



# Borough of Pitcairn Pitcairn News Patter

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Hope this newsletter finds you all well. The last few months have been very different for everyone. Of course many local small businesses had to close during the pandemic, so please patronize them now. Also support our community organizations, who had to cancel the fundraising events .Enjoy your summer.

*Patti*

### **Borough Officials**

- Betsy Stevick, Mayor
- Scott Farally, Chief of Police

### **Council**

- Dona Galia, Pres.
- John Bova, Vice Pres.
- Kevin Dick
- Debra Freeman
- Lisa Petrosky
- James Rullo
- Michael Tobias

### **Administration**

- Annette Dietz, Manager
- Mike Bolen, Staff
- Carri Kozier, Staff

### **Code Enforcement**

- Nick Turner



### **From the Mayor**

#### • **Bicycle Safety**

It's the law: Children and adults riding bikes should remember to wear a helmet

- Stop at all stop signs
- Do not ride between parked cars
- Be aware of cars, people and objects around you.

#### • **Dogs**

- Must be licensed by the county. License applications are available at the borough office
- Must have all their shots, including rabies. The owner must have the record of shots in their procession
- All dogs, 3 months or older, must be on a leash
- During hot weather, if dogs are left outside, they should be provided with water and shade.
- Dogs and all pets should not be a disturbance

#### • **COVID19**

- It is suggested to continue practicing social distancing and wear a mask



### **Notes from Code Enforcement**

- It's that time of the year. The grass is green and growing, which means it also needs to be kept cut. Grass should not exceed 6 inches in length and grass cuttings should also be removed from sidewalks. Please remember to keep your yards maintained.
- Don't forget to keep your porches and entry ways clear of debris for emergency personnel and the mail carrier. The Code Officer can be reached at 412-589-3194



### **From the Police Department**

Picture and Picnic Day with the Pitcairn Police Department for the kids in town, will be held on August 15 at 1 p.m. outside of the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. There will be food, toys and a water balloon battle. Updated information will be posted on the department's Facebook page.



### **Did You Know?**

In 1897, the Pitcairn Band played at Hose Co #1's lawn fete. The two day event was organized by the fire ladies and it raised \$50 for the fire company



### **Kudos** Thank you to the following who supported the community during the pandemic:

- Fire Co#1 and Fox's, who distributed free pizzas
- Councilman Jack Bova, who donated face masks to the Food Pantry volunteers
- Woman's Club who provided lunch for the borough employees, donated 42 boxes of cereal to the Food Pantry, provided 50 Meals-on-Wheels clients with a free meal, gave Chick-fil-a gift cards to Food Pantry and Meals-on-Wheels volunteers, gave cookies to the employees of Joe's Butcher Shop and Phil's Pharmacy and to the volunteers at the fire company, gave fruit, Girl Scout cookies and snacks to employees at UPMC East and Forbes Hospital and craft supplies for residents at Beatty Point, where one of the club's Life Members resides
- AP Visuals, who with donations from others, made and distributed 750 pieces of 3D Printed PPE to hospitals, health care facilities and individuals
- Camp G, the Pitcairn Parks and Rec Committee and the Police Department for providing Easter treats and escorting the Easter Bunny through town
- Gateway School District, for providing grab and go lunches for students
- BPK Foundation who donated 130 meals, prepared by SpitFireZ, to frontline workers at Forbes Hospital
- and to EVERYONE who extended a helping hand in anyway to make things a little easier during such a trying time.

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



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**X Cancelled** Fire Co. #1's annual Street Fair has been cancelled.



**Camp B** Laurel Hill State Park has informed the organization that there are not going to be any group cabin camps in 2020. Unfortunately, that means Pitcairn Camp B will not be holding their regular camp in 2020. However, they have decided to hold a **Day Camp** at Sugar Camp on Wall Avenue on Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities will include beach volleyball, a basketball tournament, kickball, wiffleball and Camp's favorite.....Food! Lunch will be provided. All boys, ages 7 to 16 and Camp B Jr. Staff, are invited to attend. There is no cost but you must register. Registration forms are available at Phil's Pharmacy, Joe's Butcher Shop and the Borough Office on Broadway Boulevard; Dan's Floral Designs, on Center Avenue or online at [www.pitcaircampb.org](http://www.pitcaircampb.org). Registration will be held on July 8 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Italian Club on 8th Street. **Waivers Will Need To Be Signed In Order To Attend!** Registration/waivers can also be submitted any time before the July 8 registration deadline via Fax: 412-202-4289 or email: [pitcaircampb@comcast.net](mailto:pitcaircampb@comcast.net). If you need to make other arrangements, please call 724-396-4396. Active Staff have completed the necessary Pennsylvania Criminal Record Check & Child Clearance forms. Camp B has been providing a fun camping experience for boys for 73 years.



**Camp G** Camp has been cancelled this year. The following letter received from the organization explains their decision.

"Dear Parents and Campers,  
It is with a heavy heart that the Camp G officers have come to the decision to cancel camp for 2020. After looking at the Jumonville website and speaking with their staff, we held a virtual officers' meeting and came to this decision. Jumonville made the decision to cancel their own camps this summer due to safety concerns and not being able to guarantee the health and safety of the staff and children. We feel that we are in the same situation and have the same concerns. Our campers' health and safety are the most important things to all of us. With the current situation and the lack of committed staff for the week, we do not feel that we can safely hold camp. A lot of our staff have been out of work due to the closures and are unable to commit to the week, and their jobs come first. We also did not have a chance to have our biggest fundraiser of the year. Due to the pandemic, the Cash Bash has been put on hold. Please keep your tickets if you purchased them, they will still be good when the event happens. We are all sad that we will not get to spend an amazing week away with you, but look forward to the day that we can see you in person!  
Thank you for your time and understanding during this difficult time,

Camp G Staff"



**Blast** The Community Renaissance will hold their annual Burger Blast on the following dates: July 11, August 22 and September 26. The Blast takes place at Fire Co.#1, 100 South Center Avenue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, cookies, funnel cakes and drinks.



### PitCare

- The organization would like to say THANK YOU to all who have donated food and financially to the Pitcairn Food Pantry. They saw a drastic increase in clientele during COVID and the generous support and gifts are an immense blessing. They continue to accept financial and food donations. Please contact Heather at [heather@pitcare.org](mailto:heather@pitcare.org) or 412-444-8506 if you'd like to donate! The Food Pantry is returning to regular hours of operation. They will be distributing the FIRST and THIRD Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to Noon and the THIRD Sunday evening of each month from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- PitCare Kids Connect (summer kids program) will take place virtually this year. Check out the website at [www.pitcare.org/library](http://www.pitcare.org/library) for the program link and to keep up-to-date on exciting announcements and activities. If you have questions, contact Lorraine at [lorraine@pitcare.org](mailto:lorraine@pitcare.org) or 412-337-7593.
- The Kim Parsons Library & Community Center will be open from June 23 to July 31 each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. This will be a time where you can come check out books. If you are a kid participating in the Kids Connect online summer program, they will have craft-to-go bags and grab-and-go snacks available. They will be keeping in line with the CDC guidelines so masks are required and the number of people inside the building is limited to 10 at one time.
- Stay tuned to PitCare's social media accounts on Face Book and Instagram to keep up-to-date on the latest events and activities! You can find them by searching PitCare, Inc.



**Meals** Pitcairn Meals-on-Wheels has received a grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation that helps low income people living in Allegheny County pay for their service. Through the grant, meals are \$3 a day instead of the normal \$5 a day. The meals include a bagged lunch and a hot dinner delivered right to the client's door. The organization provides homemade cooking and generous portions, so getting 10 delivered meals for only \$15 a week is a very good deal. Surprisingly most of the clients that Pitcairn Meals-on-Wheels serve are not from Pitcairn. The organization would very much like to help those right here in the community so if you or anyone you know could use their services, contact them at 412-372-9116.



**Bingo** Fire Co.# 1's Bingo is back. The Bingo is held 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.



**Worship** The Center Avenue United Methodist Church meets every Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at TriUnity, 614 6th Street. Everyone is welcome to join their worship service. At the present time they are practicing social distancing, wearing masks and taking all precautions to keep the health and safety of their members and visitors their number one priority.



**Well Done** Congratulations to graduating seniors, Erika Jackson and Bobbi Johnson who each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Pitcairn Woman's Club and Cara Aliberti who received a \$1000 scholarship from the Lions Club. Good Luck in your future endeavors.



**Marketplace** A Mystical Marketplace will be held on September 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at TriUnity, 614 6th Street. The event will include readers, reiki, vendors, food and treats. Vendors and food will be in the social hall & activities such as readers and a painting show in the sanctuary. Schedule and more details will be coming soon. Here is the link to the Facebook invite. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1671398223013134/>



**Clothes Closet** The Presbyterian Church, 312 Highland Avenue, operates a clothes closet for those in need. It will be opened July 11 and 25 and August 8 and 22, from 10 a.m. to Noon. If the Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707. Please wear a mask when visiting the closet.



**Thanks** Our former Postmaster, John, sent the following: "To the Pitcairn Community, Thank you for all the well wishes. It's been a pleasure serving you all for the last 4 1/2 years. As I move on to Central PA, I'm truly going to miss Yinz!! Love, John"



**Anniversary** Happy 100th Anniversary to the Pitcairn Italian Club (Gabriele D'Annunzio Society). On April 29, 1920, the founding members, that included, Telesforo Cristoforo, Patrizio Petrocelli, Antonio Cristofano, Antonio Lantamarino, Giuseppe Divito, Luigi Leone, Giuseppe Tortotici, and Alesandro DeLetis, filed a charter with the State to establish the club. To celebrate this milestone occasion, the club will hold a members only party on September 12, at Stratigos, from 5 to 10 p.m. The event will feature a grand buffet and music.



**Club** The Woman's club plans to begin their 2020-2021 club year in September. They meet the 2nd Monday of each month, September through November and February through June at 7 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. The club is open to area women, 18 years of age or over. If you would like to attend a meeting, join or receive more information, call 412-856-7294.



**Head Start** Save a Spot. Apply now for Head Start! The Head Start programs offer quality preschool services to help children learn the skills they need to be prepared and excited to go to kindergarten. The program is FREE and open to children ages 3 to 5 (those that miss the kindergarten cutoff dates). It includes home base and classrooms across Allegheny County. Eligibility is based on income guidelines. The program is staffed with qualified teachers who have experience working with children. It provides learning and activities that help children thrive; in home learning with 90 minutes of weekly one on one teaching/learning; full day classrooms: Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.; and provides breakfast and lunch. DO NOT WAIT, ENROLL TODAY! Call April Schmidt 412-969-7926 or Michelle Cowan 412-737-4818 NOW to enroll. Applications are reviewed and prioritized prior to enrollment/ placement.



### Church

- The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, invites you to worship with them this summer. At 10 a.m. on Sundays. Public worship is also offered on their Facebook page. The Church is thankful that they now have the opportunity to gather again in person, but to minimize the risk of the virus. they want to pass on some instructions if you plan to attend services. Of course, if you are sick, stay at home; wear a mask since it is one way to express love to others and make them feel comfortable. At this time, the nursery will be closed, however, families may use it for their needs as long as they insure their own care for their children.
- An online Bible Study is being offered by Pastor Jeremy Whipkey. Please call the church office for details. 412-372-7707. Information on the church and their programs can also be found by visiting [www.pitcairnpca.org](http://www.pitcairnpca.org) or [www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/](https://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/)



**Garden Club** The Monroeville Garden Club, which welcomes members from Pitcairn, had suspended their meetings for the last few months, but did hold a successful plant sale on May 30, at the Monroeville Community Park, next to the Farmer's Market. The club plans to hold a meeting at the end of June, but have no activities planned for the next few months. The club will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Monroeville Community Park, Pavilion #4, at 4:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested in attending is welcome. Masks are required.



**St. Vincent DePaul** The St Vincent DePaul society has a new phone number, 412- 436-9208. When calling, leave a message and someone will return your call. The organization helps those in need by helping with rent, utilities, food, clothing and furniture. They serve area communities and attempt to help those who have not been helped by them in the last year.



### Contact Information

- **Borough—412-372-6500 / 609 Broadway / [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://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](mailto:sdirobbio@verizon.net)**
- **Code Enforcement—412-372-6500 x 15 or 412-589-3194 / [code@pitcairnborough.us](mailto:code@pitcairnborough.us)**

**EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**



**Electric Bill** It's easy to pay your electric bill online. Just log on to [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://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.



**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.



**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**



**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.

**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.



**! 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](mailto: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](mailto:manager@pitcairnborough.us). This service is for Pitcairn businesses only.

**DEADLINE for ISSUE 18 that covers October, November and December is September 15**