

# THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Winter 2011

## FROM THE DESK OF THE MAYOR

As a new year begins I take time to look back and reflect on the life of a true volunteer. Robert Lewis Waltz was a true Pineknotter although like many of his caliber he was not born here but in Williamsport on June 18, 1929. At age ten his family moved to Island Park and he graduated from Northumberland High School in 1947. He then served in the Navy for eight years. On August 5, 1955 he married Ginny Young and they reared two children. Dr. Robert L. Waltz Jr. and his wife Beth live in Red Lion, PA and Carol Ann Lutz and her husband Arnie live in Elysburg, PA. They are also blessed with two grandchildren, Zachary and Leigh Waltz.

Bob actually met Ginny while volunteering. The annual N.H.S. Alumni banquet and dance always needed workers to set up and decorate and that is how they got together.

Bob especially liked volunteering with groups that worked to promote children activities in town. In those early years, some 50 years ago, he and some friends organized the first Halloween Parade. He worked on the committee for many years. He worked with others to organize and run the skating pond at Jolly Hollow. He volunteered at the Northumberland Hook and Ladder Co., the River Rescue Squad, the Lion's Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Northumberland.

As a public servant he served many years on the Northumberland Borough Council and six years as Mayor. During the 1972 and 1976 bicentennial celebrations, Bob served on many committees which provided fun for citizens of all ages. Bob and Ginny volunteered together on the Improvement Committee for many years. This group spent many hours raising funds to construct the town gazebo and to buy the Christmas decorations. In those days they all worked to put up and down the decorations as well.

It is no surprise that Bob was named Pineknotter of the Year in 1991. He and Ginny shared the Alumni of the Year Award in 2002, an award given for outstanding service to alumni, church and community. They both put in many hours in making our community a better place. Ginny often said to Bob, "I will need to put our house in the borough's name if I want to get anything done around here."

Bob went beyond the call of duty. Even after sixteen years of being left with limitations after a stroke, Bob and Ginny volunteered. I called them each summer that I was in charge of the Pineknotter Store at Pineknotter Days. They helped me out each summer except this last one because health issues kept them away. Bob passed away on October 13, 2010. He will be greatly missed.



## 2ND STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

The multi-purpose room, close to the outdoor basketball court, is well on its way to completion. Due to the generous donation from the S. Luther Savidge Trust, the room will be known as 'The Savidge Room'. The PA Conservation Corp members have been working diligently since late Fall. A new heating system is now in place, also additional insulation, new walls and a new electrical system. The room should be available for public use and rental in late Spring.

Previous renovations in that wing installed new bathrooms, and established a kitchen area with a large pass-thru to the hall. The kitchen also has a pass-thru to the multi-purpose room. Sun Area Vo-tech students built the kitchen cabinets.

With his passing we lose another one of his generation. A generation of people who committed time and talents to volunteer to make a better place for our children and grandchildren is gone.

Who will step up to fill many voids like this in our community? Some are trying to do that and I thank them. But the numbers are dwindling and many more are needed. If you volunteer now anywhere in the community, I thank you. If you don't please consider stepping up and filling one of the voids left by Bob and others from his generation. Please pray for our community in 2011 remembering that "prayer by prayer the Lord will always get us there."

God bless you all.

Gretchen H. Brosius

### VENDORS WELCOME

WHEN - Saturdays beginning in May



WHERE - King St. Park

WHO - Crafts, Food, Fruit/  
Vegetable Stands

CONTACT - Steve Reed at 473-3371 or the Borough Office at 473-3414 for more information.

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVES



February 15, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

April 12, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Nottingham Village Great Room

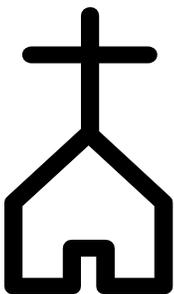
March 10, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

C. W. Rice Middle School

### MORNING PRAYER / WORKSHIP

The Northumberland Ministerium is continuing the morning prayer and worship time as part of their outreach program. Rotating between several churches, services are at 8:00 a.m., Monday thru Friday. The weekly schedule is as follows:

- Monday - Trinity United Methodist, 6th & King
- Tuesday - St. John's Lutheran, 3rd & Queen;
- Wednesday - Christ United Methodist, Front & King;
- Thursday - Grace Lutheran, Route 11;



- Friday - Saint Mark's, King & 2nd Streets

In case of bad weather listen to the radio. If the schools have a 1-hour delay prayer begins at 8:30 and for a 2-hour delay prayers begin at 9:00. Prayers will be cancelled if school is cancelled.

### BOROUGH HOUSEKEEPING

Pole Lights: We often get calls regarding street lights that have gone out. PP&L is responsible for the changing of light bulbs. You can call them yourself at 1-800-342-5775. Please do not call without first getting the numbers off the pole.

### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

St. John's Preschool, located at 300 Queen Street, Northumberland, is now accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 school year.

Our 3-year-old class meets Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Students must be 3 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to register.



Our 4-year-old class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon Students must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup> to register.

For more information, please call the church at (570) 473-3770.

### 2011 SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

includes Soup and Bake Sales at St. John's, 300 Queen St., phone Church Office (570- 473-3770) to place your soup order!

Thursday, April 7, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday, April 8, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 9, 8 a.m. - noon

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## FLOOD PROTECTION REGULATIONS

**ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE BOROUGH OFFICE BEFORE YOU BUILD ON, FILL, ALTER, OR REGRADE YOUR PROPERTY.** A permit is needed to ensure that such projects do not cause problems on other properties. Lots were originally designed so water would flow away from the building and along property lines to the street, storm sewer, or ditch. Fences, railroad ties, landscaping and re-grading block this flow. So do construction projects in the ditches or the floodplain.

**NEW CONSTRUCTION REQUIRES PROPER PERMITS.** New buildings in the floodplain must be protected from flood damage. The Borough's development regulations require that new residential buildings must be elevated 1½ feet above the base flood level. By getting the proper permits before you build, flooding and other drainage problems can be prevented. The ordinance also requires that all substantial improvements and substantial damage to a building be treated as a new building. A project is "substantial" when the value of an addition, alteration, repair or reconstruction project exceeds 50% of the value of the existing building. In the case of an addition, only the addition must be protected. In the case of an improvement to the original building, the entire building must be protected.

**FLOOD INSURANCE** Most homeowners insurance policies do not cover a property for flood damage. The Borough of Northumberland participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Local insurance agents can sell an NFIP policy under rules and rates set by the Federal government. Any agent can sell a policy and all agents must charge the same rates. There are two types of flood insurance coverage; building coverage and contents coverage. Coverage for sump pump failure or sewer backup might be available as an addition to your homeowner's insurance policy. *Don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance protection. There is a 30 day waiting period before National Flood Insurance coverage takes effect.*

## YOUR SEWER BILL

Both annual and quarterly sewer bills were recently sent out. Unfortunately, the service period for the annual bills was incorrect, and should have been 1/1/11 to 12/31/11.

The annual rate for a single household is \$348.00, the quarterly rate is \$87.00. For annual payments only, a discount is allowed of \$10.44 if paid prior to the due date (\$337.56).

It has been brought to our attention that some bills have arrived damaged, or unreadable. This is the first time the ink has been excessively smudged. We are working on a solution, and apologize for any inconvenience. If you have any questions, please call the office at 473-1992.

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### A MESSAGE FROM THE BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Hi. As Borough Council President and voluntary operator of Liberty Splashland, 2010 was an interesting year. Several issues have been raised by a few citizens who use the media as a sounding board to continually bring negativity to our borough. I want to take a few minutes to address those issues.

People are free to form their own opinions and to voice them freely as they pertain to the park. I am in no way opposed to that as long as it is based on facts and not hearsay. It is no secret and never has been that the borough intends to install a bowl slide at Liberty Splashland. Some citizens would have you believe this effort was never above board and its funding practices lack integrity.

I'm surprised that these individuals would try to convince you of this, since most of them attended the very meetings where the approval of such activities was discussed at the advice of legal counsel. These were public meetings. Meetings which were open to everyone and are supported by minutes, publicly available and posted on our website. They would like you to believe those events and the operations of Liberty Splashland lack transparency. I beg to differ. It doesn't make any sense to not be transparent. First, our records are audited along with all borough records by a third party. Secondly, it is morally wrong (not to mention illegal). And thirdly, how can anyone positively benefit by doing otherwise?

Transparency is an ongoing issue for all public entities. If you request records from any state or local agency, they are required to provide them to you. There is no reason to ever hide information during this process. All Liberty Splashland records and all borough records are available to you. Likewise, all entities that represent our

town in any governmental capacity are legally obligated to provide records to you when you request them.

It has recently been suggested by one citizen to form a group of people to operate the park... better. I have voluntarily operated the park for the past 11 seasons with great pleasure. No one else was or has appeared interested, and I have never asked for help. The pool needed a manager, at the urging of others, I choose to be it. In 2008, I was awarded the Pennsylvania Recreation and Parks Society Volunteerism Award for "significant contributions in a recreational facility". From the entire state of Pennsylvania, our borough was chosen for recognition, a great achievement.

My goal has always been to operate Liberty Splashland as a profit center. I've visited municipalities who are able to use their pool revenue as a funding source for other activities. With this goal in mind and with the approval of the council at that time, a water parks economics firm (professionals) was hired to create a plan for this municipal park. The other choices were limited - major tax increases or close the facility. And after all, if we are going to operate a pool for public use, it only makes sense to have a lot of people using it. We encourage non-resident patrons as a means of reaching our goal of profitability.

It is this plan that I am, to the best of my ability, following. Otherwise we probably would be in the same situation as other local towns. Watsonstown opted to close their pool; Milton's in dire straits; and Williamsport is not faring well either. It has been a long road, and finally in 2010 operations were in the black.

Our attendance increases over the past 5 years have been pretty remarkable. To me, this is a clear indication that the policies, procedures, and the features I have implemented, with the support of the council of the time, work. We have a facility that is succeeding and heading in a positive direction and the data supports this.

I enjoy giving the public something to do. Everything at the park is well thought out and has been supported by councils of today and the past. The park is a benefit to everyone, whether they choose to use it or not. Thinking outside the box, re-searching what people like to do, and implementing the recommendations of water park professionals is what has made the difference. The pool is now an asset, not a liability. For this I can't find

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myself in a position to apologize. I can't apologize for helping to provide citizens, young and old, with something fun to do in the Borough of Northumberland.

Liberty Splashland is included in our comprehensive plan as an asset to our area. The recommendation is for public support to keep it as such. Tax money is spent every year on all borough property. It is the responsibility of the Borough to maintain and improve all properties for the benefit of its constituents. The pool was forced to close in the late 1990's due to structural problems. I do not want that to happen again. Gradually, the entire pool is being renovated, and improvements with entertainment value are being added for the benefit of our residents.

It is the improvements to the park that excite our patrons and entice them to spend their money there and not in another town. The Borough could instead raise taxes to generate the tens of thousands of dollars required each and every season to operate and maintain a basic facility. Not everything is perfect. But as issues are seen, goals are set and efforts forged to address them.

A bigger question has to be asked...what would our taxes be IF volunteers, such as myself, would choose to not get involved? Taxes are used for streets, parks and ball fields, a police presence, fire apparatus, public events, building code enforcement for public safety, snow removal, traffic and street lights, and the list goes on.

We, as council members, have to look at the bigger picture, see the positives and the negatives, examine how things affect our town, and make decisions in the best interests of all our citizens and our future. It's not easy and certainly not everyone will ever agree entirely with the decisions that are made. That goes with the position.

It is my intention to continue to serve the community as a whole at Liberty Splashland for years to come. I hope you take the time to use Liberty Splashland. It is a destination among local destinations.

So why should YOU volunteer in the face of adversity? After all, you will get the proverbial beating up from time to time; ***because it is just the right thing to do.*** It does make a difference. There are many people in our town with a wide variety of talents. Imagine what we could do if people would apply those talents to the betterment of Northumberland. Give of your time. Volunteer today.

Greg Carl

Borough President

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## NONDENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

*First Sunday of Every Month 9:30 am*

*The Joseph Priestley Chapel*

The Friends of The Joseph Priestley Chapel would like to extend an invitation to visit the Chapel for a half hour nondenominational service. Everyone is welcome to attend the music and poetry program. We are fortunate to have some fine musicians and readers for our event. Hope to see you there.

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## JOBS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Borough will again be hiring college students and college-bound high school seniors as part of the Summer Intern Program. To be eligible, the student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. grant. Students may earn up to \$3,600 during the summer months through this program. Interested students should contact the Borough Office after February 15<sup>th</sup> to obtain more information and application forms or go online at [www.pheaa.org/workstudy/index.shtml](http://www.pheaa.org/workstudy/index.shtml).

In the past, the borough has employed students to work at Liberty Splashland, Pineknott Park and with the Borough Crew. At Liberty Splashland, the students are employed as lifeguards, concession stand operators, maintenance, and front desk personnel. Students working at Pineknott Park maintain the ball field and operate the concession stand. Students working with the borough street crew help to cut grass, trim, paint crosswalks, and other property maintenance throughout the Borough.

In past years, a Summer Recreation program was provided to elementary students in the mornings. This program would be revitalized if any student(s) would be interested in supervising the program. To discuss this program, please call the Borough at 473-3414.

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### 2011 PENNSYLVANIA ELECTIONS IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Three Borough Council seats will be decided in the 2011 election .

To circulate and file nomination petitions  
First Day - February 15  
Last Day - March 8

To circulate and file nomination papers  
First Day - March 9  
Last Day- August 1

Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions - March 23.

Last day to REGISTER to vote before the primary - April 18. Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot - May 10. Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots - May 13 .

#### **PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY** - May 17.

A nomination petition is filed by a candidate seeking access to a primary ballot. Nomination papers are filed by candidates of minor political parties and political bodies for the purpose of gaining access to the ballot in a November election.

Online at [www.dos.state.pa.us](http://www.dos.state.pa.us)

### POLLING LOCATIONS

Election Day is Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 7 am - 8 pm.

- First Ward..... Borough Building at 221 Second Street
- Second Ward...Girl Scout Little House
- Third Ward ..... Kiwanis Building

### THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO RECYCLE.

In 2010 Liberty Recycling Center was able to recycle over 193 tons (386761 lbs. to be exact) of material thanks to you bringing it to us instead of throwing it into your trash. Together we saved this material from the land fill and the raw materials it replaces in the production of new products.

Since Northumberland is not a mandated community (population over 5000) we need to thank the Borough Council for their support in keeping this program in place. **A BIG THANK YOU to the VOLUNTEERS** who man the recycling center each week to process the material for market. If you truly believe in recycling, come join us.

Presently the Lions Club of Northumberland and Northumberland/ Point Township Kiwanis Club along with the Sunbury Lions Club and Kiwanis Club of Sunbury man the recycling center each week. Many hands make for a lighter load. All profits go to the treasury of the clubs to benefit our communities.

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Note: Bad Weather closings follow Shikellamy School District.

A chill is in the air but our community fills us here at the library with the warmth of spirit and giving. We were able to offer our Police Dept.'s Christmas Gift Drive a box filled with presents for needy children. During the month of December, we were able to collect over 500 items of food for our local food bank in exchange for fines.

It's a busy time.....feel the need to take a break? Come take a look at some new books, read the



paper, have a cup of coffee on us. We're here. Also here, are TAX forms! We were informed that we would not be receiving them this year. I think protests changed their

minds. We were notified in late December that we would be getting them. You can find them in the hall by the large-print books. We get new forms each week so if you don't see what you need, check back.

We are moving forward, continually working at offering our patrons new resources, opportunities



and materials. We gratefully acknowledge Norry Kiwanis for their generosity. Because of them we have a beautiful educational computer learning station in youth services for our students and families.

The library is starting up a new DVD Series Collection. Some of the new features will include ROOTS, Elizabeth R, Six Wives of Henry the Eighth, The Tudors, Civil War, The Mel Brooks Collection and Planet Earth.

We have the beginnings of a Friends Group, people who love the library and want to help us be the best we can by supporting us. We are seeking all types of people to help us. A core group is important to keep us going, many hands in various ways throughout the year make the group successful.

For more information contact us by e-mailing the Friends Group at [pfmlfriends@ptd.net](mailto:pfmlfriends@ptd.net)

The Friends Group will be assisting in bringing back our book sales. We are planning one during Pineknoller Days this summer.

Miss Kim and I are working on updating the children's non-fiction collection this year. We know how important accurate information is for our students. The theme for Summer Reading will take us around the world this summer, we are already planning some great activities.

This year, Martin Luther King Day was encouraged to be a day of service, not a day off. Every day at Priestley-Forsyth Library is a day of service. We are here to serve you. Your input is important, your needs and requests are important. We do our best to serve you every way we can. Also important are your contributions. The library's yearly Fund Drive supports everything we do. Every dollar the library receives, helps us provide you with better service. We thank you for your support, your encouragement and your commitment.

Lynn

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## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER

It is unlawful for the owner or occupant of any property in the Borough to allow snow and ice to remain on the sidewalks for a longer period than twenty-four (24) hours after the snow has fallen or ice has accumulated. The Borough police will issue citations in the event that snow has not been removed within the regulated time period.



In addition, please be reminded that it is unlawful to place the removed snow onto the streets.

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**Pizza, Salad, & Ice Cream** is on February 4. Please call the center to sign up.

**Valentine's Lunch** is February 14 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be Chicken from Giant, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Angel Food Cake with Strawberries. Cost is \$5.00. Please call the center to sign up.



**State Tax Assistance** will be February 16 & 18. Steve Slusser will be here to do state taxes for free. You must sign up ahead by calling the center.

**Free Blood Pressure / Sugar** on March 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. by Lois Stettler, Sunbury Community Hospital.

**St. Patrick's Lunch** will be on March 17 at 11:30 a.m. Corn Beef & Cabbage. The cost is \$5.00. You must call the center to sign up.



**Annual Rummage & Food Sale** is April 1 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and April 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Any items in good condition that you would like to donate for the rummage sale may be dropped off at the center between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

**Card Parties** are February 24 and March 24 starting at 12:30 p.m. They usually play 500 and

Pinochle. Refreshments are served. Non-members are welcome.

**Bingo** is on Monday & Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. along with Nickel Bingo on Friday's at 12:15 p.m. Public is welcome.

**Penny Poker** is played on Tuesday afternoon starting at 12:30 p.m. Anyone is welcome. **Every morning** there is cards.

**Wii** can be played almost anytime and is a great form of exercise and entertainment.

**Birthday's** are celebrated each month on the 3rd Wednesday. We serve ice cream & cake along with lunch.



**Trips** are taken each month to go shopping and out to eat.

A **Craft class** is available every Monday morning.

**Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

**Exercise** 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

**Hot Lunches** are available and are served at 11:30 a.m. You must call the day before in order to get a meal.

Dues is \$6.00 for the year, and is being collected for 2011. Not a Member? Stop by anytime to check out the center. Contact the center at 473-9373.

#### FRONT STREET STATION PRINTS

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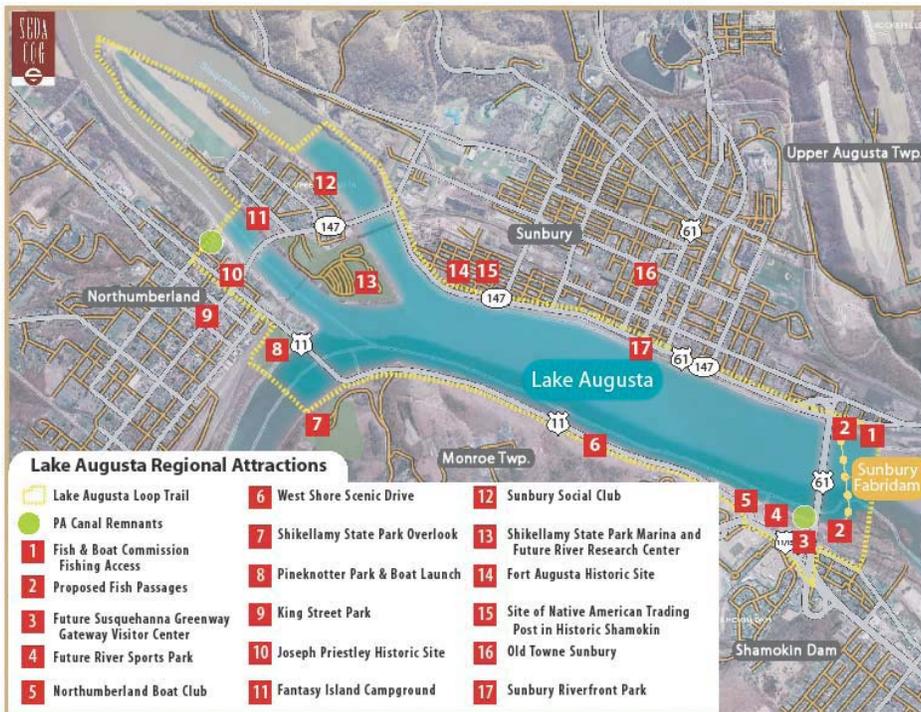
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## LAKE AUGUSTA CORRIDOR STUDY

Tom Grbenick of SEDA-COG will present information at the Borough Council work session on February 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the Lake Augusta Corridor Study. The public is welcome to attend to learn more about this exciting endeavor in our area.

As conceived, the *Lake Augusta Gateway* effort will stimulate interest in the area's place-based assets and its related development advantages. It will enhance awareness of the Susquehanna River Valley, our distinctive river towns, and the Susquehanna Greenway connection. It will identify new opportunities for active living, recreation, and environmental conservation. It will lead to fuller use and enjoyment of the Susquehanna River by residents and visitors and it will enhance investments in waterfront-connected development. The project will establish a forum for shaping waterfront vision and action plans for community and economic development, and enhancing the area's transportation network. It will set the tone for future waterfront development, for investment priorities, and for coordinating public policy at the state, county and local levels.

Enhanced development of the Lake Augusta asset creates a significant opportunity to better our area's future—new attractions, events and activities, business and job opportunities. The path from here to there isn't yet clear. It will involve varied stakeholders each beholden to their own vision and priorities. But to ignore the opportunity now is to deprive benefits to future generations of the area's residents, families, neighbors, businesses, institutions, and visitors. (From the Lake Augusta Gateway - A Regional Prospectus & Call to Action.)



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## COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

### Community Development

Greg Carl, Chairperson  
 Bob Long  
 Steve Reed

### Finance

Jonathan Rees, Chairperson  
 Jim Orner  
 Greg Carl

### Personnel

Judith Groninger, Chairperson  
 Steve Reed  
 Jonathan Rees

### Public Safety

Frank Wetzel, Chairperson  
 Judith Groninger  
 Bob Long

### Rules

Bob Long, Chairperson  
 Frank Wetzel  
 Jim Orner

### Streets

Steve Reed, Chairperson  
 Judith Groninger  
 Jonathan Rees

Above meetings are held in the Borough Building @ 221 Second until the Savidge Room is completed.

### Planning Commission

Representative Frank Wetzel

### Sewer Authority

Representative James Orner

### Emergency Services Board

Steve Cimino  
 Henry Hullivan  
 Adam Klock  
 Joe West  
 Sam Wolfe

The public is welcome to attend all meetings with the exception of Personnel.

## LIFEGUARDS NEEDED!

If anyone is interested in Lifeguarding at Liberty Splashland this summer, a Lifeguard certification will be needed before the end of the school year. The pool typically opens on the last day of school.



Certification classes are held at the Sunbury YMCA in March. Call for details.



*The Revitalization Committee encourages you to notch up your community spirit by one degree!*

## FALL FESTIVAL WINNERS

- Costume** – Scariest – Alexa Spaventa
- Funniest – Emma Taby
- Cutest – Riley Cooper
- Most Creative – Natalia Spaventa
- Judge's Choice – Gabriela Mitsigiorgis
- Crafts** – 5 and under group – Bella Hile
- 6 to 8 – Emily McCloud
- 9 and over – Jayda Carper



## JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE

invites Pineknotters to Priestley's birthday celebration. Local Volunteers at Joseph Priestley House are continually surprised at the interest in our museum from those who live far away. An English couple, touring the states, from Priestley's own Birmingham, stopped for a tour last fall, prompted by the sign along Route 11. And on Jan 2, among those celebrating Twelfth Day were a Texan and a father-and-son pair from Philadelphia.

**Commonwealth Charter Day - Sunday, March 13** Come visit and celebrate this lovely hometown landmark from 1-4 p.m. **Free Admission** that day at all state-owned museums. Coincidentally, it's also Joseph Priestley's birthday; we will have refreshments in the Visitor Center. Volunteer guides will be in costume and Ronald C. Blatchley will demonstrate Priestley's chemistry at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. in the newly renovated Pond Bldg.

After March 13, the Priestley House is open weekend afternoons (except Easter) until December for tours at 1, 2 and 3. Tours at other times can be arranged. Regular Admission fees are charged.

**A special program - Sunday, April 3**, at 2 p.m. Northumberland's John Moore will introduce Thomas Cooper, who settled in Northumberland along with the Priestley family, circa 1794. Cooper was an early newspaper editor who went to jail for his political beliefs and later continued Priestley's scientific teachings at Dickinson College. Regular admission will be charged, with tours also available from 1 and 3 p.m. For more information call 570-473-9474 or visit [www.josephpriestleyhouse.org](http://www.josephpriestleyhouse.org)

## PARTY RENTALS

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**HISTORY DAY ENDS**



The Final Meeting of the History Day Committee was held on October 3, 2010. The Board Members present were Mike (Tibbs) McWilliams, Noelle Long and Dave and Dana Ramsey. At that time the committee decided to

dissolve History Day due to the lack of volunteers. The committee had a bank balance of \$8,449.73 so they also decided to disburse the funds to the following organizations to use to preserve and promote history:

**Priestley Chapel Associates**

Donation: \$2,200.00

To be used in the preservation and maintenance of their historical site.

**Friends of Joseph Priestley House**

Donation: \$2,200.00

To be used for history programs and history camp

**Northumberland County Historical Society**

Donation: \$500.00

To be used in their Administration Fund

**The Borough of Northumberland**

Donation: \$1,000.00

To be used for their history display cases

**Pennsylvania Canal Society**

Donation: \$500

To be used for the construction of their canal boat which will be located in Watsonstown.

The Pennsylvania Canal Society was present at every History Day event and never charged a fee. This was a way of saying thank you for their support through the years.

The remaining balance of \$2,049.73 was given to Northumberland Revitalization Committee to hold until November 1, 2011, should another group of at least 10 Board Members and 20 to 25 volunteers come forward to start a new History Day. It was felt that this is the number of people needed to put on this event properly. Should no one come forward, the money would be theirs to use as they see fit.

Supplies left at the school, the coolers, freezer, tents and canopies, etc. were given to the Borough to be used by all the other festivals that are held such as Lemonade Day, Fall Festival, etc.

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Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Toy Drive in December. We delivered a trunk-full to the Northumberland Police Department for distribution through the Concini Toy Drive. A Borough resident, who had seen our "bring a toy" request in the last newsletter, was the winner of a \$25 gift certificate to Target.

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# THE PINEKNOTTER

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter 2011

### PUBLIC MEETING DATES

#### **Borough Council**

March 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7 & 28  
July 19  
August 2  
September 6  
October 4  
November 1  
December 6 & 20

#### **Work Sessions**

March 15  
April 19  
May - no session  
June - no session  
July - no session  
August 16  
September 20  
October 18  
November 15  
December - no session

### MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held monthly, as needed.  
Comm. Dev. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m.  
Finance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., April, July, Sept.,  
October and November.  
Personnel - meets in closed meetings through the year  
Public Safety – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. as needed  
Planning Commission – last Thursday at 7:00 p.m.  
Rules Committee - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Streets – the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Zoning Board– the last Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.  
Meetings are held in the Borough Building, 221 Second  
Street until late Spring. Please watch website.  
The Emergency Services Board will meet at 6:00 pm the  
1st Monday of each month at 175 Orange St. unless  
that day is a holiday, when the meeting will be the first  
Tuesday at a location to be determined.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

February 15: ARC Blood Drive  
1 to 6 p.m. @ Nottingham  
March 13: Commonwealth Charter  
Day at Joseph Priestley House  
April 7-9: St. John's  
Rummage & Soup Sale  
April 3: Program JP House  
April 12: ARC Blood Drive  
1 to 6 p.m. @ Nottingham  
May 5: National Day of Prayer  
May 17: Election Day  
July 4-10: Pineknotter Days  
July 4: Craft Show

### PRIESTLEY-FORSYTH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

M-W-F-S 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
T-Th Noon - 8 p.m.



### LIBERTY GLASS CENTER

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Wednesday — 5:30 to 7:00 pm  
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- Magazines, catalogs, and Glossy Color inserts
- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastics— # 1 & # 2
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