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Congratulations

Councilwoman, Lisa Petrosky recently received a leadership award from the Turtle Creek Rotary Satellite Club. The award is given for outstanding dedication and leadership. 



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

Set your clocks back on
November 2

Did You Know?

The Pitcairn Quaker Football Team played their final and 17th season in 1920. The team was founded by Clyde Collins, John Johnstonbaugh and former Pitt quarterback Terry DeLozier.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. It's hard to believe that summer has ended; the leaves are changing colors and soon colder temperatures and snow will be upon us. Hopefully some of you were able to attend the 2nd Schoolhouse Block Party. It is wonderful to see this old building being restored. Many of the long time residents have fond memories of hearing the school bell ring and attending classes in the building. After the school closed it served Pitcairn as the borough office and maintenance garage. Enjoy the cooler autumn days and all the upcoming holidays.

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From the Mayor & Police Chief

- As children go to the bus stop, please remind them to be mindful of vehicles on the streets.
- Trash/waste collection rules have changed at the local landfills. So because of the changes, the borough would like to remind you when purchasing tires, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioning window units, etc. to take advantage of the small cost that is offered to remove or dispose of these items.
- A drive through recycling event will be held in the Municipality of Monroeville on Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pitcairn residents are encouraged to register for this event so that they can dispose of items such as televisions, electronics, chemicals and batteries. There is a small fee for items.
- The Police and Code Enforcement Departments are diligently working on the removal of abandoned and junked vehicles in the community. If your vehicle has been in an accident and is not drivable; has an expired inspection sticker or vehicle registration, it needs to be removed from public streets and private properties immediately. Failure to do so will result in the vehicle being tagged, towed and impounded at the expense of the owner/resident.
- As the leaves begin to fall, everyone should be mindful of raking and gathering the leaves and disposing of them properly.
- **Collections** : The Mayor is still collecting snap tabs (soda/beer). The profits from recycling the tabs benefits handicapped children. Also she is collecting yarn for senior citizens who use it to make blankets for Project Linus. Both items can be dropped off at the borough office during regular business hours.
- **Spaghetti Dinner**: The Annual K9 Maxx Spaghetti Dinner will be held on October 12 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard. Tickets are \$12; children age 4 and under are free. Preorder tickets starting October 1 or purchase at the door. For tickets or questions, contact Chief Farally, chief@pitcairnborough.us



Code Enforcement

- Winter may be just around the corner, but there will still be some nice days and that means you may still have to cut your grass. The grass that grows in the alley behind your property and the grass that grows on your sidewalks is the residents' job to cut as well.
- Litter left from the garbage men is the responsibility of the resident and must be cleaned up by the resident. We need to keep our alleys and streets clean.
- When the snow begins to fall, please remember to have the snow shoveled off the sidewalks within 24 hour of the last snow fall. There is a lot of walking traffic through out the community.



Birthday Happy Birthday to Joann Hileman and Laura Galia! Both ladies celebrated their 90th birthday in August. Wishing you both a wonderful year!

!! The Parks and Rec Committee is looking for volunteers to help with community events and activities. If interested contact the borough or Lisa Petrosky at l.petrosky@pitcairnborough.us



Food Distribution The Lions Club continues to distribute fruits and vegetables to those in need the first Wednesday each month at the Park Building on Broadway. Distribution is from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For those that miss the monthly food distributions and occasional pop-up distributions they will all be posted on the new Facebook page: Gateway Backpack & Food Pantry.





COMMUNITY NEWS



Fire Department The Fire Dept has sent out solicitations and would like to thank everyone who has donated and who plan to donate. This year has been busy and they continue to move forward.

- Please call 911 if you feel there is an emergency. Don't hesitate, call right away.
- Bingo is held every Saturday evening at the station, 100 S Center Avenue. 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 to purchase food items. Proceeds benefit the company.
- For future events and information, visit the department's Facebook page.



Breakfast The Woman's Club will hold their annual Fall Pancake Breakfast at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard, on Sunday, October 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under. Tickets will be available at the door. Eat-in or take-out. Proceeds benefit the club's scholarship fund.



Halloween The annual Halloween Parade will be on Saturday, October 25. Kids in costumes will assemble at the Assembly of God Church on Wall Avenue at 11 a.m. The parade will begin at the church, proceed down Agatha Street to Center Avenue, ending at the fire hall on Broadway. A Trunk & Treat will be held in the fire hall parking area immediately following the parade, where treats will be handed out by community organizations and individuals.



Hamloaf Eastern Star is taking orders now for their individual hamloafs and hamloaf dinners that will be available for pick-up on Saturday, November 15. Hamloafs are \$11 for a large; \$7 for a small; and dinners are \$10. Please note dinners are TAKE-OUT ONLY. To order call PJ at 412-818-2161.



The Assembly of God Church, 520 Wall Avenue invites the community to attend the following events:

- Trunk or Treat on Halloween night, Friday, October 31 from 6 to 8 p.m.
 - Community Spaghetti Thanksgiving dinner at the Pitcairn Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 22. The dinner is free, but if you would like to attend, you need to make reservations by calling the church at 412-372-2373 and leaving a message.
 - Bible Study and Kid and Youth Ministries are held on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
 - If you do not presently have a church you are attending you are invited to worship with them. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. every Sunday and worship services at 10:45 a.m.
- For information about the church and activities visit :www.pitcairnag.com



The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, are the people of God who are experiencing and sharing the living hope of Christ. You are invited to their Sunday Worship Services 9:45 a.m.; Sunday School for All Ages is held at 11 a.m. Worship Service in public and also on Facebook, www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/

- **Clothes Closet:** The Clothes Closet will be open on October 11 and 25 and November 8 and 22 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:** Bible Studies are offered in person and on Zoom. The Pastor leads a study, the women have a study and there is a group for young adults. Call the church office for more information 412-372-7707.
- **PEP Tutoring:** PEP Tutoring is held every other Wednesday. The program is for grades 1 – 5 with dinner, tutoring/projects, games and a Bible lesson
- **Christmas Eve:** A candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at the church on December 24 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join in celebrating the birth of Christ and the hope for the world!



Lions The Lions are holding their annual Koeze Nut Sale. A variety of nuts and nut related products are available. Thanksgiving orders must be placed by November 11 for delivery the week of Nov 17-21; Christmas orders must be placed by December 2 for delivery the week of December 8-12. For a catalog or questions, contact Rick at 412-841-9101 or Mike at 412-335-8507.



The Pitcairn Methodist Church is happy to announce that Reverend Abasilum Smith was recently appointed to their charge. Reverend Smith hails from Lionel Town on the island of Jamaica. Before pursuing ministry, he received a diploma in Education from St. Joseph Teachers' College and taught school. Reverend Smith served circuits in the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. He then was appointed by the Jamaica District to oversee Methodist Schools providing leadership for 73 institutions. In 2022 he moved to the United States for further studies, completing the Master of Theological Studies program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is married to Rev. Natoya Thomas-Smith, and they are the parents of Abaislum Gunter. The church services are held at Tri-Unity, 614 Sixth Street at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays.



Borough Update



Dear Residents,

We are pleased to provide you with an update on our borough's recent activities, ongoing initiatives and future plans. Our commitment to enhancing community living and fostering sustainable development remains steadfast.

Past Projects:

- Over the past couple years, our borough has successfully completed several key projects. These include the renovation of local parks to improve recreational facilities, the replacement of the Taylor Avenue Bridge and upgrade the decorative streetlights on Broadway through a grant by the Scott Electric Foundation. These initiatives have significantly contributed to improving the quality of life for our residents and have been well-received by the community.

Upcoming Projects:

- Look for several projects to begin this fall. These include the Highland Avenue Sanitary Sewer Project. The sanitary sewer line will be replaced from the 800 block of Highland Avenue to Taylor and East Wall Avenues. This is funded in part by a \$697,830 grant from the Commonwealth of PA. The reconstruction of Brinton Avenue and Eleventh Street, funded by a \$100,000 Commonwealth grant. The borough will be paving several streets funded through our Capital Projects Fund.
- The borough has been awarded a total of \$377,031 in Commonwealth grant funds to improve parking, access road and green space improvements to the Joseph Markosek Sports Complex.
- We have been awarded \$160,730 from Allegheny County to make improvements to Jewell Way.
- PennDOT's Green Light Go program has awarded the borough \$59,932 to improve the traffic lights at Broadway and Center and Broadway and Wall.
- Lastly, we were awarded \$28,018 in funding to purchase materials for stormwater improvements on Hillside Avenue.

Grants Applied For: Looking ahead, we are excited to announce several upcoming projects pending approval of the following grants:

- Replace Steps Between 5th and 6th Streets (2024 LSA Grant) – An application has been submitted in the amount of \$451,200.00 for funding to replace the stairs linking 5th and 6th Streets.
- Brinton Avenue Roadway Reconstruction - Phase 2 (2024 LSA Grant) – An application has been submitted in the amount of \$619,475.00 for additional grant funding to complete the improvements to Brinton Avenue from Sixth Street to the Borough line.
- Dirty Camp Run Flood Control Project – Sponsor Adjustments (FEMA Flood Mitigation Grant) – An application has been submitted in the amount of \$1,301,926.50 for additional grant funds to be used to pay for part of the remaining sponsor adjustments associated with the flood control project.
- Dirty Camp Run Flood Control Project – Sponsor Adjustments (PA Flood Mitigation Program Grants) – An application has been submitted in the amount of \$485,776.00 to supplement the afore-mentioned FEMA grant.
- Hillside Avenue Slide Repairs (Multimodal Transportation Fund Grants) – An application has been submitted in the amount of \$351,000.00 to stabilize the bank along a section of Hillside Avenue.
- Broadway Improvements (Multimodal Transportation Fund Grants) – An application has been submitted in the amount of \$514,800.00 to make improvements to Broadway.
- 14th Street Park (GEDTF Grant) – An application has been submitted in the amount of \$187,150.00. The grant would be for improvements to the 14th Street Park and would include new parking, playground equipment, play surface and resurface basketball/pickleball court.

Securing these grants will enable us to implement more ambitious projects without placing additional financial burdens on residents. We are optimistic about the prospects of these applications and will keep the community informed about their outcomes. We remain dedicated to transparency and community engagement. Your feedback and participation are vital as we continue to develop and improve our borough. Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement.

Sincerely,

Pitcairn Borough Council



Meals PitCare's Meals-on-Wheels program serves the elderly and disabled in Pitcairn and surrounding communities. Meals are delivered Monday through Friday. For information call 412-372-9116



Pitcairn Schoolhouse The Pitcairn Schoolhouse renovation committee is planning a Craft Show on December 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tri-Unity, 614 Sixth St. (across from the Schoolhouse). Browse unique handmade goods from local vendors, enjoy festive treats and don't miss a special visit from Santa! A perfect way to kick off the holiday season while supporting a great cause. Come out, have fun and support the continued preservation of the Pitcairn Schoolhouse — where history meets community! For more information on 2025 Pitcairn Schoolhouse events, visit and follow Pitcairn Historical Society. Facebook page.



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- 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

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Upcoming Events at a Glance

- First Wednesday of the Month October, November & December – Lions Food Distribution
- Every Saturday / Fire Department Bingo
- Now until November 11 / Lions Nut Sale
- Now until December 2 / Lions Nut Sale
- October 11 / Clothes Closet
- October 12 / K9 Maxx Spaghetti Dinner
- October 25 / Clothes Closet
- October 25 / Halloween Parade
- October 26 / Woman's Club Pancake Breakfast
- October 31 / Assembly of God Trunk or Treat
- October 31/ Halloween Trick or Treat
- November 8 / Clothes Closet
- November 15 / Easter Star Hamloaf Pick-up
- November 22 / Clothes Closet
- November 22 / Assembly of God Community Dinner
- December 6 / Schoolhouse Craft Show
- December 24 / Presbyterian Church Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



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.



DEADLINE for ISSUE 39 that covers January, February & March 2026 is December 10