



## Borough of Pitcairn

# Pitcairn News Patter

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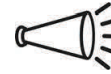
Football player Harry Robb was born in Pitcairn in 1897. He played for Penn State and the U.S. Army. In 1921 he joined the American Professional Football League, later named the National Football League.

Can you believe that summer is almost over and school will be starting soon? I hope your summer was filled with fun and good times. Remember that our newsletter is published every 3 months. Please plan ahead and submit your news and events early. The next newsletter will come out in November (for November, December and January) and **submissions must be submitted to newsletterpit@gmail.com no later than October 15.**

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their cards and expressions of sympathy on the death of my dad, Patsy Pizzuto, who passed away on June 15. He was a man who loved his family and community and was proud to call Pitcairn his home. Patti



**1997** Where were you on July 1, 1997? On that date, the rains came pouring down on our community and soon we were under water. The damage the water caused; the belongings that were swept away; the lives that were lost; and the out-pouring of support will never be forgotten. The following was submitted by Chief Farally who remembers the Flood of 1997: On July 1st 1997, our town of Pitcairn experienced one of the worst floods recorded in Allegheny County history. Being on the first engine out with Pitcairn Hose Co#1, I experienced the flooding as it evolved. As we approached Wall Ave intersecting School Street, we were greeted by a large wall of water coming down School Street. The fire engine in which we, S. Farally, R.Betz, A.Davis, T Griser and C. Gibson, were riding was pushed by the water and we all had to tie off to a fixed object to prevent being swept under. As our squad arrived for support, it was flipped over into a rage of water in which the crew of H.Farally, J.Slack, J.Emmick, D.Egan and R.Mudge had to climb up telephone poles till they were rescued. Being a firefighter this day, conducting numerous rescue missions on Wall Ave with my fellow firefighters, it was very hard hearing my brother Henry Farally screaming "May Day" on the radio. I was too far away to help and feared I would loose him this day along with the others whom I had bonded with over the years. On the same day, Monroeville Fire Co#4 lost one of their own on SR48 while making a rescue attempt of another submerged vehicle. It was approximately 3 days until the waters started to subside and the first responders got their first break to eat and sleep on a regular schedule. In those 3 days, there were approx 40 fire departments and 200 firefighters that responded under the command of Fire Chief Duane Dick from Hose Co#1. EMS units were under the command of Pitcairn EMS Chief Bill Bittner ad the Police command was under Pitcairn Chief Dave Macintyre. In closing, please remember your first responders who answer that call in the time of need. Also, thank you Pitcairn for coming together in 1997.



### Mayor's Safety Message

PA has a child passenger safety law that states that all drivers are responsible for securing children in an appropriate child restraint system:

- Children 2 yrs or younger shall be secured in a rear facing car seat until they are 2 or until they reach the highest weight or height allowed by the car seat's manufacturer
- If you are unsure how to use or install a car seat, contact the PA Injury Prevent Project 1-800-CAR-BELT or www.pakidstravelsafe.org
- Secure all children younger than 13 yrs in the back seat of a vehicle for best protection
- Violation carries a \$75 fine plus court costs; \$45 surcharge; \$10 EMS; and \$10 administration costs. Total \$140 plus court fees.



**Guards** The Borough is in need of substitute crossing guards. Act 33 & Act 34 clearances are required. If interested please call Mayor Betsy Stevick at 412-372-2436



**From the Chief** The Pitcairn Police Department is now wearing a new uniform patch. Chief Farally decided that with the department moving forward into the 21st century of policing and utilizing technology to combat crime, it was also time to change the patch so that it would reflect the borough's historical traits and the department's professional values. The old patch was black and gold, where the new one is black and gray. The new patch also has a different shape. The new shape and colors are very rare in our location of the state. The details on the patch include the date the borough was incorporated, 1894; a train; and the words pride, integrity, and loyalty to reflect the three values that the department observes.

The Police Department is holding a "Picture Day with the Police" on Sept. 9 from Noon until 4 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. Everyone is invited to come and have their picture taken with their favorite police officer. There is no charge. All photo material and snacks will be provided by the department.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Blast** Pitcairn Community Renaissance will hold a Burger Blast on August 12 and September 16 at the corner of 3rd St. and Wall Ave. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Also on the menu are hotdogs, cookies, funnel cakes, chips and drinks. You can eat on site or take your food to go.



### Crime Prevention Program

The Allegheny County Police will sponsor a Crime Prevention and Adult Personal Safety program at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. on August 15 at 7 p.m.

**Picnic** The Gateway High School Classes of 1959 -66 will hold an Alumni Picnic at the New Monroeville Park on Tilbrook on September 30. Class chairmen will be handling all correspondence, except for the Class of 1959, which will be handled by Denny Lang. If you do not hear from your class chairman and you want to attend contact Denny at [dennylang@comcast.net](mailto:dennylang@comcast.net).



**Ham Loaf Dinner** Eastern Star will hold a ham loaf dinner on October 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. Take-out will also be available. Donation is \$ 9 for adults and \$5.50 for children.



**Movies** The Parks and Recreation Board continues to hold their monthly Free Movie Night. The movies begin at 7 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. Drinks and popcorn will be provided and children must be accompanied by an adult.



**Carnival** The Pitcairn Assembly of God, 540 Wall Ave. invites all kids to their Kids Carnival on August 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be free food and prizes will be given away. For questions call 724-372-2373 and leave a message.



**Pancake Breakfast** The Woman's Club will hold their annual autumn pancake breakfast on October 29 from 9 a.m. to Noon in the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children age 10 and under. Take-out will be available. Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund.



**Bash** Pitcairn Hose Co. #1, along with Monroeville Sal Post 820 Legion Riders, will host a Gun Bash on October 8 at the Hose Company, 100 South Center Ave. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. and drawings are announced from 3 to 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and include food and beverages. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the fire department or the Legion Riders. Only 500

tickets will be sold. Guns are supplied by Anthony Arms and Accessories in West Mifflin. All unsold tickets become the property of Pitcairn Hose Co. #1 and Monroeville Sal Post 820 Le-

**Luncheons** The Pitcairn High School Alumni Assn. meets at Noon for lunch on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Michael's Church, 750 Wall Ave. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Following are the luncheon themes: September/Tailgate; October/Italian; November /Guests' Choice; December/Hors d'oeuvres & Christmas cookies



**Race** The George Myers 5K will take place on October. 7. The run, sponsored by the Pitcairn Church Fellowship, honors the memory of George Myers, former borough manager and community volunteer. Proceeds will benefit the Pitcairn Food Pantry. T-shirts will be guaranteed to all those who register by September 20. Awards will be given to the Top Overall Male & Female Finisher and the Top 3 Male & Female Finishers in the following age groups: 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-35, 36-50, 51+. Costs: \$18 through August; \$20 starting in September; and \$25 on race day. Register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Pitcairn/GeorgeMyers5k>. The start for the race is at the Pitcairn Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd.



**Clothes** The Presbyterian Church Clothes Closet, 312 Highland Ave., will be closed August 6 and reopen from 10 a.m. to Noon on August 13 and 20. They will close again from August 20 to October 8 for winter change over. Please watch the sign on the door for the actual October opening date. The Closet is usually closed the first Saturday of every month. If you need clothing in an emergency when the Closet is not open, call the Church at 412-372-7707



**Club** The Pitcairn Woman's Club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Park Building 557 Broadway Blvd. The club is open to any woman, age 18 or older. The first meeting of the 2017-18 club year will be September 11. If you would like to attend or want more information on the club, call 412-651-5933 or 412-856-7294



**Congratulations** In May, the Woman's Club and Lions Club held their recognition dinner. Pitcairn graduating seniors, Shannon Seibel and Tyler Bangham were each awarded a \$1000 scholarship from the Woman's Club. The club also recognized their HOBY recipient, Mary Kromka. The Lions Club gave a \$1000 scholarship to Pitcairn resident, Natalie Vecchio and a Leadership Award to Propel student, Gabriella Rosswog.





**Halloween** Fire Co.#2 will hold their annual Halloween Parade on October 28. It will begin at 1 p.m. at Propel School on Agatha St. Immediately following the parade, kids age 12 and under, are invited to participate in the Harvest Festival at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. There will be activities and treats provided by many of the town's organizations.



**Day Trip** Pitcairn High School Alumni are planning a day trip to Ligonier on October 11 for a Banana Split Tribute. Lunch will be at the Ramada Inn, followed by "Jukebox & Mall Shop Hits" performed by Cathi Rhodes. There will be a stop at the Latrobe Art Center for a hands on activity and a visit to the Unity Chapel & Cemetery where David Strickel, creator of the banana split and Fred Rodgers are buried. Cost \$79. To reserve your seat contact Michele at 412-372-3792

**Church**



The Presbyterian Church, 312 Highland Ave., summer worship services are held at 10:30 a.m. After Labor Day, services will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday School classes are offered for all ages prior to worship services. During the school year an after-school tutoring program is available for elementary students. In the fall, the church is planning to offer a women's Bible study, a midweek gathering, small group Bible studies, a Sr. High Youth group and other fun activities. For information on activities visit [www.pitcairnPCA.org](http://www.pitcairnPCA.org); [www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/](https://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/) or call 412-372-7707.



**Pit Care** is a non-profit that is dedicated to improving the community. Here are some of the programs they offer:

- **Girls Club** is for girls in grades 1-12. First through sixth grade meets at the home of Scott and Kim Parsons, 545 4<sup>th</sup> St. every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting includes dinner, crafts/games and a Bible lesson. Girls in grades 7 - 12 meet at the PitCare Ministry House, 549 2<sup>nd</sup> St., from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Dinner, a lesson and other fun activities are provided. For more information call Kim Parsons at 706-260-7051.
- **Next Level** is a breakfast for retirement age men that meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month at the PitCare Ministry House, 549 2<sup>nd</sup> St. It provides breakfast, a devotional and the opportunity for friendship and service together. If you are interested in attending call Gary Agate at 412-403-8997.
- The group is currently reorganizing the **Children's Library** that is located in the basement of the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church at the corner of Center Ave. and Agatha St. The plan is to have the library opened five evenings per week in the fall. Volunteers are needed to help. If you would like to be involved, contact Kim Parsons at 706-260-7051.
- PitCare recently purchased the building at 520 Broadway Blvd. and are planning to move the **Food Pantry** into the building at the end of September. Eventually the building will also house a coffee shop. Volunteers are needed now to help renovate the building and to help with the Pantry move in September. Please contact Scott Parsons at 706-260-7123 to volunteer.

**Garbage**

If a holiday falls on a Monday, garbage pick-up will be delayed one day. If in doubt check the borough web site or for Verizon cable customers check Community Channel 28



**Flags**

Bring your old flags to the borough building and place them in the container located in the lobby. The Boy & Girl Scouts will collect them and make sure they are disposed of properly

**TriUnity**

The Church on the Hill completed Phase 1 of their renovations just in time for Easter services that were attended by close to 100 and hosted by the Center Avenue United Methodist Church, a permanent resident of the property. In keeping with the mission of Genesis, the purpose of the renovations is to provide congregations, community organizations, and the public with a multi-purpose facility. With this in mind, the property was re-named TriUnity in honor of the beliefs of the United Church of Christ, the congregation that built and held worship services in the building since 1915 and the multi-purpose use as a community center. TriUnity is considered non-denominational and now offers a traditional setting for your most cherish celebrations. The Sanctuary is available to the public, regardless of religious affiliation or lack of, for ongoing purposes such as worship services, ministry services (weddings, baptisms, funeral/memorial services), concerts, receptions, and banquets. TriUnity has partnered with preferred vendors such as Dan's Floral Designs, to not only provide top-notch services for events hosted at TriUnity, but to provide clients with substantial discounted services. Phase 2 has begun and focuses on renovating the first floor of the church. When completed, it will include a bridal suite and a common area ideal for bridal and baby showers, parties, luncheons, meetings and classes. Initiating Phase 2 would not have been possible without the generous donation of the United Church of Christ Congregation. The congregation donated funding for the replacement of the boiler, enabling Phase 2 to begin. Phase 3 will focus on the restoration of the stained glass windows and fundraising is slated to begin in the Spring of 2018. The multi-purpose facility welcomes entrepreneurs that have a "great idea", and just need space without a long term commitment. TriUnity is excited to welcome their first entrepreneur Caroline Trunzo, Cock-A-Doddle Designs. Caroline will be offering a variety of craft classes, such as Wood-n-Wine, in the newly renovated area. The Parsonage is now home to the Center Avenue United Methodist Church and Genesis Corporation. Both have offices located on the first floor.

If you would like to explore space for an idea, have an event or know of an event that would be perfect at TriUnity, or an idea that supports the mission, contact [info@3unity.org](mailto:info@3unity.org). Trinity would appreciate everyone spreading the word and recommending them as a premier facility for any event, TriUnity: Make your Event Historic!! Additional information about TriUnity can be found on their website, [www.3unity.org](http://www.3unity.org) TriUnity is a property of Genesis Corporation. Genesis' mission is to support revitalization efforts by restoring buildings of historical community significance with the intent of repurposing the building to attract young entrepreneurs and bring new life to the community.

**Bingo** The Lions Club will hold a Super Bingo on October 3 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Blvd. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes 18 regular games and a \$500 jackpot game.

The club also sells garbage bags and brooms. The items can be purchased at the borough office or during Fire Co #2's hoagie sales on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the parking lot at the corner of Center Ave. and Broadway Blvd.



**Parade** As part of their Street Fair, Fire Co.#1 will hold a parade on August 4 at 6 p.m. The parade will start on Wall Ave. and end on Broadway near the Fire Company, 100 S. Center Avenue. The last night of the fair will be August 5



**Meals** The Pitcairn Meals-on-Wheels program is looking for volunteers and clients. The program runs Monday through Friday at the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church located on Agatha St. next to Propel School. Clients who are unable to prepare meals for themselves can have meals delivered through the program at a nominal cost. Clients can live in Pitcairn, Monroeville, Wilmerding, Level Green and Trafford. Volunteers are needed to help prepare and pack meals, from 7:30 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. and can work as many days as their schedule allows. Also needed are drivers to deliver the meals. Drivers start working around 10 a.m. and work until they have completed their route. For information call 412-298-3770 or 412-372 9116



**Garden Club** The Garden Club of Monroeville welcomes new members from Pitcairn to its monthly meetings. The group meets every fourth Tuesday from February to November, from 4:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Monroeville Public Library's Program Room. On August 22, Pitcairn resident, Marilyn Backus will demonstrate how flowers, herbs and plant anatomy are prepared to enter a National Garden Club Flower Show. On September 26, the GCM's annual meeting will be held at Palmieri's Restaurant, Plum. Maggie Lin and Atsumi Sewell of Ikebana International will demonstrate Ikebana arrangements, as well as network with club members. The meeting on October 24, returns to Monroeville Public Library with a special PBS DVD presentation of Naturalist David Attenborough that will help everyone learn about bird's signals and songs. Additional information on the club or to find out about high school and college scholarships and youth contests, go to [www.gardenclubofmonroeville.org](http://www.gardenclubofmonroeville.org)



**DEADLINE for ISSUE 4 is October15**

