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COMMUNITY NEWS

2008 Penn Township Fall Festival – September 19-20

“Bringing the Community Together”

Mark your calendar and come to the *Penn Township Municipal Park* for the *2008 Fall Festival!*

The festival will be held:

Friday September 19, 5:00 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.

The festival will include fun, food, and entertainment for all ages. The schedule of activities is as follows.

Friday, September 19, 2008

5:00 p.m. - Opening ceremonies / prayer

5:00 p.m. - Booths and rides open

5:45 p.m. - On stage: Three Way Street

6:30 p.m. - On stage: Fire and Kiro

7:35 p.m. - On stage: Justin Hale

8:55 p.m. - On stage: Soul Searchers

10:10 p.m. - On stage: Soul Searchers

11:15 p.m. - Park closes

Saturday, September 20, 2008

10:00 a.m. - Parade

10:00 a.m. - Booths and rides open

12:00 p.m. - Car cruise

12:00 p.m. - On stage: Opening



12:25 p.m. - On stage: Penn-Trafford Community Band

1:00 p.m. - Celebrity Softball

1:25 p.m. - On stage: Leah Fischer

2:10 p.m. - PTARC contest / awards

3:50 p.m. - On stage: Penn Township Ministerium

5:55 p.m. - On stage: Poolside Eye Candy

7:30 p.m. - On stage: Katie Marie and Breakaway

8:35 p.m. - On stage: 8th Street Rox

9:55 p.m. - On stage: 8th Street Rox

11:00 p.m. - Fireworks

On Sunday, two additional activities will take place. At 9:00 a.m. there will be a Fishing Derby, and at 8:30 a.m. a 5K Fall Crawl to support the funding of the festival will be held.

Visit the Penn Township web site at www.penntwp.org for more information about the Fall Festival.

See you there!

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Fall is Here!

The leaves are beginning to fall, and Penn Township residents have four options for disposing of leaves.

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 \$8.50 per 10 bags (\$0.85 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 first two Wednesdays in November and December only – November 5 and 12 and December 3 and 10.

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

Vacuumping: 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 of October 6, October 20, November 3, November 17, and December 1 if needed.

East of Turnpike: Pickup will be during weeks of October 13, October 27, November 10, and November 24.

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.

From the Township Tax Collector

2008 School Real Estate Taxes Due

September 30, 2008 is the last day for property owners to pay their 2008 Penn-Trafford school real estate taxes at the 2% discount amount. Thursday, November 28, 2008 is the last day to pay these taxes at the face amount.

All payments received after 11/30/08 will have a 10% penalty added to the face amount. Residents who qualify for the Homestead exception may pay their taxes in three installments. For further information, contact the tax collector at 724-744-1414.

Other questions about the payment of your real estate taxes, including the Penn Township street light assessment, should be directed to him also.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms

The deadline for filing for a rebate on your 2007 property tax or rent payments from the state has been extended until December 31, 2008.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms are available at state representative offices.

The program was expanded a couple of years so many more people who didn't qualify in the past now qualify.

The Property Tax/Rent Rebate program, available to qualified seniors and permanently disabled citizens, is funded by the Pennsylvania Lottery and administered by the PA Department of Revenue.

Claimants who qualify can be reimbursed up to \$650 a year for the amount they paid in property taxes or rent in the previous year.

Claimants or spouses 65 years of age or older, widows or widowers 50 years of age or older and the permanently disabled 18 years of age or older may qualify for this program.

Claimants with an annual household eligibility income of up to \$35,000 may qualify. 50% of social security payments and Railroad Retirement benefit payments are excluded from eligibility income.

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 (2008) to be paid by 12/31/2008. All payments made or postmarked after 12/31/08 must be made at the Westmoreland County Courthouse - Tax Claim Bureau, 724-830-3428.

2008 Local Services Tax

The third quarter payments for the Local Services Tax (LST), formerly the EMS tax, for the year 2008 are due by October 31, 2008.

All persons who are employed or self-employed, including both resident and non-resident individuals, eighteen years of age or older as of January 1, 2008, engaging in an occupation within Penn Township are liable for this tax. A refund can be given at the end of the year if the employed has income from all sources less than \$12,000.

Self employed individuals that have not received their LST tax form should contact the tax office at 724-744-1414. You are required by township ordinance to pay this \$52 tax.

Tax Office Contact Information

The office of Larry Wojcik, the Penn Township Tax Collector and Treasurer, is located in the municipal building, 2001 Municipal Court, Harrison City, PA 15636.

His phone number is 724-744-1414. Normal business hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALSO SEE the Club and Organization News section for information about other events.

SEPTEMBER 2008

September 19 – POW/MIA Day Vigil

A POW/MIA Day vigil will be held at the Greensburg Army Reserve Center on Friday, September 19 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Throughout the day, activities will include:

special guest speakers, a candle lighting ceremony, a "Missing Man Table & Honors ceremony", prayers for the POW/MIAs, and information related to POW/MIAs will be presented. Light refreshments will be available at the center throughout the day. The vigil is open to the public. Spend a few minutes, an hour or spend the day.

The vigil will be held at the 14th Quartermaster Company Family Readiness Group, 900 Armory Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601.

OCTOBER 2008

October 4-5 – Clothing and Furniture Collection

The non-profit Christian Laymen Corps (CLC) will hold its next clothing and furniture drive on

October 4 and October 5, at the Penn Township municipal building parking lot on Municipal Street in Harrison City. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on both days.

Gently-used items in good condition are needed including: bedding, linens, towels, dishes, silverware, utensils, clothing, nonperishable foods, toys, books and school supplies.

Good furniture and working appliances are also desperately needed. If you cannot transport the furniture or appliances, please call the CLC store at 724-834-4464 to schedule a pickup.

Through generous community donations, the CLC's thrift store and outreach programs have served thousands of people in Westmoreland and Fayette Counties, and in West Virginia, by providing clothing, furniture, books, emergency food and other assistance.

The CLC, which operates solely with donations and volunteers, has also helped needy people from more than 70 area agencies including The Red Cross, St. Vincent DePaul Center, the Blackburn Center Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Salvation Army, and the Westmoreland Case Management and Supports, Inc.

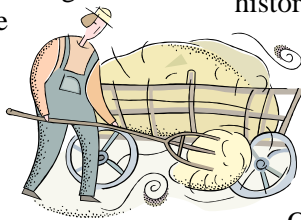
Donations are also accepted year-round at the CLC Thrift Store on 258 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the rear of the building.



October 11-12 – Native American Day

Chiefs and dignitaries from various Native American nations will be in attendance at the 11th Annual Native American Day Gathering, to be held at Cedar Creek Park in Rostraver Township, PA on October 11 and 12, 2008. The gathering is sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Native American Association, Inc., a non-profit, intertribal group with members from Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Its purpose is to bring together Native Americans as one people to be recognized as a people.

The public is invited to attend the free event and enjoy the Native American drumming, dancing and storytelling. Gates open at 10 a.m.; grand entry at noon both days. The event will end at 6 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday. There will also be food, Native American crafts and jewelry for sale at vendors' booths. Bring a lawn chair and stay a while!

**October 16 – Homeowners How-To**

Westmoreland Conservation District will hold homeowner how-to workshops on Thursday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and an open house from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

At the workshops, experts from various fields will be on hand to give homeowners tips and techniques for saving energy. Topics include: conducting a home-energy audit, the practicality of using energy alternatives such as wind, hydra, and solar, how native plants and careful landscaping can save energy, what's new in insulation, windows, and metering your electric use, and funding programs that could help with the cost of making energy-conservation changes. Space for the workshops is limited and registration is required. Contact Christie at 724-837-5271 ext. 210 or christie@wcdpa.com by October 3. Cost: \$20, includes lunch.

During the open house, the morning's experts will be on-hand to talk one-on-one, a variety of vendors and exhibitors will be display their energy-saving products and services, and tours of the campus's sustainable buildings will be ongoing. Activities for children also are planned. The open house is FREE, no pre-registration is necessary.

The event will be held at the Westmoreland Conservation District's Donohoe Center and

GreenForge buildings all located adjacent to each other on Donohoe Road in Greensburg.

October 25 – Bushy Run Battlefield Haunted History Hayride

Screams in the night, shots in the distance, the whoops and cries of angry Native Americans and wounded British soldiers, a chilling look at the eighteenth century is given at Bushy Run Battlefield. Have a ghoulishly great time as historical re-enactors frighten you with scenes from Pontiac's War. Events include a storyteller and special "all Halos' Eve" treats.

Enjoy this guided hayride tour through the trails of Bushy Run on Saturday, October 25 from 7:00 -10:00 p.m.

By reservation only; reservations only taken after October 1, 2008. Seating is limited. Call 724-527-5584 ext. 102 to leave a message.

Cost: \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

October 31 – Trick or Treat

The township will celebrate Halloween treat or treat on Friday, October 31, 2008, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2008

No events scheduled.

DECEMBER 2008

Watch for announcements on the local annual Light-Up nights.

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

Recreation Groups**Penn Area Library**

Summer Reading Recap: In the summer reading program, there were over 1,444 children, and they enjoyed thirty-eight programs. Over forty-three percent of the children completed at least one log. The children read 17,220 books in the Read to Me Club, and the children in the Summer Reading Club and Teen Club spent 9,180 hours reading. That is so very good for just a little over five weeks and in the summer! Each year, there are at least one hundred new

participants in the summer reading program, and everyone has a wonderful time.

Story Times Continuing: Story times continue until early December. On Mondays, there are two story times for toddlers at 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. On Tuesdays, there are two programs for preschool children at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Baby Lap Sit is on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Parents must sign-up for these programs, so that the library can be sure to have enough craft and other materials needed for these story times.

Stage Right to Visit the Library: Stage Right will visit the library on October 2 at 6:30 p.m. to present a wonderful program called "Fancy Nancy". There will be sign-up sheets in the library.

New Classic Comedy Series: Beginning on October 18 at 1:00 p.m. and continuing on October 21, October 28 and October 30 all at 6:00 p.m. is a new Classic Comedy series. The host for this program is Rich Sanner of nearby Jeannette. He is the author of Moe and Me. Mr. Sanner will start with a brief discussion and then continue with films featuring many great comics. Be sure to come into the library for these fantastic performances.

American Girls Tea on October 24: On October 24 at 6:30 p.m., the 9th American Girls Tea will be held at the library. This very popular program is for girls age six and over. Please remember to bring your American Girl or your favorite doll with you to the program. New this year is your chance to win an American Girl Doll. Her name is Mia, and she is the 2008 doll of the year. You may purchase raffle tickets to enter the drawing. The cost is \$1.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$2.00. The drawing will take place before the tea. The evening will include a fashion show, an awesome craft, and refreshments. Sign-ups will start on the 6th of October. Don't miss this great tea!



Bedtime with Bears on November 14: On November 14 at 6:30 p.m., Bedtime with Bears will be held in the library. Come in your pajamas, and be sure to bring your favorite bear. There will be stories, songs and snacks! Sign-ups will be ready in early November.

Santa Visits in December: When you think of December, who comes to mind? Santa, of course! The great man will visit the library in December, but he has to check his extremely

busy schedule to give us a date. It will probably be about December 20, but please check the web site (pennlib.org) or the library for a more definite date. Pittsburgh Puppet Works will be at the library to help welcome Santa. Everyone will have a wonderful time!

Computer Instructor Needed: The library is still in need of a computer instructor. At present, they have a small lab but hope to expand it to a laptop lab in the near future. If you are interested in volunteering, contact them at 724-744-4414 library. The rewards to you for helping patrons to use a computer will be monumental.

Chess Lessons to be Held: Chess lessons will begin again soon at the library. Please watch the library and web site for days and time. No one is too old or young for these lessons.

Friends Meeting on Thursdays: The Friends of the Penn Area Library have changed their meeting days from the 3rd Wednesday to the 3rd Thursday of each month. They will host a book sale October 8 - 14 during regular library hours. Come in and find some great bargains! The Friends are a great group. If you are interested in joining, please call the library, 724-744-4414.

Memorial Books as Gifts: If you need a unique gift idea, remember that you can purchase a book or piece of material in honor or memory of someone or something for the library. A memorial item is a gift that will last and allow many to enjoy it. Plaques are placed in or on the material.

New Donor Tree: New for 2009 at the library is a donor tree that will decorate the main hallway of the library. This cherry wood tree will be adorned with brass leaves representing donations. Donors can have their names or other wording engraved on their leaf. The tree will be fashioned and installed by David Fulmer, Jr. Leaves will be put on it by years end. Unfortunately, the library can no longer find a vendor to produce the granite memorial bricks, but the bricks will still be maintained and on display outside of the library.

Thank You: At this time of year, the library would like to publically thank their great staff:

Pat Cappeta - Children's Coordinator

Donna Orange - secretary, bookkeeper

Dawn Corall - reference, interlibrary loan, Ask Here PA, sign maker

Cindy Jones - interlibrary loan, clerk, decorator (Cindy is responsible for all the wonderful decorations in the library)

Janet Ruschak - interlibrary loan, clerk, Ask Here PA, young adult resources

Sandy Thorp - clerk, Ask Here PA, computer maintenance

Dee Sutton - clerk, Eventkeeper

Amy Lysle - book processor, book repair

George Bolkovak - custodian

Loretta McLaughlin and Yvonne Kosker - WCCC trainees

They all do a fabulous job and they are greatly appreciated.

In addition, the library couldn't provide services without the support of their Board of Trustees:

Judy Speedy - President

Art Louderback - Vice President

Rich Siergiej - Treasurer / Computer Expert

Devra Cherrone - Secretary

Anne Allen - Trustee

Irene Haurilesko - Trustee

Joseph Burns - Trustee

A special thanks to the Board for a very successful year. They work above and beyond for the library.

Last, but surely not least, thank you to the Penn Township Board of Commissioners. Without their financial support, the library could not have many of the services they do.

Also, the library thanks their great and caring patrons. There wouldn't be a library without all of you!

Thank you all very much!

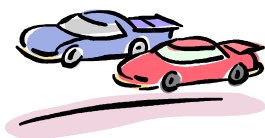
Please remember to use all the services that the library does provide such as Ask Here PA, Grolier databases, Power Library, adult and children's programs, services provide via Millennium -- and a lot more.

If you have questions or comments, please either e-mail mfulmer@pennlib.org or phone the library at 724-744-4414. Thank you all for a great year! See you in the library!

Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission (PTARC)

Fall Activity Guide Mailed: The Fall Activity Guide was mailed to residents of the Penn-Trafford School District around August 25.

The guide includes fun activities running from September through December 2008 for all ages: Annapolis Trip, Dad & Daughter Night Out, Mother/Son Par 3 Scramble, Letters from the North Pole, Tiny Tumblers, Baton, Dexter's Laboratory, Internet Awareness, Fitness Boot Camp, Songwriting, Adult Street Hockey, Body Sculpt & Tone, Pilates & more!



The activity guide is also posted online at www.ptarc.org. Copies may also be obtained at the PTARC office in the municipal building.

PTARC Road Rally: PTARC will be holding a road rally fundraiser on Saturday, October 18, 2008. Adults, at least 25 years of age, drive high school age teams on an amazing race throughout the Penn-Trafford School District. Businesses and community organizations provide activities that must be completed throughout the area. Points are awarded for the least time, the least mileage, and the completion of each activity by the team members within the allotted time frame. Cash prizes are awarded to the top finishing teams! For more information, visit www.ptarc.org or call 724-744-2171, ext. 204 or 205.

About PTARC: 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.

Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE)

Fall Class Brochure Mailed in Mid-August:

The brochure of fall classes organized by Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE) was included in the August issue of the school district's newsletter, *The Prospectus*, which was mailed to residents of the Penn-Trafford school district.

The classes are also listed on the group's web site, www.ptae.org. Registrations are accepted up until one week before the class begins. Many classes are still open for registration.

About Penn-Trafford Adult Education: Penn-Trafford Adult Education is an all-volunteer organization that has been providing educational opportunities for adults since 1962. For more information on the group and its programs, contact Devra Cherrone, chairperson, at 724-744-2303.

Penn-Trafford Adult Education is always looking for new volunteers to help organize and run classes for the community and instructors for new classes. Contact them if you are interested.

Volunteer Fire Departments

Grandview VFD

Grandview VFD meetings: Third Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Grandview Auxiliary meetings: First Tuesday of each month from September through June. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Bingo: Weekly bingo on Monday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. with 50/50 early bird games beginning at 6:15 p.m. As well as regular games, specials and quickies, there is a 600 point progressive jackpot. It is always a pleasure to see new players on Mondays. The kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. with a variety of food.

Hall rentals: For weddings, anniversaries, graduations, birthdays, etc. Call 724-523-8251 for information about hall rentals.

Harrison City VFD

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on HCVFD events, visit their web site www.hcvfd.org.

Harrison City VFD's Pavilion Rental: Perfect place for your family gathering, graduation party and any other outdoor celebration.

Bingo: Thursdays. Early birds at 6:30 p.m. Regular games at 6:45 p.m.

Harrison Room Banquet Hall: Seats up to 450 people comfortably. Perfect facility to make your day special. Please call to set up an appointment to view the room with their rental agent.

Tours: If you would like to tour the station or see any of their fire equipment, please feel free to stop by any Monday night after 6:00 p.m.

Level Green VFD

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on LGVFD events, call 412-372-9669.

Weekly Bingo: Mondays. 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.

Fire Department Meetings: First Tuesday of every month. Always looking for new members.

Fireman's Auxiliary Meetings: First Wednesday of the month. New members always welcome.

Kitchen: Open Mondays from 5-9 p.m. and Thursday 6-10 p.m. Thursday is Wing Night, eat-in special. Run by the Auxiliary.

Social Club: Membership is \$5.00 per year.

Banquet Hall: Available for all occasions. For more information, please call Chris at 412-380-6168.

Paintertown VFD

Fire Department: Meetings on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Always looking for new members. Need community service for high school credit? Contact Chief Brian Lee at 724-863-7769. Web site: www.pvfc7.us.

Ladies Auxiliary: Meets on the second Wednesday of every month. President Tracy Pany is welcoming new members – call 724-864-0334.

Social Club / Kitchen: Accepting social members for only \$5.00 per year. Come in and try their famous wings, fish sandwiches, salads, and more. The kitchen is open every Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Call the club for hours – 724-863-7769.

Social Hall: Accommodates 200. Great for showers, small weddings, graduation parties, and holiday events.

Claridge VFD

For more information on the Claridge Volunteer Fire Department, call 724-744-2400.

Fall Sportsman Bash: Saturday, November 22, 2008. Held at Claridge Colton Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.; bash begins at 5:30 p.m. Free food

(new menu) and refreshments. For ticket information call: 724 744-2400.

Colton Social Hall: Perfect place to hold any event, especially your wedding reception. They offer several caterers for you to choose, ample parking, and comfortable seating for up to 500 guests. Please call today to set up a tour of the facility.

Weekly Bingo: Wednesdays. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Warm-ups start at 6:25 p.m.

Groups

The Mother's Circle

As older children settle into the new school year, mothers and their small children are heading to The Mothers Circle.



Formed in 1992, The Mothers Circle is a cooperative playgroup for families with young children. Mothers (or caregivers) and their tots meet one morning a week to socialize in the St. Barbara Church social hall in Harrison City.

The new fall session is now open, and friendships are being born and renewed. The group welcomes new moms, moms returning for their 14th year, kindergarteners and a baby celebrating a mere week of life. All are welcome. Members also enjoy occasional family events and mother's socials.

Roughly 25 families are participating this year, although more are welcome. Children enjoy free play, a craft, a snack and music, while learning to interact in a large group. Mothers form a peer support group and create lasting friendships.

This group continues through the efforts of its volunteer coordinators. There is a small (\$15) semi-annual fee for craft supplies, juice and administration. For information please email the group at mothers.circle@yahoo.com.

Churches

Zion's/Penn Lutheran Church

Zion's Lutheran: Route 130 in Harrison City
Penn Lutheran: Harrison Avenue in Penn

Rev. Roger Steiner
Box 351, Harrison City, PA 15636
724-744-3151, RevRSteiner@comcast.net

The community is invited to all worship services and activities.

Worship schedule: Services for the two churches alternate times every four months. From September through December 2008, the time of worship at Penn is 9:30 a.m. The service at Zion's is 11:00 a.m.

Church school: Church school classes for kids and adults at Zion's are at 10:30 a.m.

Christian education opportunities: For the Adults of the Parish and community. At Zion's: Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. September 17, 24 & October 1, 8, 15 (Luther & The Reformation-Explore historical and theological roots. What makes us Lutheran? And why is this important for us today?) led by Pastor Steiner, after Wednesday Communion at 7:00 p.m.

At Penn: Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. October 23, 30 & November 6, 13, 20 (An Overview of the Gospel of St. Mark-A walk through the shortest Gospel in the New Testament as a relationship with Christ is deepened) led by Pastor Steiner.

Adult study every Friday morning, 11:00 a.m. at Zion's led by Pastor Steiner that concentrates on the lessons for the upcoming Sunday morning worship.

Men's Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, September 27, 8:00 a.m., Penn.

Project HOPE: Penn-Zion's Lutheran Parish has always been active in supporting missions and reaching out where there is a need! They call these special projects -- Project HOPE.

The September in-gathering is for the military serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The following items are being collected: any drink mix (single serve packets), instant coffee, tea bags (all varieties), sugar/sweetener packets, and coffee creamer (powder). Items will be distributed by the Yellow Ribbon Girls, a local organization founded by family members of those serving in the military and that has gained national awareness for their support and outpouring to the men and women serving our country.

The October in-gathering is for Glad Tidings India. Items being collected are Bibles and children's Bible storybooks (used is OK). India, with over a billion people has the second largest English speaking population in the world. Glad Tidings is a Christian organization that provides Bibles and Christian literature by distributing

donated materials, as well as print Bibles for indigenous groups that do not know English or have access to the Bible and Christian materials in their language. Note: monetary donations will be used to help defray the cost of shipping.

Special Worship Services: Sunday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. at Zion's, other Lutheran congregations will be hosted in a service of Holy Communion celebrating the Reformation with guest preacher, Assistant to the Bishop, the Rev. Sarah Lee-Faulkner. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Sunday, October 5, 6:00 p.m. at Penn, Pastor Steiner will be leading worship, with Pastor Kessinger, Assistant to the Bishop, doing the Gospel message. Pastor Kessinger will be available to speak with people at both congregations.

First Saturday of each month at 6:00 p.m. starting on October 4 at Penn and November 1 at Zion's (months alternate), service of Holy Communion in a more contemporary style format. Musicians (guitarists especially) and song leaders are needed. Please contact Pastor Steiner if interested.

Kids Storytime: Monthly ministry for children ages 3 years of age to pre-kindergarten started up again on Saturdays September 13 at Zion's and will start October 11 at Penn from -10 a.m. Kids learn Bible and faith building stories through fun and energy-filled activities.

Kidz Club: Monthly ministry for children in grades kindergarten to 6th grade starts back up on Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m., at Zion's. Learn about growing up in Tanzania. Kids will learn to make bricks using their feet, just like the children do where their school is being built. Join them for a morning of games, crafts and brick making. On Saturday, October 11, 10 a.m., at Penn, kids will learn about a number of places in the world where they don't have Bibles because their language hasn't been written.

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.

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The deadline for material for the **Winter 2008** issue of The Penn Township Pipeline, which will include information for **January, February, and March 2009**, is **Tuesday, December 2, 2008**.

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.



DIRECTORY (All area codes are 724 unless otherwise noted)

EMERGENCY CALLS 911

PENN TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

Ward 1 – Kenneth Darragh 523-5355

E-MAIL: None AREA: Grandview, Oakford Heights, Pheasant Run, Shanty Town, Burrell Hill, Boquet, Mt. Manor (south side), Observatory, Penn Heights mobile home park, Walton Crossings
POLLING: 1-1 Grandview Fire Hall; 1-2 Westmoreland County Community College - Bushy Run Campus

Ward 2 – George S. Dunbar 412-670-0429

E-MAIL: gdunbar@penntwp.org AREA: Harrison City, Harrison Park, Harrison Estates, McCullough, Skyview, Penn Glade, portions of Deerfield plan, Mt. Manor, (north side) Stoney Creek, Lorrie (south side), Bushy Run Fields, Johnstown
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, one-half of Prosperity Farms (divided by Seanor Rd), Penn Highlands, Oak Farms Estates, Blackthorne, Deerfield north of Waugaman Rd., Bella Victoria, Campbell Farms
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

E-MAIL: chcom4@penntwp.org AREA: East side of Paintertown Road, Sunrise, Rose Acres, The Villa, Meadow Wood, Penn Towne, Country View area, The Willows, one-half of Prosperity Farms, Cortina Marie, Mull High Acres (west portion)
POLLING: 4-1 Sunrise Estates Elementary School; 4-2 Rescue 6 on Sandy Hill Road

Ward 5 – Michael Ginsburg 412-372-6289

E-MAIL: comfive@comcast.net AREA: Level Green, Deer Run, portions of Baker School Rd, west side of Paintertown Road
POLLING: 5-1, 5-2, and 5-3 Level Green Community Building

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Thomas Ceraso 830-3102
Kim Ward 830-3104

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PENN TOWNSHIP

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Sewage Enforcement/Occupancy Inspection ext. 208
Landfill ext. 207
Community Dev. Secretary-Jean Ann Greer ext. 210
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Road Department-Tom Lamacz 863-5710
Library-Mary Anne Fulmer, Director 744-4414
Sewer Authority-Stan Caroline, Authority Manager 744-4333
Emergency Management, Bill Conley ext. 213

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Business Office 744-2121
Transportation Office-Matt Harris 744-4496

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Township-Larry Wojcik 744-1414
School-Centax Corp. 744-0104

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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