



# Borough of Pitcairn Pitcairn News Patter

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**Patti Kemerer, Editor**

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- Nick Turner



### Memorial Day

Visit the Borough web site,  
[www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us) for information on the Memorial Day service on May 25



**On APRIL 8**

### Did You Know?

On June 10, 1897 it was reported in the Pitcairn Express that "a new scheme, and one which would cost the stockholders but little, was on foot to furnish Pitcairn with an electric light plant."

As I get this newsletter ready to send to the printer, our nation is in the midst of a pandemic. It's a time of uncertainty; we are getting updates daily on what we should be doing; and things are constantly changing. That being said, **as you read this issue, note that some of the events mentioned may have been cancelled or rescheduled. Be sure to check with each organization either by visiting their Facebook page or website or by giving them a call to see if their particular event is still on.**

Please listen to the advice of the CDC; practice good hygiene; check on your elderly neighbors.

As Spring approaches, I hope that seeing flowers beginning to bloom and days becoming sunnier, will give us hope that this pandemic will pass and we will soon be back to our normal routines.

Wishing you well

*Patti*



### From the Mayor

The Borough has adopted and is enforcing the "Borough of Pitcairn Quality of Life Ordinance #1023" The ordinance states in part that obstacles, such as debris and furniture should not block entrances into homes. This ordinance was adopted to protect and enforce the maintenance of property and structures within the borough. Violation of the ordinance will result in a \$25 per day fine which will accrue until the problem is corrected. In addition to increasing the safety and appearances of properties, this will aid firefighters who will have immediate access to the interior of a home because obstacles will have been cleared from porches and yards.

- Borough code requires that house numbers be posted. They should be reflective and at least 4 inches high. This is required by the borough and the United States Postal Service.
- There is a drug take back box located at the Police Station. Unused or no longer needed drugs must be disposed of properly. They should not dispose of in the garbage, sinks or toilets. The box is located in the police station. You must ring the bell to access the building.



### Notes from Code Enforcement

• **Clean-Up** The Janie Summers Memorial Clean-up Day will be held April 25 from 8 to 11 a.m. Dumpster sites will be at Fire Co.#1, 100 South Center Avenue and the old borough building, 582 6th Street. Litter will be collected at both sites. Collection supplies will also be available at the sites. Freon appliances, scrap metal, batteries and tires will only be taken at the Fire Department. Cost for recycling tires is as follows: Motorcycle, car and light truck \$5, with rim \$10. Large truck \$10, with rim \$15. **NO TV'S, COMPUTERS OR ELECTRONICS OF ANY KIND CAN BE ACCEPTED DUE TO ACT 108.** Photo ID and Proof of Residency is required. As mentioned above, the Code Enforcement office highly recommends using **Clean-up Day to clean your porches off so that in the case of an emergency, it gives emergency responders more access to the building. As mentioned in the Mayor's section, there are penalties that will be enforced for not complying with ordinance #1023.**



### Condolences

We are saddened to announce the passing of Roxanne Rocco on January 20, 2020. Roxanne was a loyal crossing guard for the borough for 33 years. She began in September 1987, crossing children at Wall Avenue and Coal Street and after the Kindergarten program went to a full day, her post was moved to Wall Avenue and Third Street. Roxanne also worked the borough's Summer Recreation program. Roxanne is survived by her

### Congratulations

Jennifer C. Broderick is now Dr. Broderick after earning her Ph.D. in Biology from Duquesne University on January 6 of this year. Jen graduated from Gateway High School in 2009 with Honors and in 2013 she graduated from Robert Morris University, Cum Laude with Honors. Jen is presently a professor at Thiel College. Her proud parents are Thomas and Patricia Broderick.



### Retirement

Congratulations to Code Enforcement Officer, John Prucnal on his retirement. Best wishes on this next chapter in your life.



## COMMUNITY NEWS



**Easter** The Egg Hunt and Lunch with the Easter Bunny has been cancelled



**Due to the pandemic, check with the organization to see if their event has been cancelled.**



**Fish Fry** Hose Co. #1, 100 South Center Avenue is holding their annual fish fry on Fridays through April 10 from 4 to 9 p.m. or until they sell out. Eat-in or take-out. The menu is posted on their Facebook page. All proceeds will benefit the fire company.



**Yarn** The ladies at the highrise who make blankets for Project Linus are in need of yarn. If you would like to donate, please call Betsy at 412-372-2436



**Walk** The annual Brandon P Kuster Memorial Walk will be on May 17. The Walk will start at the Park Building, 557 Broadway. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for registration. Registration fee is \$10 and includes a t-shirt. Coffee, bagels and fruit will be served. The Walk will begin at 11. It will end at Sugar Camp on Wall Avenue where a picnic will be held until dusk. Hot dogs and snacks will be served immediately after the walk. A full dinner will be served at 2 p.m. Cost for the picnic is: age 21 and over, \$20; ages 7 to 20, \$15; children under 6 are free. For more information visit [http://bpfoundation.com/Home\\_Page.html](http://bpfoundation.com/Home_Page.html). The Walk benefits the Brandon P. Kuster Foundation.



**Outing** The Pitcairn Italian Club will host their 4th annual Golf Outing on May 9 and they are looking for sponsorship support. You can sponsor a hole for \$50 or have your name on a t-shirt for \$100 donation. They are also in need of donations for their miscellaneous raffles and basket raffles. All proceeds go towards their community involvement, events and upgrades to their facility. Checks should be made payable to Pitcairn Italian Club and mailed to 1271 Wall Avenue, Pitcairn.



**Bingo** Fire Co.# 1 holds a Bingo every Saturday at their 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. Jackpot is \$300 and must go every week. The kitchen will also be open. Proceeds benefit the company.



**Hoagies** The Rainbow Girls are taking orders now for hoagies that will be delivered on June 6. Choose from Italian or turkey. All hoagies come with lettuce, onions and pickles bagged separately. The Italian has baked ham, bologna, salami, chipped chopped ham, American and provolone cheeses. The turkey has sliced turkey, American cheese and provolone cheese. They are \$7 each. To order contact Nancy / 412-856-8031 / [Rainbowmom201@aol.com](mailto:Rainbowmom201@aol.com) or Carla / 412-607-1851 / [cholderbaum1230@gmail.com](mailto:cholderbaum1230@gmail.com). Be sure to leave your name and phone number when ordering. All proceeds benefit the organization's community projects.



**PitCare** The organization is developing a Community Garden in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn. They hope to grow fresh produce for the Food Pantry. Also planting beds will be available to rent for the growing season. If anyone would like to be involved or find out more information, they can email Heather at [heather@pitcare.org](mailto:heather@pitcare.org)

- The Kim Parsons Library & Community Center, located at the corner of Center Avenue and Agatha Street, offers activities for children such as crafts, reading programs, STEM activities, guest speakers, etc.; laptops for use; a printer (fee is \$0.10 for black and white, \$0.25 for color printing. Any school or job related printing is free); and books! They have over 7,000 books that can be borrowed. PitCare is seeking more library and community center volunteers. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lorraine at [lorraine@pitcare.org](mailto:lorraine@pitcare.org). Clearances are required. The library is open during the following hours:  
Monday 5-7 p.m.  
Wednesday 1-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.  
Saturday 12-2 p.m.
- Kids of Steel is currently in progress with over 40 kids from the community participating. They will be running in the Chick-Fil-A marathon in downtown Pittsburgh on May 2.
- Updated information, new events and opportunities are posted on the organization's Facebook and Instagram pages.



**Blast** The Community Renaissance will hold their annual Burger Blast on the following dates: June 20, July 11, August 22 and September 26. The Blast takes place at Fire Co.#1, 100 South Center Avenue from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They will be selling hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips and drinks.



**Cash Bash** Camp G and the Pitcairn Woman's Club will hold their 2nd annual Cash Bash on April 4 at Garden City Fire Hall in Monroeville. Tickets with two numbers, are \$25. To purchase call 412-583-9096. There will be food and beverages, basket raffles and 50/50 raffles. Proceeds will enable Camp G to provide girls, ages 7 to 16, with a summer camp experience and the Woman's Club to continue to support the community and provide scholarships to Pitcairn students graduating from Gateway High School.



**Golf** Pitcairn Camp B's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing will be held at Donegal Highlands Golf Course on May 30 at 12:30 p.m. It is scramble format. Cost is \$100 per golfer if you pre-pay, \$120 on the day of. Included in the fee is golf, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner and draft beer. Deadline for registration is May 22. For the last three years, the outing has sold out two to three weeks before the registration deadline so it is suggested that you SIGN UP NOW. The organization is in need of sponsors, prize donations and golfers for the outing. If you, or someone that you know, can help out, it would be greatly appreciated. Camp B is a non-profit organization. Call 724-396-4396 for more information and forms for sponsorships, donations or golf.



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**Kudos** The following is a note given to Mayor Stevick:

"I recently witnessed the crossing guard on Broadway, Charlene, with her stop sign in hand, walking with a little girl about four blocks from her normal spot. As she walked by, pleasant and very calming, she said the little girl got off at the wrong stop and wasn't sure where she was suppose to get off. I watched them walk another block and then they met up with the parent. What an awesome feeling knowing kids are safe on the crossing guards' watch. When you pass Charlene and all Pitcairn crossing guards, give them a thank you for a great job."

Yes, THANK YOU to all our crossing guards. The job isn't easy; watching after all the kids, going and coming from school and in all kinds of weather. It is so comforting to know that our school guards are dedicated. You all do a GREAT JOB and it is appreciated.



**Church** The Presbyterian Church of Pitcairn, 312 Highland Avenue, the people of God who are experiencing and sharing the living hope of Christ, invites you to their Sunday Worship services. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. and Worship begins at 11.

- As faithful believers, the church is looking forward to celebrating Easter and the basis of their faith. Easter week services are as follows: Palm Sunday, April 5 at 11 a.m.; Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7 p.m.; Easter Celebration, April 12 at 11 a.m.
- Blessing of the Bicycles will be held on June 20, weather permitting, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Kids can bring their bikes to get them ready for summer riding. At the Maintenance Station, basic maintenance will be done on the bikes, including putting air in the tires. There will also be food, games, prizes and fun.
- The Clothes Closet operated by the church will be open on April 4 and 18; May 9 and 23; June 13 and 27 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.
- Small Study Groups meet throughout the week in the church and in homes. There are groups for youth, young families, men and women. Call 412-372-7707 to find a group.
- A Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group meets at the church every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- The calendar for upcoming events can be found online at [www.pitcairnpc.org](http://www.pitcairnpc.org). Call the church office at 412-372-7707 for more information, .



**Banners** A Veterans Banner Project is underway for the borough. In the coming weeks, information on the project will be posted on the Pitcairn Facebook page. Questions? contact Mike at [mcasta1014@aol.com](mailto:mcasta1014@aol.com)/412-856-4195



**Plants** The Garden Club of Monroeville will hold their annual plant sale on May 2 at the Monroeville Community Park, Pavilion 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will feature annuals, herbs, hanging baskets, floral wreaths and decorative pots. A repotting service will be available for those who want their root-bound house plants transplanted into a larger pot. The proceeds from the sale support three local gardens maintained by the club, a sick plant clinic at a local personal care home, adult education programs and activities for children sponsored by the local library and arts council.



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### Contact Information

- **Borough**—412-372-6500 / 609 Broadway / [www.pitcairnborough.us](http://www.pitcairnborough.us)
- **Police / Non Emergency**—412-856-1111
- **Fire Station #1**—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**

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



**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. Of course you can pay your bill at the borough office. If you are paying after hours, use the drop box located outside of the building entrance.



**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 or Verizon customers can check the Community Channel, 28.



**! 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 17 that covers July, August and September is June 15**