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COMMUNITY NEWS

With Fall Comes the Leaves

Since the burning of leaves is *absolutely NOT permitted* in the township, Penn Township residents need to choose another way to dispose of the leaves that fall into their yards.

Four options for disposing of leaves are available.

1. Mulch / Compost: You can return the nutrients to the soil by mulching and/or composting your leaves.

Running over the leaves with a mulching lawn mower reduces the leaves to shreds that decompose and fertilize your lawn.

Mulching or composting is the *preferred way* to dispose of leaves.

2. Take bagged leaves to Valley Landfill: Township residents may take bagged leaves to Valley Landfill themselves between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on weekdays or 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays. There is no charge.

Leaves can be left in the biodegradable bags that are for sale at the municipal building (see below), but if they are in regular, plastic garbage bags, the leaves **MUST** be emptied from the bags and the bags removed.

Penn Township has 35-gallon, biodegradable leaf bags for sale at the municipal building in Harrison City between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays for \$2.00 per bundle of 10 bags.

3. Leave bagged leaves for collection: You can place leaves in biodegradable bags and then place at the bags at the curbside for collection by Waste Management trucks on the following days **ONLY**: November 5 and 12, and December 3 and 10. Note that these are all Wednesdays – a

change from Saturdays as was done in years previous.

Leaves **WILL NOT** be collected with the regular refuse collections, and leaves placed in regular, plastic garbage bags **WILL NOT** be picked up.

4. Leave unbagged leaves for collection: You can rake your leaves to the curbside for collection by vacuum. **DO NOT** place leaves at the curb before the collection week. The schedule is as follows.



West of the turnpike (Level Green, Sunrise Estates) - Pickup will be during weeks that begin with an even number starting the week of October 12, 2003, and continuing the weeks of October

26, November 2, November 16, and if needed, November 30.

East of turnpike (Claridge, Harrison City) - Pickup will be during weeks that begin with an odd number starting the week of October 19, and continuing the weeks of November 9, November 23, and December 7 if needed.

Keep in mind that the township only has ONE vacuum machine to service the entire township. A very early or late frost, high winds, or heavy rain can all affect when the leaves will fall, so the schedule shown above for the leaf vacuum is approximate.



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Help Seniors by Recycling Cell Phones

Help protect seniors – donate your old cell phone! Since its inception in May 2002, the “Phones for Seniors” program has collected 2,400 cell phones, and approximately 1,700 seniors have been given phones to use in emergencies.

More phones are needed to keep the program running and help keep seniors safe. Any working cell phone can be donated. The phone does not need to be on a current service plan to call 911. If you have a phone to donate, bring it to any of the 13 senior centers in Westmoreland County.

A joint collaboration between the Westmoreland County Sheriff’s Department and the Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging, the “Phones for Seniors” program distributes cell phones to traveling seniors to use in an emergency. The phones are only capable of dialing 911 and cannot receive incoming calls.

To receive a phone, seniors must be age 60 or older, live in Westmoreland County, and be capable of operating a cell phone and recharging it when needed. Seniors who travel in their own vehicle or the vehicle of others are the primary focus of the program. If you are a senior interested in receiving a phone, contact the Westmoreland County Area Agency on Aging at 724-830-4444 or toll free at 800-442-8000.

Help Veterans by Recycling Clothing and Household Items

Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America is interested in you! Why? It’s because of a new way the chapter is trying to help veterans – through recycling.



Red collection boxes have been distributed in the circulation area of the Penn-Franklin newspaper. These boxes can receive clothing, preferably in plastic bags, and household items that fit through the box opening.

A telephone number on the box, 412-496-9663, will put you in touch with a person who can arrange for items that are too large for the

opening, like appliances and furniture, to be picked up.

Currently, boxes are located at Murrysville’s Franklin Plaza Shopping Center and Ferri’s, Level Green Lions Community Center, and the Trafford BY Park recycling area. Questions about the program can be directed to Joe Kiren at 412-672-3160.

Keystone Paralyzed Veterans of America (KPVA) is a local chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America chartered in 1961. Located in Bridgeville, PA, and having more than 250 members in western PA, KPVA has helped members to make their lives as normal as possible.

KPVA programs for its members include: legislation, skilled representation and counseling, research for a cure for those with spinal cord injury or dysfunction, advocacy, publication of the *Parascope* (a chapter newsletter), wheelchair sports for those who are aggressively active, and a membership program. If you are interested in KPVA membership, call 1-800-775-9323. Jim Zeik, owner of the American Thrift Center, has been a KPVA fund raiser for 14 years.



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Help Local Children Through the Toys for Tots Campaign

It's not too early to think about the holiday season! The annual Toys for Tots campaign for the area has already kicked-off.

Collection boxes are located at businesses throughout the community to accept new, unwrapped toys.

Monetary donations are also accepted. The campaign will end in early December, so that the collected items can be wrapped and distributed.

All donations made in the Penn Township/Norwin communities stay in the communities.

If you are a family in need of assistance by the Toys for Tots program, please contact Beverly Hahn at the Penn Township branch of Irwin Bank and Trust at 724-744-2176.

From the Municipal Staff

Fall Tree Trimming Scheduled

The Penn Township Public Works Department will be busy trimming trees after all of the leaves have been picked up.

If you want to have your trees professionally trimmed instead, you should contact a reputable tree service soon.

The township code allows the Public Works Department to cut, alter, or remove any trees, shrubbery, or obstructions within the legal width of the right of way of any public street to provide for safe traveling.

Keep Snow Plows in Mind When Parking Your Car

Whether we like it or not, snow will soon follow the leaves!

If snow is forecast, please DO NOT park your car on area roads or in cul-de-sacs, as cars parked here present a significant problem for the snowplows. Snowplows must go around parked cars, thus causing time delays.

If your car has to be towed to allow a snowplow access, it will be done at your expense.

Don't Shovel Snow Onto the Roads

Why? Depositing snow on the roadway is a violation of Municipal Ordinance 533 and punishable by a fine of up to \$300.



Also when shoveling snow, remember to throw it on the proper side of your driveway, so that the snowplow does not pick it up and deposit it back into your driveway.

Motor Scooters Not Allowed on Public Roads

Parents thinking of purchasing either electric or gas motor scooters for their kids to ride on the streets should reconsider before spending many hundreds of dollars.

Several sections of the PA Vehicle Code require such motor scooters to be titled, to be registered, and to comply with equipment standards for motor vehicles. Since motor scooters do not meet those requirements, they are NOT permitted to be operated on any public street or within the road right-of-way.

Motor scooters may ONLY be legally operated upon *private property where the property owner has granted express permission to do so*. Be considerate of your neighbors and ask for permission before walking or riding on property that is not your own.

When Driving, Watch for Deer

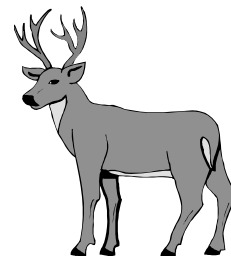
Deer and cars don't mix!

Use caution when driving through the township, especially where there are deer crossing signs or wooded areas.

Fall and winter are when the township's large population of whitetail deer is most active.

Hitting a deer can cause a great deal of damage to your vehicle and possible injury to you and your passengers.

Keep alert when driving as deer can cross anywhere, even where there are no signs!



From the Township Police

Halloween Safety

With the approach of Halloween, Chief Michael Mastroianni reminds parents to consider safety first, in choosing their children's costume and to advise their children to visit only homes with their lights on.

As in the past years, the police department will be out in full force to try to ensure a safe Halloween for everyone.

Contact the Department

Police Chief Michael Mastroianni encourages any citizen with a question, comment, or concern about any police-related issue to contact him either by telephone 724-863-9113 or by e-mail at chief@ptpd.attbbs.com.

From the Tax Collector

School Real Estate Taxes

Monday, December 1, 2003 is the last day for property owners to pay their Penn-Trafford school real estate taxes at the face amount.

All payments received after 12/1/03 will have a 10% penalty added to the face amount. Property owners, who have any questions about the payment of their real estate taxes, including the Penn Township street light assessment, should call the tax collector at 724-744-1414.

An after-hours, drop-off slot is available at the tax collector's office to accept payments before or after normal business hours, which are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tax Payment Deadline

Pennsylvania Act 169 of 1998 (Collection of Taxes-Effective 12/31/1999) requires all real estate taxes for the current tax year (2003) to be paid by 12/31/2003.

All payments made after 12/31/2003 must be made at the Westmoreland County Courthouse - Tax Claim Bureau.

Occupational Privilege Taxes

The third quarter filing of the 2003 occupational privilege tax is due 10/31/03.

All persons who are employed or self-employed, including both resident and non-resident individuals, engaging in an occupation within Penn Township who have earnings of over \$10,000.00 are liable for this \$10.00 tax. Note that this is a change from previous years. The earnings before the tax applies have increased from \$1,500 to \$10,000.

Employers are required to withhold this tax from employees regardless of their resident district.

From the Sewage Authority

Allegheny County municipalities and Penn Township in Westmoreland County will soon be facing enforcement action to begin addressing the wet weather sewage overflow problem throughout the region. Sewage overflows have long plagued the Pittsburgh area.

During wet weather (when it rains or snow melts), extra water gets into deteriorated sewage system and overflows into the waterways or backs up in residents basements without ever reaching the treatment plant at ALCOSAN.

It can be a confusing issue, but now there's a comprehensive online resource for learning more about wet weather sewage overflows: www.3riverswetweather.org.

This web site very clearly explains the wet weather overflow issue and role of each municipality and individual in working toward a solution to the problem. Some of the highlights include:

- An animated presentation (on the home page) that clearly explains the wet weather issue using simple terminology and visuals.
- A special section devoted to homeowners that explains how your home is connected to the sewer system, how the sewer system operates, and how you can help solve the problem.
- Updates on the progress of municipal demonstration projects.
- Downloadable educational materials.

- Updates on wet weather legislation and regulations.
- Information on the progress of the Eastern Basin Group of which Penn Township is a member.
- Links to dozens of wet weather-related web sites and municipal web sites.

If you have questions about the sewage overflow issue and how it affects Penn Township, contact the Penn Township Sewage Authority at 724-744-4333.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LATE SEPTEMBER 2003

September 21 - 27 – “Community Spirit” Home Decorating Contest

The “Community Spirit” home decorating contest, organized by the Penn Township Business Professional Association (PTBPA), will be held the week before the homecoming celebration. Three winning families will split hundreds of dollars of cash prizes with the school organization (band, SADD, sport) of their choice. Decorations with lots of green, gold, and imagination should be ready for judging on Wednesday, September 24. Winners will be announced on homecoming Friday. Show your support our schools!

September 27 – Level Green Lions Chicken BBQ

The Level Green Lions Club will hold their annual chicken BBQ, from noon to 5:00 p.m. on September 27. Cost is \$6.00.

OCTOBER 2003

October 4 – Tire, Automotive Battery, Scrap Metal, and Appliance Recycling

PA CleanWays will collect old tires, automobile batteries, appliances, propane tanks, and clean scrap metal for recycling on Saturday, October 4, 2003 at the Norwin Hills Shopping Center parking lot from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Clean scrap metal is metal with no rubber, cloth, or other material attached to it. Electronic items



(televisions, microwaves, stereos, computers, etc.) CANNOT be accepted.

Prices are as follows: (PA CleanWays members receive a discount)

Passenger and light truck tires off-rim: \$1.75
 Passenger and light truck tires on-rim: \$2.75
 Heavy truck/tractor tires: Charge per # of ply
 Vehicle batteries: Free
 Freon-containing appliances: \$10
 Other appliances/clean scrap metal: Free

Contact PA CleanWays at 724-836-4129 if you need additional information.

October 11 – PA CleanWays Compost Workshop

In cooperation with the Penn State Department of Crop and Soil Sciences and the PA DEP, PA CleanWays is distributing Earth Machine compost bins at no charge to Westmoreland County residents who attend a free compost education workshop. *Residents MUST attend the workshop to receive a free bin!*

The workshop, conducted by a Penn State Master Gardener, will be held at the Center for Conservation Education Barn on Donohoe Road in Greensburg, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2003.

Pre-registration is required, and the class size is limited. While PA CleanWays members can register for the workshop at any time, non-members may only register after September 15.

Call PA CleanWays of Westmoreland County at 724-836-4129 for registration information.

October 19 – Harrison City Women’s Club Craft Show

The Harrison City Women’s Club’s fall craft show will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2003, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Penn-Trafford High School cafeteria.

October 25 – Bushy Run Battlefield’s 8th Annual Haunted History Hayride

Looking for something scary to do? Join this hayride for some real screams! Re-live the Battle of Bushy Run at nighttime. Wounded soldiers, screaming Native Americans, and all Halos’ Eve treats are here once again. Ride a hay wagon or take a candlelight tour, then come

into the visitor's center for scary tales from the time of Pontiac's War as told by Ken Blöse.

The event will be held on October 25, 2003 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

By reservation only! Reservations are only taken after October 1, 2003. Seating is limited.

October 25 – Halloween Costume Parade

The Penn Township Business Professional Association's (PTBPA) annual costume parade is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 25 at Warrior Stadium. The parade is open to all residents of Penn Township and students of the Penn-Trafford school district. Watch for more information!

October 30 – Penn Township Trick or Treat

IMPORTANT!

Trick or treat will be held in the township one day early this year – from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday, October 30, 2003.**



NOVEMBER 2003

November 1 – Level Green Lions Annual Pancake Breakfast

The Level Green Lions' annual pancake breakfast will be held on November 1, 2003, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$4.50 for senior citizens, and \$3.00 for children.

November 6 - 8 – Penn Area Library Used Book Sale

Get books at a fraction of the price of buying new! The library's annual used book sale will take place on Thursday, November 6 through Saturday, November 8, 2003. Hours for the sale are Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon.

A wide variety of fiction (hard and soft cover), non-fiction, and children's books will be available. Prices are 75 cents per inch (as measured by the spine) on Thursday, 50 cents per inch on Friday, and \$2.50 a bag on Saturday.

The book sale will be held in the multi-purpose room of the library. All proceeds will be used to purchase new library materials.

November 9 – Veteran's Day Concert

The Jeannette Community Band will perform a Veteran's Day Concert on Sunday, November 9, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in the Jeannette American Legion. The concert is FREE to the public. Visit their web site at www.jcbweb.com for more details.

November 15 – Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society General Meeting and Lecture

The meeting begins at 1:00 p.m. Speaker to be announced. The program is free of charge and open to the public.

DECEMBER 2003

December 6 – PTBPA Light-Up Night

The Penn Township Business Professional Association's (PTBPA) annual light-up night celebration is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 6, in Harrison City. Santa's arrival time and the evening's activities will be announced later.

December 6 – Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society's Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas spirit fills the air and Bushy Run Battlefield revives its annual Christmas Bazaar. The sale will be held on December 6, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

There will be a 10% discount on all in-stock items, and some will be discounted 20%. Stop in for the perfect gift to give to your favorite history lover!

Prints by such artists as Robert Griffing, John Buxton, and local artist Stan Beloncis are available. Books about 18th century history can be purchased. They also carry toys for the little ones, such as whistles, figurines, and puzzles.

There is no charge for admittance, and the visitor's center will be open.

December 7 – Level Green Light-Up Night

Come celebrate the season at the annual Level Green Light-Up Night scheduled for Sunday, December 7. This event is sponsored by the Community Women's Club of Level Green and the Level Green Lions. Watch for more details!

December 21 – Christmas Concert

The Jeannette Community Band will perform their annual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 21, 2003, at 7:30 p.m., in the Jeannette American Legion. This concert is FREE to the public.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

The **Penn Joint High School Class of 1958** is holding their class reunion in October 2003. Contact: Kay Shula Battistella, 724-744-2982, 23 Gongaware Road, Jeannette, PA 15644, or La Verne Good-Mochnick, 724-744-3632, RD#1 Box 149A, Jeannette, PA 15644.

The **Penn-Trafford High School Class of 1978** is holding its 25th year reunion on October 18, 2003, at Lincoln Hills Country Club in Irwin. Contact: Cheryl Magill Parson, 110 Parson Lane, Jeannette, PA 15644, 724-522-1148, cparson@elliotturbo.com, or Sandy Freger Weaver, 8 Nancy Drive, Jeannette, PA, 15644, 724-744-9875, sweaver@ciber.com.

ON-GOING

CPR Courses, Penn Township Ambulance Association (Rescue 6) – Adult, child, infant, and choking. Cost starts at \$15.00 per student. 724-744-4112.

Bingo, Claridge Volunteer Fire Department – Weekly on Wednesday. Claridge Colton Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Warm-ups start at 6:25 p.m. 724-744-2400 after 7:00 p.m.

Bingo, Grandview Volunteer Fire Department – Weekly on Monday. Pre-early bird games from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Regular games start at 7:05 p.m. 50/50 on the first Saturday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. 724-523-9506 or 724-523-2411.

Bingo, Harrison City Volunteer Fire Department – Weekly on Thursday. Harrison Room. 7:00 p.m. 724-744-4477.

Bingo, Level Green Volunteer Fire Department – Weekly on Monday. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. 412-372-9669 or 412-372-9625

Hoagie Sale, Grandview VFD – Second Friday of every month. 724-523-8251 to order.

Kitchen, Paintertown VFD – Breakfast on second Sunday of every month, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Pancakes; french toast; scrambled eggs; bacon; sausage; cake, torte, or cookies; coffee, tea; milk; and orange juice. Also, full menu Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Eat-in or take-out. 724-863-7769.

Social Club, Paintertown VFD – \$3.00 per year for all benefits. 724-863-7769.

Social Hall, Claridge VFD – Weddings, Christmas parties, showers, graduation parties in Colton Hall. 724-744-2400.

Social Hall, Grandview VFD – Wedding receptions, bridal showers, parties. Special rates for Sundays through Fridays. Paul 724-523-2411 or leave number at 724-523-8251.

Social Hall, Paintertown VFD – Wedding receptions, bridal showers, parties. 724-863-7769.

Softball for Seniors (About 55 and Older) – Every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the Police Athletic League ball fields located in Shafton next to Irwin at the end of Bridge Street (Route 993 crosses Bridge Street). In this year-round event, everyone plays even if you have not played for 30 years; new players are welcome and needed. For information, call Bill Medve at 724-861-0289 or Bill Rollason at 724-863-4201.

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

PTAE

The Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE) committee began their fall programs during the week of September 15, 2003. There is something to suit every interest!

In addition to the always-popular aerobics, swimming, ballroom dance, golf, craft, and computer classes, there are many new classes such as stress-busting and waking dreams. Classes on tax planning, college planning, and travel planning are being offered. For cooks, there is a cake decorating class and cookie baking classes. For crafters, you can learn to make an Irish chain quilt or a stained glass stepping stone.

There are still openings in some classes, especially those with October or November dates.

The yoga, pilates, and spinning classes have become very popular and are filled.

Course description and registration information can be found in the August *Prospectus*, a publication of the Penn-Trafford School District and on the web at <http://trfn.clpgh.org/penntwp/aecourse.htm>. Brochures are also available at the Penn Area and Trafford libraries, the Harrison City and Trafford post offices, and Irwin Bank on Route 130.

The committee is currently planning their holiday classes, which will take place during the first week of December. Brochures will be handed out at the elementary schools on a take-home Tuesday in October and distributed throughout the community in the above mentioned locations.

The Penn-Trafford Adult Education committee is a volunteer group that has been in existence for over twenty years.

The committee appreciates the support it receives from the community and is always open to new ideas and members. For more information, please call Devra Cherrone at 724-744-2303.

Penn Area Library

Programs are a Success

The summer reading program this year, as in previous years, was a huge success! There were 1088 participants.

In addition, the Million Minute Reading Challenge ended successfully on September 15. Collectively, library patrons had to read 750,000 minutes to receive one thousand dollars from the Westmoreland County Federated System, five hundred dollars from Irwin Bank, and fifty dollars from Beverly Hahn, manager of the Penn Township office of Irwin Bank.

Everyone who read 1,000 minutes received a bookmark, a magnet for 3,000 minutes, and a tote bag for 7,500 minutes.

The funds will be used to purchase materials for the library.

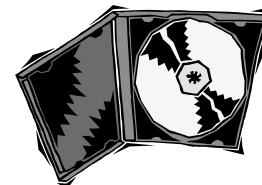
Young Adults – Come On In!

The library wants you – young adults (ages 12 to 18) – to come on in! If you have any ideas for programs that you'd like the library to host or have a book, video, or audio you'd like the library to purchase, let them know! Yes, besides books, the library has DVDs and CDs available to take out. And, yes, it's cheaper than renting – it's free!

The library received a grant for young adult materials and programs. So far, over two thousand dollars has been spent on new young adult materials.

The library has tried to hold several programs for young adults, and the only one to receive any kind of attendance was the college fair. The Internet scavenger hunt, career days, and dating and manners discussion attracted 5 or less participants.

To suggest a program or material for purchase, call on the phone 724-744-4414, tell one of the clerks at the desk, or e-mail it to pennlib@pennlib.attbbs.com. You don't have to give your name if you don't want to. The library just may be able to get that book, CD, or movie you want!



Upcoming Fall Programs

The library has some interesting programs on tap for the fall.

- Bedtime with bears
- American Girl's Tea Party
- Children's library week
- Used book sale (see the calendar of events)
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Visit with Santa Claus
- Two mystery nights, one for teens and one for adults (hopefully)
- Video nights
- Story time

Support Your Library – Get a Card, Write Your Representative

Don't have a library card – sign up! September is library card sign-up month. If you are six years old or older, you can get a FREE library card. You or your parent will need a driver's license or photo ID at the time of sign-up.

As many of you may know, the state is trying to pass a budget that reduces the funding for libraries by fifty percent. If the amount of funding the Penn Area Library receives is reduced, some programs or services will have to be shortened or eliminated. Let your representatives know you don't want library funding to be reduced by signing petitions or writing them. Let them know you think libraries are important!

Friends of the Library Group Formed

The Friends of the Library group has been organized. Joe Hershberger is the president. Jean Coursey is vice-president. Sallie Bradley is secretary. Joyce Omlor is treasurer. The group will help with fundraising, various programs, and raising the awareness of the library and its programs and services. To get involved and attend one of the group's monthly meetings, call the library at 724-744-4414.

Quilt Group Growing

The library's quilt group, Q-PALS, has grown. They now have 20 members, who meet on the first Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the library's multi-purpose room. If you are interested in joining, call the library, 724-744-4414.

Book Discussion Group to Begin Again

The Penn Area Library would like to re-organize their book discussion group this fall. Library Director, Mary Anne Fulmer, has written a grant in the hope of receiving funds for the group. If the grant is obtained, several copies of a book can be purchased.

The Federated System also has book discussion kits that the library can borrow. They have ten kits that contain several copies of a book, web site links, questions for discussion, and a short biography of the author. If you are interested in being part of the group, call the library with suggestions or questions.

PTARC

PTARC (Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission) has a variety of fun classes and trips planned for the fall months. Activities are available for individuals of all ages who reside in the Penn-Trafford School District.

Fall activity guides were mailed to your home in late August. If you didn't receive one, you can pick up one at the Penn Township Municipal Building or learn about the activities on the department's web site at www.ptarc.org.

For additional information, contact PTARC at 724-744-2171, extension 204 or 205.

Level Green Lions Club

If you are interested in community service and good fellowship, join the Level Green Lions Club! Contact Sallie Bradley at 412-373-0744.

The Level Green Lions Community Building is available to rent. Rates are:

Weekdays (not Friday) - \$50/\$75/\$125*

Friday evening - \$100.00

Saturday (all day) - \$175.00

Sunday - \$85/\$85/\$150

Night before setup \$25.00

*Morning/evening/all day

For reservations, call Susan at 412-372-3944.

Harrison City Women's Club

The Harrison City Women's Club just began its 76th year of serving the Harrison City community. The club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Bushy Run Lion's building in Claridge



Plans are being made for several fall activities. In September, the ladies made a craft for Meals on Wheels recipients and assembled their yearbooks.

In October, the group will be busy getting ready for their annual craft show to be held at the PTHS cafeteria on October 18, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

In November, Rescue 6 will present a program on the Heimlich maneuver and other life saving tips to the group.

New members are welcome. Membership includes women of a wide age range. For information, call president Charlene Hettler at 724-863-6361 or membership chairperson Lynn Hails at 724-744-4610.

Community Women's Club of Level Green (CWCLG)

Need a great Christmas gift for someone special? Consider buying something from then Community Women's Club of Level Green (CWCLG).

Starting in November the CWCLG will be selling tickets for their annual Basket Bingo to be held on March 7, 2004. Tickets are \$20 and include 20 games of bingo, door prizes, a Chinese auction, and food.

Order early because the tickets go fast!

For more information or to buy tickets starting at the end of November, call Lisa at 412-373-0687 or Kathleen at 412-372-2085

The CWCLG is also selling Enjoy coupon books as a fundraising project for club community projects and student scholarships.

The 2004 Enjoy Coupon Books feature nearly 1,000 two-for-one and 50%-discount offers for restaurants, hotels, car rentals, and sporting or special events.

The cost of the book is still \$25 and is available now. The coupons may be used immediately through November 1, 2004.

The Enjoy Coupon Book makes a great gift or can be bought for your own everyday enjoyment of food or fun!

If you are interested in purchasing one or need more information, call Beverly Yakbusin at 724-744-3312.

First United Church of Christ

The First United Church of Christ is located at 1008 Harrison City-Export Road. Rev. Alice M. Lindsay is the minister of the church nicknamed the "Little Church with the Big Heart".

Worship services are held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m., with fellowship at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday school for all ages at 11:15 a.m.

Choir practice is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Vintage dinners are held on the third Wednesday. Dates for 2003-2004 are 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 2/18, 3/13, 4/21, and 5/19. Dinner

is served at 6:30 p.m. followed by a program and fellowship.

The following items are also scheduled:

October 13 - Consistory 7:30 p.m.

October 26 - Pew communion

November 3 - Consistory 7:30 p.m.

November 30 - Altar communion, tree-trimming party

December 8 - Consistory 7:30

December 21 - Election of new consistory members, recognition of members 75 years and older, Christmas family dinner 5:00 p.m., Christmas play 7:00 p.m.

December 24 - Christmas eve service 7:30 p.m.

January 4 - Altar communion

January 5 - Consistory 7:30 p.m.



Zion's/Penn Lutheran Church

For the months starting in September and ending in December, the times of worship for Penn and Zion's will be as follows.

Zion's Lutheran Church

Zion's worship service is 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion every Sunday.

Church school classes begin on Sunday, September 7, 10:30 a.m.

The Halloween Party is scheduled for October 26, 6:00- 7:30 p.m.

The children of the church school will present a Christmas program during the morning worship service on December 14.

The Lutheran Church Women meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for inspirational programs, fellowship, and refreshments. All women invited to attend.

The women of the church will hold their annual Thankoffering Service during the morning worship service on November 23. Participation by the women, special offerings for designated outreach in the ELCA is part of this service.

Zion's Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Mid-week (1/2-hour) spoken liturgy and Holy Communion is offered to the community every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation classes, for young people from both churches, will begin on Tuesday, September 16, at 6:30 p.m. Classes will be held at Penn Lutheran Church this year.

Penn Lutheran Church

Penn worship service is held at 11:00 a.m.

Penn Church Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Services

Christmas eve candlelight holy communion service will be held at Zion's Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. and Penn Lutheran Church at 11:00 p.m.

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The deadline for material for the **Winter 2003** issue of The Penn Township Pipeline, which will include information for **January, February, and March 2004**, is **Wednesday, December 3, 2003**.

When submitting information on events, please be as specific as possible. Please include what the event is, who is sponsoring it, where it will be held, and when it is (the date and time).

For all submissions, please include a **contact person and telephone number for additional information**. As always, please get your material in early. Late submissions may not be able to be published.

Community Meetings

Get involved with YOUR community!

Attend community meetings to learn what's happening and voice your opinion!

A complete description of each of Penn Township's boards and commissions and their meeting dates can be found on the Penn Township web site.

Penn Township Commissioners Business Meetings – 3rd Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Commissioner Caucus Meetings – Wednesday preceding the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Zoning Hearing Board – 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Planning and Zoning Commission – 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Recreation Board – 4th Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Area Library Board – 2nd Tuesday of alternate months beginning in January, 7:30 p.m., Penn Area Library.

Penn Township Sewage Authority Business Meetings – 3rd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Sewage Authority building at 1032 Nike Site Road.

Effective February 3, 2003, the office hours for the Penn Township Sewage Authority will be 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Penn Township Sewage Authority Workshop Meetings – 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Sewage Authority building at 1032 Nike Site Road.

Western Westmoreland Municipal Authority – 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Sewage treatment facility on Route 993.

Penn Township Business Professional Association – Last Monday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Harrison City VFD's Harrison Room.

PTARC (Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission) – 1st Monday of each month, 3:00 p.m., Warrior Center.



Seasons Greetings

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PENN TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

Ward 1 - Kenneth Darragh 523-5355

AREA: Grandview, Oakford, Pheasant Run, Shanty Town, Burrell Hill, Boquet
POLLING: 1-1 Grandview Fire Hall; 1-2 Westmoreland County Community College - Bushy Run Campus

Ward 2 - Joseph S. Lauricia 744-2201

AREA: Harrison City, Harrison Park, Harrison Estates, McCullough, Skyview
POLLING: 2-1 Warrior Center (High School Stadium); 2-2 Harrison City Fire Hall

Ward 3 - Paul Wersing 744-4887

AREA: Claridge, St. Barbara, Boxcartown, Country Farms, Deerfield, one-half of Prosperity Farms (divided by Seanor Road), Penn Highlands, Oak Farm Estates
POLLING: 3-1 Colton Hall in Claridge; 3-2 Township Municipal Building (Library); 3-3 New Life Church on Raymaley Road

Ward 4 Charles Horvat 744-2607

AREA: Paintertown, Sunrise, Rose Acres, Penn High, Penn Town, one-half of Prosperity Farms, Cortina, Mull High, Level Green south of Route 130
POLLING: 4-1 Paintertown Fire Hall; 4-2 Community United Methodist Church on Route 130; 4-3 Level Green Community Building

Ward 5 Tracy Farbacher 412-856-9689

AREA: Level Green
POLLING: 5-1 and 5-2 Level Green Community Building

TOWNSHIP WEB SITES

Penn Township (official site) trfn.clpgh.org/penntwp/
Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission www.ptarc.org
Penn-Trafford School District www.penntrafford.org

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Library-Mary Anne Fulmer, Library Director 744-4414

Sewer Authority-Stan Caroline, Authority Manager 744-4333

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