



# Borough of Pitcairn Pitcairn News Patter

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

### **Council**

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- Kevin Dick
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- Annette Dietz, Manager
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### **Code Enforcement**

- Nick Turner
- Lynette McKinney, Staff

Welcome 2021! I really don't like to see the years pass by so quickly, especially as I grow older, but I couldn't wait to see 2020 end. It has been one unusual and scary year. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected each and every one of us. But we are strong and resilient. People have pitched in to help one another by donating food, supporting virtual fundraisers, praying, checking in on elderly neighbors, being kind. Of course this pandemic is not over, so we still need to wear masks, wash our hands and listen to the health experts. We now have vaccines; things will get better, but it still may take some time.

Thank you to all the essential workers: nurses, doctors, EMTs, store clerks, teachers, mail carriers, delivery drivers, pharmacists, custodians, LPNs, nursing home staff, hospital employees, school employees, childcare workers, ambulance drivers and everyone who provides an essential service. Thank you to those who volunteer in our food banks, churches, organizations and throughout the community. Thanks to our borough employees, police department, business owners, churches and organizations. You are appreciated.

In the new year, support our businesses; consider volunteering with one of our many organizations; donate to the Food Pantry; look out for your neighbor; say thank you to a store clerk; maintain your property whether you own or rent; be kind. All these things help to make our community a nice place to call home.

It may be hard to forget 2020, but hopefully 2021 will be a year filled with hope and joy; a year that we will want to remember.

Wishing you good health, happiness and peace in the upcoming year.

*Patti*



### **From the Mayor**

- The Mayor continues to collect the following items: used cell phones for the women's shelter (phones should have chargers); yarn for the ladies that make blankets for Project Linus and snap tabs for Susquehanna Service Dogs. The tabs will be collected through May. The project will be discontinued after May because the price per pound of tabs has fallen.
- There is a secure drug take back box located in the police station. Drugs, except lotions, needles and liquid, can be placed in the box. This is a safe way to dispose of drugs that are no longer needed.

### **Did You Know?**

In 1909 J. E. Maguire became Pitcairn's first police officer.



### **Notes from Code Enforcement**

Winter is here! Even though it has been said before, remember that there is an ordinance that states that property owners or tenants are required to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours from the end of a snowfall and should clear all sidewalks at a width of at least 24 inches. Also once your street has been plowed, do not push snow back into the street.

- Just a reminder. Garbage should be placed in bags in a garbage can or covered container and should not be put out before 6 p.m. the evening before pick up.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Congratulations** The Pitcairn Italian Club ( Gabriele D'Annunzio Society) received the Mon Valley Initiative's 2020 Regional Partnership Award . Because of COVID, the award was presented as a virtual online event. The group was nominated by Pitcairn Community Renaissance, Inc. The Italian Club has supported youth groups, the Food Pantry and many events throughout the community. The club would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and prosperous 2021.



**Meals** St. Paul's Meals on Wheels, a program of PitCare, has been serving the community for over 40 years by providing meals to seniors and those who cannot prepare meals for themselves. All meals are prepared from scratch and clients receive one hot and one cold meal per day, Monday through Friday. The meals are delivered daily between 10 a.m. and Noon. Clients can opt for delivery one to five days per week and the meals can easily be reheated in a microwave. St. Paul's received a low income grant from the Pittsburgh Foundation that allows their clients who meet the guidelines, to pay only \$3 a day for the meals. Also because of the pandemic, any Allegheny County resident over 18 years of age who has been negatively affected by COVID-19 can receive meals. For information or to start having meals delivered, call 412-372-9116.



**Grateful** PitCare would like to say a very big thank you to all those who supported their food pantry throughout 2020 in a variety of ways. It has been a very challenging year full of uncertainties and fear. Despite the bad, amazing things have happened within this community that may not have transpired otherwise! It is through these hardships that new and wonderful relationships have been built, communities come together and people move forward stronger and more united than ever. The organization has come to believe this community, the people of Pitcairn, whether they have lived here their whole life or are new to the area, care about the community and its future. It is true that things are different and we have all had to find ways to "shift", but it also provides new opportunities that we can leverage to our advantage. 2021 promises to bring more uncertainties but one thing is for sure, they will continue to support the community as best they can and they hope you will join them in that cause! Wishing you all the best in 2021!



**Thanks** The Pitcairn Woman's Club and Camp G would like to thank everyone who supported their virtual Cash Bash fundraiser and online raffles. Your support will enable Camp to continue providing a week of camping fun for local girls and it allows the Woman's Club to continue to support the community.



**Need help?  
St Paul's Meals on  
Wheels  
412-372-9116**



**Clothes** The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn Clothes Closet, 312 Highland Avenue will be opened January 9 and 23, February 6 and 20. The Clothes Closet will be closed in March to change the clothes for the next season. The hours are from 10 a.m. to Noon. If the Clothes Closet is not open and you are in an emergency situation, please call the church office at 412-372-7707. Please wear a mask.





**Organization** The following letter was submitted by the Pitcairn Community Renaissance organization:

We can't speak for anyone else, but we are glad that 2020 is almost over and people can start to get back to normal.

We would like to thank everyone who supported us in 2020, and also for the last 13 years that we have been involved in the community. For those who are not familiar with our organization, and even those who are, we would like to list

some of the things we accomplished, with your help: Our first project, to help clean up some of the neighborhood and to make things a little brighter, we turned a weed filled corner lot on Wall Avenue into the Pitcairn Memory Garden. Each year, as much as possible, we had the kids from Pitcairn Elementary School, and then later from Propel Pitcairn help us plant flowers. We also planted flowers at the Park Building, the Lions Club memorial garden, and sometimes even Sugar Camp. All of the flowers were donated to us by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and we thank them for their support. We also painted old tires, in a wide variety of patterns and colors and gave them away to the people in the community to plant their own flowers. For our interest in the safety of our residence, we were very instrumental in obtaining surveillance cameras for several locations within the community. When Chief Farally became Chief, he jump started the program and bought many more cameras. Another well received project was replacing damaged sidewalks for some of our senior homeowners. We also started replacing some of the sidewalks on Broadway. We also had the privilege of working with the Merle and Olive Lee Gilliland Foundation. They were a huge help in making the new Borough building a reality. Speaking of the Borough building, we were among the many people who kept pushing to get cameras in the Council Chambers so that the people can watch the meetings from home. We are also involved with the Mon Valley Initiative , ( MVI ), trying to do something with housing in the community. But sadly, at the end of 2020, Doug and Virginia have decided to retire. And everyone, feeling that we have accomplished most of our goals, have voted to disband our group. So, as of December 31, 2020, we will be no more, but as for what we were trying to do with housing can still continue. MVI is still willing to work with Council, and we have two foundations in the community that may be willing to work with Council if Council can come up with a plan and an estimated cost of what they would like to accomplish in our community. So, thank you again for all the support that you have given us over the years.

Editor's Note: Pitcairn Renaissance has done many improvement projects in the community. Their disbanding will be a loss . Thank you for everyone who volunteered with the group and for all the projects you accomplished.



**Church** The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, are the people of God who are experiencing and sharing the living hope of Christ. They invite you to their Sunday Worship Services that are currently being held in public and on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/](http://www.facebook.com/PCoPpca/live/)) every Sunday at 11 a.m. Please call the church office 412-372-7707 for possible changes in worship times or refer to the church website, [www.pitcairnpca.org](http://www.pitcairnpca.org). The church is thankful that they have the opportunity to gather in person. The Session wanted to pass along some instructions to help minimize the risk of the virus as they worship together. As you know, if you are sick, stay home. They want you to wear a mask during worship and be mindful of the health concerns of others. It is one way to express love to others and make others comfortable. At this time the nursery will not be open. However, families may use it for their needs as long as they insure their own care for their children.

- Online Bible Study An online Bible Study/In Person is being offered by Pastor Jeremy Whipkey. Please call the church office for details. 412-372-7707.



**Fire Co** Congratulations to the 2021 Pitcairn Hose Company #1 Line Officers and Executive Board:

- President, Mike Greaves;
  - Vice President, Tommy Dick Jr.;
  - Treasurer, Kim Dick
  - Secretary, Tim Dick
  - Trustees: Justin Didolce, AJ Tessler and Tim Dick
- Line officers:
- Chief, Tom Dick Sr.;
  - Assistant Chief, Tommy Dick Jr.
  - Deputy Chief, Mike Greaves;
  - Captain, Nick Turner ;
  - 1st and 2nd Lieutenant, TBD.



**Club** .Because of COVID-19 and not knowing what things will be like in the upcoming months, the Woman's Club has decided to postpone their meetings until September 2021.



Daylight Savings March 14



### 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**



### Electric Bill

It's easy to pay your electric bill online. Just log on to [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us). There 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. Respecting CDC guidelines, the billing lobby remains closed to the public. Customers can mail in or drop their payment in the secure drop box on the Borough building at 609 Broadway.



**Facebook** The borough's Parks and Recreation Committee and the Police Department each have a page on Facebook. Visit the pages for events and current information.



**Alert** The fire company would like to remind everyone, if you smell methane odors call Karen Sagel at 412-578-8115 and report it. **ALSO CALL 911 TO ALERT**



**Waste** TVs, E-Waste and hazardous household materials must be disposed of properly according to DEP regulations. Such items cannot be put out for regular trash pick-up or dropped off at the borough building. Pitcairn Borough participates in Waste Management's At Your Door special collections program. You must call 1-800-449-7587 to arrange for a free pick-up. More detailed information can be found on the Borough website's Home Page.

### Garbage

should be put out for collection no earlier than Wednesday at 6 pm. 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 .



**! 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 the 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 businesses only.

**DEADLINE for ISSUE 20 that covers April, May & June is March 15**