

The PINEKNOTTER News

Spring 2016

PINEKNOTTER PARK COMMUNITY MEETING

Expansion opportunities abound at Pineknotted Park (PkP), the only obstacle is the usual one - money! and that one is not going away anytime soon. Occasionally though the Borough office hears of opportunities that involve less cold hard cash and more physical labor, preferably of the volunteer kind.

However, it can be hard to determine if that opportunity will be valued by the community or just a useless effort.

The Borough will be holding a public meeting to discuss opportunities at PkP on March 14, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Little House on 3rd Street.

This is your chance to dream. Big or small, we want to hear it. Pineknotted Park has the ability to offer more than just a pavilion and a baseball diamond — boating, hiking, camping, picnicking....

The thing is PkP can be 15+ acres of well thought out recreation or a hodge-podge with little planning and subject to the whims of a few. Look for the posting on our Facebook page - any comments posted there will be brought to the meeting but we would prefer as many as possible join us on March 14th. As with all Facebook comments, please keep language and ideas PG-rated; and any criticism constructive.

Alumni Association

The Northumberland Schools Alumni Association has changed their name and expanded to include everyone who ever attended schools in the town of Northumberland or Point Township. The motivation for this change is quite simple—without this change, one of the oldest alumni associations in the state will cease to exist. This year will be the 118th year of the Alumni Association. So it doesn't matter that you did not graduate from Norry—all that matters is that you went to school here and have fond memories of your time in school, whether it was Spruce Hollow, Steele, Second St or Priestley. Beside the people in town still think of ourselves as Pineknotters – even though our high school is long gone – literally and figuratively.

As you can see by the pictures — Pineknotters get together where ever they are. Get some of your old classmates together and come to the Front St Station on Saturday May 28th. If you have a large group, call Phil Hallden at 473-3504 for reserved seating.

Pineknotted Alumni in Florida



Back Row: Dennis Huff, Dave Herlinger, Bonnie Hite, Peggy Haupt, Bob Anderson, Tom Scholvin, Jim Fitzpatrick, and Bill Turner. Front Sitting: Terry Hoffman, Clydean Kistner, and Ed Fenstermacher. This group met at the The Tarpon Turtle at Tarpon Springs, FL January 12, 2016



I think there are more Pineknotters in Florida than in Norry!!!!!! Ed Fenstermacher was at it again—Pictured 1st Step: Joel Furman, Shirley Lewis, Shirley Lehman 2nd Step: Bob Mull 3rd Step: Judy Stuck, Lucky Leitzel 4th Step: Don Herb, Ken Gurysh. Not in the picture Rachel Mertz, Janey Stuck, Dave Gurysh, Jack Townsend and Ed Fenstermacher. The Villages, FL January 26, 2016

Now for the local

Alumni Banquet

Saturday May 28th 6:15 p.m.

Front Street Station

Tickets must be purchased at least one week in advance and are available at Frye's and Norry Pharmacy. Cost \$22.00

Entertainment during the meal will be by the Barber Shop Quartet **Achording to Dad**. Following the meal will be dancing and conversation accompanied by **Celebrations Sounds**, 8 - 10 pm.

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

The holiday season 2015 was another special year for our Borough at King Street Park! The Borough would like to thank the S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust for the funds we have received in the past and were able to use to continue using the LED lights, trees, snowflakes, electronic snow, ribbon, and extension cords. Many church, schools, businesses, families, and civic groups decorated the thirty fresh trees for the enjoyment of residents and visitors.

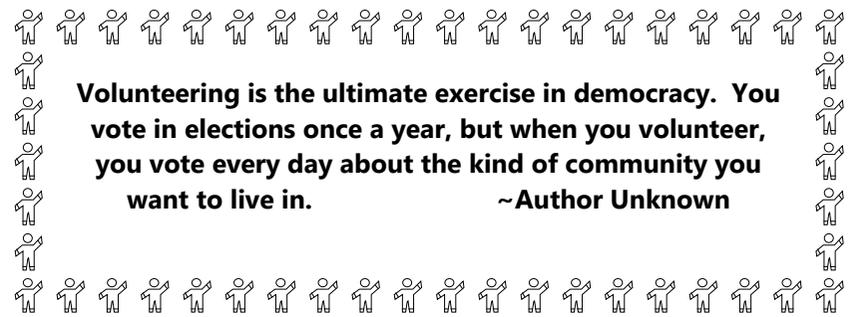
I wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped with decorating our park and downtown area for the holidays. Also, thanks to our street department and office employees who placed the decorations and Santa's House; all who helped with Santa's arrival, and thanks to Santa himself!

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 2016! I hope you enjoy the Paraprosdokians listed below.

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Winston Churchill loved them.

- 1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.*
- 2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, But it's still on my list.*
- 3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.*
- 4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.*
- 5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.*
- 6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.*
- 7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.*
- 8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.*
- 9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.*
- 10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.*
- 11. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.*
- 12. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure...*
- 13. You're never too old to learn something stupid.*
- 14. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but its getting harder and harder for me to find one now.*

Mayor Len Zboray



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

I'm sure I have missed some organizations activities—but I am not aware of who does what—so please contact me at

info@17857.org

or call Ann at the Borough office 473- 3414

if you would like your organizations information in the next issue.

This newsletter is for and about the people of Norry!

SHAME ON YOU

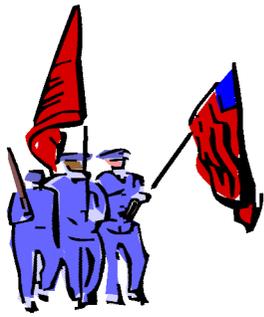
Last fall PennDOT held an informative session concerning the proposed construction in Norry. Of the almost 4,000 residences in North'd and Pt Township—only about 100 people showed up. Yes I agree—I'd rather have the by-pass done first—but they were asking for our input and hopefully they will heed some of our concerns.

Did you know that Duke St will be closed to thru traffic and all north bound traffic will be on ORANGE ST? and all south bound traffic will be on KING St? Luckily the only trucks that should be in town are to be local deliveries—but that's still a lot of traffic. The project is not scheduled to start until Spring of 2017 and there will be more meetings, so show up and let your voice be heard! They are going to widen the underpass—but that is at the end of the project in 2018—contact them now to do that part first—at least give us a little help. Contact Mr. Chris Neidig, Project Manager at cneidig@pa.gov or call 570-368-4321.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

PennDOT this year launched an online snow plow tracker that enables residents to see the location of hundreds of snow plows on highways and interstates via the 511pa.com website. But you can click the construction icon to check for those possible tie ups or the show speed icon—you can check for traffic congestion—that's what I liked about it—I could check out the local traffic jams to see when was a good time to head to the mall!!! There's an app for your phone also.

Louise L Latsha,
Editor



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

May 30, 2016

The annual parade will form at 8:30 am at the King Street Park, moving at 9:00 am., Route is up 2nd St to Orange. Left on Orange to 7th St., right on 7th to the Hanover St entrance of Riverview Cemetery.

The Ceremony is at the site of the cannon and there will be non-denominational service held. The speaker will be Major Reid Epler Furman.



FLAG DAY

June 14, 2016 7:00 pm

American Legion Post 44 will hold a flag burning ceremony at the Post. All are welcome to attend. If

you have a flag to dispose off, please use the drop off container at the Legion before June 14th.

Community Pavilions

The King St. Park gazebo and the Pineknott Park pavilion are available for rent. The rental fee is \$50.00, and a security deposit of \$50.00 is required. Call the Borough office at 473-3414.

KATHRYN'S KLOSET

Third Saturday of every month 9-11 am

St John's Lutheran Church, 3rd & Queen Streets

Monthly free giveaway of laundry detergent and fabric softener and occasionally a variety other products for needy households in the area. **Enter on 3rd Street and exit at the parking lot.** Follow the signs.



LIBERTY SPLASHLAND SEASON PASSES

Season passes are **10% Off** until May 31st at the Borough office or online at www.libertysplashland.com. Passes includes the daily use of the entire park during normal hours. Special events and programs are not included. ID required to prove residency. Residents must live within the 17857 zip code.

Resident	Over 52"	\$45.00
	Under 52"	\$37.50
Non-resident	Over 52"	\$50.00
	Under 52"	\$41.50



Look for extended hours on Mondays through Thursdays and special events this summer. Friend Liberty Splashland on Facebook for updated details.

PINEKNOTTERS' DAYS EVENTS

July 2nd - Pineknotted Soapbox Race

July 3rd - Church Service

July 4th - **Arts and Crafts Show** 9 am - 3 pm

Concessions open all day

Tuckahoe Fire Company Chicken Bar-B-Q 11:00 a.m.

Free kids games courtesy of the Anselmo Trust

Autumns Golden Oldies Band Concert

July 5th **Re-Creation Concert**

Entertainment courtesy of Northumberland National Bank

July 6th **Into The Spin Concert**

July 7th Car Show, **Memory Lane Concert**

Entertainment Courtesy of Northumberland Hearing Center

July 8th **The Lucky Afternoon Band Concert**

Concessions open daily 6 - 10 pm; concerts every evening 7-10 pm.

If you are willing to help with Pineknotted Days, please call 570-473-3222 or send an email to pineknotteddays@gmail.com.

If you are willing to bake a cake (brownies or anything else) — The Cake Wheel will be accepting donated baked goods that can be dropped off at the Cake Wheel Stand any of the nights. Call Rita @ [570-473-9128](tel:570-473-9128) in June if you have questions or you need something to be picked up.



NEW FIRE POLICE VEHICLE

The Northumberland Fire Police are trying to raise \$40,000 to replace our 1993 GMC Suburban with 60,000 miles on it. Our current vehicle was no longer useful for our needs. It was costing us money to maintain it. We recently sold it to use the money toward our new vehicle.

We are purchasing a 2016 Ford F350 4x4 without the utility box. A used utility box has been donated.

The newer vehicle will benefit the community by having our fire police respond in a safe manner. The newer vehicle will be able to carry our equipment (traffic cones, road closed signs, barricades, flares, flashlights, safety vests, etc.) to provide a safety zone for police and firefighters. Currently some of the equipment is carried on private vehicles or in a trailer. The newer vehicle will be an asset to the fire department since all of the equipment will be on the scene.

The newer vehicle will be evaluated by the fire chief and his staff as to how our response time will be to accidents and fires. The chief and his staff will also provide us with feedback on what other equipment will be needed.

Our timeline is to purchase a newer vehicle as soon as possible. We have had several fundraising projects. With 12 volunteer fire police officers, it is difficult to raise a lot of money with each fundraiser. Most of these volunteers work full-time jobs and don't have a lot of spare time to work on the fundraising projects. In addition, these volunteers attend the latest fire police schools and classes.

In addition to providing volunteer service to Northumberland, a community of 3,804 at the 2010 census, we also respond to mutual aid calls to surrounding communities for accidents and fire calls as well as traffic control for parades and special events. We also provide security at football games and any other events throughout the area.

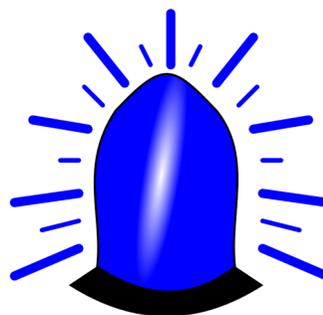
Any funds we raise above the cost of the newer vehicle will be used towards the title transfer, taxes and maintenance of the vehicle, additional equipment that may be needed and/or the general support of the Northumberland Fire Police.

Any donation you can send will be greatly appreciated. Please send your donation to the **Northumberland Fire Police, 175 Orange Street, Northumberland, PA 17857.**

Thanking you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Apple, Captain



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RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

We are turning a corner from winter to spring and want to remind everyone of the rules and regulations. All Christmas/Winter decorations must be removed by March 15th or they will be disposed of after that date by our board members and any other volunteers who would like to help.

The rules and regulations are listed below. I realize some of the rules have been abused in the past. We are trying our best to stay on top of problems and wish that everyone would please try to adhere to the rules laid out by our board of directors. It is very difficult for the grass mowers to cut and trim around the grave stones. It is impossible to keep grass from blowing onto decorations and occasionally, some flowers are "trimmed" accidentally. Please try to consider that when decorating your family and friends grave spaces.

Many people believe the cemetery is owned by the Borough of Northumberland, but that is not true. The cemetery is a corporation and is owned by the lot owners. The Board of Directors, (*all volunteers!*) is elected by the owners to operate the cemetery. We are the least expensive of all cemeteries in the area. Our lots sell for \$600.00. We have many grave spaces to sell in the newer sections on the hill off Vista Avenue with a beautiful scenic view and benches to sit on to take a few minutes to reflect and remember. There are plans for more roads and expansion in those sections.

Please call the office if you have any questions or are interested in purchasing grave spaces.

Sincerely, Dee Zboray, Secretary 570-473-8296

RIVERVIEW RULES AND REGULATIONS

Cutting and trimming the grass at the cemetery is the most costly maintenance activity in the cemetery. The use of artificial flowers, wreaths, and even plantings on graves greatly hinders the cutting and trimming. If artificial flowers are used, they **MUST** be in a container. They cannot be stuck into the ground.

No trees, shrubbery or perennials will be permitted to be placed on any grave site in the cemetery without the consent of the manager.

NO masonry borders or edging or decorative stones will be permitted.

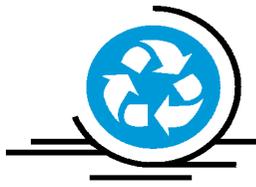
Planting should be no more than ten inches from the marker.

During the summer, if a grave site appears to be neglected, the cemetery manager has the right to discard any decorations or plantings that hinders the site from being trimmed properly.

During the holiday season, artificial flowers, imitation plants, ribbon, Styrofoam designs, natural and artificial wreaths and similar decorations will be permitted only from November 15 through March 15. All of these decorations must be removed by March 15 or they will be discarded during the spring clean-up.

THE CEMETERY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY DECORATIONS OR PLANTINGS IF THEY DO NOT CONFORM TO THE ABOVE RULES.

If you have any questions, please call the office at 570-473-8296.



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:

- 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
- Cereal boxes or like kind cardboard
- Office paper - shredded or not
- Plastics - ONLY Numbers 1 & 2
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs



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Front and King Streets

570-473-8543

Worship Service every Sunday at 9a.m.

Sunday School 10:15

A Soup and Lenten Study will be held Wednesday, February 24, March 2, 9, & 16 at 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Parenting Study Sunday February 28, March 6, 13, 20, April 3, 10. 5:30 p.m. All parents are welcome for this study

CUMC 225th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, March 13 at 9 a.m.

Egg Hunt March 20 10:30 a.m. All children up to 5th grade are welcome.

Maundy Thursday Service March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Worship March 27 9:00 a.m.

Free Dinners are the 3rd Saturday of each month – March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18. Join us for food and fellowship

THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER CLEANUP PROJECT ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP

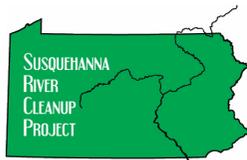
May 7, 2016

The Susquehanna River Cleanup Project (SRCP) is excited to announce its Fifth Annual Spring Cleanup on May 7th, 2016. Last year's event drew over 100 volunteers who helped

remove 8,000 pounds of waste from the river and shores. Over the past four years 25,000 pounds of waste was removed from the river resultant of approximately 2,000 volunteer hours - on event days alone! The bulk of our collection in 2015 occurred south of Sunbury in areas we had not previously been able to reach, and our effort between Northumberland and Lewisburg returned a minimal amount compared to our first few years. These results reflect the great progress that has been made on this stretch of the river, allowing us to focus SRCP's cleanup efforts on previously unreached areas in 2016.

One of those unreached areas is Pennsylvania's River of the Year, the Susquehanna North Branch. In honor of this designation given by the PA DCNR, we are teaming up with the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper to put on our largest cleanup to date, that will focus on the areas just south of Danville to the confluence of Shamokin Creek below Sunbury.

We continue to build on each year's success, however, it takes dedication from volunteers to make all of this possible. If you would like to find out how can you get more involved or to register for this year's cleanup, please visit our website at www.susquehannacleanup.com!



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6th and King Streets

570-473-9145

Worship Services every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sunday School immediately following.

Lenten Gathering:

Beginning **February 18 – March 17** we will be meeting every Thursday night at 7 p.m. for a devotional, a mighty time of prayer, and Holy Communion.

March 24 at 7 p.m. – Holy Thursday Communion Service

March 25 at 7 p.m. – Good Friday Candle light Service

March 27 at 6:30 a.m. – SonRise Service

A delicious Continental Breakfast will immediately follow our SonRise Service. Everybody is invited!

9 a.m. our Easter Celebration

AMAZING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH



2nd Street Community Center

Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., March 19, at 2 p.m.

This event is free for all kids ages 2-10. Easter bags and refreshments will be provided.

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Services 10 a.m.,



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Queen Street

570-473-9372

Worship Services every Sunday 10:30a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

New pastor - Rick Miller

PUBLIC POSTING OF SIGNS

FYI: PennDOT is cracking down on signs and banners posted on state roads, for example the intersection of Route 11 and 147 (Duke & Water Sts). They are removing any signs posted and can be contacted at the Sunbury Maintenance office, 570-286-7178.

If you must hang a sign within the Borough: Do not use staples to hang signs, please use duct tape. After the signs are removed often the staples are left. This can pose a hazard to children as the staples stick out at their level.

SAINT JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

3rd and Queen Streets 570-473-3770
 Sunday Worship Services 8:00 & 10:15 a.m.
 Sunday School Pre K-6 grade 8:45-10
 Confirmation 9-10

Palm Sunday – Breakfast

March 20 7 a.m.-Noon
 Sponsored by the Cub Pack, Boy Scout Troop and Venture Crew of St. John's
 Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Pancakes, Home Fries, Hash Browns, Toast, Juice, Coffee & Tea.

Maundy Thursday Service

March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service – 6:00 a.m.

Easter Worship Service – 10:15 a.m.

March 27

Rummage and Bake Sale

April 28 & 29 – 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

April 30 – 8:00 a.m.-Noon

His Lighthouse Café 4:30-6:00 p.m.

February 25 March 31

May 5 May 26

Offering a free meal to those in need and who would like mealtime fellowship.



RENOVATIONS NEARLY COMPLETE

As a community, Northumberland in the last several years have lost a lot of their history and identity. The "Little House" was a part of the history for scouting, especially for young girls in the 40', 50's and 60's. Purchased in 1944, community leaders felt that it was important to have a special place to meet. And thus began the journey of its existence.



New Kitchen

My Aunt, Georgie Kistner, instilled its importance to me quite early, taking me to meetings at five years of age. She had no children of her own, but managed to create many troops from Brownies to Senior Scouts. As part of its history, I felt as a member of this community, the Little House should be saved. This has happened, thanks to many local businesses, past girl scouts and their spouses, and other members of the community who made donations and volunteered their time.



View from main room into the kitchen-door to handicapped bathroom is on the right

I have had the honor to create a place for the community to hold meetings, a space that can be rented for special events: Art shows, special occasions, clubs and small gatherings. It is totally new! Created to be energy efficient with a handicap bathroom, air conditioning and a new heating system. Watch the local newspaper, Facebook and the borough website for the Little House Grand Opening. Come and enjoy the event and learn more about the history of the little house. *Barbara Kistner*

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) goal is to train youth in responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities, educational programs, and, at older age levels, career-oriented programs in partnership with community organizations. In the BSA, Scouting is considered to be one movement with four main programs:

Cub Scouting is available to boys from first to fifth-grade or 7 to 11 years; and is divided into age-based levels of Tiger, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Scouts. **Boy Scouting** is the flagship program for boys ages 11 to 18. **Venturing** is the program for young men and women ages 14 through 21. Its purpose is to provide positive experiences to help youth mature and to prepare them to become responsible adults.

Unit	Meeting Location	Unit Leader	Phone	Email	Meeting Nights
Cub Scouts					
3325	St. John's Lutheran Church	Tom Propst	570-473-3467	cmtomp3325@yahoo.com	Monday Nights 7:00pm
3342	Christ United Methodist Church	Dr. Mike Purcell	(518) 810-5002	drmwp11@gmail.com	Thursday Nights 6:30pm
Boy Scouts					
325	St. John's Lutheran Church	Sherri Doeblor	570-473-8772	weski2@ptd.net	Tuesday Nights 6:30pm
342	Christ United Methodist Church	Lora Casteline	570-988-7810	dlcasteline@gmail.com	Tuesday Nights 7:00pm
Venturing					
2325	St. John's Lutheran Church	Sue Vankirk	570-847-4390	svankirk@miltonsd.org	Tuesday Nights 6:30pm

PRIESTLEY-FORSYTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library says THANK YOU to our community family. The first is for the "Countdown To Noon" celebration. Once again it was a super hit with an estimated crowd of over 500. A donation from The Moyer Family Trust helped to defray some of the cost. Christ United Methodist Church was a fabulous host site for activities and music as well as the Townside Too. The Northumberland Fire Company provided the climactic finally with the Oxygen molecule drop, the countdown board and the confetti cannons, as everyone cheered.

Our second Thank You was for your initial response to our annual fund drive letter. We are off to a good start, and we know all of you will do your best to make this year's contributions beat last year. Please remember you may hold that response envelope for as long as you want, until you feel you can send your donation.

The following are some of the exciting things happening around PFML!

Looking for a unique way to honor someone special? Consider PFML's new "It's Your Day" program! For a minimum donation of \$25, you can nominate a deserving friend for some special treatment at the library! On his/her day, the honoree's name will be posted outside of PFML, his/her favorite book and movie pick will be on display next to the check out, and all receipts printed on that day will honor him/her. Dates are available on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED basis, so pick a date and reserve it now! See the front desk for details.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council is pleased to announce that our PFM Library was one of 15 libraries across the state to be selected to host the 2016 "Teen Reading Lounge" program. This particular round of programming aims to better understand the needs of the youth of our community and to explore how Teen Reading Lounge can help them build essential life skills. Teen Reading Lounge is a nontraditional book club for teens ages 12-18. Teen's help to create the reading list for their program sites and working with trained facilitators, to design creative projects that bring the books to life. Participants report stronger interpersonal, communication, literacy, and critical-thinking skills, and increased confidence. We will be meeting every Thursday starting February 18th through March 31st from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. All participants will receive a copy of the books that will be read as well as art experiences, snacks and gift incentives for participating.

DINNER THEATER IS BACK! March 11th and 12th 6:00 PM.

We've had so much fun with our dinner theaters in the past that we are once again teaming up with A & A productions & Townside Too, presenting "JUST DESSERT"! In the middle of tasting all the goodies, sour Judge Cogsworth drops dead, and it's up to Miss Peabody,

head of the contest and the audience to determine the MURDERER. Menu choices are Meat Lasagna or Spinach & Cheese Ravioli, with salad, Italian Wedding Cake for dessert and beverage. It is also BYOB. Cost is \$30.00 per ticket. Reservation forms are available at the library which requires menu choices and payment. No reservation is complete until payment is received. We suggest that you make your reservations early!



DERBY DAY AUCTION May 7th 2016. This is the library's largest annual fundraiser which has the running of the Kentucky Derby for its theme. This is a dual way to show your support of our library.

Auction items are accepted up until May 4th at the library. If you are an artist, crafter, baker, merchant or anyone wishing to donate items we would be happy to accept them. Then you could still come and join in the party and place your bids on items others have donated. The greater the variety of items the more likely we will make money. It's not so much about what you buy as it is about supporting the library and having a great time while doing it.

School age children will have programs at the library on Mondays from 1-3 PM. Tuesdays from 6-7 PM and Thursdays from 10-11 AM. We also have "WEE ONES" programs for children age's birth to age 5 will be held on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM beginning June 15.

"On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!" is our Summer Learning theme. Sum-

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mer means school is out! It doesn't have to mean children can't continue to learn and retain the knowledge and skills of the past school year and still have fun doing it.



Children of all ages are invited for our Summer Learning programs, starting on June 11 with our Annual "TOUCH A TRUCK" event. If you've got an interesting truck or piece of equipment and would like to bring it

for display please let us know!

For more information contact the library at pfml@ptd.net, 570-473-8201, www.priestleyforsyth.org, or on FACEBOOK!

PAINT THE TOWN BLUE!

CASA—Susquehanna Valley **C**ourt **A**ppointed **S**pecial **A**dvocates *voices for children* invites businesses and merchants in its four-county service area to decorate their windows and parks blue for child abuse awareness month, April—"Paint the Town Blue". Last year Ann Roll generously decorated the King St. Park and has volunteered to do so again this year. (Thank you, Ann!)

Shikellamy art students and elementary students are again making blue hands for the Sunbury windows and we should have enough this year for the Norry merchants. Volunteers will pass these out during the last week of March, after Easter, but the merchants may do their own thing keeping with the blue theme and children. Many communities use pinwheel gardens and you may have noticed them in the Sunbury and Norry Parks last year. We also held a vigil in Lewisburg and would like to see more of those throughout. If anyone wants to help in this effort, we would welcome them!



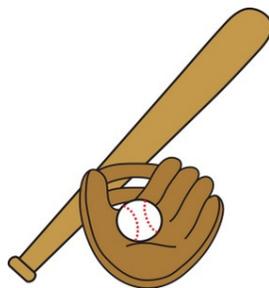
PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL & SOFTBALL CLINIC

July 25th to 28th - 6:00 P.M. - 8:30-ish

Boys & Girls Baseball - ages 5-12

Girls Softball - ages 8-12

Instruction from Former Professional Baseball Players & Current College Coaches. Cost - \$25 if paid by July 22nd, \$30 after July 22nd. Sports Complex at Sunbury Bible Church, Rt. 11, North of Northumberland (across from UPS). Call 570-473-7355 for more information or to pre-register.



First-Time Home Buyer



Did you know that getting pre-qualified for a new home is almost mandatory? At The Northumberland National Bank, we specialize in first-time home buyers. So before you start the process of buying your first home let's get acquainted. Our local professional lenders will discuss issues such as:

- Budgeting (how much house can you afford)
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- Debt-To-Income Ratio
- Types Of Home Loans Available
- Mortgage Lending Process

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The Northumberland National Bank

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HAVING A PARTY? NEED A PLACE TO RENT?



The Borough has several options. The S. Luther Savidge Room in the 2nd Street Community Center is available for groups up to 125. The fee is \$200 per day with a \$200 deposit required.

The Northumberland Little House, formerly the Girl Scout Little House, will soon be available for smaller groups. The fee is \$35 for a 2-hour party or \$50 for a 3-hour party with a \$100 deposit required. Want an outdoor venue? Consider the pavilion at Pineknottter Park or the 2nd Street Playground. Planning a wedding? The King Street Park Gazebo is the perfect location. The gazebo and pavilions are available at \$50 with a \$50 deposit. Contact the Borough Office at 570-473-3414.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR (Letter edited for space.)

PennDOT Pineknott Thruway Project: Stop the DOT, a Summary

On November 25, 2015, the day before Thanksgiving, I received a flyer from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation - PennDOT—about their new project: the reconstruction of US 11 and PA 147 in Northumberland Borough.

What project, I wondered? The project was marked in yellow, ran the entire length of Front, Water, and Duke Streets with enlarged areas at the intersections, all within residential areas, some mixed use, and all within the National Historic District. What was going on?

In a nutshell, PennDOT's proposal to widen intersections at King and Water and Front (US 11) and Water and Duke (PA 147) to accommodate an expansion of turn/merge lanes from 75' to 325' that substantially increases traffic from one (1) 18-wheel tractor trailer and several cars to seven (7) 18-wheel tractor trailers and several cars. And take a few buildings with it! Hey PennDOT! You are already driving 15,000 vehicles and 2,400 trucks through the Borough each day! How many more vehicles do you think we can take?

Northumberland is a pedestrian-friendly community. We walk around town.....With all the vehicles that already pollute our community streets, we don't need more trucks adding to our already high cases of asthma, hospital visits and other health concerns.

I live in Northumberland's Historic District. We are one of the few towns with a variety of historical structures that date from 1750 and that haven't been destroyed by conflagration, urban renewal and, especially, highway projects going nowhere. The Borough has remained and wishes to remain the Sustainable Community that is.

North'd Borough has long been impacted with speeding trucks and through traffic. Looking at the scope of this project, why should North'd be made easier to travel through by speeding trucks and increased traffic. Why aren't these trucks using US 15 to Interstate 80?

US 15N is a four (4) lane highway with a direct link to I80. No historic district, no residential houses, no little kids on bikes, no older folks tottering along, no wheelchairs, no scooters.

Maybe the answer is found in the National Highway System map, Interestingly, US 15 is part of this system south of Harrisburg and north of Williamsport, but disappears on its trek along the Susquehanna through our region. On the National Highways System map, the road is marked US 11 only. If you're following that map, you're going to stay on US 11 or switch to PA 147. US 15 does NOT appear on the map until Williamsport.....

Meanwhile, PennDOT's Central Susquehanna Valley Transportation Project is underway.....this project builds a new limited access highway to connect PA 147 south of Montandon to US 15 south of Winfield.... It's goal on the PennDOT webpage: To separate trucks and through traffic

NEWS FROM PRIESTLEY CHAPEL

First Sunday Program—Priestley Chapel Associates presents an informal program of words and music from 9:30 to 10:10 am on the first Sunday at Joseph Priestley Memorial Chapel, 380 Front Street, Northumberland, PA. Programs begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 10:10 am.

Great programs are scheduled for late winter and spring. The program for March 6 presents two graduate students from Bucknell University. Molly Brown returns with original piano compositions. And Stadler Fellow poet, Chet'la Sebree, will read poems from her forthcoming book. The April 3 program features return of Bucknell piano performance student David Levengood and the happy return of David Bauman, a local favorite poet who took a job out of the area. On May 1 singer/songwriter and poet Lester Hirsh brings his troubadour performance to the Priestley Chapel.

The June program features local singer songwriter Larry Lawson and regional poet David Brooks.

<u>2016</u>	<u>Music</u>	<u>Poetry</u>
March 6	Molly Brown	Chet'la Sebree
April 3	David Levengood	David Bauman
May 1	Lester Hirsh	Lester Hirsh
June 5	Larry Lawson	David Brooks

from local traffic. And move trucks off the streets of Northumberland!

This project is at odds with the PennDOT goal of separating trucks and through traffic from local traffic.....

It's time to stop the Pineknott Thruway. PennDOT needs to provide environmental, health, risk, historic and traffic impact assessments, as well as justify the taxpayers' expense of this project, especially considering that another route is more feasible right now and they are spending \$670 million for another project with the goal of getting truck traffic out of Northumberland!

PennDOT should be required to utilize all of these tools and the following in conjunction with the Borough and its residents to assess the need and scope for their project and minimize its impact.

Historical, environmental, traffic impacts, risk/impact to businesses., safety standards, air pollution and health assessment. The preliminary assessment suggests that PennDOT's PINEKNOTTER THRUWAY is ill-conceived, ill-defined, misguided, misdirected, and a direct attack on my communities livability, sustainability and our quality of life.

By Louise Spieglemeyer

BOROUGH ANIMAL ORDINANCE

The Borough would like to remind its residents of the Animal Ordinance amended in 2013. Please see Documents on the Borough website for the complete ordinance. Only a portion follows:

24.2.03. Unlawful to Allow Animals to Run at Large.

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any Animal or Animals to allow or permit such Animal or Animals to run at large in the Borough of Northumberland.

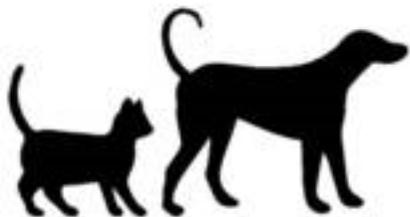
24.2.08. Outdoor Feeding of Animals.

1. No person shall leave food or anything intended to be food for cats or dogs unattended outside of their home. Food shall be considered to be left unattended if it is outside the home & in a location or container accessible by an Animal and the person is not present.
2. No person shall feed an unlicensed cat or dog outdoors, which constitutes any area outside of his or her home, place of business, Borough or other public property.
3. A person may apply for a permit from the Borough to feed an unlicensed cat or dog outdoors upon the following conditions: a. The permit is only good for one (1) day or dates approved by the Borough; b. Food is not left unattended; c. All food is removed at the end of the day and not left outdoors during night-time hours; and
4. The restrictions in this section shall not apply to a veterinarian, kennel or other approved entity that is boarding an unlicensed Animal that has either been seized or is part of the Cat Neutering/Spaying Program, as long as the Animal is being fed in an enclosure or cage.

24.3.02. Noise Disturbance.

It shall be illegal within the Borough for any person or persons to allow any Animal (as defined in Part 4) on their property outside of a residential or business dwelling which makes any noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or makes such noise intermittently for one-half (1/2) hour or more to the disturbance of any person any time of the day or night regardless of whether the Animal is physically situated in or upon private property, said noise being a nuisance; provided, that at the time the Animal is making such noise no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the Animal is situated nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the Animal.

24.4.02. Disposal of Animal Feces.



Any person having possession, custody or control of any Animal (s), which permits a nuisance, i.e. defecation or urination, in any area other than the private property of the owner of such Animal,



HELP CELEBRATE JOSEPH PRIESTLEY'S BIRTHDAY

On Sunday, March 13, 2016, the public is invited to Priestley House, Northumberland, to help celebrate Joseph Priestley's 282nd birthday. Admission will be free between 1 and 4 p.m. Birthday cake and punch will be served in the Visitors Center.

Joseph Priestley was born in England on March 13, 1733. The renowned scientist, political thinker and dissenting clergyman came to Northumberland in 1794 and lived there for the rest of his life. He died in Priestley House in 1804. Ronald Blatchley, a retired chemistry teacher who portrays Dr. Priestley, will perform 18th chemistry demonstrations in the Pond Building on the grounds at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Visitors may tour the museum at their own pace, with guides in vintage costume to greet them and answer questions.

The Friends of the Joseph Priestley House operates the museum, which is owned by the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. Sunday's open house will also be part of a state-wide commemoration by the commission to mark the signing of the state's charter.

Priestley House will then be open for the 2016 season from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday (except Easter Sunday) from March 13 until Sunday November 20. Tours are on the hour at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. Tours at other times can be arranged by calling 570-473-9474 or by email at info@josephpriestleyhouse.org.

as prohibited in section 1 or who allows Animal feces to accumulate on their own property in a manner that creates a potential health hazard shall be required to immediately remove any feces from such surface and either:

1. Carry same away for disposal in a toilet; or
2. Place same in a non-leaking full enclosed container for disposal at the owner's residence.

Animal feces, and/or defecation, and/or waste that is not properly stored shall be deemed a threat to the public health in the Borough of Northumberland. In order to prevent a threat of disease and/or the spread of disease, it shall be unlawful to store and maintain Animal feces and/or defecation, and/or waste except in a solid enclosed plastic bag that is stored in a rigid container (a hard plastic or metal garbage can) with a top that is secured at all times to prevent accidental spilling and/or access by Animals and/or a person or persons, including children.

The Northumberland Point Township Senior Action Center

268 Second Street

473-9373

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 is \$7.00 annually and starts at age 55. New members are always welcome.

Mondays – Cards, Wii— Bingo 12:15

Tuesdays – Chorus 9:30 – Cards, Wii—Penny Poker 12:15

Wednesdays – Cards, Wii— Bible Study 9:30, Bingo 12:15

Thursdays – Cards - Wii Games 9:00, Penny Poker 12:15

Fridays – Cards, Wii - Nickel Bingo 12:15

Activities are subject to change.

MARCH

Making Peanut Butter & Coconut Eggs to sell

Thurs. 3rd – Cold Cut Day – Hoagies for lunch

Mon. 7th – Member Mtg. 10:00

Wed. 9th – Mind Matters – 10:00-11:00

The Climate of Belief: American Public Opinion on Climate Change

Culinary Lunch at Herndon – Chicken & Waffles

Thurs. 10th – Afternoon Pinochle 12:00

Wed. 16th – Blood Pressure 9:30-11:00

Thurs. 17th – Cornbeef & Cabbage Meal Cost \$5.00

Bingo 20 Games for \$20.00 Games start at 1:00

Tues. 22nd – Easter Meal Cost \$5.00

Wed. 23rd – Trip to Mohegan Sun

Closed Holidays March 25—Good Friday.

APRIL

Thurs. 21st Evening bingo—open to all—must be over 55—cost \$20

TRIPS- Call center for details or Beverly Lenker at 570-473-8721

March 23rd – Mohegan Sun

April 5th – Sight & Sound to see “Samson”

May 4th – Ehrhardts to see “Tribute to Elvis”

June 8th – Ehrhardts for “Friendly Feud”

If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, please call the center with your email address.

The center is always looking for new ideas for activities at the center. If you have a special talent you would like to share or an idea for an activity, please contact the center.

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

A **Treadmill** is here for use . Anyone is welcome to use it but you must have a doctor’s slip with permission stating you may use one.

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. Kay Ross, Director, has been off but hopefully will return in March.



NORTH'D COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Programs are free, open to the public and start promptly at 7 pm in the Library of the Northumberland County Historical Society at 1150 N. Front St, Sunbury.

March 17, 2016 – John L. Moore, author and storyteller, will discuss the 1769 “Murder of Seneca George Jr” an Iroquois Indian, in a fishing camp along the Susquehanna River near Middle Creek .

April 21, 2016 — Indian Artifacts, bring your Indian artifacts to the meeting. Gary Fogelman, publisher of Indian Artifact Magazine, will give you an informal appraisal.

May 19, 2016 — Life on Hoover Island. Dale Reiner will give a slide show presentation about long-ago life on Hoover's Island in the Susquehanna River below Selinsgrove.

June 11, 2016 – Annual History Day



JUDITH "Judy" GRONINGER

1940-2016

Northumberland Borough's former council-woman Judith Groninger passed away on February 14, 2016. A true Pineknotted and 1958 graduate of the Northumberland High School, Judy received the Mayoral Certificate of Excellence for her more than 40 years of volunteer spirit and community involvement. She served

on the Northumberland Borough Council from 2000 through 2011.

She and her late husband, Jim, were founding members of the Liberty Pool Association. Mrs. Groninger is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Wendy Groninger Linn and Helen "Elli" Groninger Halcomb and Charles R. Halcomb; and two sons and daughters-in-law, James E. II and Melinda P. Groninger and Jonathan H. and Bethanne M. Groninger. She was the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren.



2ND ST. COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM PROJECT

Anyone who attended school at Northumberland has at one time attended a class, dance, 6th grade operetta or public function at the Second Street Auditorium.

It has been used for storage for the last few years, but the borough council's new community development group has decided to move forward. This project is to be done with only donated funds. The new group consists of Chairman - Ralph Cianflone, Ellie Reese, Paul Ruane, Paul Boyer and Barbara Kistner. The meetings are held the second Monday at 7 p.m. at the Borough office and are open to the public.

Two recommended architects have visited the site and given estimates. Also Electrical engineers and sound experts have reviewed the existing structure. The Auditorium will give the community a lot more flexibility for shows, auctions and might even give the Alumni Association a future meeting site.

Barb Kistner

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Nottingham Village
58 Neitz Rd, Northumberland
March 1st - noon to 5pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation
265 Point Township Drive, Suite A
Northumberland, PA 17857
March 8th—1pm to 6pm

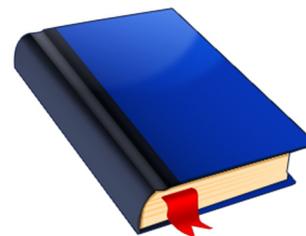


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& AT THE ALUMNI BANQUET



SUNBURY BIBLE CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR

Pastor Mike, Sherrill, Cassidy & Chloe Miller

Easter Extravaganza Saturday, March 19th, 10 A.M. - 12 Noon

Toddlers through Grade 5

Egg Hunt & Game Activities

All children must attend with an adult.



SUNBURY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PRESENTS A DINNER THEATRE

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

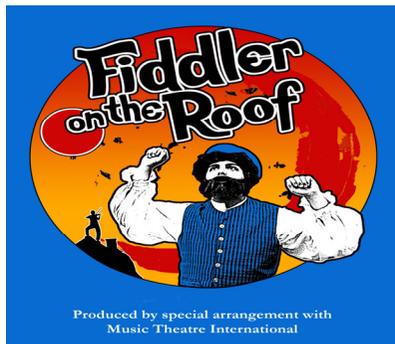
April 14, 15, 16, 2016

Dinner 6:00 P.M.,

Pre-Show Music 7:10 P.M. ,

Theatre - 7:30 P.M.

Tickets: (go on sale March 7th) call 570-473-7592 to reserve your ticket.



Dinner Theatre - Adults \$18, Children (ages 8 & under) \$9

Theatre Only - Adults \$9, Children (ages 8 & under) \$5

Menu: Italian wedding soup w/soft breadsticks, chicken breast w/ sautéed mushrooms & a rosemary demi-glace, Spaetzle w/ caramelized onions & peas, and Apple Bavarian Cheesecake for dessert.

Children's Menu: Personal Cheese Pizza, applesauce cup and dessert

*Sunbury Christian Academy 570-473-7592
135 Spruce Hollow Road, Rt. 11, North of Northumberland*

PARTY RENTALS

The Northumberland/Point Township Kiwanis Club Community Center is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, and reunions. Please contact Darvin Straub 570-473-9566 or Jane Ressler 570-473-8343



STATE-RELATED SERVICES AVAILABLE

By State Rep. Lynda Schlegel Culver (R-Northumberland/Snyder)

Did you know that retirees in Pennsylvania who receive Social Security or other pension funds whose incomes did not exceed \$19,200 annually may register one passenger car or non-commercial light truck at a reduced rate? Have you ever needed a form notarized? Or how about a copy of a birth or death certificate for the fraction of a cost and time it takes to do it yourself?

These are just a few of the services that my district office staff in Sunbury can assist you with. If we don't have the answer or solution to your request, we will do our best to connect you to the proper resource.

My office hosts free veterans assistance hours on Wednesday, Mar. 2, (and the first Wednesday of each month) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with Dan Falls, department service officer with the American Legion. Call my office to make an appointment in advance. He can assist veterans and their dependents with compensation, pension and death benefits; education and health care issues. Veterans do not have to be a member of the American Legion to receive services. Call my office at [1-800-924-9060](tel:1-800-924-9060) to schedule an appointment.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Applications & Trout Stocking Schedules now Available in Representative Lynda Schlegel Culver's Sunbury Office.

Forms for the state's 2015 Property Tax/Rent Rebate program are now available in Rep. Culver's district office. Eligible participants can receive a rebate of up to \$650 based on their rent or property taxes paid in 2015. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians who are 65 years or older, widows and widowers 50 years or older, and those 18 years or older with disabilities.

A retired professional has volunteered to help their office with **Property Tax/Rent Rebate applications during the tax season. She will be in the Sunbury district office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** If you're unable to come on one of those days, their staff is available to assist residents during any other weekday. Applicants should be prepared to provide all the necessary income, property tax or rental information required to process claims quickly and accurately. Applications are due by June 30.

Additionally, 2016 Trout Stocking Schedules are also now available. For more information on either of these topics or other state-related issues, please visit their office at 106 Arch Street, Sunbury, Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm, or call the office at 570-286-5885 (toll-free at 1-800-924-9060). You can also stay up-to-date with the latest state-related news and information by visiting my website, www.LyndaCulver.com, or my legislative Facebook page, www.Facebook.com/RepCulver.

GOT STUFF?????



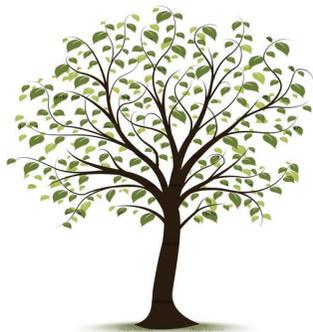
Save it...start stashing it away for our community yard sales !

Once again the revitalization committee will be sponsoring the sales to be held on Saturday, September 3rd.

This will be the perfect time to get rid of your items and make some cash!

More details will follow in the summer. The more stuff you stash...the greater your cash!

TREE LOVERS WANTED!



The Borough has volunteers from the local Masonic Lodge interested in spending a morning planting trees. The Liberty Hollow Run Green Infrastructure study recommends planting trees in the Branchview section of town to reduce water runoff.

Through the Penn State Cooperative Extension the Borough has the

opportunity to purchase bare root trees, as long as the order is in by February 29th.

The Borough has a small amount of matching funding available to purchase trees. We are looking for 10 homeowners willing to contribute \$50 to have a tree planted on their property. If you are interested contact the Borough office at 570-473-3414 before February 29th.



GET OUT AND VOTE APRIL 26!

Last day to register to vote is March 28th. Forms are available at the Borough office or at the Northumberland County Board of Elections (320 N. Second St, Sunbury).

Last day to apply for an absentee ballot is April 19th, at the above location.

VOTING LOCATIONS

All of Northumberland's wards vote at the 2nd Street Community Center. Point Township votes at either the Township Building or the American Legion Post 44.

SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Lifeguards, Concession Stand, Front Desk Employees

The Borough is seeking employees to work at Liberty Splashland, Pineknott Park and with the Borough Street Department. At Liberty Splashland, we are seeking 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. A student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. grant to be eligible for the above positions. Students may earn up to \$3,600 during the summer months through this program.

Interested students should contact the Borough Office 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 will continue if any student(s) would be interested in supervising the program. To discuss this program, please call the Borough at 473-3414.

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