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COMMUNITY NEWS

26th Annual Penn Township Community Picnic at Idlewild Park



It's that time of year again to come out and meet up with your family and friends to help celebrate the 26th

Annual Penn Township Community Picnic. The community picnic will be held August 5, 2011 at Idlewild Park in beautiful Ligonier Pennsylvania. Idlewild Park is the oldest amusement park in Pennsylvania. It was voted the "best kids park in the world" in *Amusement Today* magazine.

Once again discount tickets will be offered. Price for a Seniors ticket is \$16.00 and the Funday pass is \$20.00. Included in the ticket price will be the "NEW for 2011" WOWABUNGA Family Wave Pool, The Royal Hanneford Circus, Olde Idlewild, Soak Zone, Story Book Forest, Raccoon Lagoon, Mister Rogers Neighborhood, Hootin' Holler, and The Jumpin' Jungle.

Bring your own picnic or buy at the park and meet everyone in Pavilion D1 and D2 for complimentary drinks, bingo, music, 50/50 drawing, and of course all the great prizes provided by the businesses of Penn Township.

When you purchase your park tickets from one of the committee's three locations, you will receive a prize ticket to bring with you to the park to be placed in the basket for the drawings. If you have purchased a park pass you can buy a prize ticket the day of the picnic for \$5.00 in the pavilion from a committee member.

Tickets can be purchased at S & T Bank on Route 130 in Penn Township (in the lobby) and Triple "D" Auto Parts in Harrison City during

normal business hours. Tickets will also be sold at the Penn Township Municipal Building on August 3 and 4 from noon until 7 pm.

If you have any questions please call Rich Davis at 724-744-7133 or 724-863-9510.

All About Social Security

By Debra E. Novotny –Social Security District Manager in Greensburg, PA

You Can Rely On Electronic Payments

You probably do not need a reminder that natural disasters lurk around the corner when we least expect it.

Many natural disasters force people to leave their homes. The last thing a person who falls victim to this kind of devastation needs to worry about is how they are going to get their next Social Security or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment.

Here's a solution. Make sure that you are receiving your benefit payments electronically. Electronic payments are the best way to receive your benefit payments. Here's why.

Electronic payments are safe. Your money is deposited directly into your account each month. Because it is transferred electronically, there is never a risk of your check being lost or stolen.

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Electronic payments are quick. You will get your payment faster when it's made electronically. Your money is immediately available to you once it's deposited; no waiting by the mailbox for the check to arrive.

Electronic payments are convenient. No more need to stand in line at the bank to cash your check or to leave your house when the weather is bad. It is also nice to know your payment is in your account instead of your mailbox when you are on vacation or away from home.

Perhaps we also should mention that **electronic payments are now mandatory.** People who apply for Social Security benefits on or after May 1, 2011, must receive payments electronically. Nearly everyone currently receiving benefits who has not signed up for electronic payments must switch to electronic payments by March 1, 2013. Electronic payments may be made by direct deposit, the Direct Express card program, or an Electronic Transfer Account. You can learn more about all three at www.godirect.org.

If you are ever faced with a devastating event, there will be no question about where you'll find your money when you receive electronic payments. The same cannot be said for paper checks being sent to mailboxes that may no longer exist.

Learn more by reading our online fact sheet, *Get Your Payments Electronically* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10073.html. Or go directly to the source, where you can learn more and sign up for electronic payments: www.godirect.org.

Questions and Answers

I thought I saw Patty Duke with George Takei in a new video for Social Security. Was that really them?

Answer: Yes. Patty Duke joined George Takei to tell Americans to Boldly Go to www.socialsecurity.gov to apply for retirement, disability, Medicare, and so much more. The two celebrities have donated their time for a new campaign promoting Social Security's online services as an easy and secure way for people to do business with the agency. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov where you also can watch the videos online.

I'm getting a summer job and I can't find my Social Security card. Do I need to get a new one?

Answer: Ask your potential employer if he or she needs to see the card or if just the number is required. Knowing your number is usually what is important. If you do need to get a replacement card, come to your local Social Security office or Social Security Card Center and show us documents proving your identity and, possibly, citizenship. You can go to www.socialsecurity.gov/ssnumber for more

specific information about the process of getting a new card and where to take your information. At that website, you can also download a copy of the simple application to have pre-filled when you visit.

When a person who has worked and paid Social Security taxes dies, who is eligible for survivors benefits?

Answer: Social Security survivors benefits can be paid to:

- Widows or widowers – full benefits at full retirement age, or reduced benefits as early as age 60;
- Disabled widows or widowers – as early as age 50;
- Widows or widowers at any age if they take care of the deceased's child who is under age 16 or disabled and receiving Social Security benefits;
- Unmarried children under 18, or up to age 19 if they are attending high school full time. Under certain circumstances, benefits can be paid to stepchildren, grandchildren, or adopted children;
- Children at any age who were disabled before age 22 and remain disabled; and
- Dependent parents age 62 or older.

Even if you are divorced, you still may qualify for survivors benefits based on the earnings record of a former spouse. For more information, go to www.socialsecurity.gov.

What is a Social Security "credit?"

Answer: During your working years, earnings covered by Social Security are posted to your record. You earn Social Security credits based on those earnings. The amount of earnings needed for one credit rises as average earnings levels rise. In 2011, you receive one credit for



each \$1,120 of earnings. You can earn up to a maximum of four credits a year. Most people will need a minimum of 40 credits (or 10 years of work) to be eligible for retirement benefits. Learn more by reading the online publication *How You Earn Credits* at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10072.html.

What's so easy about applying online for benefits?

Answer: There's no need to go to a local Social Security office or wait for an appointment with a Social Security representative. You can apply in less than 15 minutes. Just visit www.socialsecurity.gov. Once you submit your electronic application, you're done. In most cases, there are no forms to sign or documents to mail. Try it at www.socialsecurity.gov.

What is the earliest age that I can begin receiving retirement benefits?

Answer: You can get a reduced benefit as early as age 62. Keep in mind that your monthly benefit amount would be about 33 percent higher if you wait until age 66 and nearly 80 percent higher if you defer payments until age 70. Visit our Retirement Estimator to find out how much you can expect to receive. You can find it at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

What is the benefit amount a spouse may be entitled to receive?

Answer: If you are eligible for both your own retirement benefit and for benefits as a spouse, we will always pay you benefits based on your record first. If your benefit as a spouse is higher than your retirement benefit, you will receive a combination of benefits equaling the higher spouse's benefits. A spouse generally receives one-half of the retired worker's full benefit unless the spouse begins collecting benefits before full retirement age. If the spouse begins collecting benefits before full retirement age, the amount of the spouse's benefit is reduced by a percentage based on the number of months before he or she reaches full retirement age. For example, based on the full retirement age of 66, if a spouse begins collecting benefits:

- At age 65, the benefit amount would be about 46 percent of the retired worker's full benefit;
- At age 64, it would be about 42 percent;
- At age 63, 37.5 percent; and
- At age 62, 35 percent.

However, if a spouse is taking care of a child who is either under age 16 or disabled and receives Social Security benefits on the same record, a spouse will get full benefits, regardless of age. Learn more by reading our Retirement publication at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10035.html.

How does Social Security decide if I am disabled?

Answer: For an adult to be considered disabled, Social Security must determine that you are unable to do the work you did before and, based on your age, education, and work experience, you are unable to adjust to any other work that exists in significant numbers in the national economy. Also, your disability must last or be expected to last for at least one year or to result in death. Social Security pays only for total disability. No benefits are payable for partial disability or short-term disability (less than a year). For more information, we recommend you read *Disability Benefits* (SSA Publication No. 05-10029), available online at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

What is the earliest age that I can receive Social Security disability benefits?

Answer: There is no minimum age as long as you meet the Social Security definition of disabled and you have sufficient work to qualify. To qualify for disability benefits, you must have worked long enough under Social Security to earn the required number of work credits and some of the work must be recent. You can earn up to a maximum of four work credits each year. The amount of earnings required for a credit increases each year as general wage levels go up, and is currently \$1,120. The number of work credits you need for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled. For example, if you are under age 24, you may qualify with as little as six credits of coverage. But people disabled at age 31 or older generally need between 20 and 40 credits, and some of the work must have been recent. For example, you may need to have worked five out of the past 10 years. Learn more at www.socialsecurity.gov/disability.

I'm applying for disability benefits. Do I automatically receive Medicare benefits if I'm approved for disability benefits?

Answer: You will receive Medicare after you receive disability benefits for 24 months. When

you become eligible for disability benefits, we will automatically enroll you in Medicare. We start counting the 24 months from the month you were entitled to receive disability, not the month when you received your first payment. Special rules apply to people with permanent kidney failure and those with “Lou Gehrig's Disease” (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). Learn more about Social Security disability benefits by reading our publication at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

I'm thinking about getting disability insurance from a private company. If I become disabled and have a private policy, would it reduce my Social Security disability benefit?

Answer: No. Your eligibility for Social Security disability benefits is not affected by any private insurance you may have. But workers' compensation and certain other public disability payments may affect your Social Security benefit. You also should ask the company providing your disability protection what effect Social Security will have on the benefits they provide.

For more information about Social Security disability benefits, read our publication at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

What is the purpose of Supplemental Security Income, or SSI?

Answer: SSI is designed to help aged, blind, and disabled people who have little income and few resources. It provides financial assistance to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. You can receive SSI even if you have not worked and paid into Social Security. SSI is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes). Find out more at www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/.

Can my children receive dependent's benefits because I am on Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Answer: No. SSI benefits are based on the needs of the individual and are paid only to the qualifying person. There are no spouse's, children's or survivors benefits. However, if your children are disabled themselves, they might be eligible to receive SSI benefits. To learn more about SSI benefits, read our publication on the subject at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.html.

My brother recently left me some money. Will this inheritance affect my SSI benefits?

Answer: We consider the money inherited from your brother income for the month you receive it. That could make you ineligible for SSI that month, depending on the amount of the inheritance. If you keep the money into the next month, it becomes a part of your resources. You cannot have more than \$2,000 in resources to remain eligible for SSI. You should call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 and report the inheritance. Representatives can tell you how your eligibility might be affected. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call our toll-free TTY number, 1-800-325-0778, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Who is eligible for extra help with Medicare prescription drug costs?

Answer: Medicare beneficiaries with limited income and resources may qualify for extra help. The extra help can save them money. It pays part of the monthly premiums, annual deductibles, and prescription co-payments under the new

Medicare prescription drug program. The extra help is estimated to be worth an average of \$4,000 per year. Help someone qualify and apply at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

If I have a question about my Medicare bill, who should I contact first?

Answer: First, contact your provider. If you are unable to get your question answered or problem resolved, then contact 1-800 MEDICARE. For more information about Medicare benefits, visit www.Medicare.gov.

Social Security Retirement Estimator Celebrates Three Years

It's been three years since Social Security's Retirement Estimator went online. Within months of coming out, the online application was praised as one of the highest-rated online services around, and it has consistently remained so every year.

Results from the American Customer Satisfaction Index show Social Security's online Retirement Estimator in one of the top two spots, with a score of 90. (Social Security's online benefit application took the top spot.) The Retirement Estimator ranks higher than the websites of any other public and private sector

agencies and companies, including the likes of Netflix and Amazon.

Millions of people have used the Retirement Estimator. You may try it yourself at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.

Now that Social Security's most popular online application is available in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov/calculador, even more people can use the Retirement Estimator.

The Retirement Estimator is a convenient, secure, and quick financial planning tool that lets workers calculate how much they might expect to receive in Social Security benefits when they retire. The attractive feature of this calculator is that it uses your earnings information on file at Social Security, without displaying your personal information. So you get an instant, personalized estimate of your future retirement benefits.

The Estimator even gives you the opportunity to run different scenarios and "what if" situations. For example, you can change the date you expect to retire or change expected future earnings to create and compare different retirement options. This can help you as you plan ahead.

To use the Retirement Estimator, you must have enough Social Security credits to qualify for benefits and you cannot be receiving benefits currently.

Experience the best online service now by visiting Social Security's Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator. Then, once you've sketched out your retirement plans, you'll know where to go when the time comes to apply for benefits: online at www.socialsecurity.gov.

From the Township Tax Collector

2011 Westmoreland County/ Penn Township Real Estate Taxes

The last day for property owners to pay the Westmoreland County and Penn Township real estate tax at the face amount is June 30, 2011.

Payments postmarked after June 30 and through December 31, 2011 will be accepted at the 10% penalty amount.

Real estate tax payments should be made to Larry Wojcik, the Penn Township Tax Collector and Treasurer, who is located in the municipal building located at 2001 Municipal Court, Harrison City, PA 15636. His phone number is 724-744-1414, and normal business hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2011 School Real Estate Taxes

The Penn-Trafford real estate tax notices will be mailed around August 1, 2010. Homeowners and businesses that have not received their tax statements within seven working days from that date should call Larry Wojcik at the Penn Township tax office at 724-744-1414.

The 2% discount period is from August 1, 2011, through September 30, 2011. Payments

postmarked after September 30, 2011 through November 30, 2011 will be accepted at the face amount.

Street Light Assessments

Payments for the Penn Township street light assessment statements are now due through December 31, 2011 at the 5% penalty amount.

2011 Local Services Tax

The second quarter payments for the Local Services Tax (LST), formerly the EMS tax, for the year 2011 are due by July 31, 2011.

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, 2011, 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 individual 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2011

July 1-4 - Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival

The acclaimed Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival offers the best in visual and live performing arts, traditional and fine crafts, cultural heritage activities, humanities, and exciting ethnic foods, providing something for



everyone's tastes and keeping people coming back year after year.

An annual summer celebration, the free Festival takes place at Twin Lakes Park in Greensburg, July 1 through July 4, 2011. Times are from 11 am - 8 pm each day. 2011 marks the 37th year of the Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival.

For more information, call 724-834-7474 or visit www.artsandheritage.com.

July 10 - Friends of PTARC Bushy Run Trail 5K Run & Walk

The 6th Annual Bushy Run Trail 5K Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, July 10, 2010. Join this 5K Trail Run & Walk through the scenic trails of the beautiful, historic Bushy Run Battlefield.



The event includes thirteen age groups and separate male/female divisions for both walkers and runners. Awards are given.

Please call 724-744-2171 ext. 205 for a registration form, get one online at ptarc.org, or email ckemerer@penntwp.org.

The event will start at Bushy Run Battlefield Pavilion, Route 993, Penn Township, PA.

Registration runs from 7:30 - 8:45 am., and the race starts at 9:00 am.

July 24 - Bushy Run Battlefield Community Car Cruise

Bushy Run Battlefield would like to invite the community out for a Sunday afternoon car cruise/show on Sunday, July 24, 2011. From 11 am to 4 pm, the visitors parking lot will host a car cruise. Concessions and music will be available. The museum, visitor's center gift shop, and battlefield tours will be available. Call Ryan Deglau, Museum Facilitator, at 724-527-5584 with any questions regarding upcoming events, tours or the Battlefield.

AUGUST 2011

August 6 and 7 – 248th Anniversary of the Battle of Bushy Run

The annual battle reenactment shows how Colonel Henry Bouquet and his troops defeated Native forces that had ambushed the British in 1763 on their way to save the besieged Fort Pitt. The morning battle portrays the events that

occurred on August 5th and the afternoon engagement shows the August 6th tactics that led to British victory. Also featured are period 18th century military camps, an 18th century trades area, 18th century craftspeople, and other special programs. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Adults - \$6.00, Kids under 12 - \$3.00

Call Ryan Deglau, Museum Facilitator, at 724-527-5584 with any questions regarding upcoming events, tours or the Battlefield.

August 20 –Bushy Run Battlefield Father/Son Wilderness Day Camp

Enjoy a day full (10 am to 4 pm) of wilderness themed activities designed for father/son teams. Events include: scavenger hunt, flora and fauna exploration, Native American culture program, orienteering program, and a fire starting program. Reservation is required. Reserve your spot by August 19, 2011 by calling the museum at 724-527-5584. Cost is \$12.00 a team.

August 5 - Annual Penn Township Community Picnic

The 25th Annual Penn Township Community Picnic will be held at Idlewild Park on August 5. See page 1 for more information.

August 19-27 - Westmoreland County Fair

The Westmoreland County Fair will be held this year from August 19-27. For more info, see westmorelandfair.com, or call 724-423-5005.

August 29 - School Begins

Monday, August 29 is the first day of school for students in the Penn-Trafford school district. Welcome back to learning!

SEPTEMBER 2011

September 10 - Bushy Run Battlefield General Lecture

Dr. John Boback, the Director of Education at Meadowcroft Rockshelter & Historic Village, will present a lecture at Bushy Run Battlefield on September 10 at 1 pm. He will be discussing the lifestyle & subsistence strategies of prehistoric Americans Indians. This program is free of charge to members of Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society. There will be a fee of \$5 for non-members.

Call Ryan Deglau, Museum Facilitator, at 724-527-5584 with any questions regarding upcoming events, tours or the Battlefield.

September 16 and 17 - Penn Township Annual Fall Festival

Join in the fun at the annual Penn Township Fall Festival to be held on Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17, 2011 at Penn Township Municipal Park in Harrison City. For more information and updated details, visit www.penntownshipfallfestival.com.

September 17 – Hard-to-Recycle Collection

Westmoreland Cleanways sponsors collections every spring and fall for those "hard to dispose of" items that include tires, vehicle (lead acid) batteries, appliances (including Freon containing), scrap metal, and electronics. Once collected, as much of the material as possible is recycled. The collection will be held at the Norwin Hills Shopping Center in Delmont from 8:30 am - noon. For more information, visit Westmoreland Cleanways at www.westmorelandcleanways.org or call 724-836-4129.

September 17 - Backyard Composting Workshop

Westmoreland Cleanways is sponsoring a backyard composting workshop at Donohue Center in Greensburg from 9 am to 11:30 am on Saturday, September 17. Contact 724-836-4129 for more information.

September 25 - Bushy Run Rides: The Trail of History

Come be a part of Bushy Run Rides, a new event designed to bring members of the regional community together to bring attention to the historical sites and heritage of our area! The ride starts and finishes at Bushy Run Battlefield. All proceeds benefit the Save Bushy Run Endowment. \$15.00 a rider and \$10.00 a passenger. Registration starts at 10 am, ride off at 11 am. Food, drinks, music and door prizes! Call Ryan Deglau, Museum Facilitator, at 724-527-5584 with any questions.



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

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

Community Women's Club of Level Green

The Community Women's Club of Level Green is looking for a few good women. Come and see what the club is all about at their new member social on August 18, 2011, 7:30 pm at the Community Building on Murrsville Road.

The Community Women's Club of Level Green is responsible for the Safety Town Program (for preschool children entering kindergarten), local roadside clean up, the fall food drive, assisting with Light Up Level Green, and supporting many local causes through fundraising efforts. Questions regarding the club, Amy Winchell, 2011-12 president, 412-373-4051.

Penn Area Library

www.pennlib.org,
724-744-4414

Summer Reading Program: Registration for the Summer Reading Program at Penn Area Library's began on May 31st and will continue through July 16th for children, teens, and adults. Sign up at the library for a chance to win prizes and participate in programs and contests.

This summer's theme for children, "One World, Many Stories", will highlight tales from around the world and fascinating facts about other cultures. Teens and adults may select titles from the library's young adult collection, adult collection, audio books, DVD's – and don't forget the downloadable eBooks and audio books available through their Media site at <http://wlnonline.lib.overdrive.com>. All you need is your Penn Area library card and your computer. Check out an eBook or audio book, download it to your computer, and transfer it to your e-Reader, Mp3, iPad, iPod or other device. It's easy and fun!

Check the library's website at www.pennlib.org for information on programs and events through the summer.

Art Classes: Art instructor, Cindy Gainor, will conduct a portrait drawing workshop in June. Classes will be held Thursday evenings, June 23rd and June 30th, from 7-8 pm. These classes are for adults and young adults, 14 and older. Call the library or stop by to sign up for this popular series. All materials will be provided.

“One Book/One Community” History Book Discussion: Join Penn Area Library on Tuesday, July 5th at 6 pm for a book discussion of this year’s selection, *Capital’s Utopia: Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, 1855–1916*. Libraries throughout Westmoreland County will be providing books and hosting book discussions all through the summer, with an extensive program on Saturday, August 27th in Vandergrift. Call the library at 724-744-4414, at least 2 weeks prior to the discussion to sign up and borrow a copy of the book.

This special program is made possible through a grant from the Westmoreland Library Network.

Ray Owen Visit: Ray Owen, national recording artist, award-winning singer/songwriter and entertainer will be appearing at Penn Area Library on Wednesday, July 13th. Ray will present “Reading Road Trip – Around the World” at 3 pm. This show is geared for our younger audience. At 7 pm, Ray will present “American Odyssey”, a show for all ages. Take a musical journey through history that travels on a tuneful American adventure with a crew of colorful characters.

Book Sale! July 22nd and 23rd: The Friends of Penn Area Library will hold their summer book sale on Friday and Saturday, July 22nd and 23rd, from 9 am to 5 pm. The Friends do a great job planning and organizing these events. There’s always a huge selection...something for everyone. Stop by and pick up some great reads -- just \$5 per bag. It’s a great way to support the library.

Community Connections: Local organizations that use our space include Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, quilters’ clubs, civic groups, and others.

Don’t forget, the library offers tours of the library for scout troops of all ages. Please contact the Children’s Coordinator to schedule a tour.

Study rooms are available on a first-come/first-serve basis. The librarian is available to proctor

exams for students who are taking online or independent courses.

Did you know... Penn Area Library is a WiFi spot? If you need access to the internet, feel free to visit. They have great online resources, too, so be sure to get a card while you’re at it. You’ll be able to access thousands of magazine and newspaper articles dating back to the 1980’s, and beyond; brush up on job searching skills, resume and cover letter writing, and test prep with Learning Express; learn languages with Mango; do genealogy research on Heritage Quest; search antiques and prices on p4A Antiques; and lots more. All of the library’s online resources are available on site, or through remote access. Call the library for further information 724-744-4414.

Manor Lions Club

The Manor Lions Club holds their meetings on the second Monday at 7 pm in the Manor Legion and the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 pm at Manor Grille (dinner meeting).

If you are interested in joining the Manor Lions Club which is part of the World's Largest Service Organization, stop by one of their activities listed below or contact Joy at 724-864-3133

Upcoming Activities:

Saturday, July 23 - Yard Sale from 8 am - 2 pm located at the corner of Sandyhill Rd. and Rt. 993 (across from Manor Grille). Rain Date is Saturday, July 30th.

Saturday, August 13 - Chicken BBQ 11 am - sold out. Held at the corner of Sandyhill Rd. and Rt. 993. \$7. Dinner includes 1/2 chicken, applesauce, roll, cookie and a drink.

Friday and Saturday, September 16th -17th - Basket Raffle Booth at Penn Township Fall Festival. They will also be collecting used eye glasses at the booth.

Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE)

Fall Class Brochure to be Mailed in August: The brochure of fall classes organized by Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE) will be included in the August issue of the school district’s newsletter, *The Prospectus*, which is

mailed to all residents of the Penn-Trafford school district. The classes will also be listed on the group's web site, www.ptae.org, around the same time.

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.

Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission (PTARC)



Summer Activities

Underway: PTARC's Summer Activity Guide was mailed to residents of the Penn-Trafford School District during mid-May. There are classes, camps, and special events to enjoy for all ages. The activity guide is also posted online at www.ptarc.org and is available at the PTARC office in the Penn Township Municipal Building.

About PTARC: PTARC is a nonprofit, intergovernmental organization formed 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.

Volunteer Fire Departments

Grandview VFD

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

Grandview Auxiliary meetings: First Tuesday of each month from September through June.

Meetings begin at 7:30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Bingo: Weekly bingo on Monday night beginning at 7:00 pm with 50/50 early bird games beginning at 6:15 pm. 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 pm 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 HC VFD events, visit their web site www.hcvfd.org.

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 pm.

Level Green VFD

Unless otherwise noted, for more information on LGVFD events, call 412-372-9669 or visit their web site, www.levelgreenvfd.org.

Weekly Bingo: Mondays. Doors open at 4:30 pm. Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. For more info, call 412-372-9669 or 412-372-9625.

Fire Department Meetings: First Tuesday of every month at 7 pm. Always looking for new members.

Auxiliary Meetings: First Thursday of the month at 7 pm. New members always welcome.

Kitchen: Open Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 4 pm-midnight.

Social Club: Membership is \$5.00 per year.

Banquet Hall: Available for all occasions. Seats up to 250. 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.

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 pm. Warm-ups start at 6:25 pm.

Churches

Penn-Zion's Lutheran Parish

The Rev. Roger L. Steiner, Pastor
Box 353
Harrison City, PA 15636

Zion's Lutheran Church

Route 130, Harrison City, PA 15636
May, June, July, Aug. 2011
Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Holy Communion Service - 7:00 p.m.
Friday Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.

Penn Lutheran Church

Harrison Avenue, Penn, PA 15675
May-June-July-Aug. 2011
Worship Service - 9:00 a.m.

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 pm, Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Commissioner Caucus Meetings - Wednesday preceding the third Monday of the month, 7:30 pm, Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Zoning Hearing Board - 2nd Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Planning and Zoning Commission - 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Township Recreation Board - 4th Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, Penn Township Municipal Building.

Penn Area Library Board - 2nd Tuesday of alternate months beginning in January, 7:30 pm, Penn Area Library.

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

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

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

Penn Township Business Association - For meeting dates visit www.penn township.biz.

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

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The deadline for material for the **Fall 2011** issue of The Penn Township Pipeline, which will include information for **October, November, and December 2011**, is **Tuesday, September 6, 2011**.

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 – Ed Sullivan 523-8757

E-MAIL: esullivan@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

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tom Balya (Chairman) 830-3101
Ted Kopas 830-3103
Charles W. Anderson 830-3104

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

Helen M. Kistler 744-3031

U.S. CONGRESS

Tim Murphy 412-344-5583

U.S. SENATE

Bob Casey, Jr. 866-802-2833
Arlen Specter 412-644-3400

PA STATE SENATOR

Kim Ward 600-7002

PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

George Dunbar 744-0305

PENN TOWNSHIP

Base number for the extensions 744-2171

Township Manager/Secretary-Bruce Light ext. 201
Director of Finance-Linda Iams ext. 202
Community Development Director-Dallas Leonard ext. 207
Chief Building Inspector/Zoning Officer-Mike Stack ext. 208
Sewage Enforcement/Occupancy Inspection ext. 208
Landfill ext. 207
Community Dev. Secretary-Jean Ann Greer ext. 210
Police, Chief Otto 863-1119
Road Department-Tom Lamacz 863-5710
Library-Christine Miller, Director 744-4414
Sewer Authority-Stan Caroline, Authority Manager 744-4333
Emergency Management-George Adamson ext. 213

PENN-TRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent-Dr. Deborah Kolonay 744-4496
Business Office 744-2121
Transportation Office-Matt Harris 744-4496

TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL TAX COLLECTORS

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
Penn Area Library www.pennlib.org
Penn Township Police Dept. www.penntownshippolice.org

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