

# THE PINEKNOTTER NEWS

Borough of Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Winter 2012

## THE MAYOR'S CORNER

At the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Borough Council meeting, it was my extreme pleasure to present Mayoral Certificates of Excellence to Jim Troup for his years of service as Fire Chief; Judy Groninger, Bob Long, and Jim Orner for serving the Borough as council members as well serving on other community projects.

I would like to welcome the three new council members who were installed on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are Adam Klock, Ty Sees, and Jim Troup. I wish these gentlemen the best, and look forward to working with them and the returning council members.

Congratulations to Brian Crebs who I installed as our newly appointed Fire Chief on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. His years of experience with the fire department will make him an asset to the Borough.

I wish to thank all of the volunteers who helped with decorating our park and downtown area for the holidays. Also, thanks to our street department employees who placed the decorations and Santa's House; all who helped with Santa's arrival, and thanks to Santa himself!

It is my sincere hope that all of our citizens will have a prosperous and safe New Year. May you reach any goals you have set for 2012!

Please try the trivia challenge on page 9 to test your knowledge of the Borough.

Mayor Len Zboray

## IS *THIS* THE LAST YEAR FOR PINEKNOTTERS' DAYS?



For the past several years, rumors have spread that each year may be the last year for Pineknotters' Days. Although we certainly hope not, every year it does get closer to becoming a reality.

Why? Because every year it seems harder to get the number of individuals involved that are needed to keep the celebration going. People are needed to attend the once-a-month planning meetings from September or November through June. But what is needed more are people willing to get involved with setting up stands, working at the stands during the week of Pineknotters' and then helping with putting things away and cleaning up afterwards.

One misconception regarding Pineknotters' Days is that you must be a Kiwanis member to be on the Pineknotters' Days Committee. Pineknotters' Days is *sponsored* by the Kiwanis Club of Northumberland - Point Township. They are two separate organizations and all that is needed to serve on the Pineknotters' Days Committee is a willingness to help.

If you have the desire to help keep Pineknotters' Days going and are willing to pitch in to help, attend the Pineknotters' Days Committee Meetings. They are normally held the 2nd Thursday in the Kiwanis Community Center on Prince Street. If you are unable to attend but are willing to help, please leave your name and telephone number with the Northumberland Borough office, 473-3414, or contact Kim King at the Priestley-Forsyth Library, 473-8201, or email her at [pfmlkids@ptd.net](mailto:pfmlkids@ptd.net), or call Tom Propst at 473-3467.

## BOWL SLIDE BACK ON TRACK!

After much controversy, the bowl slide at Liberty Splashland has the funding to finish construction in time for summer enjoyment. Bad weather and other issues delayed construction in 2011. Controversy over funding received from Northumberland County threatened construction in 2012. However, at the January 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting, Borough Council members returned to the Liberty Splashland account the \$30,000 it had removed at its January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Also at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, County Commissioner Vinny Clausi made a personal donation of \$10,000 to the bowl slide.

The only remaining construction is the stair tower. The bowl and most of the slide is already in place. A thrill ride, the bowl slide starts users about 40' off the ground.

You enter the tube with hands crossed over your chest and feet crossed and zoom down the tube. Once you enter the bowl, you spin around and around and then splash down into a small swimming pool.





### FURRY FRIENDS ANIMAL CLINIC

Mayor Len Zboray conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony on October 9th, 2011. It was to celebrate

the opening of Furry Friends Animal Clinic at their new location at 501 Duke Street. Dr. Kayann Busshaus is very excited to be a part of the business community in the Borough.

She graduated from The University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine in 1990. She worked in Pennsylvania at a mixed animal practice for 5 years then owned her own large animal mobile practice for 10 years. Due to injuries related to large animal work - horses and cows can be dangerous- she became an exclusive small animal practitioner.

Office hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs 8-7 pm; Wed, Sat 8-12 pm; Friday 8-6 pm. Her number is 570-473-3875 for any of your pet needs.



### SUSQUEHANNA FLOWER COMPANY

On November 12, 2011 a fresh new establishment had its ribbon cutting performed by Mayor Len Zboray. Susquehanna Flower Co. opened its doors in downtown Northumberland. Owners David and Dena Snyder along with daughters Ryan Bond and Kelly Ryerson added a new dimension to the already established Bare Metal Gallery and The Place for Inspired Living all located at 79 Duke Street.

Dena and David recently purchased the long-time established Ralph Dillions Flowers in Sunbury and thought Northumberland would be a great place for it to call home. They offer fresh new looks on floral designs with special attention to the details. Also, they do weddings, proms, and special events. You will also find a array of gift items to suit every occasion.

Their hours are Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm with Saturday hours from 9 am to 12 pm. Stop in or call (473-9900) and speak to their designers Dena, Mark, and Jessica---they would find it a pleasure to make you life more beautiful.

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### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

#### Community Development

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 pm  
Greg Carl, Chairman  
Steve Reed  
Adam Klock

#### Finance

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm  
Jonathan Rees, Chairman  
Jim Troup  
Greg Carl

#### Personnel

Meets as needed  
Jim Troup, Chairman  
Steve Reed  
Jonathan Rees

#### Public Safety

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm  
Frank Wetzels, Chairman  
Jim Troup  
Ty Sees

#### Rules

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 pm  
Ty Sees, Chairman  
Frank Wetzels  
Adam Klock

#### Streets

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm  
Steve Reed  
Jonathan Rees  
Ty Sees

#### Sewer Committee

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 pm  
Adam Klock  
Frank Wetzels  
Jim Troup

#### Planning Commission Representative

Frank Wetzels

Committee meetings are held at the Borough Office, 175 Orange Street. Meetings are open to the public.

### 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.

### CAT ORDINANCE



The Rules committee is considering an ordinance regarding cats. Anyone interested in such an ordinance is invited to attend the meeting on February 13th at 6 pm at the Borough office, 175 Orange St.

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

The Northumberland County Emergency Management Agency is requesting contact information for all persons that would require special assistance in the event of a fire, weather related or other emergency situation.

Persons with Special Needs are defined as, "Individuals who are likely to require assistance in excess of that provided to the general public in a time of disaster, particularly in the event that large scale evacuation is necessary." This could include those who are deaf, blind, bedridden, mentally impaired, without radio or television, or lacking transportation necessary to evacuate.



A website has been developed to collect information about persons with Special Needs living in private residences within Northumberland County at <http://pema.acainc.net/specialneedsurvey/>

A paper version of the form is also available at the Borough Office, 175 Orange Street.

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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 may block this flow. So may construction projects in 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. These regulations are designed to protect you and your neighbors. 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.

**DO NOT DUMP OR THROW ANYTHING INTO THE DITCHES OR BASINS.** Dumping in our ditches and storage basins is a violation of Borough Code. Every piece of trash can contribute to flooding. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. If your property is next to a ditch or storage basin, please do your part in helping the drainage system work. Sweep or clean up



your gutters to prevent blockages in the storm sewers. Pick up trash and fallen branches in the ditches. Remove snow and ice from the storm sewer.

If you see dumping or debris in the ditches or basins, filling or construction near property lot lines, or filling or construction in the floodplain without a permit sign posted, contact the Borough Office 570-473-3414. The debris or project may cause flooding on your property.

### 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.*

Additional information is available at the Borough Office, the Priestley-Forsyth Memorial Library, or online at [www.northumberlandborough.com](http://www.northumberlandborough.com).

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## FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

I was fortunate to have no shortage of suggestions for this article following my last newsletter contribution after the September flooding. Folks came forward with several good ideas for the newsletter and they will keep me in topics for the next few newsletters! One suggestion stood out among them all, most likely because it was so perfectly basic:

**“Brian, just tell the people to CALL!”** – Meaning, even if you’re not sure, but you think you **MAY** have an emergency on your hands, please call for our help.



I guess the thought was not at the forefront of my mind, that someone would be hesitant to dial 9-1-1. Thinking a little more about it, I suppose that lots of the people we serve in a year’s time are hesitant, or even embarrassed. They often even tell us this fact! My question is: WHY?

For starters our services are free, so there will be no bill or invoice to be handed over from the front seat of a pumper truck. (*Donations are always accepted, but can wait until well after any services are rendered*). In addition to that, if you happen to find yourself in need, please understand, you are not inconveniencing anyone. Providing service is what we are charged to do and from our perspective it’s a lot more convenient for a citizen to call at 9pm when their carbon monoxide detector starts alarming, vs. waiting till 2:30am when they simply can’t sleep over the noise. Our folks are happy to assist. Nobody will be angry that we’re called to an event that is determined to not be an emergency in the end, but someone thought it was. Or even on the occasion that we’re called back to someone’s home if conditions change.

Let me throw out one statistic here. From a popular fire industry trade magazine: *“The average kitchen fire doubles in size every 30 seconds”*. This obviously means that the longer a person waits to evacuate or



summon help, the more rapidly their chances of survival or injury avoidance decline. During my career, anyone who’s witnessed rapid fire growth is sure to comment about it and the impression it made on them. Naturally, there are similar statistics for other non-fire emergencies.



I think that some folks do not want to draw attention to themselves, or don’t want to deal with the sirens and multiple response vehicles. Make no mistake; we will treat any potential emergency as such until it has been determined for certain that it’s not. Usually that does mean lights, sirens, and enough equipment with enough manpower to handle for certain the situation we have been called to deal with. Again this is part of our pre-planned effort.

So, if you find yourself in a position of just not being sure, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1 for our services. If you have a carbon monoxide detector that is alarming, a smoke detector that is alarming, have needed to discharge a fire extinguisher in your home or place of business, or other instance where you feel that something is just not the norm, please call. Thank you.

Brian J. Crebs, Fire Chief

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Northumberland Fire Department and Fire Police are actively seeking volunteers! The NFD is an **ALL-VOLUNTEER** organization and has been for over 200 years!

We are looking for able-bodied men and women who have a strong commitment to their neighbor to become active firefighters. We are also in need of assistance on all levels and from people in all walks of life. Have mechanical or trade skills, are you a numbers person? Perhaps you could offer assistance in a myriad of ways. You can contact either of the fire companies, the fire police, or the Borough Office for information.



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# 2012 BUDGET

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense</b>
<p><b>Taxes</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Real Estate      531,458.60</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Local Services      39,200.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Per Capita      10,275.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Realty Transfer      25,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Earned Income      330,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Streets, Storm Sewers, Curb      67,089.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Debt Service      61,721.88</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Recreation      26,835.60</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fire      72,456.12</p> <p><b>In Lieu of Taxes</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Sewer Authority      50,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Housing Corp      1,000.00</p> <p><b>Permits</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Health      750</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dumpster      250</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Excavation      4,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Building      3,000.00</p> <p>Fines      12,000.00</p> <p>Police Accident Reports      1,000.00</p> <p>Vehicle Code Violations      10,000.00</p> <p>No Parking Ordinance      16,000.00</p> <p>Rental Ordinance      18,000.00</p> <p>Rent (several locations)      33,685.00</p> <p>Pineknotted Park Ballfield Income      3,000.00</p> <p>Municipal Pension State Aid      46,000.00</p> <p>Liquor License      1,000.00</p> <p>Public Utility      1,500.00</p> <p>Zoning Hearing Fee      1,000.00</p> <p>Tv Franchise      65,000.00</p> <p>Interest Earnings      2,000.00</p> <p>Recycling Revenues      1,100.00</p> <p>Miscellaneous Revenues      5,000.00</p> <p>Newsletter Advertising      7,000.00</p> <p>Refund Prior Year Expenditure      25,000.00</p> <p><b>Total Income</b>      <b>1,471,321.20</b></p>	<p>Administration      1,000.00</p> <p>Audit Service      3,500.00</p> <p>Tax Collector      30,881.45</p> <p>Earned Income Tax Collection Fee      7,500.00</p> <p>Legal      16,200.00</p> <p>Loan Payback - Penn Vest      61,919.40</p> <p>Unemployment Comp.      4,300.00</p> <p>Insurance      123,670.00</p> <p><b>Buildings</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">175 Orange St      19,700.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">219-221 2nd St      3,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Rescue Squad      500</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Recycling      4,150.00</p> <p><b>Departments</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Police      550,982.45</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Streets      387,957.51</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Office      118,891.49</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fire      73,900.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Parks &amp; Recreation      24,850.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Code/ Zoning Office      21,300.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Health Officer      850</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">EMA      500</p> <p><b>Contributions to</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fire Police      2,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Priestley Forsyth Library      1,500.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Shade Tree Fund      1,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Revitalization Committee      1,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Penn Valley Airport Authority      600.00</p> <p>Contingency      9,668.90</p> <p><b>Total Expense</b>      <b>1,471,321.20</b></p>

The 2012 Budget was revised and accepted at the January 17th Borough Council meeting. The 2012 Budget reflects an increase of .7 mils. The average home-owner will see an	<b>Millage Rate</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Real Estate	19.800	18.500	18.500
Special Road Fund	0.500	2.500	2.500
Debt Service	2.300	2.300	2.300
Recreation Tax	1.000	1.000	1.000
Fire Tax	2.700	2.700	2.700
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.300</b>	<b>27.000</b>	<b>27.000</b>

increase of \$11.00 in their annual tax bill. The Finance Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30. Committee members are Jonathan Rees, Chairman; Jim Troup; and Greg Carl.

**ORDINANCE 2011-4** enacted 12/6/2011

**An ordinance to amend the Borough Code of Northumberland Borough, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, to prohibit parking on Orange Street at 5th Street a distance of 45 feet from the stop sign and to prohibit parking on the inner side of side of Elliott Drive.**

Whereas, the Borough Council finds that the safety and well being of the public is promoted by safe traffic conditions within the Borough of Northumberland, and finds that fire trucks have difficulty making a safe right turn onto Orange Street heading east from 5th Street. Orange Street is a major fire truck route to emergencies on the east side of town. The largest fire truck of the Northumberland Hook and Ladder Company is the ladder truck which measures 41.5 feet long and 8 feet wide. The width of Orange Street currently is 32 feet.

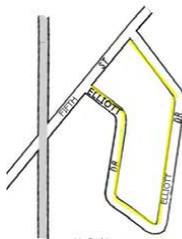
Whereas, the Borough Council determines that the distance where parking is to be prohibited on the north side of Orange Street should be 45 feet from the stop sign at the Orange and 5th Street intersection.

Whereas, the Borough Council finds that the street width on Elliott Drive is such that, if vehicles are parked along both curb faces, two vehicles cannot move abreast of one another in the same or opposite direction without one yielding to allow the

other vehicle to pass. The Borough Council finds that the distance between the center of the roadway and the curb of the roadway is less than 18 feet.

Whereas, Elliott Drive intersects 5th Street at two points. These two intersections are the end points of Elliott Drive. The Borough Council determines that the parking shall be prohibited on the inner side of Elliott Drive for the length of Elliott Drive from the south intersection with 5th Street to north intersection with 5th Street and shall be posted with a sign that reads "No Parking This Side of Street".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, as follows:



**Article 1** The Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Northumberland, Chapter 58, shall be amended by adding the following to Section 58-29 A:

Highway Side Location

Orange St. North 45 feet from stop sign at 5th St.

Elliott Drive North From 5th St. (south intersection) to Jacobs Lane

Elliott Drive South From 5th St. (north intersection) to Jacobs Lane

**Article 2** Savings Clause. All other sections of Chapter 58 shall remain in full force and effect as previously enacted and amended.

**Article 3** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective in thirty days from enactment. ...

**Entire ordinance available at Borough office or our website.**

**RIVERVIEW CEMETERY  
IMPORTANT DATES**

**March 15th** Spring clean-up will begin. Please remove all Christmas items by this date or they will be disposed of.

**May 28th** Memorial Day Parade. The cemetery will have the early service this year.

**August 25th** Our annual Day of Remembrance.

If you have any questions, please call Dee Zboray at 473-8296.

**INDOOR YARD SALE**

February 16 & 17 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
February 18 8:00 a.m. - Noon

Sponsored by the Northumberland County Historical Society, 1150 North Front St, Sunbury. Household items, books, collectibles, toys, games and more! Donations of items would be greatly appreciated, drop them off at 1150 N. Front (Hunter House) Sunbury Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Snow dates will be one week later.

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### SUMMER JOB OPENINGS

The Borough will again be hiring college students and college-bound high school seniors as part of the Summer Intern Program. A student must receive a P.H.E.A.A. grant to be eligible. Students may earn up to \$3,600 during the summer months through this program.

Traditionally, the borough has employed students to work at Liberty Splashland, Pineknott Park and with the Borough Street Department. At Liberty Splashland, students are employed as lifeguards, concession stand operators, maintenance, and front desk personnel. Students applying for a lifeguard position must be at least 16 years of age, and have their Red Cross certificate prior to May 31st.



Students working at Pineknott Park maintain the ball field and operate the concession stand. Students working with the Borough Street Department help to cut grass, trim, paint crosswalks, and other property maintenance throughout the Borough.

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 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.

### ADULTS WANTED

Liberty Splashland is also interested in hiring adults as lifeguards, for a summer co-manager position and a swimming instructor. In 2011, Splashland closed early due to students returning to school before the end of the season. In 2012, we hope to remain open through August. If you would like additional information please call the Borough office at 473-3414 or Greg Carl at [pool@northumberlandborough.com](mailto:pool@northumberlandborough.com).

### COMMUNITY PAVILIONS



The King St. Park gazebo and the Pineknott Park pavilion are available for rent. The rental fee is \$50.00, and a security deposit of \$50.00 is required. Call the Borough office at 473-3414.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT SUMMARY 2011

60 Accidents Non-reportable	35 Hit & Run Accidents
43 Accidents Reportable	15 House Checks
44 Alarm Activations	6 Identity Thefts
68 Animal Complaints	7 Littering
5 Assaults	16 Lost Property
663 Other Agency Assist (i.e. police, probation/parole &, public works/utilities)	13 Mental Health
	11 Missing Persons
	6 Open Door/Window
43 Public Assists	14 Ordinance Violations
1 Bad Check cases	92 Parking Complaints
9 Burglary reports	53 Police Information
5 Child Abuse cases	6 Protection From Abuse
40 Civil Issue	14 Public Drunkenness
52 Community Policing Assignments	27 Record Inquiries
	0 Robbery
58 Criminal Mischief	10 Sex Related Offenses
7 Criminal Trespass	19 Speak to the Officer
1 Death Investigations	29 Special Assignments
41 Disabled Vehicles	3 Subpoena Service
10 Disorderly Conducts	196 Suspicious Activity
52 Disturbances	143 No Parking Enforcements
30 Domestic	82 Thefts
5 Drug Law Violations	155 Traffic Violations
18 Drug Task Force	21 Traffic Control
22 D. U. I	638 Traffic Details
3 Escort	7 Unwanted Guest
1 Forgery	4 Wanted Person
51 Found Property	3 Warrant Service
5 Fraud	17 Welfare Checks
61 Harassment & Stalking	32 Youth Problems
35 Hazardous Conditions	

**During 2011**, the Northumberland Police Department logged 4,060 calls for service, the above numbers reflect the more common incidents logged by the department. 97 non-traffic citations and 492 traffic citations were issued during the year. 1,379 parking tickets were issued. 199 misdemeanor and felony criminal charges were filed for various violations of the law.

**Thank You** The members of the Police Department would like to take this time to say thank you to the citizens of Northumberland, for the help that you have provided during the year. Some of you came forward and provided details and information about crimes which you witnessed. Some of you provided support to our annual Soap Box Race and to the Martin E. Concini Toy Drive at Christmas time. It has been our pleasure to serve each and every citizen, thank you for allowing us to serve you and all who may visit the Northumberland Borough in 2012.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2011-5** Enacted Dec. 6, 2011

*(This ordinance has been shortened for space reasons, the full ordinance is available at the Borough office, or online at [www.northumberlandborough.com](http://www.northumberlandborough.com))*

**An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 58 Sections 58-5 "Deposit Of Coins and Parking Permits" and 58-30.1 "Parking Restricted Between Certain Business Hours to Customers of Business" of The Borough of Northumberland's (The "Borough") Code...**

...WHEREAS, in order to alleviate the hardship experienced by business owners and residents of the business districts of the Borough, Borough Council has determined to make permits for parking in designated metered spots in these areas available to such businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, to further alleviate the hardship experienced by business owners and residents of the business districts of the Borough, Borough Council has determined to designate parking spots near businesses for use during business hours solely by the customers while doing business with the designated business; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Northumberland, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, as follows: ...

...The Borough offers two classes of parking permits: 1) Business and 2) Residential. A business located on a block that has designated parking meters is eligible to purchase a Business Parking Permit. Each such business is eligible to purchase a maximum of two (2) parking permits per month. Residents living on a block that has designated parking meters are eligible to purchase a maximum of one (1) parking permit

per household per month. The initial price for a permit is \$20.00 per month. Borough Council may, from time to time, change the rate of the permit by resolution. ...

...6. A Residential Permit can only be used on meters designated by the Borough with an "R". A residential permit shall not be valid for a meter not designated with an "R".

7. Permits do not absolve the user of any other parking regulations such as no parking on certain days, snow emergencies, etc. that may be contained in any other Borough ordinance, state or federal law or regulation. ...

...9. The permits do NOT guarantee parking in any particular parking space of the metered areas of the downtown. Parking is on a first come, first served basis and parking may not always be available for all permit holders. ...

...Parking is hereby restricted in areas designated by Borough Council during business hours to customers of the designated businesses in accordance with the following provisions:

1. Any business may request to have a sign posted in front of their business restricting parking to their customers during their business hours.
2. To qualify for restricted parking, a business must demonstrate that the business does not have off-street parking available for its business. If a business can demonstrate that it has no off-street parking, the Borough shall approve up to two (2) parking spaces to be restricted for the use of the business customers during normal business hours. A business must request a set, continuous period of time, not to exceed a maximum of ten (10) hours, to be considered their normal business hours. ...

... This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days from enactment.

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**A NEW USE FOR WASP SPRAY** (from an email)

If you don't have a gun, here's a more humane way to wreck someone's evil plans for you. **WASP SPRAY**

A receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked her local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended she get a can of wasp spray instead.

The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one near by at home for home protection.

FROM ANOTHER SOURCE: On the heels of a break-in and beating that left an elderly woman in Toledo dead, self-defense experts have a tip that could save your life.

Val Glinka teaches self-defense to students at Sylvania Southview High School. For decades, he's suggested putting a can of wasp and hornet spray near your door or bed. Glinka says, "This is better than anything I can teach them."

Glinka considers it inexpensive, easy to find, and more effective than mace or pepper spray. The cans typically shoot 20 to 30 feet; so if someone tries to break into your home, Glinka says, "spray the culprit in the eyes". It's a tip he's given to students for decades. It's also one he wants everyone to hear. If you're looking for protection, Glinka says look to the spray. "That's going to give you a chance to call the police; maybe get out." Maybe even save a life.

**FRIENDS OF PRIESTLEY-FORSYTH LIBRARY**

The Friends of Priestley-Forsyth Library are actively seeking members. This is a great way to support your library and doesn't take a large amount of your time. Sign up @ the library or e-mail the Friends at [pfmlfriends@ptd.net](mailto:pfmlfriends@ptd.net)



The friends group collects books the first Sat. of every month from 9-12 @ Christ United Methodist Church on Front St.

**PARTY RENTALS**



The Northumberland/Point Township Kiwanis Club Community Center is available to rent for parties, wedding receptions, anniversaries, birthdays, and reunions. Please contact Jane Ressler (473-8343) or Michael McWilliams (473-9802).

**KATHRYN'S KLOSET**

St. John's Lutheran Church, 3rd & Queen Street, held the 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m.-11:15 p.m. A monthly free giveaway of laundry detergent, and occasionally a variety of other products, for needy households in the area. Enter through the side door in the parking lot.



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**"Disaster Emergency Awareness"** by the American Red Cross starting at 10:00 am on February 13, and February 28.



**Free Blood Pressure & Sugar Screening** March 21, Lois Stettler from Sunbury Community Hospital will be here.

**Rummage Sale** April 13 & 14, Soups, hot dogs, barbecue. We are accepting donations for the rummage sale. Please only drop off during center hours and only items that are not damaged or stained.

**Healthy Steps Fall Prevention Class** April 19 at the center. It is an informative class on how to prevent falls, plus nutrition and exercises to help with balance. It is for seniors and you will receive \$20.00 for taking the class. Please call the center if interested.

**Card Parties** are held every month and all are welcome. Dates are Thursday, January 26, February 23, March 29, and April 26.

### TRIPS FOR 2012

**"Cherry Blossoms"** - March 28

Guided tour Washington DC, breakfast and dinner included.

**"Erhardts"** - May

Dinner & a show, or dinner & Mount Airy Casino.

**"Jonah"** - June 20

At Sights & Sounds, Lancaster. Lunch at Shady Maple, \$105.00

**"Johnstown Museum"** - July 25

Also Inclined Plane, and stops at pretzel and candy factories.

**"West Virginia"** - September, week of the 9th.

Three days with two train rides, 1 with lunch served, a show at Mountain Music Theater and the Patsy Kline museum in Virginia.

**"Flight 93 Memorial"** - October 10 or 17

View the fall foliage enroute to the memorial.

You do not need to be a member or a senior to go on these trips. Please contact Beverly Lenker at 473-8721 for information.



**Bible Study** Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 am

**Bingo** Mondays & Wednesdays 12:15 pm.

**Nickel Bingo** every Friday 12:15 pm.

**Birthday's** are celebrated each month on the 1st Friday during lunch.

**Cards** are played every morning 9:00 am to lunch.

**Chorus** will be starting again in the spring. We are always looking for new seniors. The group always has an enjoyable time and go out to nursing homes, other centers, and churches.

**Closed Holidays** President's Day February 20; Good Friday April 6.

**Crafts** Monday mornings.

**Tai Chi Exercise** Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 am, a new class held upstairs.

**Exercise** Wednesdays 10:30 am

**Hot Lunches** are available and are served at 11:30 a.m. You must call the day before by 9:30 am to order a meal. A donation is asked to defray the cost of the meal.

**Special Meals** Chicken and Waffles & Dessert, Tues. February 14, cost \$5.00; Salad, Spaghetti and Dessert, Tuesday February 28, cost \$5.00

**Trips** are taken each month to go out to eat and shopping. Reservations are required. **February 9** North'd Co. Area Career & Technology; leaves at 10:30 am for lunch and 12:15 pm for cosmetology. **February 17** Dollar Tree and Ollies 9:30-10:30 am. Van cost is \$2.00.

**Wii** can be played almost anytime; we have 2 Wii bowling teams that compete with other centers. If you are not familiar with the game, we would be glad to teach you. A treadmill is available for use in the upstairs room.



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**TRIVIA CHALLENGE**

1. What is the year Northumberland Borough was founded? 1789, 1776, 1772, 1812
2. The Mayor is in charge of which Department? Streets, Zoning, Parks, Police
3. Joseph Priestley discovered? Ozone, Helium, Hydrogen, Oxygen
4. What cemetery is Joseph Priestley buried in? Restful Manor, Riverview, Arcadia Hills, Pomfret Manor
5. How many members are on Borough Council? 5, 8, 7, 10
6. Who breaks the tie on any Council vote? Council President, Secretary, Foreman, Mayor
7. The Borough derived its name from the Northumberland in Sweden, France, England or Italy?
8. The Mayor is normally elected every how many years? 5, 2, 3, 4
9. What was the Mayor's title in the early years? Chief, President, Burgess, Foreman
10. In Pennsylvania, the Borough Mayor may perform weddings. True or False
11. The population of Northumberland is approximately? 2,500, 7,600, 3,800, 5,800
12. The Borough line ends at what street going North? 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>
13. The football field that the Northumberland Pineknotters played home games on was? Pineknott Field, Prince Street Park, F. Merrion Gross Field, Norry High Field
14. What was the last graduating class at Northumberland High School? 1963, 1966, 1965, 1967
15. The Northumberland High School (now C.W.Rice) located on Hanover St opened for students January 2<sup>nd</sup> of what year? 1949, 1927, 1945, 1938
16. The Mayor has the power to veto any ordinance passed by Borough Council. True or False
17. Which gentleman listed was NOT a past Mayor of the Borough? Donald Roseman, Robert Waltz, John Holmes, William Sabo, Wendell Wetzel
18. What was the name of the Bed & Breakfast located at 96 King St during the late 1950's and early 1960's? King Street Inn, The Gay 90's Inn, Front Street Inn, Norry Inn

I hope you did well on the trivia, answers are on page 15.

Mayor Len Zboray

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- Mohegan Sun Casino* — June 27
- Mohegan Sun Casino* — August 22
- Mohegan Sun Casino* — October 24

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### Dear Northumberland Borough Residents

The recent Tropical Storm Lee flooding event left the Northumberland Little League fields and concession stand in need of significant repair. Initial estimates to repair the structure, and to replace baseball gear, kitchen appliances, countertops and flooring are ~\$16,000. Thus far a positive response from local residents and businesses has been received.

A local contractor has offered his services to help restore the building to a safe condition and many individuals are offering their labor. As much as the labor is critical so is funding the materials and some hired services to complete the repairs to the concessions building, which is the financial lifeline to sustaining operations at the ball fields serving ~250 area youth baseball players.



Here's an excerpt from a January 25, 2012 Daily Item article on Weis Market's participation in a fundraising campaign, which you are welcome to participate in through February 19, 2012:

*"When we read this story, we knew we wanted to help," Weis director of public relations Dennis Curtin said Tuesday. "This area is our home, and we want to give back to this community."*

*Curtin said that starting Sunday, Weis Markets on Market Street and North Fourth Street in Sunbury will hold a special three-week "checkout" program.*

*Every person who checks out will be asked if he or she wants to make a donation to the Little League, Curtin said.*

*Weis Markets will match the donations up to \$2,500, he said."*

If you are planning on making a monetary donation please consider doing so through one of the Sunbury Weis Market stores, as your donation will be matched by Weis's up to the first \$2500 donated through Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup>. Monetary donations can also be made out in the form of a check payable to "Northumberland Borough Acorn Field Donations" and delivered to the Borough office at 175 Orange St. or any branch of the Northumberland National Bank.

Monetary donations are not the only way you can participate in restoring little league operations. Here are other ways to contribute:

- Donate baseball gear (bats, balls, catcher and umpire gear, etc.)
- Donate supplies needed to complete restoration, some of which are listed below.
- Donate your time and help with clean-up and restoration efforts.

- Recruit others to volunteer their time or donations.
- Lead or participate in a fundraising event.

Fundraising ideas and planning for the work required will start at our Borough's next Community Development meeting on February 13th at 7:00 pm. Please come with your willingness to volunteer and any ideas for fundraising and/or procurement of materials needed for repairs, some of which include the following:

- Cleaning and painting supplies
- Electrical supplies (breaker box, breakers, wiring, conduit etc.)
- Kitchen flooring, cabinetry, countertops, refrigerators, freezer, fryer)
- Excavating and masonry services to repair block foundation

Another generous contribution was made by Point Township resident Steve Karpinski, owner of Sunbury based Karpinski Trucking and Pro-

duce, Inc., who emailed his letter of support (shortened):

*"After reading about the problems at the Little League field, I feel that as a member of the community and a local business man ..... it is my wife's and my duty to make a donation to the Little League that can be used in repairing the facility. ....Not only is a good character builder for the kids, it also a way to teach them sportsmanship and to give them a good life's lesson for their later years.*

*That being said our company would like to contribute the sum of \$2500.00 to aid in the repairs. Thank You, Steve Karpinski"*

Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Karpinski, and to Neil Mertz for his \$1,000 donation, and to Sunbury Motors for their donation of \$2,500, your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Thanks to everyone helping to ensure the sounds of youth baseball are heard in the Borough this spring. If you'd like to contact us directly with your support please email me at [klock10@yahoo.com](mailto:klock10@yahoo.com) or Little League coordinator Wendy Herrold at [herrold72@verizon.net](mailto:herrold72@verizon.net)

Kind Regards, Adam Klock

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This year we had our first "Decorate a Christmas wreath" contest for families. Our stairwell was filled with color and unique creations. Good job to all who participated.

We are also currently in the beginning of our annual Fund Drive. Your support assists us in continuing to expand our services and bring you new and interesting materials. We thank you.

You will be noticing some changes happening to our website ([www.priestleyforsyth.org](http://www.priestleyforsyth.org)) over the next couple of months. We are working on improving the ease of navigating through our information and making the site more user friendly. Some new things to look at on line:



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Coming soon! Have you always wanted to learn a language? By the time you read this we should be done setting up an opportunity to learn languages on-line through a special program called **MANGO Languages**.

Winter programming for kids started up Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. We are planning to offer some new opportunities for families. Watch for evening and Sat. story-times and other program opportunities for everyone. Adults, you have been very patient for computer classes....we are planning to start them in February. Stay tuned for dates and times!



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Still we find the flowing brooks  
In the picture story-books

All the pretty things put by,  
Wait upon the children's eye,  
Sheep and shepherds, trees and  
crooks,  
In the picture story-books

We may see how all things are  
Seas and cities, near and far,  
And the flying fairies' looks  
In the picture story-books.

How am I to sing your praise,  
Happy chimney-corner days,  
Sitting safe in nursery nooks,  
Reading picture story-books?

**TRIVIA ANSWERS**

- |              |                               |                  |
|--------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. 1772      | 8. Four                       | 14. 1965         |
| 2. Police    | 9. Burgess                    | 15. 1938         |
| 3. Oxygen    | 10. True                      | 16. True         |
| 4. Riverview | 11. 3,800                     | 17. John Holmes  |
| 5. Seven     | 12. Eighth                    | 18. Gay 90's Inn |
| 6. Mayor     | 13. F. Merrion Gross<br>Field |                  |
| 7. England   |                               |                  |



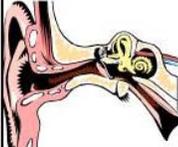
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Winter 2012

### PUBLIC MEETING DATES

<u>Borough Council</u>	<u>Meetings/Work Sessions</u>
February 7	February 21
March 6	March 20
April 3	April 17
May 1	May - 15
June 5 & 26	June - no session
July 17	July - no session
August 7	August 21
September 4	September 18
October 2	October 16
November 5	November 20
December 4 & 18	Dec. - no session

Official action may be taken at any of the meetings.

### MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held monthly, as needed.

**Community Development** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7:00 p.m.

**Finance** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Personnel** closed meetings through the year

**Public Safety** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

**Planning Commission** last Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

**Rules Committee** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:00 p.m.

**Streets** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Sewer Committee** 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

**Zoning Board** the last Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Meetings are at the Borough Bldg. 175 Orange St.

**The Emergency Services Board** will meet at 6:00 pm the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 16-18: NCHS Indoor  
Yard Sale  
April 13-14: Senior Action Center  
Rummage & Soup Sale  
April 24: Primary Election Day  
May 3: National Day of Prayer  
June 30: Soap Box Race  
July 1-6: Pineknотter Days  
July 2: Craft Show

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- Magazines, catalogs, and Glossy Color inserts
- Corrugated cardboard
- Plastics— # 1 & # 2
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

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