

The PINEKNOTTER News

Winter 2013 published by



where the waters meet...

If you have any news or events that you would like to see listed on our website or published in the newsletter please email us at info@17857.org.

HAPPENINGS

Jolly Hollow is one step closer to being transformed into a dog park. \$6,000 has been raised for the fence.

Christopher Wolfe was elected to replace Johnny Rees on Northumberland's Borough Council.

History Halls Open House at the Borough Building on May 26th.

OWNERSHIP OF PRIESTLEY CHAPEL IN LOCAL HANDS

By Shelley Paul, Events Coordinator Priestley Chapel Associates

The Priestley Chapel Associates are proud to inform readers of *The Pinkeknatter News* that we have procured ownership of the historic Priestley Chapel from the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston. Our board and members have been trusted to maintain the historic building for future generations. We are hoping that the community will consider this historic lovely chapel for weddings and special services. Intimate, elegant, romantic and beautiful, the chapel is the perfect place for the bride and groom with a guest list of 80 or less. Fees for use of the chapel support its preservation.

The Chapel was built in 1834 by Rev. Dr. Joseph Priestley's grandson, Joseph Rayner Priestley and members of the Unitarian Congregation in Northumberland.

The plot of land was donated by the Taggart family. The chapel houses one of only two John Wind organs still in existence. John Wind was an organ and piano maker from Lancaster and our organ dates to 1815, making it older than the Chapel itself!

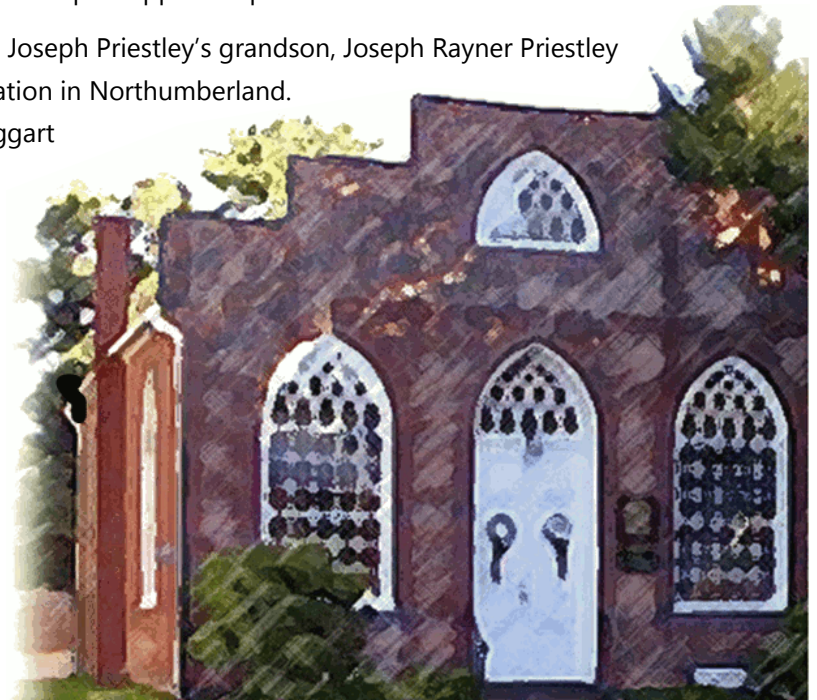
In 1909 trustees of the Priestley Chapel transferred ownership of the Priestley Chapel to the Unitarian Association in Boston. In 1912 two stained glass windows were installed in the back wall. During World War I the Chapel was used by the Red Cross. In 1939, a

decision was made to install pews to replace the chairs that had been used by the Congregation. The chairs were sold for \$1.00 a piece and the proceeds put towards the purchase of the new pews which were built by a local carpenter to match the original pews at the side of the altar.

The Priestley Chapel Associates was formed locally in 1977 to care for the chapel. Over the years many repairs and improvements have been made to the Chapel with the funds left by the Priestley and Taggart families, and by generous gifts of local people to the Priestley Chapel Associates. In August 2012 ownership of the chapel was transferred from the Unitarian Universalist Association in Boston into the care of the Priestley Chapel Associates.

In keeping with the tradition of improving the Chapel, we recently completed an annex with a rest room that includes a changing table for infants and serves as a comfortable changing area for brides. We welcome everyone to attend our First Sunday Program of poetry and music each month from 9:30-10:10 am. For information about events and use of the Priestley Chapel please visit our website www.priestleychapel.org or call (570) 490-2818.

The Priestley Chapel Associates is a non-profit 501c3 member organization. A membership application can be found on our website or by calling (570) 490-2818.



THE MAYOR'S CORNER

By Mayor Len Zboray

The year 2012 was a special year for our Borough at King Street Park!

The Borough would like to thank the S. Luther Savidge

Charitable Trust for the donation of \$5,000.00. Be-

cause of this, we were able to purchase LED lights,

trees, snowflakes, ribbon, and extension cords.

Many church, schools, and civic groups decorated

the twenty-one fresh trees to the delight of many resi-

dents and visitors.

I wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped with decorating our park and downtown area for the holidays. Also, thanks to our street department and office employees who placed the decorations and Santa's House; all who helped with Santa's arrival, and thanks to Santa himself!

It is my sincere hope that all of our citizens will have a prosperous and safe New Year. May you reach any goals you have set for 2013!

Please enjoy my puns for "educated minds"

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was "Sir Cumference".

He acquired his size from too much "pi".

I thought I saw an eye-doctor on an Alaskan Island, but it turned out to be an optical "Aleutian".

A rubber-band pistol was confiscated from an algebra class, because it was a weapon of "math disruption".

No matter how much you push the envelope, it will still be "stationery".

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for "littering".

Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a "tie".

Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: "You stay here; I'll go on "a head".

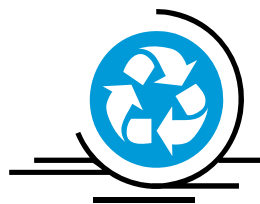
When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion.

If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you would be "in Seine".

A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry sir, only one "carrion" allowed per passenger'.

Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says. "Dam!"

There was the person who sent 10 puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun "in ten did"!



RECYCLING CENTER NEWS

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:

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Newspapers - bundled and in a plastic bag

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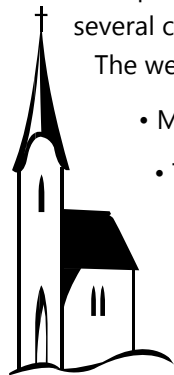
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MORNING PRAYER / WORSHIP

The Northumberland Ministerium is continuing the morning prayer and worship time as part of their outreach program. Rotating between several churches, services are at 8:00 a.m., Monday thru Friday.

The weekly schedule is as follows:

- Monday - St. John's Lutheran, 3rd & Queen;
- Tuesday - Trinity United Methodist, 6th & King
- Wednesday - Christ United Methodist, Front & King;
- Thursday - Grace Lutheran, Route 11;
- Friday - Saint Mark's, King & 2nd Streets



NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

February 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2013

Four Days of Fun! Indoor Yard Sale at the Hunter House. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come out of hibernation and check out the bargains! Snow dates are February 20, 21, 22 and 23.

Donations of clean, gently used items are needed to make our sale a success. We are now accepting donations of used kitchenware, glassware, china, books, toys, craft and hobby items, holiday decorations, videos, DVDs and items of local interest. Sorry, no clothing, pillows, bedding, electrical appliances, stuffed animals or encyclopedia sets will be accepted.

Please remember us as you declutter your closets, basements, and attics. Donations may be dropped off at the Hunter House by appointment or we can pick up your donation. Call us @ 286-4083.



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Topping is the senseless practice of indiscriminately removing a majority of a tree's branches. Topping violates acceptable pruning practices.

Many people think that topping will help their tree or make them smaller and safer, but in reality it is one of the worst things you can do to your tree! Topping does not make your tree safer. Topping actually creates a more dangerous tree because it opens branches up to decay

and rot fungi, slowly weakening the tree internally, shortening its life, and causes future branch breakage and storm damage. Before you prune your trees, get some advice from the local Shade Tree Commission or Penn State Cooperative Extension office about proper pruning and how to select a qualified arborist, such as an ISA Certified Arborist.

Alternatives to Topping

Sometimes a tree must be reduced in height or spread. Providing clearance for utility lines is an example. There are recommended techniques for doing so. If practical, branches should be removed back to their point of origin. If a branch must be shortened, it should be cut back to a lateral that is large enough to assume the terminal role. A rule of thumb is to cut back to a lateral that is at least one-third the diameter of the limb being removed.

This method of branch reduction helps to preserve the natural form of the tree. However, if large cuts are involved, the tree may not be able to close over and compartmentalize the wounds. Sometimes the best solution is to remove the tree and replace it with a species that is more appropriate for the site.

The information above is from the following sites — www.patrees.org and www.treesaregood.com.

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NORTHUMBERLAND

By Greg Carl

What do you think of when you hear

that word? It means different things to different people. My goal is to have it actually mean something to people who don't live here. I want people to say "I know that place". After years of hard work, I believe Northumberland has become better known.

Why should we want others to know about our Borough? Because it is to our benefit when people have a positive image of Northumberland in their mind when they hear the name. That place then becomes a more desirable place to live and work and play. Specifically, my mission has been to make it a better place to live and play.

Our limited resources do not make that easy to accomplish. Fortunately, others share my vision including local individuals, trusts, foundations and political figures. It is through their cooperation and support that many improvements have been made to Liberty Splashland. This summer will be 15th season I have been involved at the park. Each year we put together a list of improvements we would like to accomplish. Not every item gets accomplished but we do some every year and a big project every couple of years. It is an attitude of continual improvement that has kept us growing and offering the public something fun to do right here in central PA.

Information and photos can be found at various places on the web: www.libertysplashland.com, is our web presence, YouTube has video of the bowl slide, we have a Facebook page, and images are showing up on Pinterest. Go to www.visitpa.com and search for attractions in

the Valleys of the Susquehanna and you will find Liberty Splashland. Newswatch 16 has shown the park several times. The Daily Item has done numerous articles. We have also been recognized by the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society for our improvements.

Liberty Splashland is the only municipally owned and operated water-park in Pennsylvania that has a bowl slide. This added entertainment value to the park will draw all age groups. Teenagers and adults alike will be saying "let's go to the bowl slide today" when just swimming in the pool would garner little to no interest. It's fun to see grown adults ride the Liberty Bowl over and over and over. Mission accomplished.

All of this means good things for Northumberland. Our park will draw people from central Pennsylvania to our town. The added attendance brings challenges; but it also helps us grow and keeps the park viable for our residents. It should also provide additional revenue to the restaurants and other businesses here.

There will be some changes this year to the park since this is the first full season for the Liberty Bowl. We will be offering swim lessons, our own lifeguard certification classes and possibly some morning aqua-size classes. The April newsletter will have our rates, dates and times. Another dog swim is being planned for the end of the season as well.

Visit libertysplashland.com as the season approaches for all of our park information. We will be hiring again this year for all positions. Applications can be picked up at the borough office at 175 Orange Street. Season passes are our best value and will be available in April. Passes will be discounted 10% until May 17th. We are looking forward to seeing you at the park !



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DOWNTOWN PARKING PERMITS

The Borough is offering parking permits for residents and businesses in the downtown area. The permit allows the holder to park at metered parking spaces. A resident permit allows parking at meters marked with an "R". The business permit allows parking at any metered space. Permitted cars are still required to follow the "No Parking" signs. Permits cost \$20 per month, and can be purchased from the Borough office.

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N WILL YOU RESPOND?

By Brian Crebs, Northumberland Fire Chief

Have you seen this sign popping up around town?

Maybe you caught the short piece about the Northumberland Fire Department that aired on Newswatch 16 recently? Have you "liked" us on Facebook?

I think the sign does a pretty good job of capturing my message for this newsletter. The NFD needs **YOUR** help! Today!

I'm often surprised by what residents do not know about our municipal department. Thinking about it, I suppose that is our own fault. So here are some points of interest:

- We are 100% staffed by volunteers. Our membership is made up of folks of all ages, shapes, sizes, and experience levels. Our members receive no compensation for their time, effort, and dedication.
- We have three stations, the Northumberland Fire Company #1 on the corner of 2nd and Queen Streets, The Northumberland Hook & Ladder Company at 348 5th Street, and the Northumberland Fire Police, on Rt 11 near the underpass coming into the Borough.
- The NFD is part of an amazing history! Benjamin Franklin is widely credited with starting the first volunteer fire company in Philadelphia during the colonial era. At roughly the same time the Northumberland Fire Company #1 was originally being chartered in the borough. That is a history of more than 200 years of service!
- Currently we have about 12-15 active responders in total, which is roughly a third to a half of the staffing we really need. This dedicated group of men and women respond to roughly 270-300 calls annually for help in the Borough, Point Township, and neighboring municipalities. We also rely on mutual aid from many of these municipalities to support our efforts. These calls for help are not strictly fires, but ALWAYS require a team effort! Certainly we respond to fires, but there are a myriad of other needs for our ser-

vices. Vehicle accidents, automatic alarms, investigations, and emergency medical events top the list.

I like the sign campaign for membership we currently have going for lots of reasons, but a couple stand out. Like the sign says, we do not JUST fight fires as I previously mentioned. We're not looking for JUST firefighters. We need folks of ALL talents and skill sets. Mostly we are looking for people with a little time to offer, a desire to serve their community and fellow man, and a sense of belonging and dedication. We need folks with mechanical or fabrication skills, contracting skills, administration skills, and support personnel of all varieties. The business side of our department needs help as well. Grant writing and fundraising are also ongoing projects that we have additional needs for assistance with. Recent discussions have also lead us to discover that we are looking for a department photographer, and perhaps an IT professional!



The question I often hear: "What's in it for me?" Well, that's a good question. We will be happy to make you part of our team and probably give you a cool hat or T-shirt! Beyond that I can honestly say it's about what you choose to make of it. I can tell you that it's something that you learn to love, so much that you could be willing to devote nearly 25 years to the cause like myself and MANY of our members. You'll meet and hang out with an exceptionally passionate and interesting group of people, make lifelong friends, and have tremendous experiences. Maybe you only have a few hours a month to help out? That's perfect and you still get the cool T-shirt!

So if you or someone you know has even an inkling that they'd like to help out please reach out to us! Like us on Facebook, email us at nfdvolunteer@gmail.com, stop by one of the stations, or call the borough office where the folks there will get you in touch with us. We'd love to sit down and talk about your interests and the ways that we can work together.

Thank you and have a healthy and safe 2013!



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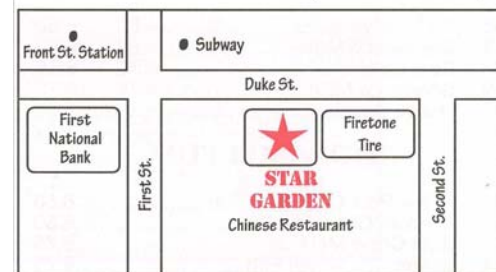
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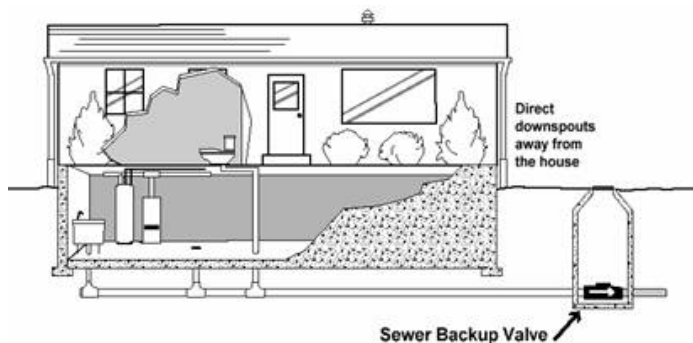
Properties in Northumberland's floodplain are subject to three flood problems: overbank flooding, local drainage, and sewer backup. You could be faced with one, two or all three of these hazards.

Overbank Flooding: Flooding of both the West Branch and the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. Since 1891, over 60 floods have caused the Susquehanna River to exceed its channel capacity and inundate riverfront communities. Overbank flooding also occurs along smaller tributaries that drain toward the Susquehanna River. Flooding also presents a safety hazard. Velocities can be as high as 6 or 7 feet per second – so fast that the flood will wash people off their feet in only ½ foot of floodwaters.

Local Drainage: There are several areas of local drainage problems where stormwater collects and does not drain away. Sometimes, flooding is aggravated by debris that has been carelessly thrown into the channel.

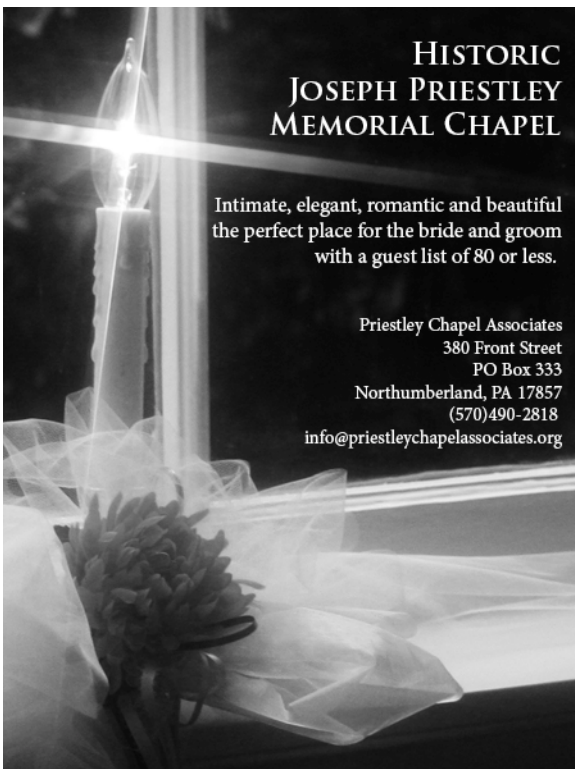
Sewer Backup: With no place to go, sewers back up and flow into the lowest opening in the sewer line. Sanitary sewers back up into basements and storm sewers back up into streets. Northumberland has had basement flooding caused by sewer backups.

Find out if your property is in the mapped floodplain and subject to overbank flooding by calling the Borough Office at 570-473-3414 or Point Township at 570-473-3198.



FLOODPROOFING

Floodproofing a house means altering it so floodwaters will not cause damage. Different floodproofing techniques are appropriate for different types of buildings. Use the following as a guideline:



guideline:

- If you have a basement or other floors below ground level, there are ways to protect your basement or lower floor from seepage and sewer backup (see illustration above).
- A Backup valve is the one way to prevent sewer backup.
- If your house is on a slab foundation, investigate a low floodwall, berm or "dry floodproofing" (i.e., making the walls watertight and closing all the openings when a flood comes).
- If your house is on a crawlspace, a low floodwall, berm or "wet floodproofing" will work. "Wet floodproofing" means moving all items subject to damage out of harm's way so water can flow into the crawlspace and

not cause any problems. If floodwaters go over the first floor, it is relatively easy to elevate the building to get the first floor above the flood level.

Emergency measures: No matter what kind of building you have, some last minute emergency measures can always help. For example, you could move valuable items (photos, antiques, and other "irreplaceables") or items that are most damaged by floodwaters (upholstered furniture, stuffed toys, mattresses, foam rubber, etc.) up to a higher level. You can place sandbags or plastic sheeting in front of doorways and other low entry points. Whatever emergency protection measures you use, it is always best to have a plan written in advance to make sure you don't forget anything after you hear the flood warning.

FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance is highly recommended because no flood proofing measure is 100% foolproof. 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. Any house in Northumberland can be covered by a flood insurance policy. Detached garages and accessory buildings are covered under the policy for the lot's main building. There are two types of coverage which can be purchased separately:

- Building coverage covers everything that stays with a house when it is sold, including the furnace, cabinets, built in appliances, and wall-to-wall carpeting.
- Contents coverage covers furniture and other personal possessions except for money, valuable papers, and the like. Renters can buy contents coverage, even if the owner does not buy building coverage.

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There is no coverage for things outside the house, like the driveway and landscaping. If you have a policy, check it closely. Some people have purchased flood insurance because it was required by the bank when they got a mortgage or home improvement loan. Usually these policies just cover the building's structure and not the contents.

An NFIP policy covers sewer backup and basement seepage if there is a general condition of flooding in the area. You may do better by checking out sump pump failure or sewer backup coverage that might be available as an addition to your homeowner's insurance policy. Each company has different amounts of coverage, exclusions, deductibles, and arrangements. Most exclude damage from surface flooding that would be covered by an NFIP 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. Contact your insurance agent for more information.

FLOOD PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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 regrading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain. ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE BOROUGH OR TOWNSHIP 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.



Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris. **DO NOT DUMP OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE**

DITCHES OR BASINS. Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Borough Code.

You can do your part in helping the drainage system work. Sweep or pick up your gutters to prevent blockages in the storm sewers. Pick up trash and fallen branches in the ditches.

New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. Borough 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 sub-

stantial 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.

For example, if a house in the floodplain is flooded, has a fire, is hit by a tornado, or is otherwise damaged so that the cost of repairs is more than 50% of the value of the building before the damage, then the house must be elevated above the base flood level.

Within the Borough, 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.

SAFETY TIPS

Do not walk through flowing water. Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. If you go through an area where the water is not flowing, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there. Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out.

Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. The number two flood killer after drowning is electrocution. Electrical current can travel

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To give blood, you must be generally healthy and feeling well, 17 years of age or older and weigh at least 110 pounds. Some states allow 16 year-olds to give blood with parental consent.

To schedule an appointment at one of our drives, please contact the Sunbury Area Chapter. The gratification is instant, the need is great. Give blood.



American Red Cross Blood Drives

March 6, 2013

Unitarian Congregation, Route 11
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

May 2, 2012

Christ United Methodist Church, Front & King Sts
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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through water. Report downed power lines to the Police Department by calling 911.

Look before you step. After a flood, the ground and floors are covered with debris including broken bottles and nails. Floors and stairs that have been covered with mud can be very slippery.

Look out for animals that have been flooded out of their homes and who may seek shelter in yours. Use a pole or stick to poke and turn things over and scare away small animals.

Be alert for gas leaks. Use a flashlight to inspect for damage. Don't smoke or use candles, lanterns, or open flames unless you know the gas has been turned off and the area has been ventilated.

Carbon monoxide exhaust kills. Use a generator or other gasoline powered machine outdoors. The same goes for camping stoves. Charcoal fumes are deadly when cooking with charcoal indoors.

Clean everything that got wet. Flood waters have picked up sewage and chemicals from roads, farms, factories, and storage buildings.

Spoiled food, flooded cosmetics, and medicine can be health hazards. When in doubt, throw them out.

Take good care of yourself. Recovering from a flood is a big job. It is tough on both the body and the spirit and the effects a disaster has on you and your family may last a long time. Keep your eyes open for signs of anxiety, stress, and fatigue in you and your family.



ELEVATION CERTIFICATES

New construction and substantial improvements to buildings on the floodplain requires a FEMA Elevation Certificate. A registered surveyor prepares this certificate. Information on the Certificate include ground elevation and elevation of the first floor of the structure. Elevation certificates are on file at Borough Office.

REAL TIME RIVER GAGE DATA

Real time stream information is available over the Internet. Water levels of the Susquehanna River can be obtained from the Sunbury river gage at Shamokin Dam on this website: http://waterdata.usgs.gov/pa/nwis/uv/?site_no=01554000&PARAMeter_cd=00065,00060,00010

RIVER FORECASTS

River forecast statements and river conditions can be obtained at the Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center, at State College, from this website: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/marfc/>.



FEMA is asking American's to "Resolve 2B Ready" in partnership with Citizen Corps and the Ad Council. This year's emphasis includes integrating technology into individuals, families and businesses preparedness plans. For more information visit www.fema.gov or www.redcross.org.

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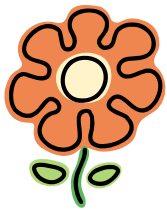
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... to Him be the glory forever! Amen.

13 THINGS YOUR BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU

Advice from a burglar

1. Of course I look familiar. I was here just last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your new refrigerator.
2. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.
3. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste... and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.
4. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway. And I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes you to remove it..
5. If it snows while you're out of town, get a neighbor to create car and foot tracks into the house.. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.



6. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.
7. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. and the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom - and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.
8. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door - understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.
9. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. (Don't take me up on it.)
10. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.
11. Here's a helpful hint: I almost never go into kids' rooms.
12. You're right: I won't have enough time

to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

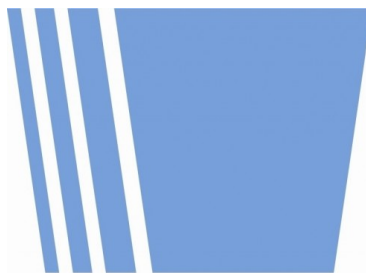
13. A loud TV or radio can be a better deterrent than the best alarm system. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real television. (Find it at <http://www.faketv.com>)

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina, Oregon, California, and Kentucky; security consultant Chris McGoey, who runs <http://www.crimedoctor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.



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.



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Borough Officials

Mayor	Leonard Zboray
Council President	James Troup
Vice Pres.	Gregory Carl
Chairman Pro Tem	Steve Reed
Council Members	Adam Klock Ty Sees Frank Wetzel
Fire Chief	Brian Crebs
EMA Dir.	Chris Boyer
Tax Collector	Joanna Rees

Borough Office

Hours	Mon. - Friday 9 to Noon 1 to 5 pm Wednesday 9 to Noon
Location	175 Orange St. 570-473-3414
Office Closed	Nov. 22 & 23 Dec. 25, Jan. 1
Secretary	Janice Bowman
Streets Supervisor	Tom Slodysko
Code Officer	Paul Ruane
Health Officer	Mary Sue M. Buss

Borough Police

Location	175 Orange St. (Upper Door) 570-473-8446
Police Chief	Tim Fink

Public Meetings

Borough Council	2nd Tuesday of each Month
Meetings/Work Sessions	4th Tuesday of each Month except July

Official action may be taken at any of the meetings. Meetings are held at 175 Orange St at 7:00 pm.

Committee Meetings

Community Development	2 nd Monday 7:00 pm
Finance	3 rd Thursday 6:00 pm
Personnel	Closed meetings
Public Safety	3 rd Tuesday 6:00 pm
Planning Commission	last Thurs. 7:00 pm
Rules Committee	2 nd Monday 6:00 pm
Streets	2 nd Tuesday 7:00 pm
Sewer Committee	1 st Tuesday 5:30 pm
Zoning Board	last Tuesday 7:30 pm
The Emergency Services Board	1st Monday 6:00 pm unless a holiday, then it will be the first Tuesday.

P Point Township

Township Officials

Board of Supervisors	
Chairman	Randall W. Yoxheimer
Vice-Chairman	Montie E. Peters
Members	James Neitz, Sr Justin Dunkelberger George Geise
Solicitor	Richard Shoch

Fire Chief	James Geise
Tax Collector	John Snyder
Zoning Officer/BCD	Andrew Orzechowski
Sewage Officer	Gene Powlus
Planning Comm.	Ronnie Vandine Jeanie Brooks Thomas Strouse Chris Peifer James Groninger

Emergency Mgmt	George P. Geise
Zoning Hearing Board	David Ramsey William LeVan Larry Crowford

Vacancy Board Chairman	James Kohl
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Public Meetings

Supervisors Meetings	2 nd Tuesday of each Month
Meetings are held at 759 Ridge Road at 7:00 pm.	

Committee Meetings

Fire Board	4 th Tuesday 6:00 pm Except June, July & Aug.
Planning Commission	3 rd Tuesday 6:00 pm
Point Twp. Sewer	2 nd Thursday 7:00 pm

Meetings are held monthly at the Township Building 759 Ridge Road.

Township Office

Hours	Mon. - Friday 8 to Noon 1 to 4 pm
Location	759 Ridge Rd 570-473-3198 pointtwp@ptd.net
Office Closed	Nov. 22 & 23 Dec. 25, Jan. 1
Secretary/Treasurer	Dianna C. Fister
Road-Master	George P. Geise
Ordinance Officer	Roy Sulouff

Township Police

Location	759 Ridge Rd 570-473-9364
Police Chief	Josh Vankirk

Community Development Greg Carl (chairman),
Steve Reed
Frank Wetzel

Finance Ty Sees (chairman)
Jim Troup
Greg Carl

Personnel Jim Troup (chairman)
Adam Klock
Ty Sees

Public Safety Frank Wetzel (chairman),
Adam Klock
Steve Reed

Rules Committee Chris Wolfe (chairman)
Frank Wetzel
Ty Sees

Streets Steve Reed (chairman)
Greg Carl
Chris Wolfe

Sewer Committee Adam Klock (chairman)
Jim Troup
Chris Wolfe



Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

~Author Unknown

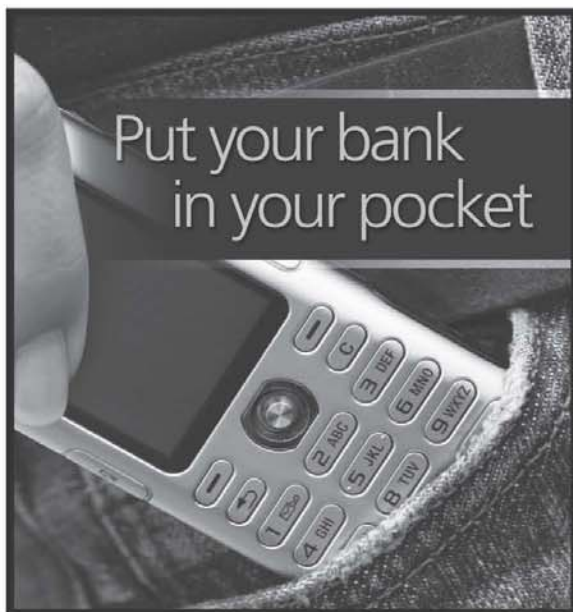
Volunteers - where would we be without them? We want to recognize and thank the volunteers who have helped the community to become a better place.

Naming all the people who help our community would take pages. Many of those listed would be surprised to be on the list. They don't consider themselves volunteers. They're 'just helping out'.

These people who are 'just helping out' are the ones who get up out of their warm beds to direct traffic at accident scenes and fight fires. They are also the ones who make Pineknotters' Days happen, putting in hours of work so others can have fun. To all the coaches, Sunday School teachers, many of our elected officials, scout leaders, firemen, fire police and countless others —

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Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Not a Member? Stop by anytime to check out the center. Transportation is available to and from the center at no cost. Membership starts at age 60. New members are always welcome.

"Maintain Your Brain" - February 6, by Wendy Myers from Kramm at 10:30 am.

"Calcium & Bone Health" - March 20, by Wendy Myers from Kramm at 10:30 am.

Cosmetology trips to North'd Co. Career Center on February 14, March 14, and April 11. You can have your hair wash & set or cut, manicure, facial, perm, color and then enjoy a lunch there. Must call center if interested.

Peanut Butter & Coconut Easter Eggs will be made March 19.

Rummage Sale April 19 and 20, We are accepting donations that are in good shape. Please no damaged items or stained clothing. You can drop the items off at the center during business hours. We also will have barbecue, hot dogs, soups, pierogies and some bake goods for sale.

Bible Study Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am.

Bingo Mondays & Wednesdays 12:15 pm., open to the public.

Nickel Bingo every Friday 12:15 pm.

Birthdays are celebrated each month on the 1st Friday during lunch.

Cards are played every morning 9:00 am to lunch. Parties are on the last Thursday of each month at 12:30 and refreshments are available: January 31, February 28, March 28.

Chorus has started. New members are always welcome.

A **Computer** is available for use by seniors.

Members Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 am.

Penny Poker Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30, open to the public.

Crafts Monday mornings.

Exercise Wednesdays 10:30 am. With Amy Zalar.

A **Treadmill** will be here for use sometime in January. Anyone is welcome to use it but you must have a doctor's slip with permission stating you may use one.

Wii Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Friday.

Hot Lunches are available and are served at 11:30 a.m. You must call the day before by 9:30 am to order a meal. A donation is asked to defray the cost of the meal.

Special Meals please call the center to sign up.

February 15 - Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cherry Pie

March 13 - Corn Beef & Cabbage, Dessert

March 22 - Ham, Hot Lettuce, String Beans, Baked Potato, Coconut Cake

April 9 - Chicken, Waffles, Gravy, Mash Potatoes, Harvard Beets, Dessert

Closed Holidays on **January 21, February 18, and March 29.**

Cards and Wii can be played almost anytime. We have 2 Wii bowling teams that compete with other centers. If you are not familiar with the game, we would be glad to teach you.

Rabbit Transit is available for use to come into and from the centers at no cost for seniors 65 and older. It can also be used for doctor's appointments, hairdressers, etc. at a small cost. You must be signed up for the share a ride program which you can do at the center or by calling 1-800-473-2626 for an application.

Monthly activities are available in the newsletter at the center.

TRIPS FOR 2013

"Philadelphia Mummers Show of Shows" — February 23
At Atlantic City, NJ; lunch on your own, 3 pm show. Cost \$80, leave 9 am, return ~ 9 pm.

"Penns Peake - Branson Fever" — May 9
Leave 10 am, home by 5 pm; \$75 for show and meal.

Cape Cod — June 3 to 7
Scheduled sights include Marthas Vineyard, Nantucket Island, Kennedy Library, Whale watch or dune tour guide service. \$800 each, two per room. Can be paid monthly.

"Noah" at Sights and Sounds in Lancaster — May 9
Shady Maple for lunch, show at 1 pm. Leave 8 am; \$103 adults, \$84 for ages 13-18, \$68 for ages 3-12 for show and meal.

"Patsy Kline" at Allenberry Playhouse — Sept 11
Leave 10 am, home by 5:30 pm; \$85 for show and meal.

For more information call Beverly Lenker at 473-8721 or the Senior Action Center.

FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS



Costume Winners

Cutest	Lily Boyer	"Hello Kitty"
Scariest	Mason Deitrich	"Gorey Guy"
Funniest	Nick Cooper	"Banana"
Most Creative	Sofia Mitsigiorge	"Little Mermaid"
Judge's Choice	Emily McCloud	"Pumpkin"

Pumpkin Decorating Winners

Connor Swigart	3 years old
Angelina Snyder	8 years old
Jessica Strouse	12 years old

Treasure Hunt Winner

Janessa Johnson	7 years old
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REPORTING A POWER OUTAGE



Please report emergencies immediately, including downed power lines, by calling 1-800-DIAL-PPL (1-800-342-5775). Press 1 for "Power Problem" when prompted. Also call in to report partial power or flickering lights.

If you are completely without power, check to see if your neighbors have lights, and check your breakers and fuses. Then contact PPL.

Outage reports help PPL determine the scope of an outage and direct crews to the problem. So even if you think someone in your neighborhood already has reported the outage, they want to hear from you, too.

KING STREET PARK CHRISTMAS TREES



For all those that decorated a tree in the park- Thank You.

The Borough office received many compliments on the park this year. People went out of their way to tell us how much they enjoyed the decorations. This fall we will be decorating trees again. If your organization or family would like to decorate a tree please call the Borough office at 473-3414 or email info@17857.org.

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HISTORY HALLS UPDATE

It was a busy year for the Second Street History Committee. Finally the dream became a reality with the Northumberland room displaying a large WWII area, the 1976 Bicentennial Quilt, the Moose tribute to War Veterans, various historical photos of the Borough, the original desk from the old borough building of 1895 and the conference table and chairs from the building erected in 1974. Moving into the N.H.S Hall you will see photos, uniforms, teams and much more. Joe Epler has assembled albums of all the Alumni Banquet programs, the Pineknotted News dating back to 1938, football programs, yearbooks and much more to come. You can visit these halls anytime the Borough Office is opened. (Monday thru Friday 8:30 until 5 except Wed. 8:00 until noon). An open house on Sunday May 26 is being planned for our out of town folks who come in for the Memorial Day Week. Times will be announced.

SPECIAL THANK YOUS

We thank the following for their donations to the History Halls:

Ken Reigle has donated a very unique Norry Card Table. It has various sponsors on it dating from the early 50's. He has donated it in memory of his father Clinton G. Reigle, Class of 1928.

Donald Hartman has donated his father's, Fred Hartman, 1924 class pin.

The Class of 1953 and 1938 have donated their class scrap books. Others who have dropped off various things of interest are: Sally Swank, Jack Kerwin, Fanny Mausteller, Larry Kreis, and Richard Gass.

WWII display contributors were :the family of Clyde Kistner, the family of Jim Specht, Joe Epler, the family of John Gavason, Bill Shilo, John Shirk, Harry Swank , family of Daniel Swank and Teedy "Dutch" Van Kirk.

Ken Ruch has offered a cannon with a very unique history that was excavated on Queen Street. We are still trying to find a place for it and a way to transport it. Any ideas out there?

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve.... You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

~Martin Luther King, Jr.

WANTED:

A 1964 or 1965 cheerleading outfit (pleated skirt with matching vest) and a majorette hat and top. Old photos of NHS after school hang-outs and Northumberland neighborhood stores. Places like Sidlers, Pap Snyder's, Waltz's, The Ranch, Portzline's, Rea & Dericks, Cole's, Wilson Kline's, Frankie Shirks, Rohrbach's Market, Brouses Grocery Store, Joseph R. Dodge Grocery, Marotto's, Cellitti's, Bill's, Seidel's , Shuman's The Neighborhood Store etc. Please call Gretchen Brosius 473-9426 and she will copy them and return them unless you would like to donate them to the history halls at the Boro Building.



The Northumberland High School Alumni will be meeting to plan the May 25, 2013 banquet on the following dates: Feb. 12, March 12, April 9 and May 14. All meetings will be at the Second Street Municipal Building, 175 Orange Street, Northumberland, at 7:00 p.m.



The N. H. S. Alumni Association

extends a special invitation to the classes of 1966, 1967, and 1968 who attended Northumberland High School in 1965. As juniors, sophomores, and freshman we would like you to attend the N.H.S. banquets. If you attended Norry High anytime and for whatever reason

did not graduate you are invited too. Our 115th reunion banquet will be held on Saturday May 25, 2013, at the Front Street Station. Mark your calendar now. Tickets can be purchased early May at Frye's Department Store or Norry Pharmacy. Get your classmates together and plan to attend.

PINEKNOTTERS' DAYS NEEDS HELP

If you have the desire to help keep Pineknotters' Days going and are willing to pitch in to help, attend the Pineknotters' Days Committee Meetings. They are normally held the 2nd Thursday in the Kiwanis Community Center on Prince Street. If you are unable to attend but are willing to help, please leave your name and telephone number with the Northumberland Borough office, 473-3414, or contact Kim King at the Priestley-Forsyth Library, 473-8201, or email her at pfmlkids@ptd.net.



CASINO TRIPS FOR 2013

Casino Trips require prepayment, and a photo ID with you. All trips leave from the K-Mart in Shamokin Dam.

Mohegan Sun Casino —

March 27, April 18, May 22, June 19

Cost \$21.00 due 1 month before, includes tip for driver, \$25 free play, \$10 food voucher, leaves 8:00 am, returns home 5-5:30ish pm.

Sands Casino & Mall, Bethlehem — Nov. 16

Cost \$25.00, due October 19, leave at 7:30 am, return at 7pm. Free play \$20, food voucher \$5.

Anyone may go on these trips. Please contact Beverly Lenker at 473-8721 or the Senior Action Center.

KATHRYN'S KLOSET



3rd Saturday of every month 9:00 -11:15 am.

St. John's Lutheran Church, 3rd & Queen Sts.

A monthly free giveaway of laundry detergent, and occasionally a variety of other products, for needy households in the area. Enter through the side door in the parking lot.

SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

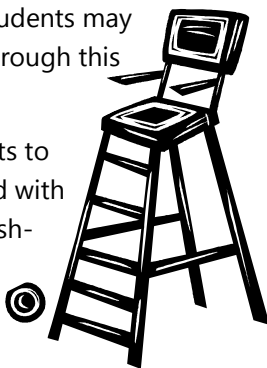
The Borough will again be hiring college students and college-bound high school seniors as part of the Summer Intern Program. A student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. grant to be eligible. Students may earn up to \$3,600 during the summer months through this program.

Traditionally, the borough has employed students to work at Liberty Splashland, Pineknott Park and with the Borough Street Department. At Liberty Splashland, students are employed as lifeguards, concession stand operators, maintenance, and front desk personnel. Students applying for a lifeguard position must be at least 16 years of age.

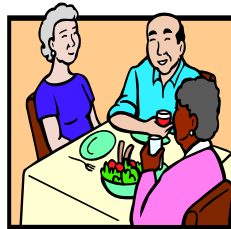
Students working at Pineknott Park maintain the ball field and operate the concession stand. Students working with the Borough Street Department help to cut grass, trim, paint crosswalks, and other property maintenance throughout the Borough.

Interested students should contact the Borough Office after February 15th to obtain more information and application forms or go online at www.pheaa.org/workstudy/index.shtml.

In past years, a Summer Recreation program was provided to elementary students in the mornings. This program would be revitalized if any student(s) would be interested in supervising the program. To discuss this program, please call the Borough at 473-3414.



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER



3rd Saturday of each month 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Christ United Methodist Church, Front & King Sts.

All are welcome at CUMC's free dinner on January 19, February 16, and March 16.

EASTER EGG HUNT



March 24, 2013 10:00 am

Christ United Methodist Church, Front & King Sts.

Open to all children up to 5th grade. Join us for church at 9:00 a.m. with the egg hunt following at 10:00 a.m.

FOR SALE BOROUGH STREET SIGNS \$19.95

The borough has been replacing street signs that are not in good shape. A waiting list is being established, on a first-come, first-served basis. Once notified a sign is available, it must be picked up within one week. At which time, they will be sold to the next person on the waiting list. Reservations can be made by calling 473-3414 or e-mailing the Borough office at office@northumberlandborough.com. Call or email the office for currently available signs.



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