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- Scott Farally, Chief of Police

Council

- Michael Tobias, Pres.
- Dona Galia, Vice Pres.
- Doug Crothers
- Kevin Dick
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- Lorraine Myers
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- Annette Dietz, Manager
- Mike Bolen, Staff
- Carri Kozier, Staff

Code Enforcement

- John Prucnal
- Nick Turner

School Board Member

Trick or Treat will be
October 31 from
6 to 8 p.m.

Did You Know?

The new boro building is named for Merle & Olive Lee Gilliland who were from Pitcairn. Mr. Gilliland became the first CEO of PNC Bank in 1970. The Gilliland Foundation provided monies for the construction of the new building.

Wow. Summer just flew by. I hope you took time to enjoy the lazy days, sunshine, picnics, vacation time, swimming and all the summer fun and are now ready for the crisp cool days of autumn, and of course the freezing snowy weather that we know winter will bring. There are a lot of events happening over the next three months, so please read the newsletter and file it away for future reference.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Happy Holidays!

Patti

You Are Invited!

Attention current and former Pitcairn residents and business owners: please plan to attend the Dedication of your new Borough Building at 609 Broadway funded in part by the Merle and Olive Gilliland Foundation. Meet Foundation Board members, elected officials, take a tour and enjoy light refreshments.
Saturday September 28 10:00 a.m.

Mayor's Message School Bus Stopping Law: Did you know that annually 1,000 motorists do not obey this law?



- Motorist **MUST STOP** at least 10 feet away from the bus if red lights are flashing & the stop arm is extended.
- Motorist **MUST STOP** when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection when the bus is stopped.
- You **MUST STOP** if following or traveling alongside a school bus until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn and all children have reached safety. If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping. Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

If you are convicted of violating the above, you will receive the following:
*60 day driver's license suspension / 5 points on your driving record / \$250 fine



Sympathy On September 4, Orelia (Rollo) Vecchio passed away. He contributed so much to Pitcairn and will be missed. Rollo served on borough council for 36 years, as a councilman and President. He was a member of many Pitcairn organizations: Camp B, Lions Club, American Legion, Italian Club, Fire Co. #2 Social Club and the Civic Association. He served on the borough's Parks and Recreation Committee; helped to coordinate Community Day; and was an active member of St. Michael's Church Pitcairn. He always supported the community organizations and their fundraisers. Outside of the community, he was a member of the Knights of Columbus; Westmoreland Columbus 500; Allegheny Boroughs Association, serving as president twice; the Rankin Christian Center Board, serving as treasurer; the Allegheny County Democratic Committee for over 50 years; an alternate delegate to the Turtle Creek Council of Governments; Allegheny County Vision Committee; PA State Sheriff's Association; and honorary member of the Allegheny County Sheriff's Association.

The Vecchio family would like to thank everyone for the expressions of sympathy, cards, food, flowers, visits, love and caring that was shown to them in this most difficult time.



Condolences Bev Cechman, contacted the newsletter to let the community know that her mother, Marge Petkus passed away on June 20, 2019, at the age of 89. Marge was a long time resident who enjoyed watching the Pittsburgh Pirates, going out to lunch, shopping and sitting on her front porch. She will be remembered and never forgotten by her husband George, daughters Bev and Sandi and son-in-law Kenny



COMMUNITY NEWS

**Parents need help?
St Paul's Meals on Wheels
412-372-9116**



Hoagies The Rainbow Girls are taking orders for their famous hoagies that will be delivered on October 26. Both Italian and turkey are available for \$7 each. The Italian has baked ham, bologna, salami and chipped chopped ham. Both sandwiches have American and provolone cheeses, lettuce, tomato, onions and pickles bagged separately. To order contact Nancy: 412-856-8031 / Rainbowmom201@aol.com or Carla: 412-607-1851 / cholderbaum1230@gmail.com. When placing your order be sure to leave your phone number.



Halloween Kids are invited to participate in the Halloween parade on October 26. The parade will begin assembling at Noon at the Assembly of God Church on Wall Avenue for a 1 p.m. start. It will proceed down Wall Avenue to the Park Building on Broadway. The annual Harvest Festival for boys and girls, age 12 and under will begin in the Park Building, immediately following the parade. Kids can participate in various activities and stations provided by community organizations. The event is sponsored by the borough's Parks and Recreation Committee.



Lions The club's upcoming fundraisers are as follows:
* **Bingo:** October 15 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$20 includes 18 regular games (\$50 payout per game) and a \$500 full card Jackpot. Refreshments will be sold.
* **Pepperoni Rolls:** The club is again selling Sunseri Pepperoni Rolls. The 13- inch rolls cost \$9 each. Orders must be in by September 30 and will be delivered on October 4.
* **Koeze Nuts Sale:** For Thanksgiving delivery, nuts must be ordered by November 19 and will be delivered on November 26. Christmas orders must be ordered by December 10 and will be delivered on December 17. To order call Mike at 412-856-4295 or Rick at 412-841-9101. All proceeds benefit the club's sight-related and community organizations.



Christmas The Parks and Recreation Committee will sponsor the annual Old Fashion Christmas celebration on December 1. This year, the event will include a parade starting at 6 p.m. There will be a hayride, refreshments and more. Check the Parks and Recreation Facebook page for updated information.

Tailgate Camp G's Steelers Tailgate will be held on November 24 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. Come and cheer the Steelers on as they face the Bengals. Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$20 per person and include food, beer, raffles, prizes and fun. To purchase tickets call 412 -443-9233 or 412 -651-5932



Anniversary The Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue, is celebrating their 100th anniversary. On October 6, there will be a service at the church at 11 a.m. At 1 p.m., a catered dinner will be held at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. Cost is \$13 for adults, \$8 for children, ages 2 to 12. Children under 2 years of age are free. Tickets must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets call 412-372-2373 and leave a message. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate what God has done the last 100 years

The church holds services on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. and has a Family Night every Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Event The Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue, is having a Light the Night event for kids on Halloween night, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be cider, cookies and candy.



Birthdays Happy Birthday to former Mayor, Frank Gallo who will celebrate his 93rd birthday on October 22. And on December 10, resident Harvey West, will celebrate a milestone birthday when he turns 102!
Best Wishes to you both!



Rally The Democratic Committee will host an Endorsed Democratic Rally at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard on November 3 at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the endorsed candidates before the November 5th election. There will be refreshments, sandwiches, music and door prizes. For tickets contact George at 412-352-9545.



Breakfast The Woman's Club will hold their annual Autumn Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 10 in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee or tea. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids age 10 and under. Take out will also be available. Proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the club's scholarship fund. Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling 412-856-7294 or they will be available at the door.



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Retirement Dona Galia, known to many as Miss Dona, retired on September 20 after 30 years with Head Start. Being from Pitcairn, she was the ideal choice to be the first teacher of Head Start preschoolers from Pitcairn and surrounding areas at Pitcairn Elementary, the same building her grandfather served as principal and her parents attended when it was Pitcairn High School. The building was also where she and her brothers, husband, nieces, and children attended elementary school. She was the face and heart of the program in Pitcairn for 25 years, giving students a good head start as they entered kindergarten. Various guest readers, including past program students in the elementary school and the community, came to read to the preschoolers. Miss Dona's annual art shows featured creative and topical artwork from the students and were enjoyed by the elementary school students and community. During this time, the Head Start program built a playground across from the school that is still used by Propel Pitcairn. Like Pitcairn, the Head Start program persevered flooding and the decision of the Gateway School District to close the building. Thanks to Center Avenue United Methodist Church, the classroom relocated to their basement until the church closed. The Rankin Christian Center stepped up and offered a classroom in the former Baptist Church on Fifth Street, its current location. Miss Dona enjoys getting hugs from former students, parents and their children and is proud to have many former students pursue careers in education. Good Luck to her as she enjoys the next phase of her life.



PitCare On September 14, PitCare held a grand opening ceremony for the new Kim Parson's Library and Community Center located at 416 Center Avenue. Approximately 75

people were in attendance. Executive Director, Jeff Owen, Master of Ceremonies for the event, provided a brief history of the organization; Mayor Betsy Stevick spoke about the excitement that the center brings to the community; and past Executive Director, Scott Parsons, thanked the dedicated volunteers that helped bring his late wife's vision for the library to reality. The library is named in her memory. Steff Knabe, who over saw the project, thanked the library volunteer team and shared how the project took many, many dedicated souls to bring it to its conclusion. Following the ceremony, approximately 100 people were able to tour the library. Throughout the afternoon, many kids of all ages, stopped by the Center and were excited to just hang out and thrilled to check out books. The library, the first for Pitcairn, is a beautiful and welcoming space that everyone can be proud of. You can visit PitCare's Facebook page or their web site, www.pitcare.org, for updates on programs and events taking place at the Center.

Mr. Gary's Walk: Gary Agate is walking 1,200 miles, from Pitcairn to Orlando, Florida, to inspire kids and raise funds for the Kim Parson's Library and Community Center. Follow his journey on PitCare's Facebook page.



Church The Presbyterian Church, 312 Highland Avenue announces the following events and programs:

- **Night to Praise God for His Grace & Faithfulness:** The Church has been blessed with a new roof and a renovated sanctuary and will hold an evening of praise on October 12 at 5:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.
- **P.E.P.**, the Pitcairn Education Program, is a free program at the church that offers children in grades 1-5, help with homework, reading and math. It is held on Wednesdays, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Doors open at 3:30). Space is limited. To register or for more information, contact the church at 412-372-7707 / office@pitcairnpca.org
- **Clothes Closet:** The Closet will be open from 10 a.m. to Noon on October 12 and 26; November 9 and 23; and December 14 and 21. If the Clothes Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707.



Yarn The ladies at Broadview Manor are in need of yarn to make blankets for Project Linus. The blankets are given to local ambulance associations who use them when transporting children. If you would like to donate yarn, please call Betsy at 412-372-2436



Club The Garden Club of Monroeville invites the community of Pitcairn to participate in the following events that they are sponsoring.

- **Tree Give Away:** they will distribute 100 free trees from Tree Pittsburgh on Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Monroeville Public Library. In order to be given a tree, residents should register at www.treepittsburgh.org/giveaway.
- **Seed Saving:** The Club and the Boyce Park Naturalist will present an overview of how to save and store seeds from flowers, herbs and vegetables on October 19 at 1:30 p.m. at the Library. They will make seed packets, demonstrate how to harvest seeds at the right time and then overwinter them in order to produce new plants to share with family and friends. This is the most economical way to save your favorite plants for another year. They will also discuss the Library's Seed Library, which is managed by Librarian, Kira Condee-Padunova. Feel free to bring any seeds or plants that you would like to save for next year to the October 19 program.



Alumni The Pitcairn High School Alumni Association luncheons are held at Noon on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at

St.Michael's, 750 Wall Avenue. The church handicapped accessible and also has an elevator. Guests should bring a covered dish to share. The theme for the lunch on October 15 is Italian and November 19 will be a covered dish of choice. The December 19th lunch will be a Christmas Party at Papa Rocks in Haymaker Village, 4512 Broadway Boulevard, Monroeville. Guests will order from the regular menu and will be responsible for their own check.



Bingo Fire Co.# 1 holds a Bingo every Saturday at their station, 100 South Center Avenue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:45; and regular games begin at 7. Jackpot is \$300 and must go every week. The kitchen will also be open. Proceeds benefit the company.



Santa Fire Co#1 will host Cookies with Santa at their station, 100 South Center Avenue. Look for information on their Facebook page.



Contact Information

- **Borough**—412-372-6500 / www.pitcairnborough.us
- **Police / Non Emergency**—412-856-1111
- **Fire Station #1**—412-372-7040
- **Tax Collector/Sally DiRobbio**—412-372-3009 / sdirobbio@verizon.net
- **Code Enforcement**—412-372-6500 x 15 or 412-589-3194 / code@pitcairnborough.us

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

**November 5 is
Election Day.**



Electric Bill It's easy to pay your electric bill online. Just log on to www.pitcairnborough.us. There you'll find an icon portal that will take you to the bill paying site. To register, you will need your CID and account numbers found on your bill. Of course you can pay your bill at the borough office. If you are paying after hours, use the drop box located outside of the building entrance.



App The borough's Savvy Citizen app is available to residents. It is a free notification system for Apple and Android users. The app allows the borough to send alerts, news and event announcements directly to your mobile device. Residents may access Savvy Citizen by downloading the Smartphone app through Google Play or the App Store or by visiting the website SavvyCitizenApp.com



Alert The fire company would like to remind everyone, if you smell methane odors call Karen Sagel at 412-578-8115 and report it. **ALSO CALL 911 TO ALERT**



Facebook The borough's Parks and Recreation Committee and the Police Department each have a page on Facebook. Visit the pages for events and current information.

Garbage should be put out for collection no earlier than Wednesday at 6 pm. and should be in sealed trash bags, then put in leak proof trash cans that have a lid. Some holidays may cause a one day delay in pick-up so it is suggested that residents check the calendar on the Borough website or Verizon customers can check the Community Channel, 28.



Waste TVs, E-Waste and hazardous household materials must be disposed of properly according to DEP regulations. Such items cannot be put out for regular trash pick-up or dropped off at the borough building. Pitcairn Borough participates in Waste Management's At Your Door special collections program. You must call 1-800-449-7587 to arrange for a free pick-up. More detailed information can be found on the Borough website's Home Page.

! Business Owners Do you want to get the word out about your business? You can place a business card-size ad in the newsletter for a fee of \$50. To place an ad, contact the borough office or the newsletter at newsletterpit@gmail.com. You can also link your business to the Pitcairn's website at no charge. Just send your website link and logo to manager@pitcairnborough.us. This service is for Pitcairn businesses only.

DEADLINE for ISSUE 15 that covers January, February and March is December 15