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COMMUNITY NEWS

Tales of Level Green Published

The Level Green Lions and the "Tales of Level Green" Committee is pleased to announce that their 5-month effort to write and publish the updated *Tales of Level Green* is completed and that the 56-page book is now available for sale at the following locations:

Slackers Backyard Café
 Beltramo Brothers
 CoGo's/CITGO
 PT Pizza Palace
 Trafford Library
 Penn Area Library
 Penn Township Municipal Building
 Penn-Franklin News in Murrysville

The cost is \$10 each (or \$7 each for 10 or more copies); and the proceeds go towards the Level Green Lion's Capital Improvement Fund for the Level Green Community Building.



From the Municipal Staff

Requests for the Snow Season

Please keep these items in mind as Penn Township goes through another winter snow season.

Please remember to keep roads accessible to snow plows. When snow is predicted, please park your vehicles in your garage or driveway. An unobstructed road means a clearer road.

Second, snow can cause problems for firefighters when the hydrants become difficult to access. Please help by pitching in and removing snow from around area fire hydrants.

Third, please do not shovel snow into the roadways. It is a violation to do so.

Fourth, please make sure your mailbox post is secure. A secure post helps avoid delays in mail delivery caused by hidden mailboxes.

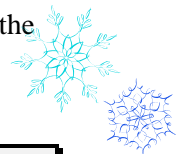
From the Township Tax Collector

2008 Real Estate Taxes

All real estate taxes for the current tax year 2008 are required to be paid by 12/31/2008. Payments can be made by mail, in person at the tax collector's office during normal business hours or online via the township web site. All payments made after 12/31/2008 must be made at the Westmoreland County Courthouse's Tax Claim Bureau.

2008 Local Services Taxes

The fourth quarter payments for the Local Services Tax (LST) for the year 2008 are due by 1/31/2009. 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 Local Services tax form should contact the tax office at 724-744-1414.



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Important Note: *If you have a business and have not paid your LST*, you are required by township ordinance to pay this \$52 tax. This includes all self-employed individuals!

2009 Real Estate Taxes

The Westmoreland County and Penn Township real estate tax statements and street light assessment statements for the year 2009 are scheduled to be mailed by 3/1/2009.

Property owners who don't receive their tax statements within 7 days of this date should call the Penn Township real estate tax office, 724-744-1414.

Also, call if you believe that you received a tax statement in error (e.g., it should have been sent to your mortgage company).

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JANUARY 2009

December 26 - January 11 – Christmas Tree Recycling

The Community Women's Club of Level Green will accept live Christmas trees at the parking lot near the ballfield at the PTARC building, Route 130 and Murrysville Road in Level Green, December 26 through January 11, 2009.

This is an open drop-off (unmanned with no set hours). Ornaments and lights must be removed. **LIVE TREES ONLY!**

If you have questions, contact Lanita Myers at 412-380-6852.

January 3 & 10 – Alwine Community 4-H Club Christmas Tree Recycling

The Alwine Community 4-H Club will collect Christmas trees for recycling on January 3 and 10 at Schramm's Farms & Orchards, Harrison

City-Export Road in Harrison City from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Do your part and recycle your live tree!

January 2009 - PTARC Winter/Spring Class Registration

The Winter/Spring Activity Guide from PTARC (Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission) will be mailed to all residents in the Penn-Trafford school district and available on PTARC's web site (ptarc.org) during the week of December 29.



FEBRUARY 2009

February 2009 – PTAE Spring Class Registration Begins

Spring classes offered by Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE) will start in mid-March. Registration will begin in February.

Class schedules will be included in the February issue of the *Penn-Trafford Prospectus* (school district newsletter mailed to households in the Penn-Trafford School District) and posted on the group's web site, www.ptae.org, near the middle of February.

Beat the winter blues by getting out and learning something new!



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is published quarterly by the township. Your comments and contributions are always welcome. Mail, e-mail, or drop off your information to:

The Penn Township Pipeline
P.O. Box 452
Harrison City, PA 15636
pipeline@penntwp.org

Thank you to Annette Blonar of Level Green for volunteering her time to edit *The Penn Township Pipeline* and to everyone who contributed information to this issue.

MARCH 2009

No events scheduled.

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

Recreation Groups

Penn Area Library

2008 Summer Reading Recap: The year has flown by, and it has been a good year at the Penn Area Library! Can you believe that more than 1,400 children participated in the summer reading program?

Great programs were held, and the children read quite a bit. Congratulations to all the children!

Before we know it, it will be June and another summer program will be at hand. 2009's theme is "Be creative @ your library." The possibilities for programs and more will be endless!



Adult Winter Reading Begins 1/12: On January 12th, the Penn Area Library will again promote reading by offering its adult winter reading program. The program will continue until early April. While the categories have not been chosen, but rest assured, they will be good. The prizes are always excellent!

Reading Times Starting in January: Story times will be announced in early January. There will be two toddler, two pre-school, and one baby lap sit times.

The library's boys and girls reads will resume in January. Check the web site, call, or, better yet, visit the library for more details.

Come In for Chess Lessons: Chess lessons have resumed at Penn Area Library. They are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Help! The Library Needs a Computer Instructor: The Penn Area Library is still in need of a computer instructor. This is a volunteer position. If you or someone you know would like to donate their time, the library would be very grateful. In prior years many receive computers for Christmas and then need someone to help them. This year will probably be the same, so it would be wonderful to be able

to offer classes. If you have the talent and time, please share it.

Using the Grolier Databases: The library still supports a fantastic resource--the Grolier online databases. To use them, all you need is a library card, and they can be accessed either at the library or from home.

A library card is the best bargain you will ever receive. It's free! To get a library card, all you need is valid photo identification.

A library card can open up your world. Can you picture anything so fine as reading a good book on a snowy evening? All you need is a blanket, a hot drink and of course a wonderful book, great DVD or an audio book? The library's collection is kept as up-to-date as possible.

Power Library is Available: Please remember that Power Library is always available to you. And it is not just for kids! With Power Library, you can find out about new medications especially side effects. You can find out how to repair your car, free of charge. There are consumer reports that help you select the best brands. So much is available on Power Library -- Teachers and the ERIC databases -- all for free. All you need is your library card to access Power Library from the library or from home.

Participate in the Library Survey: In early January, the Penn Area Library will have a small survey available. The information collected will be used to enhance services. They value your opinion and would like to know your likes and dislikes. All comments are valuable. Please stop in and give your opinion.

Meet With the Friends: The Friends of the Penn Area Library meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. New faces are always welcome! The Friends have been a tremendous help to the library. Through their fundraising activities, they have purchased many essentials that the library would have not been able to purchase otherwise. Their help is greatly appreciated! Their newest items they purchased for the library are a bike rack and outdoor bench. The new bike rack will help to keep the bikes secure as well as prevent someone from tripping over a bike.

Need a Gift? Consider a

Memorial: The library has a service to help you with unique gifts -- memorials. You can purchase a book, DVD, CD, a piece of furniture and more to honor or remember someone.



Forms are available in the library. All you need to do is fill out the form and provide cash or a check. A memorial is a gift that will last for a very long time.

Contribute to the Donor Tree: A library volunteer is in the process of building a donor tree, which should be in place in the beginning of the year. Leaves, which will be engraved, will be available for purchase as soon as the tree is in place. While the cost of the leaves is yet to be determined, the funds raised from the sale of leaves will help with necessary expenses in the library. Watch for more details!

Use the Library for Job Hunting: These are tough economic times, and services provided by the library can really help! They have public Internet, local and international newspapers, and magazines. The library has these resources available for you and wants you to use them. Please do not hesitate. The library can be your complete source for typing a resume and printing it out or sending it by e-mail.

Millennium Keeps Your Reading History:

Did you know that you can use a service called MY Millennium to keep your reading history. All you need is a library card. Go onto the library's web site -- www.pennlib.org -- and select My Millennium. Follow the directions to record your reading history. Please remember your password because the library can not access your Millennium.

More Thank You's: The staff was thanked in the Fall issue of the Pipeline. They receive little compensation for long hours and do a fabulous job. Without them, the Penn Area Library would not be the fabulous library we know and love. Thanks, Staff.

Also thank you to Judy Speedy, the outgoing President of the Board of Trustees. Judy did a fine job and will now be the secretary of the board.

Finally, thank you to Irene Haurilesko. Irene Haurilesko, a longtime dedicated board member, will retire after thirty-eight years of service. During her time on the board as a trustee, Irene

was president and treasurer of the board. She worked tirelessly for the library. She and fellow board member Anne Allen worked extremely hard to have this new library. Nothing was too small or large for them to tackle. They had a vision, and it came to pass. Irene has promised to visit often and to stay in touch. We will all miss her! Thanks and love to you Irene.

New Board Meets in January: The newly organized board of trustees for Penn Area Library will meet in January. Their meetings are held every other month on the second Tuesday at 7:15 pm. Arthur Louderback will be the new president. Rich Siergiej will be the vice-president. Anne Allen will serve as treasurer and Judy Speedy will be secretary. Devra Cherrone and Joseph Burns will be joined by a new board member. The trustees work very hard to keep the library going.

Contact Us: Penn Area Library is your library. Please use it. They look forward to meeting you. If you have comments or suggestions—please e-mail mfulmer@pennlib.org or phone 724-744-4414. See “YOU” in the library!

Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission (PTARC)

PTARC's Winter/Spring Activity Guide will be mailed to residents of the Penn-Trafford School District during the week of December 29.

Classes for all ages from tots through seniors, trips, discount tickets to area ski resorts, and many special events are offered.

The activity guide will also be posted online at www.ptarc.org. Extra copies of the guide may also be obtained at the PTARC office in the Penn Township Municipal Building.

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)

Spring Brochure of Classes Coming in

February: The brochure containing the spring classes organized by Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE) will be included in the February issue of the school district's newsletter, *The Prospectus*, to be mailed to all residents of the Penn-Trafford school district. Registrations are accepted up until one week before the class begins.

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.

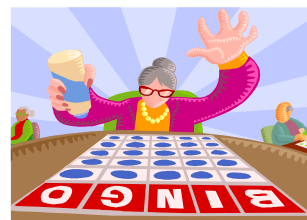
Paintertown VFD

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.

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.

Churches

New Life Free Methodist Church

New Life Free Methodist Church, at 112 Byerly Drive, in Penn Township announces the appointment of their new pastor, Rev. Mary Ann Milne. Pastor Mary Ann began her new appointment on November 1, 2008. She has been active in the Penn Township Ministerium for the past 6 years, serving as secretary for the past two. Pastor Mary Ann and her husband Jim have been residents of Penn Township since 1975, raising their three daughters, and now enjoying watching their two grandsons grow up in Penn Township. Pastor Mary Ann has served as the Assistant Pastor for the past two years.

Sunday morning worship begins at 10:45 am. Fellowship hour begins at 10:00-10:30. Stop and read the announcements on their big screen before going downstairs for fellowship. Songs of Faith in the Sanctuary begins at 10:30-10:45, with a time of reflection and prayer for the pastor and the service. New Life Kids (ages 2 through 4th grade) and Little Lambs, newborn through age 2, are dismissed for their own time during the sermon, to be taught by qualified teachers.

In January, membership classes are planned for after church, the last two weeks, after the worship service (lunch will be provided). New members will be taken in on Feb 1st.

Also in January, planning will begin for the church's annual vacation bible school, to be held the second week in August. This year will be a safari theme, with some very special guests.

A mission's dinner/speaker is also being planned for February 8 after church. An Ash Wed service is planned for February 25. Lenten services will take place every Wednesday through Lent at 7 p.m. Watch for times of special services to be held during Holy Week, including Easter Sunday.

New Life Free Methodist Church also houses the ministry of His Precious Angels, a daycare for newborn through preschool. The director is Diane Wheelus; she can be reached at 724-744-4334.

For further information, please call the church office at 724-744-2727 and your call will be returned ASAP.

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 **Spring 2009** issue of The Penn Township Pipeline, which will include information for **April, May, and June 2009**, is **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**.

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



Guess where you're really putting your lawn fertilizer this spring.

Every spring the snow melts, the rain falls, and the water that runs off your yard carries fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides into our creeks and streams. And finally into our rivers. Depositing pollutants that can harm fish, wildlife, and vegetation. Even compromise our major source of drinking water. But we can all do something about it and still keep our yards looking beautiful. Plant more trees and shrubs so you'll have less bare lawn surface that allows water runoff. Check into eco-friendly lawn fertilizers. And you may not need as much pesticide and herbicide as you think, so read the manufacturer's recommendations. You'll be helping to protect our most valuable liquid asset. Our water.



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 724-433-9703

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

WESTMORELAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tom Balya (Chairman) 830-3101

Thomas Ceraso 830-3102

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 (beginning 1/09) To be announced

PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

James E. Casorio, Jr. 861-0247

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 Paul Ronca 863-1119

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

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

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