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COMMUNITY NEWS

Recreational Activities in the Township

Our community is rich in recreational activities for all residents – both children and adults. Here’s just a sampling of what’s available. Get involved, stay healthy, meet new friends, and expand your mind! Make 2003 your year to get involved in YOUR township!



Classes and More

PTARC (Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission) – PTARC offers a variety of classes, trips, and other periodic events for both children and adults. Three brochures are published per year – fall, winter/spring, and summer. Brochures are mailed directly to each resident in the Penn-Trafford School District. Current offerings are also shown at www.ptarc.org. For information on some upcoming PTARC activities, see the “Club and Organization News” section.

Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE) – PTAE offers a variety of classes for adults, including ones in fitness, crafts, and special interests. Three sessions of classes are held – fall, holiday, and spring. Brochures are included in the February and August issues of *The Prospectus*, the newsletter for the Penn-Trafford School District, which is mailed to all residents of the district. Class offerings are also listed on the township web site at <http://trfn.clpgh.org/penntwp/aecourse.htm>.

Penn Area Library – The Penn Area Library offers a variety of books, movies, and audio for loan. They also offer chess lessons, computer classes, book groups, quilting groups, reading programs, and periodic events for children and

adults. Information about the library’s programs can be obtained by contacting the library at 724-744-4414 or visiting <http://trfn.clpgh.org/penntwp/library.html>.

Youth Athletics

Level Green Athletic Association, Bob Trunzo, 412-373-7092, <http://www.lgaa2003.com>

Penn Township Athletic Association (PTAA), Baseball (Carl Yeagers, 724-864-1569) and Softball (Mark Fischer, 724-744-4004), <http://www.eteamz.com/ptaa/>

Penn Township Cheerleading Association, Michelle DeNillo, 724-523-2035

Penn Township Midget Football, Sam Denillo, Jr., 724-864-0748

Penn-Trafford Aqua Club (PTAC), Scott Barker, 724-864-1588

Penn-Trafford Basketball Association, Mark Berardi, 724-744-7377

Penn-Trafford Ice Hockey, Bea Harrison, 724-863-5339

Penn-Trafford Soccer, David Lame, 724-744-4515

Penn-Trafford Jr. Wrestling, Tom Picarsic, 724-744-4814

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Adult Groups

Bushy Run Lions, 724-744-4809

Community Women's Club of Level Green, 412-372-3944

Harrison City Woman's Club, 724-744-3651

Level Green Lions, 724-864-3727

Level Green Senior Citizens, 412-372-7213

Harrison City Woman's Club, 412-744-3314

Norwin B.P.O.E., (Elks) Lodge #2313, 724-863-3000

Penn Township Senior Citizens, 724-523-8819

Activities

Summer Playground – Supervised playground activities are held each year in several Penn Township area playgrounds. Information is announced in local papers.

Community Picnic – Penn Township holds a community picnic each year at Idlewild Park in Ligioner.

This event is held on the first Friday in August and is announced in this community newsletter *The Penn Township Pipeline*, and in the township's official newspaper *The Penn-Trafford News*.

Facilities

Bushy Run Battlefield – Penn Township is home to Bushy Run Battlefield, a 213-acre historic site located on Route 993, between Route 66 and Route 130.

Recreational Complex – Penn Township has a 45-acre, public, multi-use recreational complex located at the township municipal building at 2001 Municipal Court, Harrison City.

Facilities on site include: baseball fields (some of which are lighted), batting cages, a deck hockey court, a basketball court, a sand volleyball court, football and soccer fields, walking and jogging trails, concession stands with kitchens, permanent restrooms, equipment buildings for sport teams, and picnic facilities including pavilions and tables.

The area also includes a fishing pond that is stocked several times a year, a war memorial, and the Warrior Wonderland playground.



Playgrounds – Penn Township has five community playgrounds, which will be described in a future issue of *The Pipeline*. They are listed on the township web site at <http://trfn.clpgh.org/penntwp/playgrnd.html>.

Dear Emergency Management Coordinator – What Should I Do?

How can I help to prevent a terrorist attack?

- ★ Maintain a heightened sense of awareness.
- ★ Place an increased emphasis on the security of your immediate surroundings.
- ★ Conduct periodic inspections of building facilities and HVAC systems for potential irregularities.
- ★ Review emergency operations and evacuation plans to ensure they are up to date.
- ★ Promptly report any suspicious activity to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

If I find a suspicious item, what should I do?

- ★ Maintain a safe distance from the item, move upwind, or close all windows and doors.
- ★ Immediately call 9-1-1 after reaching a safe area.
- ★ Do not handle or disturb the suspicious item.
- ★ Remove clothes that may be contaminated.
- ★ Follow instructions from emergency response personnel.

What do I do in the event of an emergency?

- ★ **STAY CALM!** Stay tuned to your local radio or television station for the emergency alert system to determine what type of emergency it is and instructions as to how to proceed.

A **shelter-in-place** emergency means that you should stay where you are. Leaving your home, business, or school may expose you to harmful agents that have been dispersed in the air.

An **evacuation** means that you should calmly proceed to leave the area following the advice of the trained professionals on the Emergency Alert System as to where and how to evacuate the area.

How do I create a family emergency plan?

- ★ Find out about plans at your workplace, school, and anywhere else you and your family spends time.
- ★ Discuss how to respond to certain emergency events with your family, e.g. fire, severe weather, hazardous spills, and terrorism.
- ★ Mark two escape routes from each room in your house. Pick two meeting places, one close to your home and a place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after an emergency.
- ★ Teach children how to call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance and how to make long distance telephone calls.
- ★ Teach adults how to turn off water, gas, and electricity at the main switch. If you turn off natural gas service to your home, call your gas provider to restore service. **DO NOT** attempt to restore gas service yourself.
- ★ Keep family records in a watertight and fireproof safe.



What is an Emergency-Go-Kit?

An emergency-go-kit contains items that you may need if you cannot go home or are required to stay in your home. You should have:

- ★ At least a 3 to 5 day supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and water (1 gallon per person per day). Store water in a sealed unbreakable container and replace the water every 6 months.
- ★ A non-electric can opener and disposable utensils, first aid kit, prescription medications (be sure to check expiration dates), and toiletries.
- ★ A battery powered radio and flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.

- ★ Tools such as screwdrivers; cutters, scissors; duct tape; waterproof matches; fire extinguishers; flares; plastic storage containers; needle and thread; pen and paper; compass; garbage bags, and regular household bleach.
- ★ A change of clothing, rain gear, sturdy shoes, blankets, and bedding or sleeping bags.
- ★ A list of family physicians, important medical information, and the style and serial number of any medical devices.
- ★ An extra set of house and car keys, identification, credit cards, cash, and photocopies of important family documents, including home insurance information.

What should I do with my pets?

Make arrangements for pets in advance. Make sure you have:

- ★ Identification collar and rabies tag.
- ★ Carrier or cage and leash.
- ★ Any medications (be sure to check expiration dates).
- ★ Newspaper and plastic trash bags for handling waste.
- ★ Sufficient supply of food, water, and food bowls.
- ★ Veterinary records (most animal shelters do not allow pets without proof of vaccination).

What if it is a technological hazard emergency?

Stay calm! If told to evacuate:

- ★ Listen to your radio or television for instructions.
- ★ Take your emergency-go-kit.
- ★ Lock your home.
- ★ Travel on routes specified by local authorities.
- ★ Travel with your car windows up and air vents, air conditioner, and heater turned off.
- ★ If time permits, close and lock all windows and doors and close all vents and fireplace dampers.
- ★ Turn off all fans, heat, or air conditioners.

- ★ Shut off water, gas, and electricity before leaving.

What should I do if I'm instructed to say inside?

- ★ Close and lock all windows and doors.
- ★ Turn off ventilation systems, water, and gas.
- ★ Seal gaps under doorways and windows with duct tape.
- ★ If you suspect chemical or biological agents have entered your house, move to a room in the interior of the house on a higher floor, if possible. Many harmful agents that can enter a house will fall and accumulate at lower levels.
- ★ If harmful vapors do enter your house, cover your nose and mouth with a damp or wet cloth.
- ★ Stay inside until authorities say it is safe.

Additional information on emergency preparedness is available by calling FEMA at 1-800-480-2520 or on the Internet at www.pema.state.pa.us, or by calling the Penn Township Emergency Management Coordinator at 724-744-2171, extension 215.

From the Township Police

Watch for Scam Artists

With spring upon us, Police Chief Michael Mastroianni would like to remind everyone to be on guard for scam artists. Every year at this time people come into our community with one goal in mind. That is to lie, cheat, or steal to get your hard-earned money.

All citizens should be cautious about letting people into their houses. If you are unsure of the person's identity, please notify the police department immediately, and they will respond.

Citizens should also only deal with home improvement firms that they are familiar with, or one that has done work for a friend or relative. Be very wary of anyone who shows up at your door with a "good deal".

Please feel free to contact Police Chief Mastroianni or any other officer if you have any questions or would like additional information on this matter.

No Parking in Fire Lanes

The police department asks for everyone's cooperation regarding the fire lane at the Penn Crossing Shopping Plaza. This fire lane was established for the safety of pedestrians, customers, and tenants of the plaza.

Ordinance Number 742 prohibits stopping, standing, or parking in an area that is posted as a fire lane. Persons that park in this area are subject to a \$10.00 fine.

New E-Mail Addresses

The Penn Township Police Department has new e-mail addresses. They are as follows

Chief Michael Mastroianni,
chief@ptpd.attbbs.com

Police Department, police@ptpd.attbbs.com

Captain Allan Anderson, capt@ptpd.attbbs.com

Lt. Ralph Boura, lieut@ptpd.attbbs.com

Traffic Unit, traffic@ptpd.attbbs.com

As always, the chief encourages citizens to contact him if they have a problem or concern that can be addressed by the department.



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the township. Your comments and
contributions are always welcome.
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Harrison City, PA 15636

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

From the Municipal Staff

Thanks for the Land Donation

Penn Township and its Commissioners are extremely grateful to J.M. Hall Jr. for a donation of 65 acres of vacant land. This property is located by Blieberg and Brush Creek Roads. The township has no immediate plans for this property, but future plans are for recreational use.

Reservations for Pavilions

Reservations are now being taken for the three pavilions at the Penn Township Recreational Complex located near the municipal building. There is a \$25.00 refundable security deposit for each pavilion.



The rental fees are as follows: Colonel Bouquet - \$25.00; General Forbes - \$50.00; DiDomenico - free. Reservations are not accepted for the new pavilion by the Warrior Wonderland; this is first come, first serve.

For additional information please call Linda Iams at 724- 744-2171, extension 202.

2003 Community Picnic

The township's annual community picnic will be held on Friday, August 1 at Ildewild Park in Ligioner. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

From Community Development

Planning Any Improvements?

Did you know that most improvements require a building permit? Additions, swimming pools, sheds, play houses, gazebos, fences, driveways, some porches and decks, and retaining walls, all require a building permit.

To obtain a building permit, you can either visit the community development department at the municipal building, or call the township building inspector at 724-744-2171, extension 208. A building permit must be received BEFORE any work is done!

Business Owners and Signs

If your business plans on erecting a permanent or temporary sign, check with Mike Desavage at 724-744-2171, extension 209, for specifications. Signs that are erected illegally will be fined.

From the Tax Collector

2003 Real Estate Taxes

The Westmoreland County and Penn Township real estate tax statements, as well as the street light assessment statements for the year 2003 were mailed on February 28. Property owners who have not received their tax statements should call the Penn Township real estate tax office at 724-744-1414. In addition, please call if you believe that you received a tax statement in error, (e.g., it should have been sent to your mortgage company).

April 30, 2003 is the last day for property owners to pay the Westmoreland County and Penn Township real estate tax at the 2% discount amount. Payments postmarked after 4/30/2003 through 6/30/2003 will be accepted at the face amount. Payments postmarked after 6/30/2003 through 12/31/2003 are subject to a 10% penalty.

Penn Township street light assessment payments are due at the face amount by 4/30/2003. Payments postmarked 5/1/2003 through 12/31/2003 will be accepted at the 5% penalty amount.

2003 Occupational Privilege Taxes

The occupational privilege tax forms for 2003 have been mailed. The first quarter payments are due by 4/30/2003.

All persons who are employed or self-employed, including both resident and non-resident individuals, engaging in an occupation within Penn Township and who have earnings of over \$1,500 are liable for this tax. Employers are required to withhold this tax from all employees regardless of their resident district.

Self-employed individuals or businesses that have not received their occupational privilege tax form should contact the tax office at 724-744-1414.

This tax is jointly assessed by the Penn Township Commissioners and the Penn-Trafford School District at a rate of \$10.00 per year.

Tax payments are accepted at the tax office during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. An after hours drop-off slot is also available.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2003

April 4 - 11, April 18 – Lenten Dinners

The Grandview VFD will serve lenten dinners on April 4 through 11 from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and a Good Friday lenten dinner on April 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Take out orders are available. Call the fire hall at 724-523-8251.

April 5 – Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

The Grandview VFD will hold a breakfast with the Easter bunny on April 5. For information, call Carol 724-527-7727, Paul 724-523-2411 or 724-516-0595, Laura 724-523-9506, or the fire department 724-523-8251.



April 6 – Spaghetti Dinner

Boy Scout Troop 201 will hold its 26th annual spaghetti dinner on Sunday, April 6, 2003, from 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m. at the Level Green Lions Community Building located on Murrysville-Trafford Road in Level Green. Tickets will be sold at the door at the same ticket prices since 1998: \$5 per adult; \$4 per senior; \$3 per child aged 3- 11; and \$0 for under threes. The price includes spaghetti (all-you-can-eat), salad, bread, drink (coffee or Blend), and cake. Bring your own container for take-out orders.

April 14 – Aqua Club Registration

The Penn-Trafford Aqua Club will hold summer registration on April 14, 2003, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Penn-Trafford High School cafeteria.

April 15 – Penn-Trafford Bloodmobile

The Penn-Trafford High School, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will sponsor a bloodmobile on Tuesday, April 15, 2003, from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the high school. Healthy people who are 17 years of age or older

and weigh 105 pounds or more can be a donor. First-time donors and walk-ins are welcome.

If you have any questions about the bloodmobile, please contact Karen Smith, project coordinator, at the Penn-Trafford High School, at 724-744-4425, extension 192.

April 19 – Easter Egg Hunt

The Grandview VFD and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a community Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 19, 2003, at the fire hall. The hunt starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp. For information, call the fire hall at 724-523-8251.

April 27 – Super Bingo

The Grandview VFD will hold a Super Bingo on April 27 at 2:00 p.m. For information, call Paul 527-523-2411 or Carol 724-527-7727.

April 30 - May 11 – Jewelry Ticket Sale

The Grandview Ladies Auxiliary will be selling jewelry tickets from April 30 to May 11. For information, call Laura 724-523-9506 or Carol 724-527-7727.

MAY 2003

May 4 – Summer Bash

The Grandview VFD and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a summer bash on May 4. Call in April for tickets and information: Bob 527-523-9506, Paul 724-523-2411, Carol 724-527-7727, or the fire department 724-523-8251.

May 10 – Salad Bar Bingo

The Grandview Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Salad Bar Bingo on May 10. The cost is three cards for a dime, and half the money is paid. For information, call Laura 724-523-9506, Carol 724-527-7727, or the fire department 724-523-8251.

May 17 - 18 – Clothing and Furniture Drive

The Christian Layman's Corps. (CLC), a non-profit organization will hold their next clothing and furniture drive on Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, 2003 in the Penn Township municipal building parking lot. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on both days. For furniture pickup, please call the CLC store at 724- 834-4464 to schedule an evening or weekend pickup.

The CLC store has been able to give needed furniture and clothing to 700 families in Westmoreland County through 41 agencies since April 2001.

If you want to drop off your clothing and furniture articles directly, the store is located at 258 East Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg, with hours of 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. daily, Monday through Saturday.

May 18 – Free Concert

The Jeannette Community Band will be performing a spring / Memorial Day concert on Sunday, May 18, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jeannette American Legion. The concert is FREE to the public.



May 18 – Turkey Dinner

The Grandview VFD and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a turkey dinner on May 18, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the fire hall. For more information, call Paul 724-523-2411 or 724-516-0595, Bob or Laura 724-523-9506, or the fire dept 724-523-8251.

May 20 – Bake Sale

The Grandview Ladies Auxiliary will hold a bake sale on Tuesday, May 20, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the fire hall. They will also be selling Memorial Day tickets. For information or to purchase a ticket, call Paul 724-523-2411 or the fire department 724-523-8251. Tickets can be purchased through out the month of May.

JUNE 2003

June 21 – Benefit Dance

The Grandview VFD and Ladies Auxiliary will hold a benefit dance for Andrew Mathew Frye on Saturday, June 21, starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the fire department at 724-523-8251.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

The Penn-Trafford High School Class of 1978 will hold its 25th year reunion on October 18, 2003, at Lincoln Hills Country Club in Irwin. Persons interested in helping plan the reunion or attending should contact Cheryl Magill Parson, 110 Parson Lane, Jeannette, PA 15644, 724-522-1148, cparson@elliott-turbo.com, or Sandy

Freger Weaver, 8 Nancy Drive, Jeannette, PA, 15644, 724-744-9875, sweaver@ciber.com.

The Penn-Trafford High School Class of 1973 will hold its 30th class reunion on Saturday, August 2, 2003. Please contact Sharon (Pettrill) Eads, 724-327-6721, if you moved in last 5 years or never received an invitation for the 20th or 25th reunion. More details on the event will be sent to classmates in the next few months.

ON-GOING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

Penn Area Library

Grant Received

The library was fortunate to receive a grant from the Westmoreland County Federated Library System (WCFLS) for young adult programming.

February was the kick-off month. Young adults, ages 12 through 18, were asked to guess the number of candy hearts in a jar. Many participated in this program. Two gift certificates were awarded.

In March, the library will host an Internet scavenger hunt. Gift certificates will again be awarded.

Buy-a-Brick

The library is once again selling personalized bricks as a fund-raiser.

The bricks, which are displayed at the entrance to the library, are a great way to show your support. They make wonderful gifts and are a fantastic way to remember a loved one.

For more information, contact the library at 724-744-4414.

Young Adult Program

Tentatively, a new young adult program will be held each month of 2003.

Programs will include career days for both professional and vocational professions, dating skills and etiquette, a college fair, fashions, beauty skills, a mystery game night, manners seminars, and crafts.

Dates and times will be announced in the newspapers, on the township web site, and at the library.

Chess Lessons

Chess lessons are ongoing. A tournament was held on March 8, with the winners invited to attend the district tournament in late March. The library will award trophies to the first and second place winners in the senior and junior divisions. Mr. Budden continues to do a great job. Take advantage of his expertise at the lessons held each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Computer Classes

Computer classes are ongoing. Currently, an Internet skills class is being taught. Instructor Joe Hershberger, has been alternating basic skills and Internet skills. Soon, software programs will be taught. Contact the library for more information. Classes are usually Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings.



Story Time

Story time is in session and will run until April. While the story times are full, the library has a waiting list for this popular program. Miss Pat will be getting ready for the summer reading program and sign-ups will begin in June. The date will be announced in the newspaper, on the township web site, and at the library. This year's theme is "Sports and Games".

Tax Preparation

Tax preparers have been helping senior citizens and low-income families with their tax returns at the library. The remaining dates are March 27 and April 10, from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library

A few residents have expressed interest in a Friends of the Library group, but someone is still needed to take charge. If you are interested, please contact the library at 724-744-4414. When formed the Friends group will help with fund-raising, publicity, and other things to keep the library growing.

It is your library; new ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

National Library Week

The week of April 13 through April 19 is National Library Week. Plans are being made to have a magic show. The program will be publicized.

PTARC

PTARC (Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission) has the following programs scheduled. To register to participate, contact them at 724-744-2171, extension 204 or 205.

April 2 -- Learn to Ice Skate.

Fundamentals of ice-skating. 12:15-1:00 p.m. (lesson), 1:00-3:00 p.m. (free skate). Ages 2-6. Center Ice Arena, Delmont. Cost \$10.

April 7 - April 17 (Monday through Thursday) – American Red Cross Swim

Instruction. Levels I through IV. Penn-Trafford High School. Cost \$25-\$30.

April 7 - May 5 (Mondays) – Golf

Introduction. Basic fundamentals of golf. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Ages 12 years and up. Irwin Country Club. Cost \$55.

April 9 – Make a Ceramic Easter Basket and Eggs. 6:00-9:00 p.m. Adults only. Crafty Shack. Cost \$36.

April 12 – Birdwatching. 9:00-11:00 a.m. All ages. Bushy Run Park. Cost \$5/family.

April 12 – Hard Rock Café and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Café for lunch and a guided tour of the hall of fame. Cost \$64 per person. Includes round trip motor coach transportation, admission fees, lunch, tax, and gratuities.

April 14 – Helpful Hints for Successful Vegetable Gardens. Lessons on seedling care, fertilization, mulching, pruning, transplanting, and various planting techniques. 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Trafford Middle School. Cost \$15.

April 27 - 28 – Belterra Riverboat Casino. Restaurants, shopping pavilion, health spa, championship golf course, and 1,300 slot and poker machines. Single \$137, double \$88. Includes overnight accommodations and three buffet meals.

April 28 - May 8 (Monday through Thursday) – American Red Cross Swim

Instruction. Levels I through IV. Penn-Trafford High School. Cost \$25-\$30.

April 30 – Make a Mother’s Day Vase. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Ages 6 and up. Crafty Shack. Cost \$18.



May 3 – Spring Flower Walk. 10:00-11:00 a.m. All ages. Bushy Run Park. Cost \$5/family.

May 10 - June 14 (Saturdays) – Tennis.

Beginner 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., intermediate 11:00-11:45 a.m. Ages 7-14. Trafford Middle School. Cost \$40.

May 12 – A Guide to Composting.

Techniques and materials used for successful composting using various containers. 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Trafford Middle School. Cost \$15.

May 14 – Make an Apple for Teacher. 6:00-7:30 p.m. Ages 5 and up. Crafty Shack. Cost \$12.

May 17 – Longaberger Homestead. Home of the Longaberger basket manufacturing plant and many specialty shops. Cost \$52 per person. Includes transportation, admission fees, lunch at the homestead restaurant, tax and gratuities.

June 14 – Western Scenic Railroad. Steam excursion in Cumberland, Maryland. Catered lunch in the first class dining car. Stop in Frostburg to tour the Thrasher Carriage House Museum and the Cut-Glass Crystal House. Cost \$67 per person. Includes transportation, admission fees, lunch, tax and gratuities.

July – Special Perennials for Special Places. Perennial growing habits, bloom times, propagation techniques, and cultural requirements. 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Details to be announced.

Who is PTARC?

PTARC (Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission) was formed through an intergovernmental agreement between Penn Township, the boroughs of Manor, Penn, and Trafford, and the Penn-Trafford School District. PTARC’s mission is to provide residents of the Penn-Trafford School District with the opportunity for life-long learning, fitness, and fun through wholesome, affordable, recreational activities and safe, appealing facilities.

Activities are offered in three sessions: winter/spring, summer, and fall. Brochures are mailed to all residents of the Penn-Trafford School District. For additional brochures, contact PTARC at 724-744-2171, extension 204 or 205.

PTAE

While the spring session of classes for PTAE (Penn-Trafford Adult Education) began the week of March 10, the following classes still are accepting registrants.

Mortgage Free. 7-9 p.m., 1 week. Class held April 9. Top five strategies to become mortgage free in ten years or less. Fee: \$4.00. Course rep: Norma Ludwig (724-744-2619). Held at PTHS.

Victorian Swag. 7-10 p.m., 1 week. Class held April 10. Pastel flowers along with ivy and eucalyptus adorn this swag. Fee: \$6.00, plus \$30.00 to instructor. Course rep: Marsha LaCamera (412-373-3929). Held at PTHS.

Investment Planning. 7-9 p.m., 1 week. Class held April 23. Identify and be comfortable with your own risk tolerance, make compound interest work for you. Fee: \$4.00. Course rep: Norma Ludwig (724-744-2619). Held at PTHS.

Golf. 4-5:30 p.m., 5 weeks. Class begins April 24. Lessons on golf basics. Bring your own clubs! Buckets of golf balls must be purchased at Kistler's Golf Range - \$5.50 minimum. Fee: \$20.00. Course rep: Judy Pekich (724-527-2995). Held at Kistler's Golf Range.

The Busy Hands

Do you have any old bedspreads, blankets, or material? The Busy Hands are really in need of these items to make sleeping bags for the homeless, lap robes for nursing homes, and saddle bags for walkers. The group made 85 sleeping bags, 200 lap robes, and 200 saddle bags over the past year. More materials are needed to replenish the used supplies. For more information or to have materials picked up, contact Belle Twigger 724-468-3457 or Jody Roscosky 724-523-3493. Materials can also be dropped off at Community United Methodist Church on Route 130.

Community United Methodist Church of Harrison City

Contemporary worship services – Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Relaxed, informal atmosphere with live music.

Traditional worship services – Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11 am. Nursery is available.

Sunday school program – Sunday at 10 a.m. Any age.

Other programs:

March 29 – Lunch ‘n Learn program on retirement planning. 1:00 p.m. Childcare will be available.

May 3 – “This ‘n That” sale. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The church will be accepting donations (everything but tires) after April 27. Larger items should be brought to the church as close to May 3 as possible.

Week of June 22 – Vacation Bible School. 9:00 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Registration forms can be obtained at the church office beginning in April. Children must be four years of age by September 1, 2003 to attend.

For more information on the church or its activities, call the church office at 724-744-3413 or visit their web site at www.gbgm-umc.org/cumch. The Saturday worship web page is www.westol.com/cumc.

Level Green Senior Citizens

The Level Green Senior Citizens meet on the third Thursday of every month at 12:30 p.m. in the Level Green Community Building. A light lunch and entertainment is provided at each meeting.

There is a line dance session every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. Bingo is played on the first, second, and fourth Thursdays of the month at 12:45 p.m. and after each meeting. There are no specials sold at the bingo after the meeting.

Anyone interested in tours should call Mary Lou at 412-372-5957. The club is open to all Level Green residents 55 years and older.

Zion's/Penn Lutheran

Holy Week / Easter Schedule

April 13 - Palm Sunday - The Rite of Confirmation will be part of the morning worship service. Zion's Lutheran 9:30 a.m., Penn Lutheran 11:00 a.m.

April 16 - Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.,
Penn Lutheran.

April 17 - Holy Thursday Holy
Communion, 7:00 p.m., Zion's

April 18 - Good Friday Tenebrae
Service, 7:00 p.m., Zion's.

April 19 - The combined annual Easter Egg hunt
will be held at Penn at 1:00 p.m.

April 20 - Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m.,
Penn.

April 20 - Easter Services, Zion's Lutheran 9:30
a.m., Penn Lutheran 11:00 a.m.

May, June, July, and August Schedule

Zion's worship service, 11:00 a.m., Holy
Communion every Sunday.

Penn worship service, 9:30 a.m.

No church school classes are held at either
church during the summer.

Services for the two churches alternate times
every four months, and will continue with this
summer schedule until September when the
times will change to Penn Lutheran at 11:00
a.m. and Zion's Lutheran at 9:30 a.m.

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

A combined Vacation School Program will be
held at Penn Lutheran Church (date to be
announced).



Community Meetings

Get involved with YOUR community! Attend
community meetings to learn what's happening
and voice your opinion!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

✂ CLIP OUT AND SAVE ✂

The deadline for material for the **Summer 2003**
issue of The Penn Township Pipeline, which
will include information for **July, August, and
September 2003**, is **Monday, May 26, 2003**.

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

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

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PENN TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

Ward 1 - Kenneth Darragh 523-5355

AREA: Grandview, Oakford, Pheasant Run, Shanty Town, Burrell Hill, Boquet

POLLING: 1-1 Grandview Fire Hall; 1-2 Westmoreland County Community College - Bushy Run Campus

Ward 2 - Joseph S. Lauricia 744-2201

AREA: Harrison City, Harrison Park, Harrison Estates, McCullough, Skyview

POLLING: 2-1 Warrior Center (High School Stadium); 2-2 Harrison City Fire Hall

Ward 3 - Paul Wersing 744-4887

AREA: Claridge, St. Barbara, Boxcartown, Country Farms, Deerfield, one-half of Prosperity Farms (divided by Seanor Road), Penn Highlands, Oak Farm Estates

POLLING: 3-1 Colton Hall in Claridge; 3-2 Township Municipal Building (Library); 3-3 New Life Church on Raymaley Road

Ward 4 Charles Horvat 744-2607

AREA: Paintertown, Sunrise, Rose Acres, Penn High, Penn Town, one-half of Prosperity Farms, Cortina, Mull High, Level Green south of Route 130

POLLING: 4-1 Paintertown Fire Hall; 4-2 Community United Methodist Church on Route 130; 4-3 Level Green Community Building

Ward 5 Tracy Farbacher 412-856-9689

AREA: Level Green

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

TOWNSHIP WEB SITES

Penn Township (official site) trfn.clpgh.org/penntwp/

Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission www.ptarc.org

Penn-Trafford School District www.penntrafford.org

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Police-Chief Michael Mastroianni 863-1119

Road Department-Tom Lamacz 863-5710

Library-Mary Anne Fulmer, Library Director 744-4414

Sewer Authority-Stan Caroline, Authority Manager 744-4333

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