

THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Spring 2010

Event Schedule

10:00 – 11:00
C.W. Rice History Club Skit

11:00 - 12:00
Captain Mick's Canal History
Slide Show - CUM Church

12:00 - 1:00
Civil War History with
John Deppen

1:00 – 2:00
Fiddle & Drum Folk
Music Performance
2:00 – 3:00
Captain Mick's Canal History
Slide Show - CUM Church

3:00 – 4:00
Native American History

HISTORY DAY PLANNED FOR MAY 8

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 8 for the 8th Annual History Day! The celebration will take place in King Street Park in Northumberland, 10am – 4pm. This family fun event will take you back in time to experience the days of canals, furniture making, open hearth cooking, folk music, and more.

Northumberland is full of remarkable history. Not only is Northumberland home to Joseph Priestley; it also boasts a wealth of railroad and canal history. Did you know that Northumberland was one of the most preeminent canal towns in Pennsylvania, with three canals coming together at the basin? Canals became extremely valuable in the early days of transportation, cutting the cost of freight by nearly two thirds! The canal history of Northumberland will surely not be forgotten at this event. Stop by to see Captain Mick (shown at right) and watch his canal history slide show at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in the Christ United

Method Church. The Muncy Historical Society's packet boat will be on display with The PA Canal Society on hand to answer any questions.

A variety of live demonstrators will take you back to the past and include the Victorian high wheelers, Fort Augusta Woodworking, Susquehanna Valley



Weavers & Spinners, a Confederate washer woman, a chair caner, a needlepoint artist, a muzzle loader, a blacksmith, a flax weaver, and a soap maker. On display will be railroad artifacts, old business signs, genealogy, outhouse artifacts, pre-war bicycles, army vehicles, and WWI and WWII artifacts. John Moore will be exhibiting with his books and 1750's storytelling. The Fort Augusta Regiment and 1750's re-enactors will also be a sight not to miss! Be sure to check out the Strolling 19th Century Flea Circus & Snake Oil Medicine Show! Bring your appetite, because History Day just wouldn't be complete without all of the great homemade food!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Borough of Northumberland is a wonderful place to live! I have lived here on and off for about 22 years. A number of controversial issues have faced its residents over the years. Today is no different. We must forge ahead, put the controversy behind us, and take care of our town.

The position of a borough councilman can be a thankless job as are most volunteer positions. My ultimate goal is to improve the borough by making decisions that benefit our community as a whole. You may sometimes disagree with the decisions that are made, but it is up to the elected officials to see the whole picture and not just one issue. It is a daunting task and one which I relish because it is my vision of total borough improvement that drives me.

As the current borough council president, it is my duty to oversee, through council committees, the entire business of the borough. Not an easy task! The borough is facing some decisions concerning our streets and buildings.

And there are the ever-rising costs of wages and healthcare. While we strive to balance a budget without tax increases, the reality is we can't always cut departments to keep from raising taxes. Many times the borough has saved money through volunteer actions. I personally have given more than 7500 hours of technical, maintenance, and managing time to the borough. While recognizing the savings to the borough, we should question what the borough would have done without donated services such as these?

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History Day continued

This year's specials will be chicken corn soup, beef brisket sandwiches, ice cream, and baked goods. History Day will have plenty of drinks to quench your thirst like homemade iced tea, lemonade, and old favorite sodas such as sarsaparilla and birch beer.

There will be numerous activities throughout the day for everyone to enjoy...

- *Children's Colonial Crafts & Games - free*
- *Buggy rides with the Mifflinburg Buggy Museum - free for children*
- *Portrait Boards - free for children*
- *Van Wagner's Logging Encampment Program*
- *American Indian Interpretation and artifacts*
- *Folk Music of fiddle and drums*
- *Open Hearth Cooking*
- *"Popcorn Cinema Road Show" at the United Methodist Church*
- *Priestley Chapel Open House*

For more information, feel free to contact Noelle Long at 473-7563.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The parade forms at the King Street Park at 8:30 a.m. Monday, May 31, and will move at 9:00 a.m. The service will be at 9:30 a.m. in Riverview Cemetery. After the service, a canteen will be held at the American Legion Post 44 on Route 11.



Veterans graves will be decorated May 27 at 6:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

Kids Krafty Korner @ the Girl Scout Little House

for ages 5 through 5th grade from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings June 9, 16, 23, 30 and July 7, & 14. Registration forms are available at the Borough office or register the first day at the Little House on 3rd Street. NO FEE for participation. A time of crafts and games sponsored by the Joseph Anselmo Trust Fund and Northumberland Borough Parks & Recreation. Registration forms are available at the borough office or online at www.northumberlandborough.com

2ND STREET COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

We've moving! By the end of April, the Borough offices will be located at the 2nd Street Community Center. The Pennsylvania Conservation Corp has done a wonderful job refurbishing and refinishing the classrooms near the stage. Meetings will continue to be held at the Borough Building at 221 Second Street until the move is complete.



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OR STOP IN AND SEE US

From the President continued

It is a great thing to save the borough money through volunteerism. It can't however, be the rule of thumb. We can't always count on volunteers to fill in the large gaps that exist. The following are issues I feel we are or will be facing in the near future:

- Streets, signage and storm water
- Second Street Community Center
- Parks, Recreation, Playgrounds
- Police and Public Works services
- Borough equipment
- Property improvement, especially along Duke Street as it is one of the main corridors of town that people see as they pass through town

Please consider what services are important to you and what price you are willing to pay for those improvements. Maintenance costs are much lower than replacement costs. The key is to stay ahead of replacing, wisely maintain and replace when necessary.

What suggestions do you have to improve our community as a

whole? How you feel about the services you receive from our office, our web site, our police and public works departments?

There has been little public comment, leading me to think that you are satisfied with the projects that are in progress and for the services you receive for your tax dollars. If this is not the case, please voice your opinion and get involved. Submit your opinions through email (office@northumberlandborough.com) or letters. I also welcome your public comments at council meetings. Positive constructive criticism is going to go far in determining future projects and services.

This is your town. Decide what you can do to make a difference. Get involved, volunteer your time, improve your properties and ultimately make Northumberland an even better place to live.

Greg Carl, Council President



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

May 13 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Christ United Methodist Church

LITTLE LEAGUE PARADE

The parade starts at Noon on Memorial Day. Chicken BBQ will be available at 11:00 a.m. Additional information is available by calling Rich Tyler at 556-8822 or e-mailing Chris Swanger at swanger93@gmail.com

MAYOR'S CALL FOR PRAYER

Northumberland, I am proud to say, has always been my home! The tragedies that have hit our community in the last several months have been devastating to many families along with their friends and or neighbors. Many of us have been going through the stages of grief -. denial, pain, anger, depression. Many lives have been changed forever. How do we all get through these dark times? How do we move on to take an upward turn toward reconstruction, acceptance and hope? I would ask you to join me in prayer. Pray for the families who have been touched by these tragedies. Help them deal with their grief. Pray for a cleansing and healing of our neighborhoods. Ask God for protection against the evil that has descended on us. It is easy to become discouraged and negative at times like these. Provide positive suggestions. Help where you can. Be a part of the healing process.

The Northumberland Ministerium has set up a rotating morning prayer and worship in several churches at 8:00 a.m. daily as part of their outreach program. Starting Monday April 12, the weekly schedule is as follows: Monday - Trinity United Methodist at 6th and King; Tuesday - St. John's Lutheran at 3rd and Queen; Wednesday - Christ United Methodist at Front and King; Thursday - Grace Lutheran on Route 11; Friday - Saint Marks at 2nd and King. Please join them each day in prayer for our community and nation. If you can't be at the church, please stop where you are at 8:00 a.m. and lift a prayer. May God bless our community and nation as we embark on this prayer adventure and thank you for your participation.

Gretchen H. Brosius, Mayor

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IN A PERFECT WORLD

In a perfect world everyone would follow all of the rules, do everything right, be nice at all times, etc. If this were true, we would not need any reminders when things go wrong. There would be no need for police, code enforcement, truant officers, etc. Unfortunately, not everyone does what they are supposed to do.

No one likes to get a letter or phone call from Code Enforcement. It usually means that there is a problem. Spring sees an increase in code violations due to high grass, high weeds, unkempt properties, cluttered porches, etc. There are sometimes concerns regarding swimming pools or building permits. If in doubt, call and check before buying that pool or beginning that project.

Spring is a good time to rid the porch of accumulated items. Indoor furniture may not be kept on porches. Trash must be kept in covered containers. Trash bags may not be allowed to accumulate. If you are a renter your landlord must provide trash removal. They may pass along the cost to you, but the pick-up must be provided. Dog feces must be cleaned up frequently so that the odor does not cause concern for others. When walking your dog it must be on a leash (no matter how well behaved YOU THINK the dog is). You must clean up after your dog when walking it on borough streets or sidewalks!!

Take the time to go outside your property and see what needs to be done. Pick up the litter, remove old tires, pull the weeds, and take pride in what you have done. It is for the good of your neighborhood and community.

If you are sent a letter or receive a phone call, please take care of the matter immediately. If you have to be issued a reminder in the form of a certified letter the cost is now over \$5.00 per letter. This is a waste of taxpayer dollars! Let's work together to make this the best place to live.

CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Rummage Sale

April 29 & 30 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

May 1 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Free Community Dinner

May 15 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

June 19 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

New York City Bus Trip

"On Your Own" - \$35 per person

June 5 6:30 a.m.

YARD WASTE RECYCLING



The Borough Street Department will conduct a curbside yard waste recycling service on June 7, 8, and 9. The schedule will follow the "No Parking" signs posted on the streets. The hill section of the Borough will be canvassed on

Wednesday, June 9. Material that is accepted is yard waste from trimming trees, bushes and plants. All trimmings are to be tied up or in trash-type containers ready for dumping; **NO PLASTIC BAGS**. Bundles may not weigh more than 50 pounds. The yard waste is to be placed on the sidewalk side of the curb and ready for pick-up **NO LATER** than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled pick-up day. **DO NOT PLACE ANY MATERIAL IN THE STREETS**. The Street Department will not spend more than five minutes per residence and may not enter yards to pick up brush.

MATERIAL NOT ACCEPTED:

- GRASS (Return grass to the earth using a mulching mower.)
- Any trimmings over 4 inches in diameter or longer than 4 feet
- Trees or tree trunks (whole or split). If you or someone you hire cuts down a tree, the removal is your/their responsibility.
- Tree stumps or bushes with roots or dirt
- Leaves

A new service is being implemented. Borough residents may drop off brush at the Recycling Center on the last Thursday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The drop-off schedule will begin the last Thursday of May and conclude the last Thursday of August.

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WEST BRANCH SUSQUEHANNA SOJOURN – JUNE 13 - 19, 2010

Come Explore the Scenic West Branch

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership is partnering with Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and Trout Unlimited to host this year's West Branch Susquehanna River Sojourn. The sojourn is an educational sojourn partially funded through a Pennsylvania Organization for Watershed Restoration (POWR) grant.

The sojourn will begin Sunday June 13th in Renovo, Pennsylvania and conclude 6 days and 97 miles later at Shikellamy State Park in Northumberland, Pennsylvania.

Sojourners will experience life on the river away from the demands of their own daily lives. Along the journey, Sojourners will be participating in various service projects, educational presentations, entertainment and of course, games to help achieve a better understanding and stronger connection with the river. Some of the interesting things that will be covered are red wall fish fossils, lumber heritage and aquatic biology.

Registration is set to open April 19th, 2010. More information at www.susquehannagreenway.org.

NORTHUMBERLAND POINT TWP SENIOR ACTION CENTER

Card Parties are May 27, June 24 and July 22 starting at 12:30 p.m. They usually play 500 and Pinochle. Refreshments are served.

Bingo is every Monday & Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. along with nickel Bingo on Friday's at 12:15 p.m. Public is welcome.

Wii is available at the center. It can be played almost anytime and is a great form of exercise and entertainment.

Crafts are every Monday morning.

Bible Study meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Exercise is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Hot Lunches are available and are served at 11:30 a.m. You must call the day before in order to get a meal.

Penny Poker is played every Tuesday afternoon starting at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Trips for May

Wal-Mart in Selinsgrove on May 4, van cost \$2.

Vo-tech in Shamokin on May 13, van cost \$2.

Red Lobster on May 20, 2 vans will be going. The cost of the van will be paid by the center for any member going.

Birthday's are celebrated each month on the 3rd Wednesday. We serve ice cream & cake along with lunch.

Blood Pressure/Blood Sugar screening is free on May 12 and July 21, courtesy of Sunbury Community Hospital from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Mother's Day Meal is May 7, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Vitamins for Seniors on May 10, Donna Fritz will be here at 10:30 a.m. to talk about vitamins and will have a small activity.

Open House is on Wednesday, May 12.

Hoss's Community Night is on May 12th. A ticket can be picked up at the center. For every ticket handed in before your meal, the center will receive 20% of the cumulative total bill for that night. It's a great fundraiser for the center. Starts at 4:00 p.m. until closing.

Stretching Class by Shamokin Dam Health Center on June 9 at 10:30 a.m.

Annual Picnic by Area Agency on Aging will be at Knoebel's on June 16, please call the center for more information.

Father's Day Meal is June 18, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Anniversary Banquet is at the Ric-Mar Restaurant on July 13, at 5:00 p.m. Vic Boris will be our entertainment.

Contact the center at 473-9373.



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

WANTED!

VOLUNTEERS

Pineknott Days committees are hard at work for this summer's event. Please consider giving an hour or two to help. The next meeting is May 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Kiwanis Building. Set up time for the event is Thursday, July 1st and Friday July 2 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday July 3 at 9:00 a.m. Time to clean up the park will be Saturday July 10.

If you want to help with a stand during the week please call one of the following committee members and volunteer a shift from 6 to 8 or 8 to 10 p.m.

Cake Wheel:	Jane Sanders-Ressler	473-8343
Car Show:	Mike McWilliams	473-9802
Children's Games:	Tom Propst	473-3467
Craft Show:	Shelly Shoemaker	473-8710
Pineknott Store:	Gretchen Brosius	473-9426
Hot Dog Wagon:	Carol Diehl	473-3278
	Pat Propst	473-3467
Soapbox Race:	Tim Fink	473-3414

BOROUGH HOUSEKEEPING

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



NORTHUMBERLAND POINT TWP SENIOR ACTION CENTER TRIPS

Mohegan Sun – May 19

Departure is 8:30 a.m. from Kmart and arrival home at 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$21.00 due by April 21. Price includes \$20-25 free play and \$10 food voucher.

Erharts @ Hawley, PA – June 2nd

Grand Old Opry, dinner and a show. Departure is 9:30 a.m. from Methodist Church and arrival home at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$76.00 due by April 1st. Price includes bus, dinner and show.

Mount Rushmore – September 8 to 17

See House on Rock, Wisconsin Dells, Sioux Falls, Corn Palace, Deadwood, Wall Drug, Badlands, Custer St. Park, Crazy Horse Memorial and much more. Cost is \$1568 per person for a double room; price includes 9 breakfasts, 9 dinners & 2 lunches.

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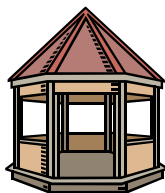
POSSIBLE NEW ORDINANCE

The Borough Council is considering an ordinance that will amend the regulations for parking on the streets during Legal Holidays. Once adopted, parking restrictions posted for "No Parking" on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays will not be applicable on these holidays. The term "legal Holidays" shall mean and include: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Primary Election Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, General Election Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. No other dates shall be considered a "legal Holiday". The council will vote on this change at the May 4th council meeting.

2ND STREET PLAYGROUND

Plans are currently underway to add a picnic pavilion on the grounds near the playground. This will provide much-needed shade for the young and young at heart who visit the playground.

COMMUNITY PAVILIONS



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

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Saturday, July 3

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Sunday, July 4

"His Servants" Concert - 6 pm
Community Church Service - 7 pm
King Street Park Gazebo

Monday, July 5

WVLY Live Broadcast
Craft Show - 9 am to 3 pm
Billy D & Rosie on Stage
Balloon Animal Artist - 10 am to 2 pm
Chicken BBQ - 11 am
Pineknottedter Store & Concessions - 10 am to 10 pm
Pineknottedter Good Citizenship Award - 7 pm
Pineknottedter of the Year Award - 8 pm
Shama-Lama Concert - 7 pm

NEW - ART ON THE PARK / PINE-O-TOPIA

A hands-on art show for everyone at the rear of 80 & 96 King Street
WKOK will cover the award ceremonies.
Chicken BBQ by Eureka Lodge #404



Tuesday, July 6

Pineknottedter Store & Concessions - 6 to 10 pm
Anne Kerstetter Band Concert - 7 pm
Eagle 107 Live Broadcast

Wednesday, July 7

Pineknottedter Store & Concessions - 6 to 10 pm
Prince Charles & the Royal Tones - 7 pm

Thursday, July 8

Pineknottedter Store & Concessions - 6 to 10 pm
94KX Live Broadcast
Re-Creation Concert - 7 pm
co-sponsored by: Northumberland National Bank



Friday, July 9

Pineknottedter Store & Concessions - 6 - 10 pm
Car Show - 6 to 9 pm
Mud Flaps Concert - 7 pm
WLZS 106.1 FM Live Broadcast - Shane Nelson

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Northumberland – Point Township
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59TH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The prayer theme is "For such a time as these" and will be held Thursday, May 6 at the Boro Building corner at 2nd & Orange Streets at Noon. The Northumberland Ministerium asks you to join them to pray for the nation. "The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him." Nahum 1:17

DID YOU KNOW.....?

Did you know that our beautiful King Street Park was not always so lovely? At one time it was below grade and was mostly a dump. The grass was kept "cut" by grazing cows and a Mexican burro, named Ginger, who was owned by the Taggart family. Neighbor kids used part of it as an athletic field.

When a cap factory was being built in town, the earth that was removed in order to excavate for the new building, was put in the park. It brought up the grade somewhat. In the summer weeds, grass, and cornstalks grew up to ten feet high. It became a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other insects. It was quite an eyesore.

Eventually around 1930 enough soil was added in order to level it off. Paths were laid in much the same fashion as they are today. A cement monument commemorating the Gettysburg Address and a cannon were added. Over the years improvements have continued to be made.

Our park now features a beautiful pond that can be enjoyed year round. There are pretty trees and flowers along with a much used gazebo. The park is home to many activities throughout the year. Make it a point to visit often.

Polling Locations

Election Day is Tuesday, May 18.

Polls Open

7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

First Ward

221 Second Street

Second Ward

Girl Scout Little House

Third Ward

Kiwanis Building

YOUR SEWER BILL

Shortly, if not already, you will be receiving your second quarter sewer bill. The Northumberland Sewer Authority is in the process of initiating a different accounting and billing system. This necessitates changing the look of the sewer bill. The rates are the same, \$87 a quarter or \$348 annually. It also means your bill is arriving later than normal. We are making every effort to input correct information into the new system. If you see a discrepancy in your bill, please call the sewer office at 473-1992. Payments can be made by mail, or at the Northumberland National Bank. Payments will no longer be accepted at the sewer authority office.


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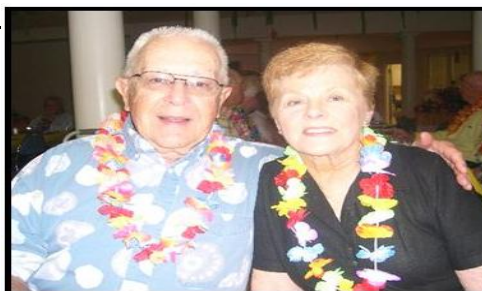


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As winter fades, we all rejoice in warm weather, our gardens and getting back outside again. It also brings lots of activity to the Priestley Library.

A new youth program that has taken off recently is Nature Nuts. Studies have shown that children are not being exposed to the outdoors and nature. This program offers fun parent/child activities that explore the wonders of nature. Taking place Wed. evenings at 6:30, field trips are being planned.

Adults Our first computer workshops were a great success, we have an on-going list of people who are interested in the next class. We are looking at evening and Sat classes depending on demand. If you are interested, let us know!

May 1st is Derby Day We are featuring some traditional favorites and some exciting new items to bid on. The food and beverages are free and delicious, the Derby is on big screens to watch and a great time is had by all. Come support the library, laugh, socialize and get something really nice for yourself. The more the merrier.

Adults will be treated to a cake decorating workshop on Wed. May 26th from 6-8pm. This is a workshop that will focus on various techniques for decorating. Angie Porter is a professional who creates cakes for a variety of events.

Adults....like to read and discuss with a group? The Norry Book Club meets the 4th Tues. of every month. Call Karen and see what books are being talked about. We are hoping soon to be collaborating with Evangelical Hospital and starting up a "library walk". We are also planning a floral program.

Our library is looking for individuals who love the library and would like to be a part of it. Friends groups are a critical part of library support. If you are interested, call the library or stop in to let us get your information.

June will of course kick-off our summer reading program. We are very excited about the program and are planning some really neat activities and incentives for reading. More will be coming as the time gets closer.

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We would also like to implement a monthly email notification system for important events and happenings in the borough, and eventually for distribution of *The Pineknott News* to the web connected. Email us at newsletter@northumberlandborough.com with Subscribe in the subject line to join.

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THE EPA FINDINGS AT PINEKNOTTER PARK

The EPA provides a website at www.epaosc.org/pineknoller that contains reports and information about the inspections that were conducted at Pineknoller Park. It also provides the EPA's response to questions that were asked of them regarding their investigation and assessment that the park is safe for public use.

CONNECTING WITH YOUR LOCAL OFFICIALS

Have a question or concern? In addition to the traditional letter or telephone call, borough officials and employees can be emailed at:

Council President, Greg Carl - president@northumberlandborough.com

Mayor, Gretchen Brosious - mayor@northumberlandborough.com

Borough Secretary, Jan Bowman - office@northumberlandborough.com

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NOTTINGHAM VILLAGE SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 32 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

It's hard to believe that 32 years ago little Anna Zerbe walked through the front door of a brand new 121 bed Nursing Center in Northumberland. She checked into her room, shared a delicious meal in the dining room, grabbed her car keys and rushed off to a bank board meeting. Nottingham Village was born!

Since that very first resident, they've enhanced the lives of seniors. Although retirement and long term care has changed drastically since 1977, Nottingham Village is on the cutting edge offering the newest changes and advancements possible.

In 1984, the Retirement Center apartment building was opened. The traditional apartments with elegant common areas give seniors a comfortable home with activities, delicious meals, security and companionship.

In order to continue Nottingham Village's goals of offering a complete range of services and facilities to the mature adult, 12 retirement rental Country Houses were started, offering an option to area retirees wishing to downsize and simplify.

In 1991, they added an addition onto their nursing center building with private and semi-private suites. These 20 additional rooms became "Personal Care" which means some assistance, but not skilled nursing care. The more easily understood term "Assisted Living" crept into the mix and seemed to clarify the different levels more easily.

Assisted Living/Personal Care offers residents some assistance with Activities of Daily Living, dressing, bathing, meals and medication dispensing. Nottingham Village offers these services to the residents in the Retirement Center. Sometimes a resident joins their family as an independent retiree, but as needs change, they can offer these services while the resident remains in their apartment. Or perhaps one person in a couple needs the extra help and the other does not.

The higher level of Personal Care has now become "Heather Court" where they specialize in memory care with a dementia trained staff.

We're all living longer and this opens up a multitude of changes for families and residents. Planning for your future is a wise move. Aging will be easier if you have control over your choices.

LIBERTY SPLASHLAND NEW HOURS & BOWL SLIDE

**New hours, same rates!**

Opening day is Friday June 4th at 12:00 noon.

Admission is free on Opening Day (as in years past). Liberty Splashland now open at noon. Lap lane swimming will be permitted from noon to 12:30 and from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. The lap lanes will be closed to all other swimmers during these times. Additionally, we will extend hours until 8:00 p.m. for 2 nights each month for families who want to swim after work. The dates have yet to be determined.

Our rates are still the same.

Admission is \$4.00. Seniors 55+ \$2.00 and kids 5 and under are free. Rates are half price after 5 PM. Season passes are still \$150 for a family, \$80 for an individual and \$45 for a lap lane pass. To qualify for a family pass, all pass holders must reside at the same address. Season passes are available at 10% discount until May 14th at the borough office, 175 Orange St.

Rent the Park!

Birthdays, family reunions, company picnics and renting the entire park are available. Details available at the Borough office, Liberty Splashland once the park opens and online at www.northumberlandborough.com or by calling the borough office at 473-3414 and the park at 473-1993.

The bowl slide is here and partially assembled at its new home. It will be the only bowl slide at a PA municipal park. There are three in PA, all at commercial parks. We were lucky to obtain this slide. At about 12¢ on the dollar, it is probably the purchase of a lifetime.

A thrill ride, the bowl slide starts users about 40' off the ground. You enter the tube with hands crossed over your chest and feet crossed and zoom down the tube. Once you enter the bowl, you spin around and around and then splash down into a small swimming pool. The slide should be operational for the 2011 season. Some are disappointed it won't be running this season. That is because we need your financial support to complete the project. With the recent grant of \$10,000, we surpassed the halfway mark of our goal of \$100,000 to finish the project. We are currently at \$52,000. We need your support to get the slide installed in a timely manner.

Hopefully, the bowl slide will draw kids away from the river. Two children had their lives cut short because they played in the river unsupervised. We don't want to see that happen here. It should also help our facility operate in the "black". Tax dollars are not used to operate Liberty Splashland only for capital improvements. Of which the labor is almost entirely done by Greg Carl, his son Taylor, Tom Slodysko and the borough crew. We are working toward a vision of a better community pool. Please Join Us!

BUY A BLOCK!

All throughout the bath house are blocks that people bought in 1976 and painted with their own designs. Take a moment to see those that people did some 30 years ago. For \$50 per block, you can become a fan of history and have your very own block with a family name or picture or design for an individual or group.

For those able to donate more, your name will be engraved on a plaque:

Friend \$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 \$300 to \$499

Get your engraved name and a family season pass good for up to 4 people for the first season the bowl slide is open.

Sponsor \$500 to \$999

Name engraved on an individual plaque.

Benefactor \$1000 to \$4999

Name engraved on an individual plaque.

Partner \$5000 or more

Name engraved on an individual 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 Jane Smith" whatever you like, with minimal restrictions.

Please send your donation and contact information to:

Liberty Splashland
Northumberland Borough Office
221 Second Street
Northumberland, PA 17857.
All donations are greatly appreciated.

Name: _____

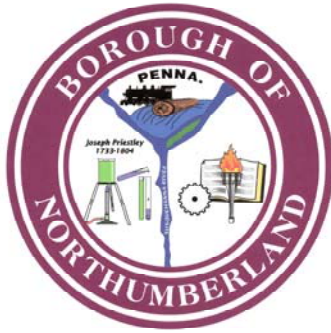
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring 2010

PUBLIC MEETING DATES

Borough Council

May 4
June 1 & 29
July 20
August 3
September 7
October 5
November 1
December 7 & 21

Work Sessions

May - no session
June - no session
July - no session
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December - no session

MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Comm. Dev. – 2nd Monday at 6:00 p.m. as needed
Finance – July 27 at 7:00 p.m., Sept. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Personnel - meets in closed meetings through the year
Public Safety – the 3rd Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. as needed
Planning Commission – last Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
Rules Committee - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Streets – the 1st Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

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

Meetings are held in the Borough Building, 221 Second Street. until offices are moved to 2nd Street.

The Emergency Services Board will meet at 6:00 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.

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 2: Derby Day at the Library
May 6: National Day of Prayer
May 8: History Day

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

May 18: Primary Election
July 3: Soapbox Race
July 4-10: Pineknatter Days
July 5: Craft Show
July 31: Corn Festival
August 7: Lemonade Day

CRIME WATCH

1st Monday of the month at 7:00. May 3rd meeting will be at the 2nd St. Community Center.

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
- Batteries

LIBERTY SPLASHLAND

Opening Day June 4

Daily

Noon to 6:30

Lap Swim

Noon to 12:30 & 6:00 to 6:30



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