



# Borough of Pitcairn Pitcairn News Patter

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### Borough Officials

- Betsy Stevick, Mayor
- Scott Farally, Chief of Police

### Council

- Thomas Dick, Jr.
- Bill Kornrumpf
- Deborah Marto
- Lisa Petrosky
- Domenic Roberta
- James Rullo
- George Toth

### Administration

- Mike Bolen, Manager
- Carri Kozier, Staff
- Lynette McKinney, Staff

### Code Enforcement

- Nick Turner, Code Officer

### Did You Know?

In 1975 the Park Building on Broadway was opened to serve the community. Today it is used by organizations for meetings and fundraising events. It is also rented out to the public.

**NEWSLETTER** Contact the Pitcairn Community Newsletter at newsletterpit@gmail.com The newsletter is available on the Pitcairn Borough website



For many years I have started the new year highlighting the positive things that our community has to offer. Of course everything changes over the years. We were once a booming railroad town, full of railroaders, shops and residents. Times have changed, the railroads are long gone; there aren't as many shops; and the population has gotten a little smaller. But we still have much to offer. We have two pizza shops, a florist, a tailor, a coffee shop, a resale shop, a podiatrist, a flooring business, insurance agency, bakery, a butcher shop/grocery, general store, eye doctor, post office, a hair braiding /fashion shop, compounding pharmacy, auto parts store convenience stores, a barber shop, hair salons, an auto repair shop, a used car dealer, service station, social clubs and more. There are parks, ball fields and a library for all to enjoy; places of worship, a charter school and organizations such as Camp B, Camp G, the Woman's Club, Lion's Club, Boy Scouts and Rainbow Girls that support the town in so many ways; Meals on Wheels and the Clothes Closet provide services for those in need; and of course our police, fire department and school crossing guards provide protective services; the borough manager, office staff, code officer, mayor, electrical/street crew and council members keep the town functioning every day. There are night markets, community events and fundraisers, too. Yes, this little town offers a lot. Thank You to all the businesses that have chosen Pitcairn as their home, all the borough employees, elected officials, organizations and everyone who volunteers or helps in any way to make Pitcairn a great little town.

Happy 2024. May it be a year filled with only good things!

*Patti*



**ODOR** Our residents have gotten use to smelling foul and gas-like odors and so they sometimes ignore the issue. **PLEASE**, if you smell an unusual odor, it is important that you call the borough's non-emergency number, **856-1111** and **ALSO** the DEP at **412-442-4000** so that the issues can be documented.

When calling, you should identify the area of the smell by giving a location or exact address. Also notify Tom Dick, Fire Chief and Mayor Stevick, 412-372-2436. It is important that these incidents are reported and documented. The multiple reporting is an effort to get this problem resolved.



**From the Mayor** Pitcairn is fortunate to have such a caring and attentive police department. Chief Farally and Max complete and compliment our fine police force. You can help them by remembering the phrase, "If you see something, say something". Call 412-855-1111 for non-emergencies or 911 if it is an emergency.



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

- Winter is here. Property owners and tenants are reminded to remove snow and ice from their sidewalks within 24 hours. Sidewalks should be cleared at a width of at least 24 inches. Snow should not be pushed out into the street once the street has been plowed



**Food Distribution** If you are in need of groceries, the Pittsburgh Food Bank can help. They will be distributing groceries at no cost on the first Wednesday of the month at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. starting on January 3. There will be a variety of grocery items available such as, fresh produce, eggs, dairy and frozen protein. There is no ID or preregistration required. They do ask that if you have carts or bags to please bring them with you. Other dates for distribution will be February 7, March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5.



**Fire Department** Hose Co.#1 continues to hold Bingo every Saturday at the station, 100 South Center Avenue. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:45; and regular games begin at 7. The kitchen will be open to purchase food and snacks.



- The department is also planning a spaghetti dinner fundraiser in the near future. Visit their Facebook page for information regarding dates and times.
- Also check their Facebook page for information on their Lenten Fish Fry starting in March

**BINGO COUPON**  
**Bring this coupon with you to Hose Co#1's Bingo & receive \$5 off your admission**



**Church** 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 Services. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. and worship services begin at 11 a.m. both in person and on Facebook, [facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/](https://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/)

- The Clothes Closet will be opened January 6 and 20 and February 10 and 24, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. If the Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707.
- Youth Group for grades 6 through 12 meets every other Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- A Bible Study for women and one for young adults is led by the Pastor, in person and on Zoom. The women's Zoom Bible Study will begin on January 9, meets every other Tuesday at 7:15 p.m.. This program will feature the book, is *Having a Mary Spirit* by Joanna Weaver.



- The PEP Tutoring program is held every other Wednesday, 4:30 to 6 p.m.. for children in grades 1 to 5. The program includes dinner, tutoring/projects, games, and a Bible lesson.

For additional information on services or programs contact the church office at 412-372-7707; online at [www.pitcairnpca.org](http://www.pitcairnpca.org) or [www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/](https://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/)



**Meals** Need assistance with meals? Contact Pitcare Meals on Wheels 412-372-9116



**Community** The next "Celebrate Community" planning meeting will be held on January 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Italian Club, 620 8th Street. All individuals and organizations interested in helping to plan this fun, family-friendly event are invited to attend.



**Mystery Dinner** The Lion's Club is hosting "It's Murder, Charlie Brown", an interactive show and pasta dinner at the Park Building, 557 Broadway Boulevard on March 2 at 6:30 p.m.. The fun filled evening also includes a 50/50 raffle and basket raffles. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by calling George at 412-373-4380 or from any member. Proceeds from the event will support the organizations community and sight-related charities.



**Helping Hands, Helping Community** Genesis Corporation, a non-profit 501(c)3 organization formed in January 2017, supports revitalization efforts in the Borough of Pitcairn. Genesis restores buildings of historical community significance with the intent of repurposing the building to attract young entrepreneurs and bring new life to the community. The primary focus is to assist Pitcairn with its efforts in revitalization of a small town community with small town values. With the assistance of the Genesis Advisory Board, a group of men and women with an affinity to Pitcairn, Genesis is confident that chosen projects will provide the momentum for change. In January 2017, Genesis Corporation initiated restoration of the First Reformed United Church of Christ, commonly known as "The Church on

the Hill". Upon completion of the restoration, the property was renamed TriUnity in honor of the beliefs of the United Church of Christ. Today, TriUnity is the home of the Center Avenue United Methodist Church, the meeting place for many local community organizations and available to the public for parties/events. The next project is the restoration of the beloved school building built in 1895. In 2020, Genesis took ownership of Pitcairn Borough Building, formerly Pitcairn School Building #1. A generous donation was made to Genesis Corporation to "save the building" This donation enabled Genesis to demolish the garage to create a parking lot, new roof, windows and doors, tear up the asphalt and replace it with grass. It's time to restore the interior of the building and repurpose the building. After many hours of discussion, the Advisory Board has developed a preliminary strategic plan for utilization. In keeping with the Mission of Genesis Corporation, the Board is raising funds to establish the James R Fox Historical Society which includes the PHS Alumni, an Arts and Cultural Center, event venue, and retail space. Anticipated funding needed for Phase I (first floor school rooms) is \$250,000. The Board will be identifying funding resources, such as naming opportunities, adopt-a-window and legacy donations such as bench purchases, buy a brick program and names on restored chalkboards. It is with the help of the community that we will see this vision come to reality. The Advisory Board is open to discussions with entrepreneurs looking for unique space as we begin the restoration of The Schoolhouse. In the near future, the Advisory Board will be reaching out to the public asking for support through donations. In the meantime, please join the Pitcairn Historical Society and Pitcairn PA Facebook pages for updates on the progress. For more information or interest in naming opportunities, please feel free to reach out to Bart Whitehead, 954-818-0979, or Dona (Fails) Galia 412-275-9511, email: [pitcairnproud@gmail.com](mailto:pitcairnproud@gmail.com)



**Hoagies** Mark your calendar for the Rainbow Girls next hoagie sale. They are offering an Italian hoagie with baked ham, bologna, salami, and chipped chopped ham, American and provolone cheese and a turkey hoagie with sliced turkey, American and provolone cheese. They are \$8 each and will be delivered on March 16. You can place your order now by contacting Nancy at 412-856-8031 / [Rainbowmom201@aol.com](mailto:Rainbowmom201@aol.com) or Carla at 412-607-1851 / [choldebaum1230@gmail.com](mailto:choldebaum1230@gmail.com).



**Lions** Are you looking to join an organization that supports the community and sight related charities? Check out the Pitcairn Lions Club. They would love to have you join them!. The organization is open to males and females, age 18 years and older. For information contact George at 412-373-4380.



**Breakfast** Mark your calendar for the Woman's Club Pancake Breakfast on April 21.



Daylight Savings March 10

**LOCAL  
POSTAL CUSTOMER**

PRSR STD  
ECRWSS  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
EEDM RETAIL



**Contact Information**

- Borough—412-372-6500 / 609 Broadway / [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us)
- Police / Non Emergency—412-856-1111
- Fire Station —412-372-7040
- Tax Collector/Sally DiRobbio—412-372-3009 / [sdirobbio@verizon.net](mailto:sdirobbio@verizon.net)
- Code Enforcement—412-372-6500 x 15 or 412-589-3194 / [code@pitcairnborough.us](mailto:code@pitcairnborough.us)

EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

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

**Upcoming Events at a Glance**

- January 3 Food Distribution
- January 6 Clothes Closet
- January 20 Clothes Closet
- February 7 Food Distribution
- February 10 Clothes Closet
- February 24 Clothes Closet
- March 2 Mystery Dinner
- March 6 Food Distribution
- April 3 Food Distribution
- April 21 Pancake Breakfast
- May 1 Food Distribution
- June 1 Food Distribution



**Electric Bill** Electric bills can be paid at the borough office, 609 Broadway, during regular business hours; online; or by using the secure drop box located outside the building. To pay online, log on to [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us). You'll find an icon portal that will take you to the bill paying site. To register, you will need your CID and account numbers found on your bill.

**! Business Owners** Do you want to get the word out about your business? You can place a business card-size ad in the newsletter for a fee of \$50. To place an ad, contact the borough office or the newsletter at [newsletterpit@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterpit@gmail.com). You can also link your business to Pitcairn's website at no charge. Just send your website link and logo to [manager@pitcairnborough.us](mailto:manager@pitcairnborough.us). This service is for Pitcairn busi-



**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. Some holidays may cause a one day delay in pick-up so it is suggested that residents check the calendar on the Borough. website .



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

**DEADLINE for ISSUE 32 that covers April, May & June 2024 is March 15**