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COMMUNITY NEWS

NASA Exhibit to Land at Penn Area Library

The township's library is making room for outer space! As one of only 120 libraries across the nation, the Penn Area Library has been selected to host the new traveling, one-of-a-kind, interactive space research exhibit as part of a new program called NASA @ your library.

The exhibit is presented using six flat screen computers, videos and DVDs, and a plasma screen theatre. About seventy three-minute videos discuss topics such as:

- Shuttling to space – how we got the shuttle, how it works, and how astronauts are chosen
- Living in space – biology and health
- Science in space – physics, chemistry, flames, solids, and liquids
- Laboratories in space – international space



station development

- Business in space – commercial products
- The future in space – living on Mars

It's hard to believe how large a role that space research plays in our daily lives – from the foods we eat to the products we use. In each of the four weeks the exhibit is at the Penn Area Library, an area in our lives affected by space research will be the focus with multiple guest speakers. NASA research topics are grouped into Week 1 - Health, Week 2 - Home and Transportation, Week 3 - Agriculture and Environment, and Week 4 - Commerce.

The NASA exhibit starts at the Penn Area Library on October 4 and ends on October 30. It will be open to the public during all library hours, which are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The exhibit is for people of all ages. If you would like to bring a large group, please contact the library to schedule a time.

Living and working in space may be beyond our imaginations, but it will happen. One day, our children may be vacationing on the moon. Our grandparents would have said we were crazy to think this would be possible!

All are encouraged to attend this great exhibit. It is an honor to have it in our township.

PENN TOWNSHIP TURNS 150 YEARS OLD IN 2005!!

Do you have any old photos or stories to contribute?

Do you have any ideas on how to make this a birthday party to remember?

Would you like to volunteer to help organize the celebration?

See page 11 for more information and a sign-up form!!

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From the Township Police

Motor Scooters Illegal on Streets

If you are thinking of buying your kids or grandkids one of those motor scooters, miniature motorcycles, or “pocket rockets” – ***Think Again!***

If this type of motor scooter (be it electric or gas powered) cannot be registered or pass a Pennsylvania safety inspection, it **MAY NOT** be driven upon any public road or on public property.

These types of vehicles may only be ridden on private property with the express permission of the property owner.

Due to their small size, these types of vehicles are an extreme safety hazard when driven on the road. We all know the tragic consequences of collisions can occur between small vehicles such as these and automobiles. In an attempt to avoid one of these tragedies in our community, the Penn Township Police Department will enforce the state laws that prohibit the use of these scooters on public roads and the property of others.

If you feel that you must purchase a scooter or “pocket rocket” for your child, be prepared to have them ride on your property, not the roads.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the police department at 724-863-1119, or e-mail Chief Michael Mastroianni at chief@penntwp.net.

From the Municipal Staff

Autumn Leaf Collection Options

Fall is once again upon us! Penn Township residents have four options for disposing of leaves. There are some slight changes this year from previous years.

Keep in mind that burning leaves is NOT ALLOWED in the township.

Option 1 - Mulch / Compost: The preferred method is to return the nutrients to the soil by mulching and/or composting the leaves. Running over the leaves with a mulching lawn mower reduces the leaves to shreds that decompose and fertilize your lawn.

Option 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 7:00 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 Penn Township Municipal Building (see below), but must be emptied and removed from regular, plastic garbage bags.

Penn Township has 35-gallon, biodegradable, paper leaf bags for sale at the municipal building in Harrison City between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays at the cost of \$3.00 per 10 bags (\$0.30 each).

Option 3 - Place Leaves in Biodegradable

Bags for Curbside Pickup: Township residents may place bags of leaves at the curbside for collection by Waste Management trucks on the following Wednesdays only: November 3 and 10 and December 1 and 8. ***Bagged leaves will not be collected with the regular trash collection. In addition, leaves placed in regular plastic garbage bags will not be picked up.***

Option 4 - Rake Leaves to the Curbside for

Vacuuming: Township residents may rake leaves to the curbside for vacuuming only during their appropriate collection weeks. The collection schedule is as follows.



West of the Turnpike: Pickup will be during weeks that begin with an odd number starting the week of October 11, 2004, and continuing the weeks of October 25, November 1, November 15, and November 29 if needed.

East of Turnpike: Pickup will be during weeks that begin with an even number starting the week of October 18, 2004, and continuing the weeks of November 8, November 22, and December 6 if needed.

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

Fall Tree Trimming to Begin

After all of the leaves have been picked up, the Penn Township Public Works Department will begin trimming trees. If you would like to have your trees professionally trimmed (at your own expense) instead, you should contact a reputable tree service soon.

To provide for safe traveling, the township code grants the public works department permission to cut, alter, or remove any trees, shrubbery, or obstructions within the legal width of the right of way of any public street.

Snow Removal Requests

Residents parking on the road or in cul-de-sacs when snow is forecast presents a significant problem. It makes it difficult for the snow plow trucks to get around, thus causing delays in clearing fallen snow.

Keeping your cars off of the road would be most appreciated by all! If your car has to be towed to allow a snowplow access, it will be done at your expense.

In addition, keep in mind that depositing snow on the roadway is a violation of Municipal Ordinance 533 punishable by a fine of up to \$300. When you shovel snow, it's best to throw it on the right side of your driveway, so that the snow plow truck does not pick it up and deposit it back into your driveway.

From the Community Development Department

Building Permit Requirements

When a building permit is necessary for a project, you must obtain a building permit application from the municipal building.

Some of the criteria required to complete a permit application are as follows.

A plot plan or survey of the property is required to show the proposed structure placement conforming to your particular zoning district. Two complete sets of building drawings need to be submitted if U.C.C. compliance is required. A copy of the deed or some form of ownership of the property is needed. A Workers Compensation Certificate is needed when a contractor will have employees performing the work. A completed excavation permit

application is needed when the scope of excavation is outside of the norm for a single family dwelling or when the excavation is being performed on a non-single family dwelling. Finally, a Pennsylvania One call needs to be placed before any digging in the ground begins.

Uniform Construction Code News

The Uniform Construction Code became effective on July 1, 2004, as an upgrade to the existing building code that was in effect since September 1993. The state has passed a bill exempting residential accessories structures (sheds, carports, greenhouses, etc.) from complying with the UCC. A building permit is still required for residential accessory structures within the township to determine compliance with building and zoning setbacks and with the flood plain management provision.

Building permits are still required for swimming pools. There are no exemptions under local or state law.

From the Tax Collector

2004 School Real Estate Taxes Due

Tuesday, November 30, 2004 is the last day for property owners to pay their 2004 Penn-Trafford school real estate taxes at the face amount.



All payments received after 11/30/04 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 (2004) to be paid by 12/31/2004. All payments made after 12/31/2004 must be made at the Westmoreland County Courthouse - Tax Claim Bureau.

Occupational Privilege Taxes

The third quarter filing of the 2004 occupational privilege tax is due 11/2/04. 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 amount before the tax applies has increased from \$1,500 to \$10,000. Employers are required to withhold this tax from employees regardless of their resident district.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Activities sponsored by area fire departments are now listed under "Volunteer Fire Departments" in Club and Organization News. These are generally fundraisers. Please support them!

OCTOBER 2004

October 2 – Tire, Battery, Scrap Metal, and Appliance Recycling

PA CleanWays will collect tires, vehicle batteries, scrap metal, and appliances from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on October 2 at Norwin Hills Shopping Center.

There is a small fee to recycle tires or removed Freon from appliances. There is no charge to recycle lead acid batteries, other appliances, or clean scrap metal. 724-836-4129 for info.

October 2 and 3 – Clothing /Furniture Drive

The Christian Layman Corps (CLC), a non-profit organization, will hold their next clothing and furniture drive on Saturday and Sunday, October 2 and 3, 2004, in the parking lot of the Penn Township Municipal Building. Items will be collected between 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on both days. For furniture, please call the CLC store at 724-834-4464 to schedule an evening or weekend pickup.

What items can you give? Bedding, linens, and towels in good condition; dishes, silverware, or utensils in good condition; clothing; non-perishable foods; toys, books, and school supplies; good furniture; and working appliances.

If you prefer, you can drop off your items directly at the store, located at 258 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, between the

hours of 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday.

October 4 - 30 – NASA @ Your Library Exhibit at Penn Area Library

NASA's traveling multimedia exhibit on space research will be set up at the Penn Area Library from Monday, October 4, until Saturday, October 30, 2004.

Penn Area Library is one of only 120 locations throughout the country displaying the exhibit in its two-year tour.

It's a must-see! You can view it during regular library hours, which are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information, see page 1 of this issue or contact the library at 724-744-4414.

October 23 and 30 – Bushy Run Battlefield's 9th 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.

The event will be held on October 23 and 30 from 6:00 to 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

By reservation only! Reservations are only taken after October 1, 2004. Seating is limited.

Late October – Halloween Costume Parade

The Penn Township Business Professional Association's (PTBPA) annual costume parade will be held in late October. Date, time, and place to be announced. The parade is open to all residents of Penn Township and students of the Penn-Trafford school district. Watch for more information!

REST IN PEACE

On Thursday, September 9, 2004, James Kelly, secretary of Penn Township passed away. He served the township for 20 years and will be very sadly missed.

October 31 – Trick or Treat

The township will celebrate Halloween treat or treat on Sunday, October 31, 2004, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 2004****November 7 – Free Veteran’s Day Concert**

The Jeannette Community Band will perform a Veteran’s Day Concert on Sunday, November 7, 2004 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 information.

November 18 - 20 – 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 18 through Saturday, November 20, 2004. Hours for the sale are Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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 23 – Penn-Trafford Bloodmobile

The Penn-Trafford High School, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will sponsor a bloodmobile on Tuesday, November 23, 2004 from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Penn -Trafford High School cafeteria. Any healthy person who is 17 years of age or older and weighs 105 pounds or more can be a donor. First-time donors and walk-ins are welcome. Questions concerning the blood drive should be directed to Karen Smith, project coordinator, at the Penn-Trafford High School, 724-744-4425, ext 192.

DECEMBER 2004**December 4 – PTBPA Light-Up Night**

The Penn Township Business Professional Association’s (PTBPA) annual light-up night celebration is *tentatively* scheduled for Friday, December 3, in Harrison City. Santa’s arrival

time and the evening’s activities will be announced later.

Early December – Level Green Light-Up Night

Come celebrate the season at the annual Level Green Light-Up Night sponsored by the Community Women’s Club of Level Green and the Level Green Lions. Watch for more details including the date and time!

December 19 – Free Holiday Concert

The Jeannette Community Band will perform their annual holiday concert on Sunday, December 19, 2004 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 information.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

The Penn Trafford High School Class of 1994 will hold it 10-year class reunion on Saturday, November 27, 2004 at Chesterfield’s Restaurant in North Huntingdon. For more information, please contact Emily (Buckwalter) Bundy at 216-932-4839 or eabundy@yahoo.com.

ON-GOING

Ongoing activities sponsored by area fire departments are now listed under “Volunteer Fire Departments” in Club and Organization News.

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

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

Recreation Groups**Penn-Trafford Adult Education**

Fall Brochure Available: The brochure of fall classes organized by the Penn-Trafford Adult Education committee (PTAE) was included in the August issue of the school district’s newsletter, *The Prospectus*. *The Prospectus* was mailed to all residents of the Penn-Trafford school district in mid-August.

The brochure is also available online at <http://www.penntwp.org/aecourse.htm>. Registrations are accepted up until 1 week before the class begins.

Penn-Trafford Adult Education is an all-volunteer organization that has been providing educational opportunities for adults since 1962. For more information, contact Marie Fioravanti, chairperson, at 724-863-2382.

Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission (PTARC)



Fall Activity Guide Mailed:

PTARC's Fall Activity Guide was mailed to residents of the Penn-Trafford School District during the week of August 23.

This session offers classes for

all ages from children through seniors, trips, discount tickets to area ski resorts, letters from Santa, and much more.

The Fall Activity Guide is also posted online at www.ptarc.org. Copies may also be obtained at the PTARC office in the Penn Township Municipal Building.

PTARC is a nonprofit, PA DCNR-funded, intergovernmental organization between the boroughs of Penn, Trafford, and Manor, Penn Township, and the Penn-Trafford School District. PTARC's mission is to provide the opportunity for life-long learning, fitness, and fun through wholesome, affordable, recreational activities and safe, appealing facilities. They can be reached at 724-744-2171, ext. 204 or 205.

Friends of PTARC Fundraiser: "Best of Friends" Community Cookbook: Friends of PTARC is having a community cookbook sale in Spring 2005 to raise funds to finish the PTARC recreation center in Level Green and to begin work on Sunrise Park. You can help by:

Submitting your Recipes for Inclusion in the Cookbook

- Print or type your recipe on a piece of plain paper.
- Complete the form here, including your name, address, and phone number. Indicate the category for the recipe: Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads, Vegetables & Side Dishes, Main Dishes, Breads & Rolls, Desserts, Cookies & Candies, or This & That. Please submit recipes by October 1, 2004.

Pre-Ordering a Cookbook

Please complete the form here. The cost is \$12 per book. Delivery will be in spring 2005.

"Best of Friends" Community Cookbook Recipe Submission and Pre-Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Please include my recipe in this category: _____

Yes, I want to pre-order ____ cookbook(s) at \$12 each.

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please send your recipes and/or payment in the form of a check or money order to:

Friends of PTARC Cookbook
P.O. Box 452, 2001 Municipal Court
Harrison City, PA 15636

THANK YOU!

Penn Area Library

Yearbook Donations Needed: The Penn Area Library is requesting your assistance to update its local reference section. They need donations of Penn-Trafford High School yearbooks for 1974, all of the 1980s, 1992, 1995, and 1999 through 2003. If you have yearbooks to donate, please contact them at 724-744-4414.

Many Programs Offered at the Library: The Penn Area Library offers many programs for children and adults, including:
Chess lessons - Mondays, 6:30 p.m.
Computer classes - Thursdays, 6:00 p.m.
Story times for children
Quilt groups: Quilting Connection and Q-PALS

In November, the library will be holding a used book sale (see the Calendar of Events in this issue), Bedtime with Bears, and an American Girls Tea. In December, they are hoping for a visit from Santa. An adult winter reading program, a college fair, and hopefully a Mystery

Night will also be offered this winter. Please contact the library for the dates and times of its programs.

While the Penn Area Library tries to offer a full schedule of programs, programs are expensive to run. Any donations of money or materials are always greatly appreciated!

Teen Volunteers Needed: The Penn Area Library is in need of teen volunteers. A volunteer must be at least sixteen and have a ride to and from the library. Shelves always need to be organized, the collection always needs to be cleaned, videos and DVDs need to be previewed, and the children's coordinator often needs things cut out or copied.

The library's largest challenge is getting young adults interested in the library and its programs. Ideas for programs or materials are appreciated! Phone the library at 724-744-4414, e-mail them at library@pennlib.org, or go into the library to share your ideas.

Volunteer Fire Departments

Claridge VFD

Gun Bash with Manor VFD – October 2, Claridge Colton Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Food served at 5:30 p.m. All federal and state regulations are met in claiming guns. For advanced ticket sales, call either fire department.

Country Band Concert – November 20, Claridge Colton Hall. Midnite Run will open for the Povertyneck Hillbillies. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Opening band starts at 7:00 p.m.

Fund Drive – The department's fund drive for 2004 began in September. Last year, only 33% of residents in Claridge's fire district donated. This is the fire department's primary means of support; please donate!

Bingo – Weekly on Wednesday, Claridge Colton Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Warm-ups start at 6:25 p.m.

Social Hall – Rent Colton Hall for weddings, Christmas parties, showers, or graduation parties.

For more information on any of these items, call the fire hall at 724-744-2400.

Grandview VFD

Craft Show – October 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. 6' tables are still available for \$10. For reservations or information, contact Jeri Zielinski at 724-527-5278.

Super Bingo – October 3. Admission is \$25.

Monte Carlo – October 9, 7:00 p.m. - midnight. \$5 admission. Includes food, beverages, and a chance to win.

Spaghetti Dinner – October 10, Noon - 6:00 p.m. \$5 for adults, \$3 for ages 4-12, and free for ages 3 and under. Meal includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, and dessert.

Salad Bar Bingo – October 16, 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. Nickel bingo with a variety of salads served at intermission.

Halloween Dance – October 30, 7:00 - midnight. \$5 per ticket. Includes admission into the dance, food and refreshments, and a chance to win.

Gun Bash – October 31, 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. In conjunction with the Arlington Sportsman Club. \$20 per ticket with only 500 tickets available. Prizes drawn every 20 minutes. Admission includes food and beverages.

Christmas Bash – November 13, 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. \$15 per ticket. Prizes drawn every 20 minutes. Admission includes food and beverages.

Breakfast with Santa – December 4, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children age 3-13, and free for children 2 and under. Breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage.

Cookbook Sale – Some still available for only \$10 a piece.

Bingo – 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 to 10:30 p.m.

Social Hall – Rent for wedding receptions, bridal showers, or parties. Special rates for Sundays through Fridays.

For more information on any of these items, call the fire hall at 724-523-8251.

Harrison City VFD

Bingo – Weekly on Thursday, Harrison Room.
7:00 p.m.

For more information on any of these items, call
724-744-4477.

Level Green VFD

Kitchen – Open on Monday from 5:00 - 10:00
p.m. and Thursday and Friday from 6:00 - 10:00
p.m. Thursday is Wing Night! Run by the Ladies
Auxiliary. New members welcome; call 412-
372-9669.

Bingo – Weekly on Monday. Doors open at 4:30
p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. For more info, call
412-372-9669 or 412-372-9625.

Paintertown VFD

First Friday Fish Fries – Resuming October 1,
2004 and continuing on the first Friday of each
month until Lent. 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Take-out
available.

Ladies Auxiliary – Meets on the second
Wednesday of the month at the fire hall. The
next few meeting will be October 13, November
10, and December 8. New members are welcome
to join in the efforts to support the fire
department. New ideas and faces needed! Call
Tracy Pany at 724-864-0334 for more
information.

Cash Bash – November 5, 2004.

Kitchen – Full menu Monday, Thursday,
Friday, and Saturday. Eat-in or take-out.

Social Club – \$3.00 per year for all benefits.

Social Hall – Rent for wedding receptions,
bridal showers, parties, etc.

For more information on any of these items, call
724-863-7769.

Women's Clubs

Harrison City Woman's Club

**Upcoming meeting schedule (meetings are
held in the Lion's building in Claridge):**

October 12, 6:30 p.m. Plans for the club's
annual craft show will be finalized.

November 9, 6:30 p.m. Members will make a
craft project for Meals-On-Wheels and learn the
craft of bow making.

December 14. Annual Christmas Party with the
executive board in charge.

New members are always welcome!!

Officers for the 2004-2005 Year:
Charlene Hettler-President, Lynn
Hails-Vice President, Darlene
Murphy-Treasurer, Lois Schlanger-
Treasurer.



Craft Show to be Held: The club's annual craft
show will be held in the cafeteria of the Penn-
Trafford High School on October 16. For table
information, call Marge Brna at 724-744-3196.

Lions Clubs

Level Green Lions

New Members Wanted: Interested in
community service and good fellowship?
To join, call Sallie Bradley at 412-373-0744.

Rental Rates for the

Level Green Community Building:

Weekdays (excluding Friday) - \$50 for
morning/\$75 for evening/\$125 for all day

Friday evening - \$100

Saturday (all day) - \$175

Sunday - \$85 for morning/\$85 for evening/\$150
for all day

Night before setup - \$25

Call Susan, 412-372-3944, for reservations.

Churches

Level Green Presbyterian Church

Sunday Worship – 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., child
care provided up to age four.

Sunday School – 9:15 a.m. Children age 4
through 1st grade may attend Gospel Gang.

40 Days of Purpose – September 25 - November
7. The age-old question: “What On Earth Am I
Here For?” will be explored through videos,
small group discussions, a ministry/mission fair,
and a celebration Sunday.

Presbyterian Women – Meet in four circle groups throughout the year for fun, fellowship, and special events, such as the Christmas Tea (scheduled December 7).

Level Green Church Youth – Includes Kingdom Kids for the younger children to the STORM / RockHouse program for the older ones.

The church is always looking for more community people to become involved with the many activities and services it offers. For more information, contact the church at 412-372-5370, or visit their site at www.levelgreenchurch.org.



Paintertown Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship – 9:30 a.m., with the sacrament of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month and during festivals.

Sunday School – 10:45 a.m., with classes offered for youth from pre-school (ages 2-3) through confirmation classes (7 - 8th grades).

Craft & Vendor's Fair – October 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Paintertown Fire Hall. Proceeds will benefit congregational programs and the fire hall.

Blessing of Animals – October 3, 2:00 p.m. Pets (on leashes or in carriers) may be brought to the parking lot at the learning center for the service. (St. Francis' Day - October 4)

Service of Healing and Wholeness – October 18, 7:30 p.m. On the commemoration of St. Luke, the physician, a service of healing and wholeness will be offered.

Trick-or-Treat – October 24. Youth groups in costume visit shut-in members and give them treat bags.

Halloween Dinner and Party – October 30, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Judging of costumes will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a covered-dish dinner at 6:00 p.m., and fun and games following.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – November 24, 7:30 p.m.

Hanging of the Greens – November 28, 5:30 p.m. Pot-luck dinner followed by a service.

Christmas Dinner and Party – December 17, 5:30 p.m. (tentative). Pot-luck dinner and a visit from “you know who!”

Sunday School Christmas Program – December 19, 9:30 a.m. Youth present a Christmas story during worship with a social hour following.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship – December 24, 7:30 p.m.

Blessing of the Gifts – December 26, 9:30 a.m. Service of lessons and carols and blessing of the gifts.

Regular activities:

Choir Practice – Every Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Youth Group – Third Sunday of the month, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. For youth in 6th - 12th grades.

Kid's Club – First Tuesday of the month, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. For youth in kindergarten - 6th grade.

God Squad, Puppet Ministry – Monthly. For youth in kindergarten - 12th grades.

Men's Dartball – Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

Women of the ELCA – Quarterly meetings and activities.

All activities and programs are open to the public. For more information on the church or its activities, contact the church office at 724-863-1920 or Pastor Dorothy J. Worth at 412-856-1277, or visit the church's web site at www.paintertownlc.org.

Zion's/Penn Lutheran Church

Starting in September, the times of worship for Penn and Zion's will be as follows.

Zion's – Worship service, 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion every Sunday. Mid-week (1/2-hour) spoken liturgy and Holy Communion, every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Church council meets on the second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

Penn – Worship service, 9:30 a.m. Church council meets on the second Wednesday of each month, 7:30 p.m.

The remainder of Zion's church programs for the fall are as follows:

Church School Program – Classes begin on Sunday, September 12, 9:45 a.m. Once a month arts and crafts night will be held for the children starting on Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m.

Halloween Party – October 24, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Program – December 19.

Confirmation Classes – Begin on Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m. Held at Zion's this year.

Lutheran Church Women – Meet on the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. All women invited to attend.

Thankoffering Sunday – The women of the church will hold their annual Thankoffering service during the morning worship service on November 21.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Holy Communion Service – Penn, 7:30 p.m. and Zion's, 11:00 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Ministries

Pastors Larry and Diane Woods of the Grace Fellowship Ministries would like to extend a right hand of fellowship to anyone interested in visiting their church, located on Byerly Drive, off of Route 130 in Harrison City.

The group started as a small congregation four years ago in a mechanic's old warehouse building, cleaning soot off of the insulated ceiling and slipping on the greasy floor of the previous laborers hard work. After three years, they know the time is now to inform the community that they are here and you are all most welcome!

They ask that if you do not have a church home or are looking for a new church family, to plan to attend one of their services.

Worship Service – Sunday, 10:00 a.m. and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study – Tuesday, 10:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, call the church office at 724-744-1313; they will return your call as soon as possible.

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.

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.

✂ CLIP OUT AND SAVE ✂

The deadline for material for the **Winter 2004** issue of The Penn Township Pipeline, which will include information for **January, February, and March 2005**, is **Monday, November 29, 2004**.

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.

PENN TOWNSHIP IS TURNING 150 YEARS OLD!

Come one, and come all!

Celebrate Penn Township’s heritage on August 12, 13, and 14, 2005!

We’re Looking for Volunteers!

Want to help plan the celebration? The goal is to bring together all the people, groups, and clubs that make Penn Township such a great place to live and have a celebration that won’t be duplicated for another 150 years!

So, get involved! Take a moment to return the sign-up sheet below, or contact Commissioner Mike Ginsburg, 412-372-6289, e-mail comfive@comcast.net.



We’re Looking for Old Photographs!

Do you have any old photographs of Penn Township happenings – a sporting event, a parade, a disaster like a flood or fire, etc. – anything of interest to Penn Township? Contact us; we’re putting together a collection to offer for sale!

We’ll be able to zoom in on a particular face in a crowd, so we can capture your dad or grandpa catching that winning touchdown pass! Such photos can make great family keepsakes and nice gifts.

And, don’t worry about giving up your family photo. We will convert it to a computer format and return your original. So, please search those family photo boxes, and call Bruce Light or Linda Iams at 724-744-2171 x 222 to share your photo.

Penn Township 150th Celebration 1855 – 2005

The steering committee is seeking residents to help organize Penn Township’s 150th birthday celebration to be held on August 12, 13, 14, 2005.

To get involved, check your areas of interest, complete the bottom of the form, and mail it ASAP. Or, call or e-mail Commissioner Mike Ginsburg at 412-372-6289, comfive@comcast.net.

What would you like to help with? Activities to include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Contests |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafter Booths | <input type="checkbox"/> Organization Booths |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Sports (5K, bike ride, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Friendly Competitions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food Booths | <input type="checkbox"/> Time Capsule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collection of Penn Township Artifacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Events / Activities |

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Comments or ideas:

Mail this form to: Penn Township, 150th Celebration,
2001 Municipal Court, PO Box 452, Harrison City, PA 15636

Penn Township 150th Celebration Steering Committee: Mike DeSavage, Mike and Lisa Ginsburg, Russ and Nancy Wallis, Steve Ising, Ron Rometo, Bruce and Vivian Light, and Kelly Ruoff

DIRECTORY (All area codes are 724 unless otherwise noted)

EMERGENCY CALLS 911

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

E-MAIL: compw3@aol.com 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 Sunrise Estates Elementary School; 4-2 Community United Methodist Church on Route 130; 4-3 Level Green Community Building

Ward 5 Michael Ginsburg 412-372-6289

E-MAIL: comfive@comcast.net AREA: Level Green
POLLING: 5-1 and 5-2 Level Green Community Building

TOWNSHIP WEB SITES

Penn Township (official site) www.penntwp.org

Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission www.ptarc.org

Penn-Trafford School District www.penntrafford.org

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Thomas Ceraso 830-3102

Terry Marolt (as of 1-2004) 830-3104

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PENN TOWNSHIP

Base number for the extensions 744-2171

Township Manager-Bruce Light ext. 222

Asst. Township Manager-Linda Iams ext. 202

Township Secretary ext. 203

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Chief Building Inspector/Zoning Officer-Mike Stack ext. 208

Sewage Enforcmnt/Occupancy Insp.-Mike DeSavage ext. 209

Landfill ext. 207

Community Dev. Secretary-Jean Ann Elliot ext. 210

Police-Chief Michael Mastroianni 863-1119

Road Department-Tom Lamacz 863-5710

Library-Mary Anne Fulmer, Director 744-4414

Sewer Authority-Stan Caroline, Authority Manager 744-4333

PENN-TRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent-Dr. Deborah Kolonay, 744-4496

Business Office 744-2121

Transportation Office-Ralph Cigich 744-4496

TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL TAX COLLECTORS

Larry Ratkus 744-1414

Berkheimer and Associates 744-4302 or (800) 360-8989

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