

# The PINEKNOTTER News

Spring 2017



where the waters meet...

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American Legion Post 44  
309 Point Township Drive  
Northumberland, PA  
Wed Nov 1st  
1:00 - 6:00 PM

Nottingham Village  
58 Neitz Rd  
Northumberland, Pa  
Fri Dec 8th  
12:00—5:00 PM

## LIBERTY SPLASHLAND IN TROUBLE

In its inception in 1976 the Northumberland Pool was a source of pride for the community. A simpler time, when stay-at-home moms took rambunctious children to swim to burn off energy. When backyard swimming pools were not common place and kids had fewer options for their attentions. The pool was very successful and self-sufficient, built and funded by the very "Pineknotters" themselves.

However, these times have long passed, the pool has been running in the red more often than the black. The community has gotten older; schools have seen a decline in population. Labor costs increase yearly, but more importantly the dynamics of families have changed. Families relying on daycare is the norm, not the exception.

Video games are more popular than playing outdoors. Kids text instead of hang-out. Sports no longer have seasons, and are now played year-round. Seldom are seen bicycles parked outside of children's homes or pickup games in parks. Times have changed.

With deepened hearts and careful consideration, hours of deliberation and research we find that the Northumberland Pool is dying a very slow and expensive death. Without a major infusion of sustainable income and reliable volunteers, our recommendation will be to close the facility.

### ***First, we must realize why it cost so much to run the pool.***

*Labor costs*, lifeguards receive over \$9/hour to compete with other pools; teenage lifeguards are hard to find and keep. The pool closes in mid-August because college students return to school and high schools begin their fall sports practices.

*Other successful pools are actually not successful at all.* Sunbury and Lewisburg Pools both have a major contributor that sustain their pools. We are very thankful and grateful for the donations we receive from Joseph J Anselmo Sr. Trust, S. Luther Savidge Charitable Trust, the Degenstein Foundation, the Roy H Moyer Community Trust and others. They simply are not enough to sustain the yearly expenses let alone pay for the extensive and expensive maintenance required.

*Water costs are exuberant.* In 2017 it cost over \$17,000 just in water. The Pool is 40+ years old, there are small leaks everywhere, evaporation and daily splashing contribute to water loss. Our concession stand income of \$14,979.02 does not even cover our basic water costs.

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## ANOTHER DETOUR CASUALTY:

With the ongoing work project, the Halloween Committee has decided public safety concerns necessitate the **cancelling of the 2017 Halloween Parade.** It's with a heavy heart we make this decision but alternate routes were also not viable. We were concerned for the frustration and confusion that drivers experience trying to navigate the detour routes, the parking congestion the town would experience with closing two more city streets during the parade and the safety issues that even one car breaking the parade route could cause. We simply do not have the manpower and logistics to pull off a safe and enjoyable parade.

We strive on making the Northumberland Halloween Parade a *safe*, fun and enjoyable experience for both onlookers and participants. We just feel we could not bring that level of enjoyment this year due to the road work.

However, Northumberland is planning on two trunk or treats during the Halloween Season and we hope to see you there.

We hope to see you next year at the parade.

Jim Groninger  
Halloween Chairperson



### **Northumberland Borough Community Development Meeting**

**November 13, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**2nd St Comm. Center**

**Please join us to discuss the  
future of Liberty Splashland!**

## THE MAYOR'S CORNER



This Summer came and went so quickly. Despite the first weeks of Autumn's hot temperatures, cooler temperatures will prevail and the beautiful colors nature provides as the leaves show off their beautiful shades of yellow, orange, red, and brown. Our state and area bless us with this transition every Autumn. Don't miss this wonderful show of nature.

Thanks to all who attended Pineknotters' Days and to those who volunteered to manage stands, set up, and then tear down the various stands. Our Northumberland and Point Township Kiwanis Club is to be commended on the fine job they perform to make this annual event a success each year.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "See You in September at King Street Park" was enjoyed by a large crowd despite the initial rain shower. As the concert went on, the sun came out and many were able to enjoy the music provided by Memory Lane. I wish to thank them, the sponsor - the S. Luther Savidge Trust, Christ United Methodist Church for their rest room facilities, our food vendors, and the people who attended to make it a great success. We hope to see you there next year!

This is my last Mayor's Corner, I am not running for re-election. I give a heartfelt thank you to all of the people who supported me these past 7-years as Mayor. I would especially like to thank our Police Chiefs who served during my tenure, Tim Fink and Butch Kriner, and the officers who were under their supervision. Fire Police Chief John Apple and volunteer fire police officers. Fire Chief Brian Crebs and all of the volunteer fire fighters who were under his supervision. Chris Boyer, our EMA Director. Thanks to Jan Bowman, our Borough secretary-treasurer, Ann August, assistant secretary-treasurer, and office part-timers Jane Sanders Ressler and Mindy Martin. Thanks to MaryKay Clark, our Code Enforcement Officer, and Brian Probst the borough Street Supervisor, and his staff. Last but certainly not least, thanks to the borough council members who served during my tenure. I wish all of you the best of luck and success in the future.

### ***Here are some "Tidbits" to ponder.***

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. Perhaps it would be best to write in ..... An Ambulance.

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

Did you ever notice: When you put the 2 words ' The' and ' IRS ' together it spells 'Theirs'.

The reason they invented drive-in banks is so the vehicles can see who their real owners are.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

May you always have Love to Share, Cash to Spare, And Friends who Care. Enjoy your Autumn—Stay Safe.

Best regards, Mayor Len Zboray

*State Regulations:* Our pool is required to have 4 lifeguards on duty, *at all times*, and 1 for the water slide. We don't consistently have enough people visiting the pool to pay for 5 lifeguards plus 1 to cover breaks. 2017's payroll was \$60,182. Chemical requirements to treat the 309,000+ gallons of water were \$8,034 in 2017. Local well water cannot be used as it contains iron, which adds another layer of difficulty to the current required chemical treatment. With 2017 season admission fees of \$16,890, it's simply an unsustainable model.

*Reducing cost in general is unrealistic.* Management does its best to keep costs as low as possible already. Our lifeguard requirements are state mandated, the leaks are difficult to find much less fix.

*We don't attract the numbers.* Even though the bowl slide attracts out-of-town visitors, its primary users live locally. Nor can the pool compete with all the recreation options available. A count was started on the number of private pools and stopped after 30 which was just in the hill section.

*The bottom line, the Pool is too large and too old to be sustained by the current number of regular users.*

### ***Then, we need to analyze the options.***

*Option #1 Recreation Tax:* The Borough's current Recreation tax of 1.0 mil (approximately \$26,800) is based on property values and paid only by property owners, revenue budgeted for the pool is \$11,200. Other revenue received from this tax is budgeted for Pineknott Park baseball field, the playground, King Street Park, and special events. The rate for the recreation tax could be increased. Over time, we could improve our playgrounds, the dog park, make major improvements to the pool, assist in the pools annual costs, create a walk/bike paths and potentially assist local events. Think of all the possibilities. Since Boro tax dollars are used to bail out the pool, aren't we already paying a pool tax as part of our tax? Point Township contributes \$2,000 to the pool budget.

*Option #2 Simply Close the Pool:* At this time, we are not recommending this option but it does have merit. A one-year infusion of income and volunteers will not correct the maintenance and financial issues. A 5- to 10-year plan with both committed monetary pledges and volunteers is required or the slow financial death of the pool will continue.

*Option #3 Get the Community involved:* Standing committees of 17857 residents committed to fund raising, maintenance/physical improvements, and marketing. We need ideas, but more importantly we need boots-on-the-ground volunteers. We need both leaders and laborers, from the Borough and Point Township.

### ***Finally, a decision must be made.***

Ultimately, the Borough Council will decide the fate of Liberty Splashland. While their role is to weigh all issues from a big picture perspective, their decisions should reflect the feelings and desires of their constituents. **The Community Development Committee invites all interested parties to attend the next meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Community Center.** While the pool is a Borough-owned facility and is its primary subsidizer, it serves Point Township residents as well. If you are willing to be a boots-on-the-ground volunteer, we will welcome your attendance.



## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S COMMUNITY GARDEN & BLESSING BOX

You may have noticed a few new things growing by the Christ United Methodist Church (CUMC) on Front and King Streets this summer.

The Community Garden was started to simply share God's bounty with everyone! There are no income limits and no amount on how much you can take.

Produce is placed on the stand near the flagpole on the King Street side of the park, free for anyone who would like fresh veggies at their meal table. This year's harvest included sweet corn (which some claim is the best they ever had!), eggplant, brussels sprouts, zucchini, hot peppers, green peppers, banana peppers, tomatoes, cilantro, dill, basil, green beans, and fresh cut flowers.



Next year's plans for the gardens are already in the works! The CUMC family and community partners will be working on...

- Preparing the beds for composting during the fall and winter months.
- Signage to be installed with the CUMC kiddos' artistic touches!
- Install brick pathways.

- Handcrafted stepping stones will be made to be included in the paths throughout the garden.
- Garden expansion. The new footprint will double the garden's current size allowing for a more diverse crop selection and more produce for next year.
- A stone prayer wall will be built for anyone to utilize complete with lighting, a bench, and landscaping.

The CUMC Blessing Box has also been added as yet another outreach to the community. Blessing boxes come in many different sizes offering a variety of items like non-perishable food goods, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, diapers, and more.

CUMC encourages anyone in the community to "Take what you need and leave what you can." The Box is located right next to the Community Garden's produce stand.

If you are interested in lending a hand to either project or want to learn more about CUMC's services, programs, or outreach efforts, simply call the office at 473-8543.



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## WHAT IS 17857.ORG

[17857.org](http://17857.org) is a group of Norry\* residents dedicated to engaging the community, enhancing beautification and recreation, and promoting small business. We love where we live and we are committed to making Northumberland an even better place to live, work, and play! The group meets at the Little House on 3<sup>rd</sup> street the first Thursday of every month at 6pm and is always looking for new members!



Projects completed year-to-date:

- Special Events – Lemonade Day, Community Yard Sale, Trek-for-Treats Treasure Hunt
- Flowers and plantings downtown
- Little House promotion and fundraising efforts
- Management of the "Norry Bulletin Board" on Facebook

Future projects:

- Fall Festival – October 28
- Scarecrow Decorating in the Park – October 28 – November 15
- Santa in the Park – November 27
- Small Business Saturday Celebration
- Fencing at the Underpass
- Banners for light posts downtown
- New Christmas decorations for King Street Park and downtown

We are always welcome to new ideas and initiatives! Stop by one of our meetings, we welcome all new faces. For more information, feel free to email at [info@17857.org](mailto:info@17857.org) or reach out on Facebook at "Norry Bulletin Board."

\* anyone who resides in the 17857 postal zipcode.

## RIVERVIEW CEMETERY

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, the cemetery hosted its **12<sup>th</sup> Day of Remembrance**. The Board of Managers would like to thank everyone for their very generous donations. It was a beautiful day and we had approximately 100 people attend. We appreciate the great response we receive from near and far!

It seems like summer is not going away, but one of these days autumn will appear. We would appreciate people removing their summer decorations and planters off the graves so that on the last mowing and trimming we can trim closer to the monuments. When the flags are removed after Veterans Day we will be removing any decorations and planters that are remaining. Speaking of Veterans Day, the American Legion Post 44 will be doing a service at the cemetery on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M. It would be great if we could get more people to come out for this service in support of the Veterans. Last year it was a beautiful sunny day for November. Hopefully it will be like that this year!

Again, our thanks to everyone for supporting the cemetery!!!

Dee Zboray, Secretary

## FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 28

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28. The event will take place at the Second Street Community Center, 4-7 pm.

Kids will enjoy free crafts, free games, and fun prizes. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Costume contests will be a fun part of the event too! Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, cutest, most creative, and best group costumes.



Scarecrow decorating is also back! We will supply the forms, old clothes, props, straw, etc., available for families to use, you just have to bring your creativity! All completed scarecrows will be on display in King Street Park until right before Thanksgiving.

**Craft Contest Judging at 5:30**

**Trek-for-Treats Contest Drawing at 5:45**

**Kids' Costume Contest Judging at 6:00**

As always, anyone who is interested in helping out with the festival is asked to call Noelle at 412-4072.

This event is sponsored by 17857.org, Joseph J. Anselmo Sr. Trust, and Northumberland Borough.

On Halloween Night VISIT

LIGHT the NIGHT

at the Hookies!

5th Street, October 31, 2016, 5-9 pm

## BE AWARE TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT!

Having a SAFE Halloween will take extra effort this year. The DETOUR will still be in place. Drivers are not limiting themselves to the designated detour streets.

Be extra cautious on sidewalks and crossing the street. Keep on the sidewalks, don't walk down the streets or alleys., carry and use flashlights, don't wear all black this year.

Should you need to speak with a Police Officer and want to report an incident call (570) 473-8446. If it is an **emergency call 911**.



## TREK-FOR-TREATS TREASURE HUNT!

Something exciting is about to hit Northumberland – the Trek-for-Treats Treasure Hunt! Goodies have been hidden at select Northumberland businesses and are just waiting to be found by kids.

Treasure maps will be distributed at Priestley Elementary and are available at participating businesses and the borough office. The goal of this activity is to visit each of the businesses on the map (with an adult) to receive a special treat and a stamp on the map. Once the treasure map has been stamped by each participating business, kids can turn them into the borough office by 5:00 pm on October 27 to be entered to win the hunt's grand prize at the Fall Festival!

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

**Frye's Interiors**

**Northumberland National Bank**

**millie boutique & jewelry bar**

**On a Roll Sub Shop**

**Priestley Forsyth Memorial Library**

**Young's Sporting Goods**



## Treasure Hunt Rules

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

1. Treasure hunting will take place October 13-27, 2017.
2. Maps must be stamped by all participating business identified on the map in order to be a qualified entry.
3. All *completed* entries must be dropped off at the borough office at 175 Orange Street by Friday, October 27 at 5:00 pm.
4. Each child must be accompanied by an adult when visiting participating businesses for treasure hunt purposes.
5. Only ask *participating* businesses for a stamp and treat.
6. In the event a business would close or drastically change their hours, a missing stamp *will* be overlooked. The entry *will* be considered eligible.
7. One entry per child.
8. Participation is limited to children in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.
9. Costumes are not required for visiting... but it could be fun and may earn you extra treats!
10. The drawing for the treasure chest surprise will be held at the Fall Festival, Saturday, October 28 at 5:45 pm. Winner does not need to be present to win.

Additional copies are available at the borough office, participating businesses, or online at [17857.org](http://17857.org)

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570-473-9364  
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## Office Closings

The Borough Offices will be closed on November 10 for Veterans Day, November 23 and 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and on December 25 and 26 in observance of Christmas. The offices will also close at noon on December 29 and will be closed on January 1, 2017 for the New Year's holiday.

## Snow Removal

Heavy snowfall is always a problem. It would be helpful when a storm is imminent if larger parking areas are kept free by grouping cars together. In this manner, the plow can clear larger spots at once. As areas are cleared, cars can then be moved to allow clearing of the remainder of the street. Snow may not be thrown on the street. The street department appreciates your cooperation.



Did you know?

Residents must clear snow and ice from any sidewalk that borders their property within 24 hours after a snowfall has ended.



## HAVE DINNER AT WENDY'S SELINGSGROVE AND EARN MONEY FOR NORTHUMBERLAND FIRE POLICE



Tuesday, November 14

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wendy's will donate 10% of all sales during this time!

**GREAT FOOD, GREAT CAUSE**

## When Seconds Count...



**Which would you rather have to protect your home?**

**After a snowfall, remember to clear a three-foot radius around fire hydrants near your home.**



Did anyone notice the porta-potty at the playground by the Boro building?

It is provided as a courtesy of Wolfe Sanitation on the Island 570-988-7888. So keep them in mind the next time you need to rent one.

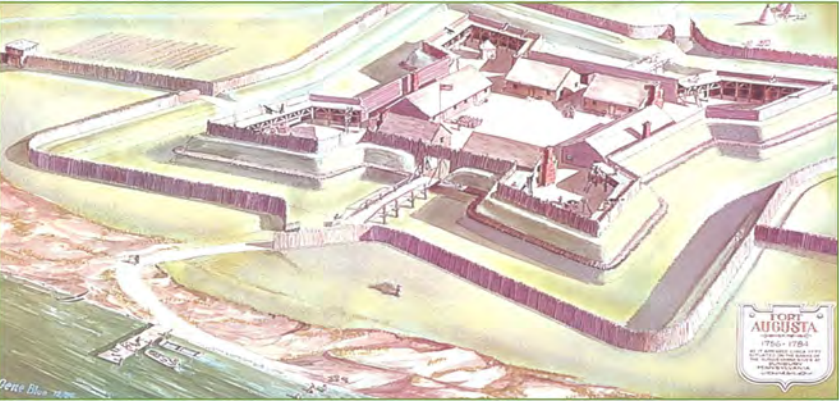
## Are you aware - some High School classes have regular monthly meetings?

Class of 50 –3rd Wednesday Noon—El Rancho  
Class of 51 –1st Wednesday Noon - El Rancho  
Class of 57 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 9 am – Ric-mar Restaurant  
Class of 62 - 3rd Thursday 6 pm - El Rancho  
Class of 63 - 4th Thursday 5:45 pm - Front St Station  
Class of 64 -1st Thursday 11:30 am - El Rancho  
Class of 65 - 1st Thursday 9:30 am - El Rancho  
Class of 68-69 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 6 pm - El Rancho



If you would like your classes mentioned here—send an email to info@17857.org or call 570-473-3222

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & HUNTER HOUSE MUSEUM



Lantern Tours -a Living History Evening  
Saturday Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 6 pm to 8:30 pm - Hunter House

See Fort Augusta's well, powder magazine, the fort model, and the Hunter-Grant Cemetery in a different light! Period-dressed tour guides. Scenarios will relate to events of the time period of the fort. Museum will be open, too. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Genealogical Library will be open from 12-8 p.m.

John Moore will present "The defiant Northumberland editor vs. President John Adams."  
Thursday Nov 16<sup>th</sup> 7 pm—Hunter House

In 1798 the U.S. government enacted the Alien and Sedition laws, which, among other things, made it illegal to criticize the President of the United States. These laws didn't sit well with Thomas Cooper, editor of the Northumberland Gazette. In June 1799 he published blistering criticism of the president. One of his readers sent the article to the U.S. government. In April 1800, Cooper stood trial in Philadelphia, charged with libeling Adams.

Convicted, Cooper spent six months in jail. A retired newspaper editor, Moore will provide details of the case and tell why the news media today enjoys the freedom to criticize our government.

Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Genealogical Library will be open from 12-8 p.m.

Friday, December 22 – Last day library is open until March 2<sup>nd</sup>



Annual Indoor Yard Sale  
February 15, 16 & 17—Hunter House

A sure cure for the winter blues when "one man's junk is another man's treasure." Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it! We are accepting donations of clean, gently used items now through Feb. 12. No clothing or other "soft goods" please.

Historical Society & Hunter House  
150 Front Street, Sunbury PA

FROM PINEKNOTTER DAYS

*A Special Thank You to the Community of Northumberland.....*

The Pineknotters Cake Wheel Committee would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for all that you did for this years celebration. The volunteers who did the phone call canvassing, volunteers who donated their time to work the stand, everyone who donated in their special ways and those who enjoyed the game to make it a fun week for all . The Kiwanis is extremely grateful for the volunteers who helped to set up and take down the stands, the Scouts who helped with the collection cans, and everyone else who gave their time to benefit the community.

WE THANK YOU NORTHUMBERLAND.

We look forward to working with and seeing you in 2018.

SANTA IS COMING! NOVEMBER 27

Santa will arrive at the King Street Park via firetruck on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The Sunbury City Band will provide entertainment beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served.

Special thanks to the Kiwanis Club, 17857.org, and the Joseph J. Anselmo Sr. Community Trust.



	Need a larger room for your party? You can rent the Kiwanis Building for \$150 per day. Call Brenda @570 492-7062 or Darvin @ 570 473-9566 for details.	
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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY CELEBRATION

Norry small businesses are SO great, we are going to celebrate them for not just one day, but for a whole week! 17857.org is organizing a "Small Business Saturday Celebration" set for **November 20-27**.

There will be three gift baskets full of Norry business goodies like gift certificates, promotional items, etc. that will be raffled off. It's simple. All you have to do is stop by participating businesses during November 20-27 and drop your name and phone number in to the drawing. No purchase necessary. Winners will be announced on the "Norry Bulletin Board" Facebook page on November 30.

Are you a business interested in participating? Give Noelle a call at 570 -412-4072.





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MARTIN CONCINI , JR. MEMORIAL TOY DRIVE

In 1990 the late Chief Martin Concini Jr., saw a need to contribute to those families in Northumberland who were in need during the holiday season. Chief Concini started a Christmas toy program for kids, which ended with his death in 1992.



Since 1998, the police department has been collecting toys for the less fortunate in his memory. The program has grown considerably and it has been our privilege to assist families in primarily Northumberland, Point Township, and Sunbury.

Unwrapped toys may be dropped off at the following locations starting on Black Friday:

- North'd Police Station or Borough Office
- Priestley/Forsyth Library on King Street
- Northumberland National Bank on Front Street
- Surplus Outlet Store on Route 11

Trunk or Treat



**October 29**  
Rain or Shine

Northumberland Area Churches  
King Street Park  
1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Dressing in costume is preferred but not required.  
Hosted by Grace Lutheran, St. John's, Christ United, New Life Ministry, and Amazing Grace.

American Legion Post #44  
309 Point Township Drive  
2:00 - 4:00 pm  
Food, Games and Treats  
Costume Judging - Children and Adults

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

Notice: the next Borough Council Meeting is Monday, November 6 at 7:00 pm not November 7 due to Election Day.



**Daylight Savings Time ends – Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour Saturday evening when you go to bed on Nov. 4.**



## FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE CULVER

### 2017-18 Hunting Guide Available Online for Free

The Pennsylvania Game Commission's 2017-18 Hunting Guide is now available to view and print online. Important updates in this year's guide include those related to the use of semiautomatic rifle permits



for small game and furbearers; pheasant hunters needing permits; select split seasons and new boundaries; an earlier start to archery bear season; select shorter fall turkey seasons; and eliminating the post-Christmas grouse season.

The annual digest, which has long been given out to each hunting and furtaker license buyer, is only being offered for free online this year and to students attending Hunter-Trapper Education courses as a cost-savings measure. To accommodate

license buyers who are unable to print digests at home, a limited number have been made available for purchase.

As our nation comes together to help those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, I want to share some information about Pennsylvanians who are lending aid, and how those who still might like to help may do so.



PA Task Force One, Urban Search and Rescue Task Force personnel were sent to Alabama to coordinate with teams already working in Texas before the storm in Florida. Several members of the Pennsylvania Incident Management Team went to Florida when the

U.S. Forest Service requested aid to help with debris cleanup and supervise saw crews. More than 200 Pennsylvania National Guard troops were deployed to Texas to assist in recovery efforts. We thank all these men and women for their efforts in helping our southern neighbors during their time of need. For a list of current disasters, volunteer sign

ups and other information—go to the following website <https://www.nvoad.org/howtohelp/>

### SAVE THE DATE:

### VETERANS APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



motivational speaker. Veterans in the 108th District are welcome to attend. RSVP by calling my district office at 570-286-5885 or 1-800-924-9060.

Save the date for the annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast, which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m., at the Watson Inn, 100 Main St., in Watsonstown. The speaker for this year's event will be Team Building US President and CEO Ken Altenbach, who is also a veteran and

As always, please remember the ads pay for the cost of the printing and mailing of this newsletter—so please patronize the advertisers and tell them thanks!

## FLOOD INFORMATION

Properties in Northumberland's floodplain are subject to three flood problems:

**Overbank Flooding:** Flooding of both the West Branch and the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. Flooding 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 storm water 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. Northumberland has had basement flooding caused by sewer backups.

*Find out if your property is in the mapped floodplain by calling the Borough at 570-473-3414 or Point Township at 570-473-3198, view the map at [northumberlandborough.com](http://northumberlandborough.com)*

**FLOOD PROOFING** a house means altering it so floodwaters will not cause damage. Different flood proofing techniques are appropriate for different types of buildings.

**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. Additional information is available at the Borough Office or at [northumberlandborough.com](http://northumberlandborough.com). *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 re-grading 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 RE-GRADE YOUR PROPERTY. A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties.

**SAFETY TIPS** Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out. Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. 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. Be alert for gas leaks. Carbon monoxide exhaust kills. Use a generator or other gasoline powered machine outdoors. The same goes for camping stoves. Clean everything that got wet.

**ELEVATION CERTIFICATES** New construction and substantial improvements to buildings on the floodplain requires a FEMA Elevation Certificate. Elevation certificates are on file at Borough Office.

**REAL TIME RIVER GAGE DATA** Real time stream information is available over the Internet on this website: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/>

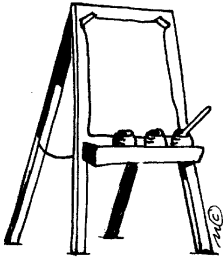
**RIVER FORECASTS** River forecast statements and river conditions can be obtained at the Middle Atlantic River Forecast Center, at State College, from this web-site: <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/marfc/>.

You will again notice in this issue and every issue going forward—a notice about the flood Hazard. This is an effort to save everyone \$\$\$\$\$. The borough saves money and so does the homeowner on their flood insurance—if we provide this information more often.

## (GIRL SCOUT) LITTLE HOUSE ART SHOW



The last art show was quite a success. . . . But was held during Pineknotted Days . . . . so traffic was already established. How do you get the residents to attend and advertise?



Watch for ads and advertising. I hope local artists will participate. I need time to get this info available to all. We needed a theme and I hope we can use the beauty of the area. The theme is to be **Our Town**.

The Little House is the perfect place for birthday parties, family get-togethers, and business meetings. Seating for 35, rent is \$50 with a \$100 refundable deposit. Reserve your date with the Borough Office.

## PRIESTLEY LIBRARY

The Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library is continuing to promote the STREAM methodology for a well rounded learning program. The newest activity is "Bedtime Math", our "Crazy 8's Math" group is divided into two age groups. 3rd graders and up meet the first and third Wednesdays from 4-5 PM and the K – 2nd graders meet the second and fourth Wednesdays from 4-5 PM.



The mission of Bedtime Math is to "help kids love numbers so they can handle the math in real life". We make math the cool thing to do after school. Our Crazy 8s math club is designed to get elementary school kids fired up about math.

Every week, kids get to build stuff, run and jump, make a mess... and make friendships at the same time. With the fun cool weekly activities, it's nothing like your usual math club.

We (PFML and Bedtime Math) make math part of the family routine. Every day, we serve up a quick bite of wacky math just for fun. It's nothing like school. Parents can sign up by email, on the Bedtime Math website, and on their free app. Whether it's flamingos, ninjas or pillow forts, kids can see the math in their favorite topics. No logins. No drilling. No scores. It takes only 5 minutes a day and kids clamor for it.

Our family digital learning events have been very well received. PFML set a goal that we would continue to offer this program. With the help of a grant from the Sunbury Area Community Foundation, PFML will be continuing our Family Digital Learning night the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6-7:30 PM.

This grant has allowed us to expand the materials and quantities, so that we will be able to offer a broad range of items that allow all of the children in our community access to these technology components. This program is geared for family participation!

Follow the S.T.R.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) to PFM Library. iPads, OSMO, Snap Circuits, Squishy Circuits, and Robots are just the beginning of what we have to offer. We love to help you and your children explore and have fun with all our fun technology.

Babies Boogie and Toddlers Rock is every Monday at 10:30 AM

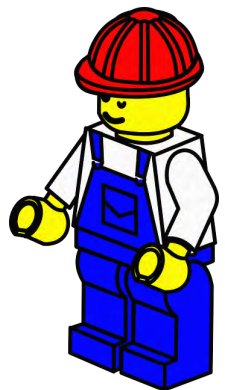
Kids Rock is also Mondays from 4-5 PM

Lego Club is Thursdays from 4-5 PM

Preschool Very Ready to READ is Fridays 10:30 – 11:30 AM

TRL – Teen Reading Lounge will be returning to PFML, as we received a two year grant from the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. With matching funds from local sources, this assures that the program will continue.

During the next couple of months we will be doing numerous events and activities for adults as well. The "Norry Book Club" meets the 4th Tuesday of each month from 6-7 PM here in the library.



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### Why Rent? When You Can Buy For Same Money Or Less!



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570-473-3531

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570-884-1052

Selinsgrove  
570-374-5533

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December 5, 6-8 pm: John Moore, "The **Storyteller of Frontier Pennsylvania**", will use dramatic techniques and audience participation to convey true stories about real people who lived on Pennsylvania's frontier during the 18th century. These people include Mary Jemison, Moses Van Campen, Frances Slocum, and Colonel James Burd.



Based in Northumberland, the storyteller is also an author and freelance writer. Sunbury Press Inc. recently published the eight books in his Frontier Pennsylvania Series, which are all available on Amazon.com. The most recent one is "Skunks, Nuts and Other Stories". He also writes and self-syndicates a monthly newspaper column devoted to Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvania history.

December 9th 10 AM – 3 PM: This is our annual "**Nifty Gifties**" Holiday crafts for

children of all age. They will have the opportunity to make that special gift for Moms, Dads and other significant people in their lives.

December 13th 6 PM – 8 PM: "**Polar Express Night**". This has become an annual tradition here at the library. It begins with the reading of the book and the excitement continues with the appearance of the jolly old man himself, giving a present and listening to the wish lists of the children. Refreshments and activities will also be part of the evening.

December 30th 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM will be the annual "**Countdown to Noon**" (PFML and Norry Fire Department, CUMC and other community organizations). Please note the date change. With the



actual New Year's Eve being on Sunday December 31st, **we have moved the event to Saturday December 30th**. We feel this works better for everyone and may actually allow for more people to participate. We are always looking for event helpers, so if you would like to be a part of this give us a call.

One final note, the Board of Directors of the PFML has a few openings. They would like to extend an invitation to the members of the Northumberland Borough and Point Township community who may be interested in working with the current board members, to please send or drop off a resume to the library. Interested persons should be willing to attend meetings, serve on various committees, and work on special events such as fundraising and other PFML activities. Foremost individuals must believe in the importance of the PFML to our community.

## FRIENDS OF PFML BOOK DROP OFF

9:30—11:30 am

First Saturday of Every Month

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall , rear of the parking lot



## LEAF PICK-UP

Borough leaf pick up will begin as soon as 80% of the leaves are off the trees.

Schedule will follow the "No Parking" signs posted.

Pick up will be Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week, until mid-December. *Schedule may change due to weather.*

Please put **leaves between the curb and the sidewalk** as this allows for a quicker pick up, and avoid putting leaf piles around trees, posts, etc. Avoid small branches as this jams the leaf mulcher. **Do not put on street!** Leaves behind cars will not be picked up. Please remove cars according to "No Parking" schedule.



Point Township will start to pick up leaves as soon as the majority of the leaves fall.



**Christmas Tree** pick up will be January 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup>. This will follow the same schedule as leaf pick up. Please make sure all lights, ornaments, etc. are removed from the tree before placing at the curb. Trees may not be bagged. Otherwise, the tree will not be collected.



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srmrtz@ptd.net

## CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Front and King Streets 570-473-8543

Worship Service every Sunday at 9 am

Sunday School 10:15 am christumc@christmontumc.org

**Free Dinners** – 4:30-6:00 p.m. All on the 3rd Saturday of the month  
October 21, November 18, December 16,  
January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21

Saturday, October 28 - 4:30-6:30 p.m. **Chicken and Waffle Dinner**  
Adults \$8, Kids \$5

Sunday, October 29 - 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Trunk or Treat**

Saturday, November 11—9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Christmas Bazaar**  
featuring HUGE Basket Auction, Church Lady Soups and  
Baked Goods, Crafts, Santa's Secret Shop for the Kids,  
Christmas Past Shoppe, Christmas Café

Sunday, November 19 Noon - 3 p.m. **LulaRoe Church Fundraiser**  
Sizes range from kids to ladies 3XL. All funds raised will also  
be matched by the corporation! Donations of non-  
perishable canned goods, personal hygiene items, baby care  
items, etc. will also be accepted for the Blessing Box.

Sunday, December 3 9:00 a.m. **Hanging of the Greens** followed by  
brunch

Sunday, December 24 9:00 a.m. **Christmas program**  
7:00 p.m. **Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**

Saturday, December 30 10:00 a.m. **Countdown to Noon** activities  
at the church in conjunction with the Priestley Forsyth Memorial  
Library

## GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

2190 Point Township Drive 570-473-9484  
Worship every Sunday 8:30a.m.

## AMAZING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

138 Leed St www.amazinggracecommchurch.org  
Sunday School 8:45 am, Sunday Worship Services 10 am  
For information, call toll free 844-374-AGCC (2422).

**Get out to Vote on ELECTION DAY!**

**NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

### VOTING LOCATIONS

All Norry wards vote at the 2nd Street Comm. Center.

Point Township votes at either the Township Building or the Legion.

## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6<sup>th</sup> and King Streets

570-473-9145

Worship Service every Sunday at 9 am

Sunday School immediately following.

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

114 Queen Street

570-473-9372

Worship Services Sunday 10:30am,

Sunday School 9:15 am

Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

Pastor Rick Miller



Worship is for everyone who longs for God-believers and seekers. Worship is about honoring and praising our Lord and Savior. It is a time when we gather to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit and express our joy and gratitude.

You will find a warm and friendly welcome at the First Presbyterian Church of Northumberland. We invite you to join us in a celebration of worship, christian fellowship, study and service.

## SUNBURY BIBLE CHURCH

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Worship every Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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WORSHIP SERVICES Handicap accessible

Weekly Sunday Services –

8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

Sunday School – Ages 3-6th grade 9-10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Class 7th & 8th grade – 9-10:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School 9-10:00 a.m.

**Kid's Faith Club (KFC)** Open to all youth 5 years of age-5<sup>th</sup> grade.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, September-March 5-7:00 p.m.

Join us for a light supper, followed by FUN & FELLOWSHIP, Bible story, craft, games, and song.

### Lighthouse Café

Free meal open to the community. Join us for a warm meal and mealtime fellowship. All with dessert & drink, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
Tentative monthly menu – subject to change.

October 24 (Tuesday) – Homemade pot pie, & pepper slaw.

November 16 (Thursday) Turkey, stuffing, mashed potato & vegetable.

December 28 (Thursday) Pork and sauerkraut, & mashed potatoes.

January 25 (Thursday) Homemade vegetable soup, & bbq sandwich.

February 22 (Thursday) Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, & vegetable.

March 22 (Thursday) Ham, sweet potato casserole, mashed potato, gravy & vegetable,

**Kate's Kupboard** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the Month 9-11:00 a.m. Free laundry detergent, plus other cleaning/personal care items when available.

**Rummage and Bake Sale** October 26, 27, & 28 Thursday & Friday, October 26 & 27 8:00 am.-4:00 pm., Sat., October 28, 8:00 am.-Noon.

**Trunk or Treat**, Sunday, October 29, 1-3:00 p.m., King Street Park

**Christmas Bazaar**, Friday, December 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The *North Pole Diner* will also be serving a tasty light lunch. Kitchen closes at 3 PM Friday and 1 PM Saturday.

Featuring: Crafts, Longaberger Baskets, Boyds, Gift Baskets, Mrs. Claus' Homemade Cookies and Candies, and Santa's Secret Shop for the children.

**Cookies with Santa**, Saturday, December 2, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

### HAVING A PARTY? NEED A PLACE TO RENT?

The Borough has several options. The S. Luther Savidge Room in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 is available for smaller groups. The fee is \$50 for a 3-hour party with a \$100 deposit required.

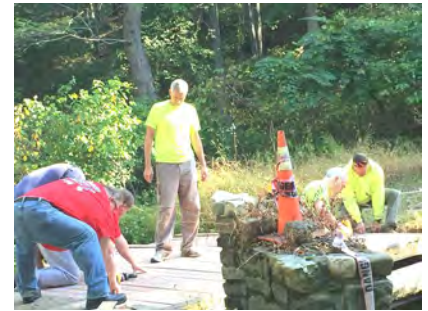
Contact the Borough Office at 570-473-3414.

## BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Bimbo Bakery's Good Neighbor Program has benefited Northumberland once again. Local Bimbo facilities can apply for up to \$5,000 in grant funding and provide man hours as well.

A pedestrian bridge was built over Liberty Hollow Run creek decades ago. No doubt the bridge deck was replaced numerous times, however, it was once again in need.

Bimbo Northumberland purchased and installed a new Timbertech deck with rail. The composite deck will last at least 15-20 years.



From left to right on the photograph below are Randy Frazer, Chris Barker, Mel Spade, and Don Brubaker. Ed Scholl, Ricky Michael and Bob Logan also assisted with the build.

The Borough of Northumberland is very grateful for Bimbo's help and looks forward to working with them on future projects.



**Sub Shop**  
**92 Queen Street**  
**Northumberland**  
**570-701-1224**

# THE NORRY POINT TOWNSHIP SENIOR ACTION CENTER

268 Second Street      570-473-9373      norrysac@ptd.net

Mondays – Crafts, Cards, Wii, Bingo 12:15

Tuesdays – Cards, Wii, Chair Exercise 9:30

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

Thursdays – Cards, Wii Games 9:00,

Fridays – Cards, Wii, Tai Chi 10:00 , Nickel Bingo 12:15

Activities are subject to change. Please call the center to check.

Membership for the center is 55 and older and dues are still \$7.00. We are always looking for new members and new ideas for activities.

Fryes now offers a new menu. You can get the regular menu, lighter menu which consists of soups, sandwiches or salads. Fish is always an option along with a meat substitute. I would like to encourage everyone to eat at least once a week.

## OCTOBER

Thurs. 19 – Cash Bingo 20 Games for \$20.00 Games start at 5:00

Tues. 24 – Breakfast 9:00

Thurs. 26 – Card Party 12:00

Tues. 31 – Flu Shots 9:00-10:00 Pork & Sauerkraut for lunch

## NOVEMBER

Sun. 5 – Daylight Savings Ends

Mon. 6 – Members Meeting 10:00

Tues. 7 – Center Closed for Elections

Thurs. 9 – Breakfast Menu for lunch at 11:30

Friday 10 – Center Closed for Veterans Day

Tues. 14 – Thanksgiving Catered Meal at 11:30

Wed. 15 – Free Blood Pressure 9:30-11:00

Wed. 15 - Officers Meeting 2:00

Thurs. 16 – Cash Bingo 20 Games for \$20.00

Mon. 20 – Speaker Jim White at 10:00 Palliative Care

Thurs. 23 & Fri. 24 – Center Closed for Thanksgiving

Thurs. 30 – Card Party 12:00

## DECEMBER

Mon. 4 – Member Meeting 10:00

Tues. 12 – Christmas Party Bring in your favorite cookies to share  
Special lunch Sing along after lunch

Mon. 18 – Speaker Jim White at 10:00 "Germ Prevention"

Wed. 20 – Officers Meeting 2:00

Thurs. 21 – Cash Bingo 20 Games for \$20.00

Mon. 25 – Center Closed for Christmas

Thurs. 28 – Card Party 12:00

## Northumberland American Legion Post #44

### Trunk or Treat

October 29

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Food, Games and Treats

Costume Judging - Children and Adults

### Veterans Breakfast

November 11

7:30 - 11:00 am

Free for Vets, Others \$5

By Auxillary

### Veterans Day Service

November 12

1:00 pm

Riverview Cemetery

(If Inclement weather, service will be in the  
Legion Ballroom)

### Red Cross Bloodmobile

November 1, 1:00 - 6:00 pm

### Smooth Country

Plays Every Tuesday, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

### DJ Beaner

Plays Every Other Saturday,  
10:00 pm - 1:00 am



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The American Legion Post #44 has teamed with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank's MilitaryShare

Program to provide free food distribution for active service members, veterans and their families in need.

While the specific items distributed will vary based on the Food Bank's available inventory. Each eligible, registered family will receive fresh produce, one quart of fresh milk, one dozen eggs and a box of shelf-stable pantry staples such as soup, pasta, sauce and cereal. When available meat, fish and poultry products may also be included.

Who is eligible? All active service members, veterans, and their families in need. Proof of military service, such as a DD214, Military ID or VA medical card is required to register.

Ready to register? Please call Dick Simpson at 570-847-1974 to pre-register. *Participants must pre-register to be eligible.*

Distribution is every 4th Friday, the next one is October 27th. To date over 45 families has received assistance.

For more information on the MilitaryShare Program or to make a donation, visit [www.centralpafoodbank.org](http://www.centralpafoodbank.org) or call 717-564-1700.



## RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Wednesday — 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Saturday — 7:00 to 11:00 am

On route 11 N—across from W&L Subaru

The following items are accepted:

- Aluminum cans
- Glass bottles & jars (clear, green, brown; separated by color; rinsed clean with no lids, No candle jars, dinnerware, or window glass)
- Steel food and juice cans (rinsed clean)
- Newspapers
- 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

Remember this helps provide funding for the local organizations that work there. Volunteers are always welcome.

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## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY CASA VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Susquehanna Valley CASA – Voices for Children's mission is to assist the courts in determining what is in the best interest of abused and/or neglected children whose cases are in the court system.

Through objective investigation and observation, with the focus on the child, a highly - trained CASA Volunteer will develop and present their recommendations to the courts which aids in establishing a safe, permanent and nurturing home.

CASA Volunteers are trained citizens (age 21 or older) from all walks of life (educators, business professionals, health care professionals, parents, grandparents, lawyers etc.) who share a common passion and belief that all children deserve a safe, permanent, loving, and nurturing home.

We currently have over 230 abused and neglected children in our community on a waiting list for a CASA Volunteer.

This could be the most important contribution you have ever made to your community, and to the life of a child...ever.

Become a CASA Volunteer, call us today 570.988.2200. Please share this information with your friends, family, coworkers, and social media connections! Please check our website for news and updates. [Susquehannavalleycasa.com](http://Susquehannavalleycasa.com)





## THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

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