## The PINEKN®TTER News



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Tuesday May 1st Christ United Methodist Church Front and Kings Street Northumberland, PA 17857 1:00 PM – 6:00 PM

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#### LIBERTY SPLASHLAND CLOSED FOR 2018

To confirm what many of you have already heard, Liberty Splashland will be closed for the 2018 season. The Borough cannot continue to cover its expenses. The pool has multiple issues, with the primary one being its age. Parts of the pool are over 40 years old; typical life expectancy is 50 years. Additionally, this pool appears to have had problems with leaking since early on.

As most are well aware, Norry is full of natural springs. While this may seem like a wonderful thing, in this particular spot it's not. An engineering study in 1998 indicates that the natural springs around the pool impact the stability of the surrounding ground, leading to cracks and leaking. Over the years, various parts have been replaced. But no comprehensive overhaul has been undertaken. The pipes are under concrete making any cracks in the water system difficult to correct.

Over \$500 a day is required to cover that day's costs. This does not include maintenance or equipment replacement. The electric and chemical costs are fixed, daily expenses even when the pool is closed due to bad weather.

Another issue is the cost and availability of labor. The number of lifeguards is dictated by its square footage. The pool alone requires four guards, the bowl slide requires one. The guards are either in high school or college; and the college kids return to school in the middle of August. This significantly decreases the number of available guards, add in vacations and the pool ends up being closed in the middle of August.

Effectively the pool has a 10-week season, add bad weather and it's even less. So the question is - **IS IT WORTH IT TO FIX THE POOL?** 

And when considering that question - guesstimates are ranging from a minimum of \$500,000 to potentially \$1,000,000 to fix the pool properly. The Borough must pay prevailing wage for any contract over \$25,000. And yes grants are out there BUT it will take 4-5 years to be funded IF it's funded at all.

**What to do, what to do, what to do.....**the best solution is a matter of opinion. Ultimately, it's council that decides, but it's the Community Development committee who is in charge of coming up with a course of action. A public meeting was held in the Fall; all of 18 people attended, and *no one* stepped up to the plate to raise funds or get a committee together to save the pool.

The committee has come up with multiple ideas for that location. Some of which do not include a pool. It's a difficult decision. To aid in that decision, the Borough has hired a consultant. Brian Auman, a landscape architect, will be assisting the committee work through potential scenarios. Brian's an expertise in community development and recreation.

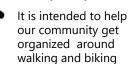


Watch Northumberland Borough, the Norry Bulletin Board and Liberty Splashland's Facebook and website pages for information, and opportunities to be included in the process. Borough residents are welcome at all Community Development meetings which are held the 3rd Monday at 7:00 p.m.

#### AUDIT OF BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES TO BE CONDUCTED

Through a PA DCNR grant, the Borough and Point Township will be conducting an audit to raise awareness about the Importance of bicycle and pedestrian - friendly

community design for encouraging active and healthy lifestyles.



issues, overcoming impediments to safe walking and biking, identifying priority projects and programs, and developing implementation strategies for these priority projects and programs.

The planning process results in the development of a Community Bicycle and Pedestrian Audit (CPBA) **Recommendations Report that** includes: the inventory, analysis and mapping of existing and desired bicycle and pedestrian facilities with connections to transit identified impediments to walking and biking; prioritized list of bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects, and recommended implementation strategies; recommended policies / changes in ordinances for improving the built environment for walking and biking; and suggestions for creating events or programs to get people walking and biking in our community.

The CBPA Recommendations Report will empower Northumberland Borough and Point Township to get the funding needed to implement priority bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects and to increase physical activity in our community.

#### **BE A PART OF THE PROCESS!**

**Anyone interested** may participate in the audit. Dates and details will be forthcoming on community Facebook pages and websites. If you wish to receive a direct, personal notice please call the Borough office, 570-473-3414, and leave your contact information.

#### THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Hello. My name is Dan Berard and I am the newly elected Mayor of Northumberland. I am very excited about my new job. Every day has been a challenge for me. I would like to tell you a little about myself but first I would like to thank my predecessor Lenny Zboray for his service as mayor to the borough. Lenny was Mayor for 7 years to the Borough which has seen many changes. I hope that I can fill his shoes .

I was born in Arlington, VA in 1956. I lived my life in Arlington until 1995 when I moved to Northumberland to marry my wife Laurie Young. Laurie owns a restaurant in the Borough. She had two sons who still live in Northumberland. They have married and have given me 4 grandchildren. This is the happiest time in my Life. I am a painter by trade and landed a painting job at Susquehanna University where I have just celebrated 22 years of service.

I would like to give you an idea of the responsibilities of being a Mayor. Some of which surprised me.

- 1. Perform marriage ceremonies (this is a privilege not a requirement of the office).
- 2. Attend ribbon cutting ceremonies.
- 3. Represent the Borough at public events and celebrations.
- 4. Be involved with the Police Department in community projects.
- 5. Submit articles for the Borough website or newsletter.
- 6. Attend and participate in municipal meetings.
- 7. Speak at schools and local functions.
- 8. Attend conferences and training to increase knowledge.
- 9. Refrain from being a one issue official.
- 10. Balance needs with available funding to remain fiscally responsible.
- 11. Administer the Police Department.
- 12. Enforce ordinances and regulations.
- 13. Administer oaths and affirmations.
- 14. Preside over mandatory reorganization meetings.
- 15. Vote when it is necessary to break tied votes of council.
- 16. Take part in council discussions.
- 17. Declare an emergency and regulate actions during this time.
- 18. Look after the well being of the citizens of the Borough of Northumberland.

Easily contacted, email me at mayor@northumberlandborough.com.

I Love my family, I Love my job, I Love my country and I Love Northumberland.

#### Let the journey begin!

#### **MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

Since Penn Dot has changed the routes for the detour this year, I have included new maps of the detours. Everything of course is tentative—it all depends on how the work goes—except for the fact that there will be no construction for Pineknotter Days and Duke St will be open then.

#### Did you know?

17857.org - Santa's helpers – Parking meter covers - Rita Wolf, Linda & Steve Yerger, Noelle & Bob Long, Marrianne & Drake Owens – park decorations Margaret Weirick and Barb Kistner – MayKay Clark on her own time – came back in and "trimmed" the trees for us!!!! (took off the broken edges) We are working with the boro to get some new decorations for the park next year.

#### YELLOW DOT

This program assists citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care



following a traffic crash when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a Yellow Dot decal in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need. The program is a cooperative effort between Penn DOT, the state departments of Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania

State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, first responders, and local law enforcement.

#### HOW CAN CITIZENS PARTICIPATE?

Citizens complete a participation form online to have Penn DOT mail them a Yellow Dot kit – or you can visit Lynda Schlegel Culvers office at 106 Arch Street, Sunbury, to pick one up or call her office at 570-286-5885 and they will assist with ordering one. Upon receipt, participants should complete the information section, which includes emergency contact information, medical history, medications, allergies, and doctors. A photo (showing only the head and shoulders) is then taped to the appropriate location inside the booklet. The kit should then be placed in the vehicle's glove compartment. The Yellow Dot decal is placed in the lower left corner of the participant's rear windshield, no higher than 3 inches from the bottom.



**Did you know?** The little arrow on the gas pump on you fuel gauge points to the side of the car your filler cap is located? I know its not real important unless you are driving someone else's car and want to put gas in it!

Go ahead check it out!

The web address for STATE road conditions and traffic

http://www.511pa.com/



#### 7TH ANNUAL SUSQUEHANNA SPRING CLEANUP

**On May 5** hosted by the Susquehanna River Cleanup Project and Sunbury's Revitalization. For 6 years, volunteers from around the Susquehanna Valley have gathered each spring to gather garbage on the river and keep it from continuing further downstream.

Please join us again this year as we look to ad to our total of over 30,000 pounds of garbage removed so far! Volunteers are need for

both land only/walking and boating. You do not necessarily need your own boat. Some digging tools are provided but if you are able to bring your own, that is helpful. Gloves, water, garbage bags, lunch, and other supplies are provided. Event is rain or shine unless the weather becomes dangerous. Please register at www.www.susquehannacleanup.com.



#### DAT A Parace Cere

#### May 28, 2018

Parade forms at 8:30 am and moves at 9:00 am. Ceremony at Riverview Cemetery at 9:45 am. The Auxiliary will be selling Poppies at various locations all weekend.

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#### COMMUNITY MINDED VENUES TO RENT

The Northumberland **Little House** on 3rd St is available for smaller groups. The fee is \$50 for a 3-hour party with a \$100 refundable deposit required. Contact the Borough Office at 570-473-3414.

#### Need a larger room for your party?

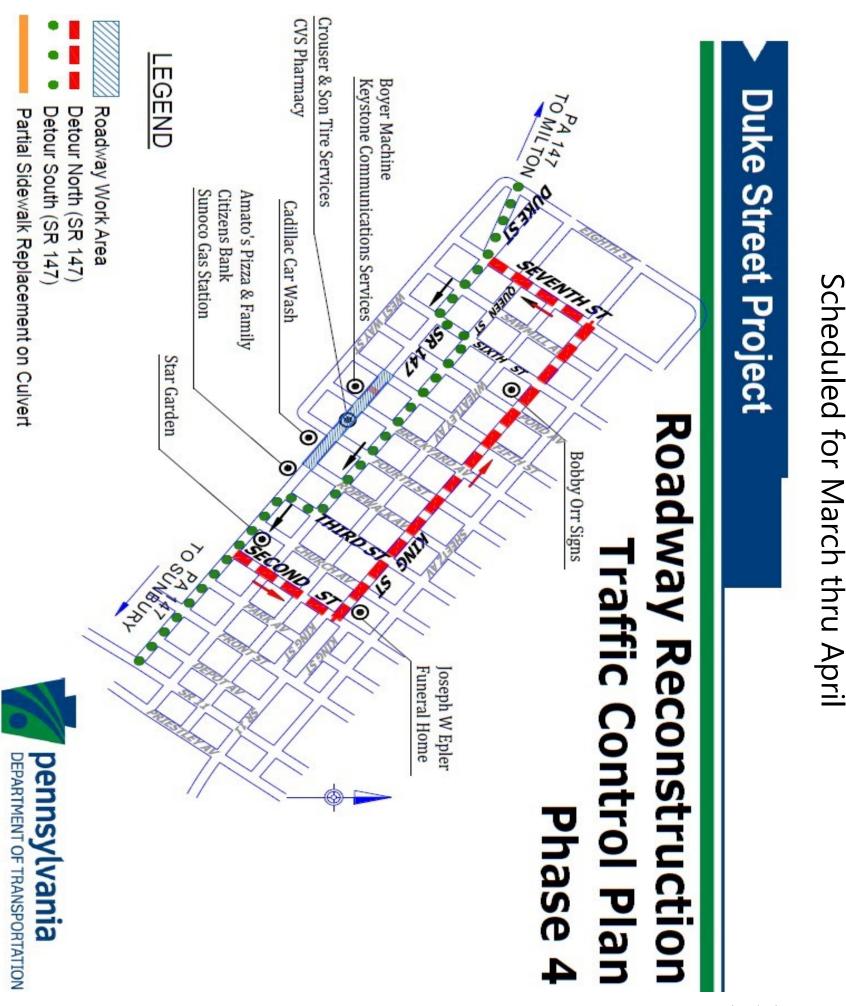
You can rent the **Kiwanis Building** for \$150 per day. Call Brenda @570 492-7062 or Darvin @ 570 473-9566.

#### And even more space?

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.

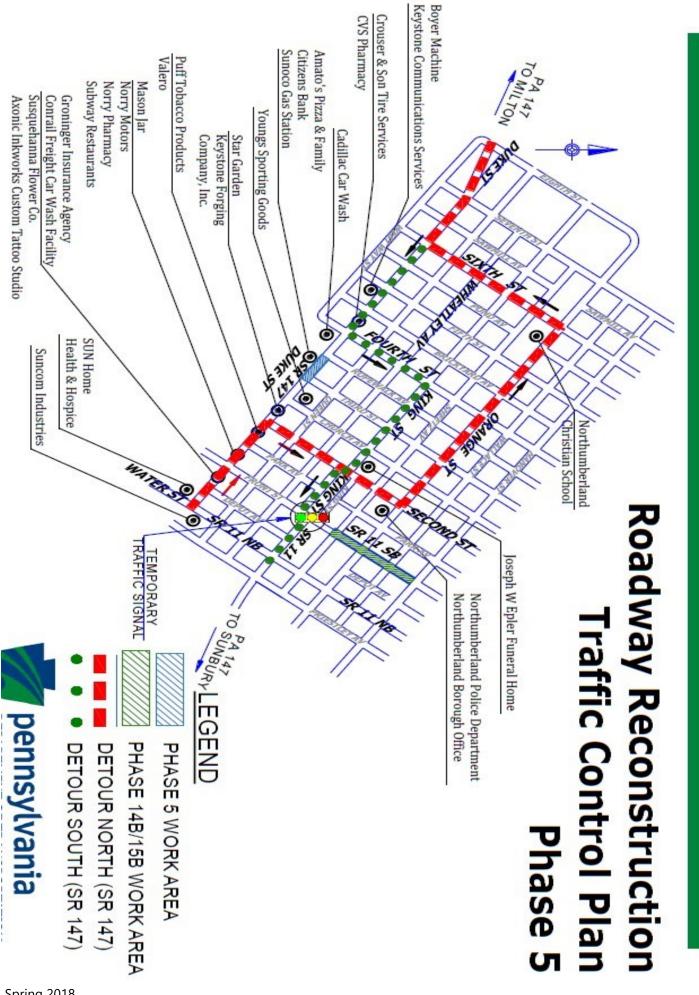
#### **Community Pavilions**

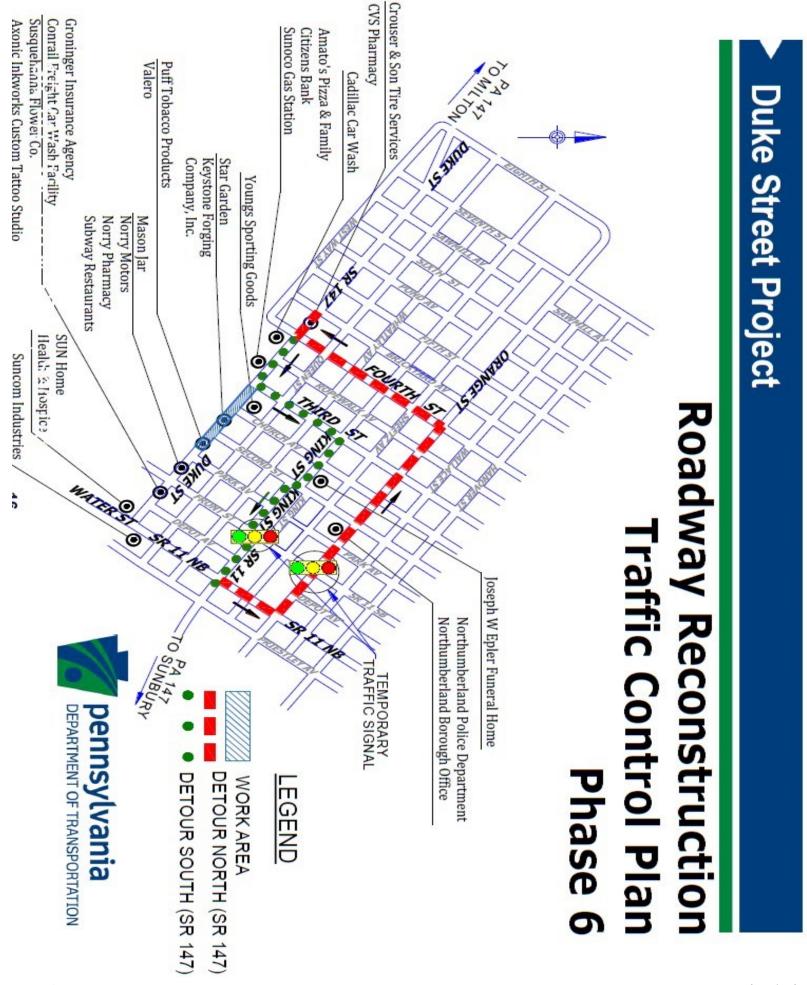
The **King St. Park Gazebo** & the **Pineknotter Park pavilion** are available for rent. The rental fee is \$50.00, and a security deposit of \$50.00 is required. Contact the Borough Office at 570-473-3414.

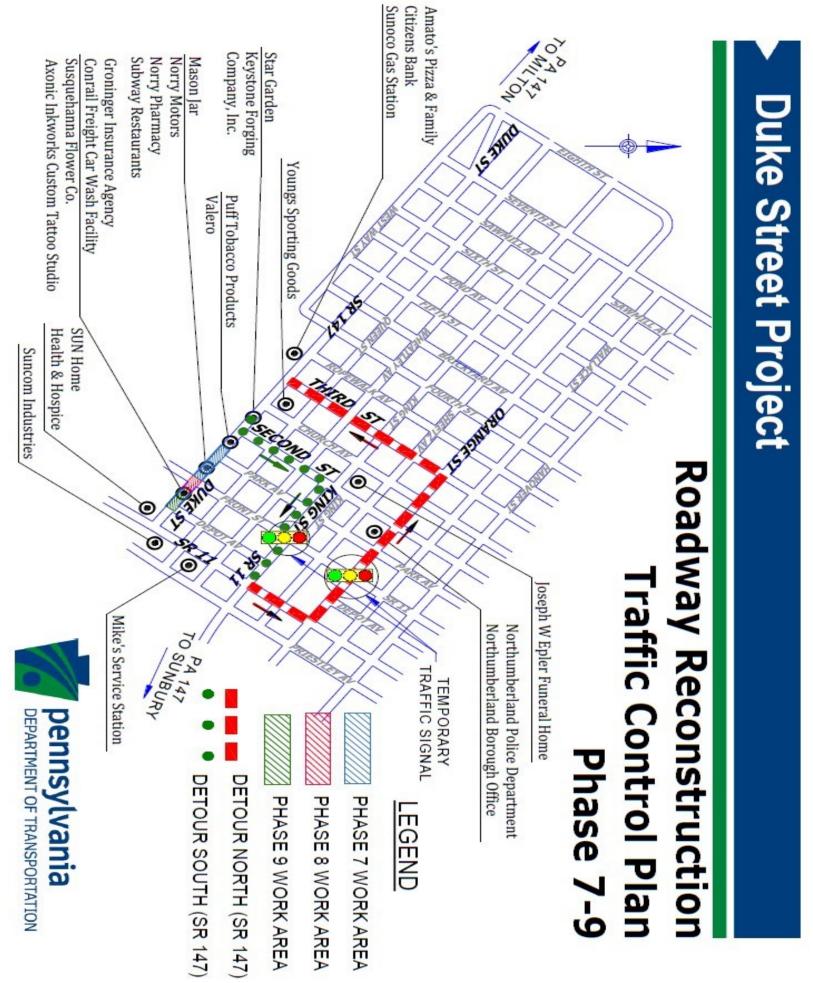




# Duke Street Project







Proposed Scheduled July 9th thru September

#### **RIVERVIEW CEMETERY**



Spring is arriving and along with the warm weather and Easter the beautiful flowers will be popping up! Please remember to consider the grass mowing when planting flowers and placing potted plants in the cemetery. There are rules and regulations posted by the door of the office.

Some dates to mark on your calendars are Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Riverview has the early service this year. The parade will form at

King St. Park at 8:30 am. and the parade will start at 9:00 am. The service at the cemetery will begin at 9:45 am.

**The Day of Remembrance will be on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.** Watch for flyers in the post office, bank and around town. Please come out that day to remember your families and friends who have passed and for support of the cemetery. Your donations help to keep up the grounds of the cemetery and are greatly appreciated.

Donations are a major source of income for the cemetery. It is owned by the lot owners, not the borough, so those of you who own plots have a stake in the appearance of the grounds and a voice for any concerns you may have.

I would like to take this time to publicly thank the Priestley School 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes for coming to the cemetery to clean up the grounds this past fall and for scheduling it again this March to help clean off the Christmas decorations. **Please remember to come get your decorations if you want them BEFORE March 15<sup>th</sup>!!** They do the clean- up in about 2 hours! It would take the board members days to finish!! **THANK YOU, PRIESTLEY 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS!!!** 

If you have any cemetery questions or concerns, please call the office and they will be addressed. Thank you very much for your support. Dee Zboray Secretary 570-473-8296



#### **EASTER EGG HUNTING!**



Bunnies will be hard at work once again in Norry this year!

The Easter Bunny himself has informed 17857.org that he has plans to hide A LOT of eggs throughout town. In fact, there will be eight areas in town where kiddos can go egg hunting.

Areas will be open to egg hunting beginning at 9:30 am on Saturday, March 31. These hunts are not actively managed by anyone. There will be plastic totes at each site for you to drop off your eggs for us to use again next year. We ask that you be considerate of others. Please do not take every egg you see, be sure to leave some for others to find. Feel free to make a morning walk of it and visit more than just one area. Again, please be considerate of others and not over-fill your basket! Have fun! Be kind! Egg hunting sites include:

- 1. 2nd St. Playground
- 2. Downtown post office to Heff and Beeb's Ice Cream Place,



Townside to Untangled Salon & Spa.

- 3. Middle School grassy field area
- 4. King Street Park
- 5. Little League Field
- 6. Priestley Sch. lower playground/field
- 7. Little House on 3rd Street

8. Friends of Howling Hollow Dog Park ONLY treats for our four-legged egg hunters

If you wish to donate plastic eggs or candy, please contact Noelle at 570-412-4072 or message us at "Norry Bulletin Board" on Facebook.

#### NORTHUMBERLAND HISTORY MUSEUM

New display cabinets are in the process of being completed in the Savidge Room of our local Borough Office at Second Street.

Thank you's to Butch Leese for his many photos, Chas Hudock for his helping hands for applying our shelves, Joseph Schrader for his many donations and Harry & Joy Wynn for the ceramic miniature houses in memory of Jack and Marcy Kerwin.

We are still looking for a band majorette skirt. We presently have everything but skirts.

#### NEW CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Our downtown decorations are over 35 years old and new LED lighting is needed. Our 17857.ORG., headed by Noelle Long, is in the process of finding and redesigning a new look for the holidays.

The first Thursday of every month, this organization meets at the Little House. On Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. a representative from Décor Company will be presenting different decorations that are available.

We will also review **new décor that will honor our vets for May 30<sup>th</sup>** and the summer. Please help decide the holiday downtown look. Your input will help. That's **Thursday April 5th at 6:00 pm. at the Little House**.

#### **Congratulations to our Beautification Winners!**

Northumberland is made up of such a beautiful collection of unique homes, buildings, businesses, and churches. 17857.org has been recognizing those who take pride in their property – be it through general upkeep, renovations, landscaping, etc. Those who take pride in their properties make Northumberland an even prettier place to live! Congratulations goes out to.....



January – The Derr Home on Third St.



February – The Napp Home on Strawbridge Rd.



March – Heff & Beeb's at 168 Queen Street

Have you noticed a property that shines? Maybe your neighbor has done some new landscaping or put some new siding on? Let us know and we'll put them on the contender list! Feel free to message us at "Norry Bulletin Board" on Facebook or give Noelle at 570-412-4072 a call to nominate someone!

#### ART SHOW AT THE LITTLE HOUSE

#### Another event added to Pineknotter Days

Many people did not know there was an art show last year during Pineknotter Days. Last year's art show featuring Mr. Hickey's art and other locals art was very successful.

This year artists can enter art that will be featured at the Little House 340 Third St, in Norry. All art should be framed and if you would like to sell it – priced. Pineknotter Days will receive 10% of the proceeds. Barb says it would be nice if the subject was of our beautiful town. All notecards and previous town artwork will be on sale. There will also be some new items available. For more information call Barb Kistner at 570-809-0745.

Stop in and view our newly redecorated Little House!

The Art Show will be open, starting July 2nd thru the 6th from 6:00 pm. to 8:30 pm. and all day July 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 am.

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* 7 pm Community Development	* 6 pm Public Safety * 6:30 pm Meetings/work sessions ** 6 pm Planning		* 6:30 pm Finance	
	* 7:30 pm Zoning ** 6 pm Fire except summer		* 7pm Planning Commission	

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#### NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY TIRE COLLECTION EVENT

Recycle your old passenger vehicle tires for FREE!!

April 7, 2018 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Anthracite Outdoor Adventure Area 4100 PA-125, Coal Township, PA 17866

#### **PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

For more information and registration, please contact the Northumberland County Conservation District (570) 495-4665 x303

Restricted to Northumberland County residents. Rimless passenger vehicle tires only. No commercial or tractor tires accepted (tires >15'' in width and/or >4' tall).

As part of a collaborative effort with PA DEP & Keep America Beautiful, the District's Mosquito -borne Disease Control Program will be collecting old tires from county residents to help eliminate potential mosquito breeding habitat and reduce West Mile virus transmission, in addition to eliminating potential public health hazards and enhancing the county's aesthetics.

One tire can produce more than 10,000 adult mosquitoes in one season!

#### 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 55—3rd Tues 8:30 am—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



#### **PINEMUDDER BACK!**

Save the Date of July 1st for the Norry Pinemudder.

More information will be available in the next Pineknotter News issue.

However, if you are interested in helping with the event, please leave your contact information with the Borough office 570-473-3414 or email info@17857.org.

See You THERE!

#### NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & HUNTER HOUSE MUSEUM



#### Wednesday, April 4, Extended Library Hours

Our research library will be open from 1:00 until 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, April 19, 7:00 p.m. @ Hunter House

**Barbara Spaventa** of Northumberland will recount the September 1911 disaster in Austin, Potter County, Pennsylvania. A total of 78 people lost their lives when a concrete dam failed in this small town. Some of Barb's ancestors, the Ripples, lived in the town but were spared.

#### Wednesday, May 2, Extended Library Hours

Our research library will be open from 1:00 until 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. @ Hunter House *History Day* — Don't miss this living timeline of history! Visit with reenactors from different time periods. See canal memorabilia, special displays and craftspeople. Programs on different topics of local history will be presented in the library throughout the day. Food and drinks available.

#### Thursday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. @ Hunter House

**Glenda Strouse** will present a program on "**The Old Chillisquaque Cemetery**" near Route 147. A thorough researcher, Glenda has gathered a lot of information over the years about those who were laid to rest at this location.

**Sunday Afternoon Hours** resume at the Fort Augusta Museum and Fort Replica beginning June 3 and continuing each Sunday through October 28. Tour guides will staff the museum and outdoor fort replica from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Group tours can be arranged for other days and times by calling 570-286-4083 or emailing <u>NCHS1756@gmail.com</u>

#### Wednesday, June 6, July 11, August 1, and Sept. 5, Extended Library Hours

Our research library will be open from 1:00 until 8:00 p.m.



#### NOTE FROM THE PINEKNOTTER CAKE WHEEL COMMITTEE

Pineknotter Days Cake Wheel volunteers will be making phone calls beginning in June reminding folks to donate baked goods for the July cake wheel.

If you don't receive a call, please mark your calendars as a reminder. If you would like to help with the call list, please let Rita Wolfe know

before May 18th. With more volunteers we can try to make more calls.

If you are interested in working the stand, call Rita for more information, 570-473-9128.

Also if you are willing to work the Pineknotter Store give Linda a call - 570-415-5276 volunteers are always welcome!



#### SHOW US YOUR SUSQUEHANNA!

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest Opens April 1<sup>st</sup>

The Susquehanna Greenway Partnership invites photographers from around the Susquehanna and beyond to enter the 7th Annual Susquehanna Greenway Photo Contest. The Contest will accept submissions from April 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018. Eligible participants can visit <u>susquehannagreenway.org/photo contest</u> to learn more and submit photographs in one or all four categories.

This open and free photo contest seeks to inspire and celebrate the connections that are shared between communities and the Susquehanna River. Cash Prizes will be awarded to the first through third place winners within each category: Treasured Towns, Treasured Landscapes, Susquehanna Adventures, and Youth: Under 18 Years Old. Winning images will also be printed, framed, and added to a traveling gallery to be exhibited throughout the Susquehanna region within Pennsylvania for a year.





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#### NEWS FROM JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

The Museum is now open for regularly scheduled tours at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 pm on weekend afternoons (except Easter Sunday and Mothers Day) until November 18, 2018. Tours at other times can be arranged. Admission prices are: Adult (12-64 years) \$6.00, Reduced (seniors age 65+ years of age; inquire about other reduced admission offers) \$5.50, Youth (3-11 years of age) \$4.00, Children 2 years of age and under admitted free. Always free admission to Active Military Duty and Immediate family and local firefighters and police officers and their families.

**Doll Day at Priestley House** on Saturday June 9, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. A celebration of World Doll Day to honor long time volunteer Ruth Eleanor McCorkill. As part of the celebration there will be afternoon tea (each seating includes tea and light food), but advance reservations for the tea are required. Wearing fancy dress attire and bringing your own doll are encouraged, but not mandatory.

**Summer History Camp** mornings from Wednesday July 25 to Friday July 27. The camp is for elementary school children. Attendance is limited to 20.

**Oxygen Day** on Sunday August 5. Tour the house on your own from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with chemistry demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Free admission.

**Heritage Day**, Sunday November 4. Tour the house on your own from 1:00 to 4:00 pm with chemistry demonstrations at 1:30 and 2:30 pm. Children's games. Free admission.

For information about events at Priestley House or to become a volunteer please visit <u>www.josephpriestleyhouse.org</u> or call 570-473-9474.





#### PRIESTLEY CHAPEL ASSOCIATES

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#### FIRST SUNDAY PROGRAM OF WORDS AND MUSIC

Since November 2006, a First Sunday Program of Words and Music has been presented at Priestley Chapel from 9:30 to 10:10 am. Local musicians perform in a variety of genres. The poetry portion features local poets. This program offers the community an opportunity to hear music and spoken word in superb acoustic setting.

April 1, 2018

Musician: George Poder with Poet: Ann Keeler Evan

May 6, 2018

Musicians: KC DC String Quartet with Poet: Sharlene Gilman

June 3, 2018

Musician: Judy Ellis with Guest Poet: David Bauman

This year we are kicking off a campaign to raise \$5,000 to substantially repair the historic John Wind Organ in Priestley Chapel. Although the organ has been maintained since its last restoration 35 years ago, conservation is now necessary to re-establish its original tuning.

Work needed:

- repair the 24 wooden pipe tuning stoppers and flap tuners
- replace one or more of the wooden pipes,
- and reform misshapen metal pipes.

The organ was built by John Wind in 1815 and is only one of two



known to exist. The organ is a small chamber instrument of one manual and two ranks. It contains a Stopped Diapason 8' and a Principal 4' with a 54 note compass. The lowest notes of the Principal cannot be put off. The organ is in a rectangular mahogany case. There are panels around all sides of the case with cloth to allow for sound egress.

#### Response Form

#### Priestley Chapel John Wind Organ Repair Fund Drive

I/We wish to contribute to the fund to repair the Historic John Wind Organ at Priestley Chapel

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_ Address

Amount

Donations can be made by PayPal on the Chapel website www.priestleychapel.org

or by check to PCA PO Box 333, Northumberland, PA 17857

#### FROM STATE REPRESENTATIVE CULVER



#### RADON TESTING

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is encouraging Pennsylvanians to resolve to make 2018 a safer, healthier year by testing homes for radon and encouraging family, friends and neighbors to do the same. With 40 percent of homes in our state having higher levels of radon than the EPA considers acceptable, DEP is

encouraging residents to perform a simple test for this known human carcinogen.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that forms naturally in our soils. It can move through cracks and openings in our homes and workplaces into the air we breathe. DEP Secretary Patrick McDonnell explained that Pennsylvanians are at risk of exposure to high radon levels because of the state's geology. High levels of radon tend to be found in basements, but the gas can be found anywhere in the home. He encourages residents to pick up a test at a hardware store, open it and set it on a surface in the basement, and in a few days, mail the test to the lab.

Winter is a good time to test for radon, because doors and windows are generally closed, providing more accurate results. If you'd rather not use a do-it-yourself test kit, hiring a qualified radon professional to conduct a test is another option. The EPA action level is 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air. The EPA and U.S. Surgeon General recommend taking action to lower the level if a home's level tests higher than this. DEP's site, www.dep.pa.gov, for more information, including contacting the Radon Division, home testing instructions, what to do if your home radon results are high, how DEP can help, and more helpful resources for homeowners.

#### **New Medicare Cards**

Beginning April 2018, Medicare beneficiaries will receive a New Medicare Card that will have a unique Medicare Beneficiary Identifier

(MBI), thereby removing the Social Security number from the Medicare card. Medicare will automatically mail the new card at no cost to the address on file with Social Security. Medicare beneficiaries should ensure their official mailing address with the Social Security



Administration is current but otherwise do not need to do anything to receive their card. More information about the cards – including a fact sheet and video -- is available at <u>Medicare.gov</u>. The distribution of new cards will take about a year.

#### **Trout Stocking**

The commission plans to stock 3.2 million adult trout in more than 720

streams and 126 lakes open to public angling each year. These figures include approximately 2 million rainbow trout; 640,000 brown trout; and 500,000 brook trout. The average size of the trout produced for stocking is 11 inches in length.



The statewide opening day for trout season is Saturday April 14.

Representative Lynda Culver

106 Arch Street, Sunbury, PA 17801

(570) 286-5885

#### 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  $\frac{1}{2}$  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

**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.

Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30day 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 in 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.



#### PRIESTLEY LIBRARY

The Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library says **THANK YOU** to our community family.

The first thank you is for the "Countdown To Noon" celebration. Once again it was a super hit with an estimated crowd of over 500. With donations from The Moyer Family Trust, North Shore Railroad, West Milton State Bank, Townside Garden Café, Christ

United Methodist Church and Tr3mor Entertainment helping to defray some of the cost. Christ United Methodist Church was a fabulous host site for activities and music as well as the Townside Garden Café as Dr. Blatchley's science lab. Everyone cheered as the Northumberland Fire Company provided the climactic finale with the Oxygen molecule drop, and the countdown board.

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

**PA One Book, Every Young Child Earth Day Event** > **Save the Date -Saturday, April 21** Priestley Forsyth Memorial Library and Susquehanna University Education Department students will provide an afternoon of fun with this year's PA One Book selection, "*My Cousin Momo*" Zachariah O'Hara. Momo is a flying squirrel who visits his "regular" squirrel cousins. Join us for a fun afternoon of finding out more about Momo and his special talents. Check our website/ FACEBOOK for more information to come.



DERBY DAY AUCTION > May 5, 5:00 pm

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 3<sup>rd</sup> at the library. If you are an artist, crafter, baker, merchant or anyone wishing to donate items we would be happy to accept them. We are grateful for all donated items. The greater the variety of items the more likely we will make money as they are sold. You are also invited to come and join in the party in the "Great Room" at Nottingham Village Retirement Center. The fun continues as you place your bids on items others have donated. It's not so much about what you buy as it is about supporting the library and having a great time while doing it.



**Touch a Truck > Saturday, June 9, 10 am-2 pm** Trucks, vehicles, construction equipment, repair vehicles, fire engines, and rescue equipment will be rolling into King Street Park. This is a great family

event to enjoy!! Local drivers can explain the types of vehicles that help them build, transport, and keep us safe! If you or someone you know has a truck to display please contact us at the library to register.

**Libraries Rock Summer Learning Club Kickoff > Monday, June 11** All ages are invited to explore summer activities!! We will be rocking the library this summer with school age, preschool, teen, and adult programs. We will once again be a part of the "free lunch" for children infant to 18. The lunch must be eaten on site. Everyone will be welcome to stay for fun activities as well.

**School Age Summer Learning Club:** Meets on Mondays from 1-3 pm, Tuesdays from 6-7 pm, Thursdays from 10-11 am.

**Wee Ones Summer Learning Club**: Wednesdays, 10:30: Babies, Toddlers and Preschoolers are welcome during the summer on Wednesdays. Fun, friends, and early literacy experiences are offered.

**Teen Reading Lounge**: Thursdays, starting June 14: 3-4:30 pm: "TRL" is back to rock the summer! Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to experience a book club like no other. Books, art, speakers, activities, and more are all a part of what we have to offer.

**Girls Club**: Starting on June 15, we will have weekly activities for girls in grades 4-8 at the library in the afternoons from 2-3 PM. Arts, Crafts, Books, Learning some new recipes, sewing, and more!

**Cruise into Kindergarten**: Calling all Kindergarten ready kids! If you are gearing up to attend Kindergarten in the Fall of 2018, we would like to invite you to attend our Kindergarten Readiness program. Fridays 10-11:00 am the library will be your stop for Kindergarten Readiness activities. June 22, June 29, July 6, 13, 20 are the dates for fun!

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Many have already discovered the fun and excitement of the **PFML STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) CLUBS.** If your organization is looking for a unique and fun learning experience, contact us to schedule a special date and time for that summer field trip.

Also don't forget to join the Friends of the Library. It's another way to help provide extra funding for the library. For more information contact the library.

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

#### IT'S A MERRY MARY CELEBRATION AT PRIESTLEY HOUSE



Come meet Merry Mary at the Priestley House Museum on June 9 from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. A celebration of World Doll Day on the site of the Priestley House Museum was inspired by the late Ruth Eleanor McCorkill, a Northumberland native and doll lover who volunteered at Priestley House during her retirement.

Ruth Eleanor created Merry Mary to greet children at special Priestley House events, and Merry Mary will once again be greeting guests on June 9.

The creation of a World Doll Day celebration was the brainchild of Priestley House volunteer Hope W. Kopf, who sees the event as a way to honor the legacy of Ruth Eleanor McCorkill and showcase other aspects of the Priestley family heritage in Northumberland. "Ruth Eleanor was a devoted volunteer. She helped hand sew period clothes, dressed in costume for museum events, and typified the enthusiasm we want the community to feel for its history. An avid doll collector in her own right, Ruth Eleanor would have loved to see us combine dolls and the Priestley House," Hope said.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their favorite doll to the day's event. Once on the museum grounds, visitors will be able to view several doll collections and doll houses, including dolls that belonged to Anna Priestley, the great, great granddaughter of Joseph and Mary Priestley. There will also be opportunities to listen to stories about dolls, watch a play about Joseph Priestley, purchase doll clothes, and participate in a variety of activities.

The highlight of this child friendly day will be a Victorian tea for children of all ages. Participants are encouraged to dress up and bring a favorite doll to the festivities. Additional information about costs, reservations, and times is available at the Degenstein Community Library in Sunbury and the Priestley-Forsyth Library in Northumberland as well as on the museum website at www.josephpriestleyhouse.org and on the Joseph Priestley House Museum Facebook page.

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#### NORTHUMBERLAND SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

(NSAA) is currently working on the plans for the 120<sup>th</sup> banquet to be held **May 26, 2017 at Front Street Station.** Dinner will be served at 6:15 doors open at 5:00. Tickets (\$23 each) for the event, can be purchased from Fryes or Norry Pharmacy starting in early May.

TICKETS WILL BE COLLECTED THIS YEAR DURING THE MEAL. Table reservations for class groups can be made by contacting Association President, Phil Hallden (570-473-3504).

**Regarding Alumni** Just a reminder here — *the alumni banquet is not just for people who graduated from NHS*. Contrary to popular opinion — alumni does not mean graduate — so anyone who ever attended any school in the town of Northumberland or Point Township is more than welcome to attend the banquet and bring a guest. Get some friends together and come meet some old friends on Saturday May 26th.

The **NSAA** meets monthly on the second Monday in the Boro building. Feel free to join us on April 9<sup>th</sup> and/or May 14<sup>th</sup> to help plan and implement another successful Alumni Banquet. Also mark the date of May 26<sup>th</sup> for the banquet. We hope to see you there!

#### NEW SECRETARY AT POINT TOWNSHIP

Amanda McClain has been hire to replace Dee Fister as Township Secretary. Amanda is in training with Dee, so stop in and say hello! We'll be sorry to see Dee go later in the year, and wish her well in her retirement. Look for more about Amanda in the next issue.

#### 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

March 25<sup>th</sup> – Egg Hunt - 10:15 am. Kids of all ages welcome!

#### March 30<sup>th</sup> – "Escape the Tomb" - 6:00 pm.

This event is suitable for children and adults, and is similar to the popular Escape Rooms. You're not really locked in a room; however, there will be questions and puzzles to complete to get from one end to the other – all focusing on events of Holy Week and Easter. Join us for this fun time!

April 21st – Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m.Come forMay 19th – Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m.hot meJune 16th – Free Community Meal, 4-6 p.m.fellow

Come for a good hot meal and fellowship!

#### AMAZING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

138 Leed Stwww.amazinggracecommchurch.orgSunday School 8:45 am,Sunday Worship Services 10 amFor information, call toll free 844-374-AGCC (2422).

Saturday, March 24th - 1:00 pmAnnual Easter Egg HuntNew location at 138 Leed St. in Northumberland, rain or shine. Thisfree event is for all kids ages 2-10. We will supply bags, crafts, andsnacks. Receive a special prize by preregisteringat www.amazinggracecommchurch.org/easteregg.For more information, call 844-374-2422 (AGCC).

#### **GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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



#### 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



#### on ELECTION DAY! Tuesday May 15th

#### VOTING LOCATIONS

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

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

#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

114 Queen Street
Worship Services Sunday 10:30am,
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

570-473-9372 Sunday School 9:15 am Pastor Rick Miller

#### TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6<sup>th</sup> and King Streets Worship Service every Sunday at 9 am Sunday School immediately following.

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#### SUNBURY BIBLE CHURCH

Rt. 11 (across from UPS) www.sunburybiblechurch.org 570-473-7355 Worship every Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:00 – 11:30 am Easter Eggstravaganza

(Doors open at 9:45 am) Toddlers through Grade 5

Puppet Show by Kingdom Kidz, Inc.

Easter Egg Hunt, Games, Activities, Prizes and Refreshments! Don't forget your Easter Basket for the egg hunt! Fun begins at Sunbury Bible Church Sports Complex Join us for this family event – all children must attend with an adult!

Invite your friends!



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#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICESHandicap accessible8:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. Worship Service with CommunionSunday School – Pre K-6th grade 9:00 a.m.Confirmation Class – 9:00 am.Adult Sunday School – 9:00 am.

#### **Holy Week and Easter Services**

March 25 Palm Sunday Services / Communion – 8:00 & 10:15 am



Palm Sunday Breakfast – 7:00 am. - Noon Sponsored by and benefits the Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Venture Crew groups at St. John's. Menu: scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, home fries, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee & tea.

Adults (12 & older) \$10.00, Youth (4 - 12) \$6.00, 3 & younger Free. Reservations suggested, but not

required, call Tom 570-473-3467.

- March 29 Maundy Thursday Service with communion 7:00 pm
- March 30 Good Friday Service 7:00 pm.
- April 1 Easter Sunrise Service with communion 6:00 am.

Easter Worship Service with communion – 10:15 am.

#### Rummage and Bake Sale

Thursday & Friday, April 26 & 27 8:00 am. - 4:00 pm. Saturday, April 28 8:00 am. -Noon





The Savidge Room dressed for the holidays. Consider renting the room for your next big event. This is showing only 1/2 of the room and a large kitchen area is also included in the rental. Stop by the Borough Office to see the space. \$200 per day rental with a \$200 deposit.

## CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNTS

Who	Where	When	
<b>#1 Fire Company</b> For ages 1-10	Pineknotter Park Ball Field	Sat March 24 <sup>th</sup> Noon <sub>Rain Date:</sub> Sun March 25 <sup>th</sup> 1 pm	
Sunbury Bible Church Toddlers thru Grade 5	Rt. 11 Sports Complex (across from UPS)	Sat March 24 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 -11:30 am	
Amazing Grace CC Ages 2-10	138 Leed St	Sat March 24 <sup>th</sup> 1:00 pm rain or shine	
<b>Christ U M Church</b> Kids of all ages	Front & King Sts	Sunday March 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:15 am	



LIGHTHOUSE CAFÉ

4:30 - 6:00 pm.

St. John's Lutheran Church

300 Queen St

A free meal open to the community. Join us for a warm meal and mealtime fellowship. Enter the Fellowship Hall via the parking lot ramp.

April 19 Menu Stuffed shells, tossed salad, roll, dessert and drink

May 24 Menu

Fish, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, dessert and drink

June 28 Menu – TBD



268 Second Street

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

Tuesdays – Cards, Wii

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

Thursdays - Cards, Wii Games 9:00,

Fridays - Chair Exercises 9:00, Cards, Wii, 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.

**Frye's** offer several choices on the menu. You can get the regular menu, lighter menu which consists of soups, sandwiches or salads. Fish is always an option as a meat substitute.

#### <u>APRIL</u>

2 - Members Meeting. 10:00

3 – Easter Meal and Activities Egg Hunt 10:00 Meals 11:30 Bunny Wheel for prizes 1:00

- 9 Speaker Jim White at 10:00 "Foot Health & Diabetes"
- 10 Breakfast at 9:00 Bacon, Eggs & Home fries Donation
- 12 Culinary Lunch at Shamokin

Penny Poker at 12:30

18 - Volunteer Day Blood Pressure at 10:30

Sandwich, Vegetable, and Fruit Trays for lunch followed by free bingo

- 19 Night Cash Bingo Doors Open at 4:00, Games start at 5:00
- 26 Card Party & Refreshments at 12:00

#### <u>MAY</u>

- 1 May Day Celebration: Price is Right Game at 9:30 followed by special meal at 11:30. Bruce Weaver & Friends at 1:00.
- 7 Members Meeting 10:00
- 8 Breakfast 9:00 Pancakes & Sausage, Donation
- 10 Demo Culinary Lunch at Shamokin Penny Poker 12:30
- 11 Speaker Jim White at 10:00 "Skin Cancer Awareness Mother's Day Meal: Free hoagies, chips, & root beet floats to all ladies who are members. Men's cost \$5.00.
- 16 Spring Fling at Masser's Restaurant Doors Open at 4:30
- 17 Set up for Rummage Sale 9:00 Night Cash Bingo Doors Open at 4:00, Games start at 5:00
- 18 Set up for Rummage Sale
- 22 Set up for Rummage Sale

#### MAY cont'd

- 23 Officers Meeting 2:00
- 24 Making Soup & Final set up for rummage sale
- 25 Rummage Sale 9:00-3:00
- 26 Rummage Sale 9:00-1:00 & Packing things up
- 28 Closed for Memorial Day
- 31 Card Party

#### <u>JUNE</u>

- 4 Members Meeting 10:00
- 5 Breakfast 9:00 Dried Beef Gravy, Toast, Potatoes Donation
- 12 Covered Dish Meal 11:30 Scavenger Hunt 1:00 Weather permitting
- 13 Blood Pressure 10:30-11:00
- 14 Closed for Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day Meal Hoagies, Chips, Root Beer Floats Men eat for free Women \$5.00
- 18 Speaker Jim White 10:00"Better Hearing....why a hearing test is so important"
- 20 Knoebel's Picnic
- 21 Night Cash Bingo Doors open at 4:00 Games start at 5:00
- 27 Officers Meeting 2:00
- 28 Card Party 12:00

#### ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CHICKEN BBQ

by The Tuckahoe Volunteer Fire Co.



Saturday May 12, 2018 11:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M. Or until we sell out Which ever comes 1st Chicken, baked beans, apple sauce, and roll.

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!

#### SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

The Borough will again be hiring college students and college -bound high school seniors as part of the Summer Intern Program. A student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. grant to be eligible.

The Borough has positions for students to work with the Borough Street Department, at Pineknotter Park, and for a student with GIS Software experience.

Students working at Pineknotter 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 do other property maintenance.

The Borough would like to move the storm water drainage system to a GIS format. GIS software experience is required. Information will be collated from plans, maps, and through conducting an on-site inventory/assessment.

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

When possible, a Summer Recreation program is provided to elementary students in the mornings. This program will be offered if any student(s) would be interested in supervising the program. To discuss this program, please call the Borough at 570-473-3414.



PennDOT"S web address for the DUKE STREET PROJECT

http://www.penndot.gov/dukestreet





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