needed

Planning Commission – last Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Rules Committee - as needed

Streets – the 2nd 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

March 8: Commonwealth Charter
Day at Joseph Priestley House

March 12: ARC Blood Drive
1 to 6 p.m. @ C. W. Rice

April 10: Comm. Church Service

April 16-18: Rummage Sale at
Christ United Methodist

April 30 - May 2: St. John's

Rummage & Soup Sale

May 2: Derby Day at the Library

May 7: National Day of Prayer

May 9: History Day

May 13: ARC Blood Drive
1 to 6 p.m. @ Christ U. M.

May 19: Primary Election

May 23 : Ed Pfeiffer Memorial

Basketball Tournament

June 27: Soapbox Race

June 28 - July 3: Pineknatter Days

August 1: Lemonade Day

August 8: Corn Festival

October 24: Fall Festival

October 24 & 25: Haunted Walks
at Pineknatter Park

October 28: Halloween Parade

November 30: Santa in the Park

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

RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

Friends and relatives who have placed memorial items are requested to remove them by March 15th. Items remaining after March 15th will be removed by staff.

BOROUGH OFFICIALS

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Paul Ruane

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Tim Fink

Fire Chief

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