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When this newsletter arrived in your mailbox, there was probably a chill in the air, maybe some leaves on the ground and possibly an array of colors blanketing the trees. Where did the summer go? They say time flies as you get older and I believe it. And as much as I dread it, winter with its snow and freezing temperatures is just around the corner, so enjoy the autumn days head. Organizations are meeting again after the summer break. If you have the time, consider joining one of the town's organizations or support them by attending a fundraiser or two. Of course high school and youth football are in full swing. Why not attend a game and cheer on your favorite team. Have a wonderful holiday season. I'm looking forward to 2025 and what it has in store for our town.

- Recently, I heard from Phil Arlia's daughter. She wanted to thank everyone who sent messages asking about her dad, Phil, who owned Phil's Pharmacy on Broadway for many years. He is doing well and would love to hear from his friends and customers. Cards can be sent to Walden's View of N. Huntingdon, 7990 US 30, ATTN: Phil Arlia Room 217, N. Huntingdon, PA 15642. Or give him a call at 724-863-2600 extension 2171.

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ROAD CLOSURE Wall Avenue will be closed at the Zion Apostolic Assembly Church (formerly St. Michaels) from September 16th to the 19th for the placement of a large crane. The crane will span the entire width of the road. This is necessary to place the new box culverts to repair the Taylor Avenue Bridge. This will be a complete closure of Wall Avenue. It will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

From the Mayor & Police Chief

Drive with care. Our streets are busy with kids. Caution! Passing a stopped school bus is illegal and carries with it the following penalties:

60-day driver's license suspension, Five points on your driving record, \$250 fine

The Mayor is continuing to collect the following:

- Yarn for blankets that are used when transporting children by ambulance.
- Snap tabs from cans. The proceeds from recycling the tabs benefits handicapped children.
- Also DSW Shoes collects used or old shoes that they donate to third world countries.

Congratulations to Officer Joshua Morrow and Officer Kyra Haile. Both were recently promoted from part-time patrolman to full-time patrolman. Also DOT Officer Bryan Bradford has met the standards and completed his training in advanced accident reconstruction.



Code Enforcement Winter is coming and that means snow. Property owners or tenants are required by ordinance to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours from the end of a snowfall and should clear all sidewalks at a width of at least 24 inches. Also, do not push snow back out onto the street once the street has been plowed.



Congratulations Pitcairn resident, Nicholas Ehrhart, 26, a 2016 graduate of Gateway High School and the son of Mary Szekeley, won bronze in the 50 meter freestyle and gold in the 50 meter backstroke at the Special Olympics regional competition that was held at CMU in April. This was Nicholas' first time competing.



Sympathy Scott (Scotty) Williams passed away in July. He was devoted to the baseball program in town, serving as a coach and President of the Pitcairn Baseball Association for many years. He also served as a member of the Gateway School Board for 22 years and the Forbes Road and Career Technology Center for 9 years. His dedication to our youth will not be forgotten.



November 3

**Night Market on
Broadway
September 27
from 6 to 9 p.m.**



Election Day
November 5

Did You Know?

In 1896 the Borough built its first school, School House #1, on Sixth Street. The building is still there and is being renovated into an arts and community center.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Schoolhouse The Genesis Corporation is an organization formed in January 2017. Genesis, a non-profit, community development corporation, was created by a group of local individuals who were passionate in revitalizing and restoring Pitcairn and other distressed neighboring communities. The Genesis Advisory Board is excited about the progress of the Schoolhouse restoration at 582 6th Street. The exterior is 90% complete and they are working hard to generate donations for the interior. They are also very happy to announce the collaboration with the Monroeville Public Library. The Library plans to offer programs and resources at the Schoolhouse which may include computer/internet usage, after school programs, senior activities, craft sessions and employment coaching. In addition to the library/community center, the advisory board is raising funds to establish the James R. Fox Pitcairn Historical Society, which includes the Pitcairn High School Alumni. An arts and cultural center and retail space is also included in the plans. One of the goals listed in the vision for the Schoolhouse is to seek the input of all citizens and groups in our community. The board is interested to hear your thoughts and ideas as to how to best use the space at the Schoolhouse and what services and opportunities would best serve the community. The advisory board is also open to discussions with entrepreneurs who may be looking for a unique space in the restored building. 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 already happening. Please visit PitcairnHistory.com to learn, participate and donate. For more information or interest in naming opportunities, please feel free to contact: Bart Whitehead 954-818-0979 or Dona (Fails) Galia 412-275-9511. If you are interested in purchasing a brick, you can contact Marty Galia at 412- 546-7372. The advisory board is looking forward to everyone's involvement and input during the renovation of this landmark building. Again, please join them on Friday, September 20 and Saturday, September 21 for the kick-off celebration. We can work together to bring this dream to reality!

Thank you! The Genesis Advisory Board: Donna Allan Balcik, Jack Bova, Karen Bova, Dan Castagnero, Dona Fails Galia, Marty Galia, Lisa Kuster, Ron Kuster, Evelyn Marto, Fred Mendicino, Bob Pribik, Connie Pribik, Eric Seibel, Kurt Seibel, Bart Whitehead

- **Kick Off Celebration: September 20:** Candlelight Concert and Wine and Cheese Event at TriUnity Church 614 6th Street from 6:30 to 10 p.m. \$40 per person. Includes concert, wine, cheese, swag bag, VIP early access to "Schoolhouse Tour" (Saturday morning at 11 a.m., prior to the Schoolhouse Kickoff Block Party.) Purchase tickets for basket raffles, 50/50 raffle and Ralph's cookies and wine pairing.
- **September 21:** Block Party at the Schoolhouse, 582 6th Street from Noon to 5 p.m. Music, food and fun. 1 p.m. musician Connor Parente; 2 p.m. Mike Filosemi; The Bill Prakti Band. Food and drinks for purchase; Beer for purchase in the Pitcairn Italian Club Beer Tent; Local business vendor booths; Local organizations information booths; Children's games; Basket raffles; 50/50 raffle; Schoolhouse Tour



Club The Pitcairn Woman's Club is celebrating their 89th year! The club was founded in 1935 by Mrs. J.T.Lauffer. The club's objective, to create and maintain an organized center for woman's work, thought and action and to aid in civic, educational and charitable activities still holds true today. The club continues to support the community in many ways; providing financial support to various organizations; awarding a yearly high school scholarship; sending a high school sophomore to the Western PA HOBY conference and participating in the town's social activities. The club is open to any female, age 18 and

older, from Pitcairn or a surrounding area. Their next meeting will be on October 14 at 6 p.m. in the Park Building, 570 Broadway. If you would like to attend send an email to pwc3523@gmail.com. For more information, visit the club's website, www.pitcairnwomansclub.com



Food The Assembly of God Church will hold a food distribution on October 18. The distribution is **limited to 30 families**. Those interested in receiving food, **MUST** contact the church at 412-372-2373 and leave your name, address, phone number and the number of people in your family. Someone will then contact you with the distribution time and details and answer any questions.



Breakfast The Woman's Club will hold their annual Fall Pancake Breakfast on October 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Park Building, 557 Broadway. Breakfast includes, pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Eat in or take-out. Tickets will be available at the door. There will also be a basket raffle. Proceeds support the club's scholarship fund.



Halloween Get ready for some Halloween fun! The borough will hold their annual Halloween Parade on October 26. Children, 12 years of age and under, should report to the Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue at 11:30 a.m. if they would like to participate in the parade and Harvest Festival. At that time, they will be given a number that will allow them to be eligible for costume prizes. The parade begins at Noon and will proceed down Wall Avenue to the fire hall for the Harvest Festival. At the festival, organizations will be handing out more treats. **Kids MUST HAVE A NUMBER to Participate in Costume Judging, Receive Treats and Attend the Harvest Festival**

- Trick-or-Treat will be held on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.
- The Italian Club on 8th Street will be handing out treats to kids on Halloween night.
- The Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue will hold a Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.



The Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue, holds Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

- On Wednesdays at 7 p.m. they have Bible Study with Kids Club and Youth ministries
- An exercise program, Praisemoves, is held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays. If interested in attending, you will need to contact the church at 412-372-2373.
- Super Saturday Kids Funday for kids ages 5 to 12, is Saturday, November 30 from Noon to 2 p.m.
- The church has many other activities planned for the future. Visit their Facebook page and watch for flyers posted throughout the community.



OES The OES Ham Loaf Sale will be

November 2 at the Park Building, 557 Broadway. Pick up time is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Large ham loaves are \$12 each; small ones are \$8. Take-out meals, that include ham loaf, potatoes, green beans, applesauce and cake, are \$11. Meals and ham loaves **MUST be preordered**. To place an order, call Bonnie at 724-939-7163



Hoagies The Rainbow Girls are taking orders now

for their famous hoagies that will be delivered on November 9. They offer an Italian hoagie with baked ham, bologna, salami, chipped chopped ham, American and provolone cheese and a Turkey hoagie with sliced turkey, American and provolone cheese. Both have lettuce, onions and pickles bagged separately. Cost is \$8 per hoagie. To order contact Nancy, 412-856-8031 / Rainbowmom201@aol.com or Carla, 412-607-1851 / cholderbaum1230@gmail.com. Please leave your name and phone number when ordering.



Lions The Lions club will hold a blood drive in the Park Building, 557 Broadway, on Wednesday, September 25 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. For information or to schedule an appointment call 412-209-7000 or visit vitalant.org.



The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, is experiencing and sharing the Living Hope of God and they invite you to their Sunday Worship Services currently meeting in public and on Facebook (www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/) Sunday School for all ages meets at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service at 11 a.m.

- **Clothes Closet:** The Clothes Closet at 312 Highland Avenue will be opened October 12 and 26; November 9 and 23; and December 14 and 21 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.
- **Bible Studies:** The Church offers Bible Studies in person and on Zoom. The Pastor leads a study, the women have a study and there is also a group for young adults. Call the church office for more information 412-372-7707.
Women's Zoom Bible Study: The women's group will meet every other Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. They will be studying the book, *Having a Mary Spirit* by Joanna Weaver. Call the church office for more information, 412-372-7707.
- **Tutoring:** PEP Tutoring is every other Wednesday for children in grades 1 to 5. The program includes dinner, tutoring, projects, games and Bible lessons.
- **Youth Group:** Children in grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate in the youth group that meets every other Wednesday at the church from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve:** Candle Light Service on December 24 at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



Celebration The borough will hold the annual Christmas Celebration on December 7 at the Park Building 557 Broadway. The celebration will include a visit from Santa, lighting of the borough tree and refreshments. Check Facebook for times and additional information.



Food Bank For those in need, the Pittsburgh Food Bank will continue to distribute food outside of the Park Building, 557 Broadway the first Wednesday of the month, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.. 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.



**LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER**



Contact Information



- Borough—412-372-6500 / 609 Broadway / www.pitcairnborough.us
- Police / Non Emergency—412-856-1111
- Fire Station—412-372-7040
- Tax Collector/Sally DiRobbio—412-372-3009 / sdirobbio@verizon.net
- Code Enforcement—412-372-6500 x 15 or 412-419-5877 / code@pitcairnborough.us

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

- Contact the PITCAIRN NEWS PATTER at newsletterpit@gmail.com

Upcoming Events at a Glance

September 20 & 21 / Schoolhouse Celebration & Block Party
September 25 / Lions Blood Drive
September 27 / Night Market
October 12 / Clothes Closet
October 18 / Assembly of God Food Distribution— Preregistration Only
October 26 / Clothes Closet
October 26 / Halloween Parade & Harvest Festival
October 27 / Pancake Breakfast
October 31 / Trick or Treat
October 31 / Assembly of God Trunk or Treat
November 2 / OES Ham Loaf sale —Preorder Only
November 5 / Election Day
November 9 / Clothes Closet
November 9 / Rainbow Girl Hoagies
November 23 / Clothes Closet
November 30 / Assembly of God Kids Super Saturday
December 7 / Old Fashion Christmas
December 14 / Clothes Closet
December 21 / Clothes Closet
December 24 / Presbyterian Church Candlelight Service

Food Bank Food Distribution First Wednesday of Each Month



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. 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.



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: Thursday November 28 (Thanksgiving Day) will be picked up on Friday November 29 and pickup 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. www.pitcairnborough.us

! 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 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 35 that covers January, February & March is December 15