



# Borough of Pitcairn

## Pitcairn News Patter

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
### Code Enforcement

- Nick Turner, Code Officer

Thank you to everyone who attended the Memorial Day service in town on May 30. Maybe this was your first time or your 50th, but no matter how many times, taking an hour out of your day to honor those that gave so much for our freedom is commendable. In years past, when I was much younger, the service was such an important part of the day. Back then, our town had baseball teams, girl scouts, and an active American Legion Post. If you were part of one of these organizations, you attended the service that back then took place on Center Avenue, where the borough building and memorial tablets were located. We sat in front of those tablets, usually in the hot sun, but knew that was what we were expected to do. The memorial tablets moved to Broadway, but we still showed up to honor those who served. Of course now we see that many veterans from World War II, the Korea War, and Viet Nam, are no longer here and the American Legion Post has gone and there aren't veterans left to march. Girl Scouts and baseball teams are no more, but the reason we hold the service hasn't changed. Maybe next year, start your picnic early or head to the pool after the service, but please consider attending to honor so many from Pitcairn that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Enjoy these lazy sunny days. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

*Patti*

 **From the Mayor & Police Chief** Welcome summer! You can find lots of activities taking place in town. Check the bulletin board inside the borough office to see what's happening.

- Of course nice weather brings bike riders out. Everyone needs to be aware of the Pennsylvania's bike laws and our responsibilities as riders. These laws, when obeyed, can help to prevent an accident. Bike laws are similar to those safety rule for automobiles.

- Ride on the right side of the road

- Stop at stop signs

- Signal when making a right or left turn

- Pedestrians (walkers) have the right away

- Bike helmets—Pennsylvania requires any person under the age of 12 riding a bicycle as an operator or passenger, to wear a protective bike helmet.

- More information can be found in Penn DOT's "Pennsylvania Bicycle Driver's Manual"

- For everyone's safety, please empty kiddie and plastic blow up pools  
Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer!

Congratulations to Officer Joechris Ross who was recently appointed to the rank of sergeant .



**Garbage** Your garbage pick-up day will not move due to a holiday UNLESS

THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON YOUR SCHEDULED PICK UP. The following holidays will be affected: Thursday July 4 will be picked up on July 5. Thursday November 28 (Thanksgiving Day) will be picked up on Friday, November 29. Garbage pickup the week of Christmas will be moved one day.



**Lunch** The Gateway School District is again sponsoring the 2024 SFSP, federally funded free meals program for children, ages 18 and younger. Lunch will be distributed at the Pitcairn Borough Building on Broadway now through August 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Meals must be eaten on site. Lunches will not be available the week of

July 4.



**Code Enforcement** Just a couple of reminders now that summer is here:

- Grass should not be more than six inches high and clippings should not be thrown into the street.
- Air conditioners should not be plugged into extension cords. Plug them straight into the outlet and make sure the filters and air conditioner is clean.

Garbage should always be placed in bags then the bags should be placed in containers, such as a covered garbage can. Garbage is not to be put out before 6 p.m. the night before pick up.

### Did You Know?

Organized baseball began in Pitcairn in 1895 when M. W. Chandler started and managed a Railroad YMCA team. The 1914 team, the "Olympics", played for 2 years before World War I



**Sympathy** Pitcairn lost a long time businessman in March. Vincent Moraca, better known to many of us, as Vince the Tailor, passed away in March. Vince owned and operated a tailor shop on Broadway for over 60 years. His talents and dedication to the business community will be greatly missed.



**School Board**

The following was submitted by school board member Jack Bova: Congratulations class of 2024! Another school year has come and gone and what a year it has been! Our graduating class began their high school years during the pandemic and they were forced to adjust and adapt in unprecedented ways. That fact got me thinking about future graduating classes and that we will not have a graduating class free of the pandemic experience until 2031. That is sobering, but also as a reminder that our efforts to overcome the challenges of the pandemic years are not over. So, this is a shout out to all the families and all of the staff members who have done yoeman's work to persevere and thrive. I have seen many individual accomplishments and accolades in the last year, too many to list, but a couple of things stand out for me. First, the Gateway School District achieved an A- grade in the annual Niche ratings of school districts, placing us 21st in the entire greater Pittsburgh area. Gateway students, flourished in athletics, chess competitions, robotics competition, and everything else in between. We had teachers from all of our schools and the Forbes Road technical school recognized for their efforts as well. We can't wait to see what school year 2024-2025 brings. Middle school students will finally be in the newly renovated 5 to 8 building and new partnerships are being explored for our old middle school. Finally, let me again remind everyone to get your child registered for kindergarten as soon as possible. It is important because it allows us to adequately staff for the new school year. Have a great summer and remember to keep reading and learning.



**Food Bank**

For those in need, the Pittsburgh Food Bank will continue to distribute food outside of the Park Building on Broadway the first Wednesday of the month, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.. The dates for distribution are as follows: July 17(note change because of the holiday), August 7 and September 4. There will be a variety of grocery items available such as, fresh produce, eggs, dairy and frozen protein. There is no ID or preregistration required.



**Sidewalk School**

The Zion Apostolic Assembly Church, 750 Wall Avenue, will hold a Sidewalk School every Wednesday through July 3 from 6 to 7 p.m.. There will be lessons, prayer, activities, games and snacks.



**Schoolhouse**

**Create a Legacy....**The Genesis Advisory Board is excited about the progress of the Schoolhouse restoration on 6th Street. The exterior is 90% complete and they are working hard to generate donations for the interior. They are excited to announce the potential collaboration with the Monroeville Public Library. The Board has been in discussions with the Monroeville Public Library to offer programs and resources, such as computer/internet usage, after school programs, senior activities, craft sessions and employment coaching. In addition to the library/community center housed in the Schoolhouse, the Advisory Board is raising funds to establish the James R. Fox Sr. Historical Society which includes the PHS Alumni, an Arts and Cultural Center and retail space. The anticipated funding needed for Phase I (first floor) is \$250,000. The Board has identified funding resources, such as classroom and display naming rights, adopt-a-window, and legacy donations. General donations such as buy-a-brick program, names on restored chalkboards and benches are also welcomed. It is with the help of the community that Genesis will see this vision come to reality. The Advisory Board is open to discussions with entrepreneurs looking for unique space as we begin the restoration of The Schoolhouse.

Please visit [pitcairnhistory.com](http://pitcairnhistory.com) to donate. For more information or interest in naming opportunities, please feel free to reach out to Bart Whitehead, 954-818-0979 or Dona (Fails) Galia 412-275-9511. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, contact Marty Galia, 412- 546-7372 .


The Board has finalized a date for the Schoolhouse Kick-Off Event. It will be held September 20-21 with live music, food trucks and community activities! Please watch for more information via Pitcairn FB page and FB friends.




**Congratulations**

2024 Gateway High School graduates, Lyndsey Bifano and Charrish Williams. Lyndsey received a \$1500 scholarship from the Pitcairn Woman's Club and plans to major in environmental science at college. Charrish was the recipient of a \$1000 scholarship from the Pitcairn Lions Club. She will attend California University. Congratulations and much success as you continue your education.



 **Church** The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, the people of God who are experiencing and sharing the living hope of Christ, invite you to their Summer Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Services can also be viewed on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/](http://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/)

 **Splash and Play** Hey kids and parents! Come join the fun, food and faith in the church's backyard every Wednesday, starting June 26 and ending July 31 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Weather permitting, there will be slip 'n slides, and various backyard games like cornhole, wiffle ball and volleyball. There will also be grilled hot dogs and light refreshments. Time will also be spent considering our faith in the One who offers living water. The fun is free. Just bring a towel to dry off and a chair or towel to sit on if you'd like. **Kids must be registered to participate so that the church has contact information and permission slips. Permission slips can be picked up at the office or call or email at: 412-372-7707 /office@pitcairnpca.org**



**Clothes Closet** will be opened July 13 and 27, August 10 and 24. The hours are from 10 a.m. to Noon. If the Clothes Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707.



**Jubilee** Pitcairn Hose Co#1 will hold their annual fair July 30 through August 3 at their grounds located at 100 South Center Avenue.

There will be rides, food and games for all. The fair will be open nightly from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on weekdays and will close at 11 p.m. on the weekend. The parade will be on August 3 at 6 p.m.



**Meeting** The meeting, Protect PT that was scheduled for June 27 has been rescheduled. The meeting will now be on July 25 at 6 p.m. at Hose Company #1, 100 South Center Avenue. This meeting will address the gas fume

issues



**Camp G** 127 girls and staff had a great time at Camp G this summer. The girls camped at Laurel State Park from June 9-14. This year's theme was colors and activities included a color run, Kona Ice, an Ice Cream truck, crafts and inflatables. The organization was founded in 1967 and provides a week of camping fun for area girls, ages 7-17. The organization would like to thank everyone that made this year's camp a success.



**Bingo** The Fire Company, 100 South Center Avenue, holds a Bingo every Saturday night.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:45; and regular games begin at 7. The kitchen is also open. Proceeds benefit the company.



**Meals On Wheels** PitCare Meals on Wheels serves the elderly and disabled in the Pitcairn area. Volunteer help is always needed. For information call 412-372-9116



**Camp B** The boys followed the girls and attended camp at Laurel Hill State Park the week of June 16-June 24. The week included crafts, a reptile demonstration, mini golf, sports, great food and lots of fun. Camp B has been providing a week of camping for area boys since 1946. They appreciate the support from so many that made this week of camp possible.

**LOCAL  
POSTAL CUSTOMER**

PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EEDM RETAIL

**Contact Information**



- Borough—412-372-6500 / 609 Broadway / [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us)
- Police / Non Emergency—412-856-1111
- Fire Station —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 412-419-5877 / [code@pitcairnborough.us](mailto:code@pitcairnborough.us)

**EMERGENCIES DIAL 911**

- Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTERN at [newsletterpit@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterpit@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events at a Glance**

June 18-August 8 —Free Lunch  
June 12-July 3—Sidewalk School  
June 26-July 31—Splash & Play  
July 13—Close Closet  
July 17—Food Bank  
July 25—Protect PT meeting  
July 27—Clothes Closet  
July 30-August 3—Jubilee  
August 7—Food Bank  
August 10—Clothes Closet  
August 24—Clothes Closet  
September 4—Food Bank  
September 20 & 21—Schoolhouse Kickoff



**Electric Bill** Electric bills can be paid at the borough office, 609 Broadway, during regular business hours; online; or by using the secure drop box located outside the building. To pay online, log on to [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us).

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.

**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 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.



**Garbage** should be put out for collection no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before pick-up and should be in sealed trash bags, then put in leak proof trash cans that have a lid. Pick-up day will not move due to a holiday UNLESS THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON YOUR SCHEDULED PICK UP DAY. Changes to pick-up days are Thursday July 4, will be picked up on July 5; Thursday November 28 (Thanksgiving Day) will be picked up on Friday November 29 and pick-up scheduled the week of Christmas will be moved one day.



The Police Department has a page on Facebook. Visit the page for events and current information.

**DEADLINE for ISSUE 34 that covers October, November and December is August 15**