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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citizen's Police Academy – “A Community Effort”

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Fall ushers in the start of each new school year, but for six of the last seven years, it has also marked the beginning of the next Penn Township Citizens Police Academy (PTCPA) class. Eighteen Penn Township residents made up the Class of 2006. We made a commitment to spend three hours a week for ten weeks learning more about something that is an integral and important part of the community, our Penn Township Police Department, a department whose motto is “A Community Effort.”

Over the weeks, we learned about the law, police policy and procedures, the overall structure of the judicial system, and what it takes in time and effort, both in front of and behind the scenes, to provide for a safe and secure community. But perhaps just as important was learning what type of people we have as our police officers and of the man who is running our police department.

From the community's perspective, there is a certain mystique that surrounds law enforcement and because of what officers know and do, policemen are perceived as belonging to a very private club, functioning behind very high walls. In many ways, this enhances the police officer's ability to do his job well, but it can also hinder it. People are fearful of what they don't know. Knowledge is power and the police definitely have more knowledge and more power than the average citizen. Chief Mike Mastroianni had a vision, and to implement that vision, he initiated the creation of a citizen's police academy course for the residents of Penn Township. He wanted

the township's people to see more than just a faceless police force, to lower the walls – to share the power, so to speak, to hopefully lessen the fear and misunderstanding that can occur between a community's citizens and its police force.

The officers, who organized, supported and taught the PTCPA classes, willingly gave up their free time on ten Thursday nights and one Saturday morning to do something they felt was important for their police force and their community. Some even went to work on the night shift after teaching a three-hour course. They willingly stepped into the role of teacher and mentor. They also prodded our class members to step into an officer's shoes and to see things from a very different perspective. The experiences were beneficial for both groups because all experiences are an opportunity for growth. A better understanding of each other and the ability to experience something from another person's point of view can't be anything but a good thing.

Taking the Penn Township Citizens Police Academy class has been an experience that the members of the Class of 2006 will always remember. Each fall when school begins, we will think back on our ten weeks with pride, pride in ourselves, in our community and in our police department. We will remember fondly the people we met and the experiences we shared. Being a part of the Citizens Police Academy was well worth the time and effort of our commitment; it was an endorsement of Chief Mastroianni's vision; it was “A Community Effort”.

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From the Municipal Staff

Change in Earned Income Tax Collector

Beginning January 2007, Berkheimer will be replaced with Centax Corporation for the collection of the township and school district's 1% Earned Income Tax (EIT).

Outstanding fourth quarter 2006 EIT tax payments should be sent to Berkheimer, Wallace Building Room 109, 41 Macek Drive, Pittsburgh PA 15227 or the Bangor, PA address that appears on the tax invoices. Phone calls should be directed to 800-360-3075 or 412-881-3075.

In April, for a few days prior to the April 15, 2007 Earned Income Tax deadline, Berkheimer will have staff available at the Municipal Building to handle last minute payment drop-offs. Watch your local paper for the announcement of the dates and times.

Requests for the Snow Season

Please keep these items in mind as we go through another winter snow season.

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.

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

Third, 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.

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

2006 Real Estate Taxes

All real estate taxes for the current tax year 2006 are required to be paid by 12/31/2006.

Payments can be made by mail, in person at the tax collectors office during normal business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or online via the township web site.

All payments made after 12/31/2006 must be made at the Westmoreland County Courthouse's Tax Claim Bureau.

2006 EMS Taxes

The fourth quarter payments for the Emergency and Municipal Services (EMS) tax for the year 2006 are due by 1/31/2006.

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, 2006, 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 EMS tax form should contact the tax office at 724-744-1414.

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

2007 Real Estate Taxes

The Westmoreland County and Penn Township real estate tax statements and street light assessment statements for the year 2007 are scheduled to be mailed by 3/1/2007.

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 Relocation

Larry Wojcik, the Penn Township Tax Collector and Treasurer permanently closed his office at 3506 Route 130, Suite B (behind Beretta's chiropractic office) on Friday, June 30, 2006.

His new tax office is now in the municipal building located at 2001 Municipal Court, Harrison City, PA 15636.

The phone number, 724-744-1414, remains the same. Normal business hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

JANUARY 2007

December 26 - January 7 – Christmas Tree Recycling

The Community Women's Club of Level Green, in conjunction with PA Cleanways, will accept live Christmas trees at the parking lot next to the ballfield at the intersection of Route 130 and Murrysville Road in Level Green starting December 26 through January 7, 2007.

This is an open drop-off (unmanned with no set hours). Ornaments and lights must be removed. Please leave the tree bags at home. LIVE TREES ONLY!

Do your part and recycle your live tree!

January 2007 - PTARC Winter/Spring Class Registration Begins

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 25.

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

January 28 – Penn-Trafford Water Warriors Annual Spaghetti Dinner

On Sunday, January 28, the Penn-Trafford Water Warriors will hold their 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Norwin Elks on Sandy Hill Road.

The swimmers and divers will be serving from noon till 6:00 p.m. The meal will include spaghetti, salad, rolls, dessert and a beverage. The cost is \$5.00.

Tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the dinner or from any of the Penn-Trafford swimmers or divers.

Take out will also be available.

If you need more information, contact Jeannie at 724-527-3367.

FEBRUARY 2007

February 2006 – PTAE Spring Class Registration Begins

Spring classes offered by Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE) will start the week of March 12, 2007. 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!

MARCH 2007

March 28 - Community Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held on Tuesday, March 27 from 2:00 until 7:00 p.m. in the Penn-Trafford High School cafeteria.

Any healthy person who is 17 years of age or older and weighs 105 pounds or more can be a donor. First-time donors and walk-ins are welcome.



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

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

HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

The **Penn Joint Class of 1957** is holding its 50th year reunion on Friday and Saturday, August 17-18, 2007, at Denunzio's Italian Chop House, at the Arnold Palmer Airport, Latrobe, PA. If you have not been contacted and would like to attend, please call Wayne Baughman at 724-836-1841.

1965 Graduates of Penn Joint High

School...Interested in attending a reunion in May of 2007? Please mail your name, address and phone number to: PJHS '65', P. O. Box 322, Harrison City, PA 15636, or e-mail CarolynFPeoples@msn.com. Time and place to be announced at a later date.

The **Penn-Trafford Class of 1988** is planning its 20-year high school reunion and is looking for addresses for classmates. If you have information about any Class of 1988 alumni, please contact Jessica Jordan-Pedersen at jpedersen_re2@hotmail.com. It is also important for all alumni to register with the Penn-Trafford alumni web site for information and updates about the reunion. The address for the alumni site is penntrafford.alumniclass.com/.

CLUB AND ORGANIZATION NEWS

Recreation Groups

Penn Area Library

Your 24/7 Library: The beginning of the year is the time for change at your library! At the end of November, a new circulation system, called Millennium, was installed in the Penn Area Library. The system, a product of Innovative Concepts, is an Internet-based system, and it helps to make the Penn Area Library a 24/7 library.

The Penn Area Library was able to purchase this system through the State of Pennsylvania. Millennium is an expensive system, and the library would not have been able to purchase it without the state's help. The state is their actual provider, while the library pays for licenses. This makes it cost effective and a great new innovative approach for their patrons and staff.

You may now place holds, renew, and make purchase suggestions from home with this

system. Also, you will be able to see if a piece of material is checked out or in the library and available.

The OPACs (Online Public Access Catalogs) are great especially the Children's OPAC. Please come into the library, so that their staff might give you tips to use this new system. Everyone can access the catalog through the library's website, www.pennlib.org.

Bookmarks are available for you at the library with a little more information. The library would appreciate your comments and would like to know if you are pleased with the new system.

Adult Winter Reading Starting: The Penn Area Library will again participate in Adult Winter Reading. The program will start on January 22 and end on March 26.

There will be six categories – mystery fiction, historical fiction, presidential biography, romance, military history, and a story with a pet in it (an example is *The Cat Who* books). You may read three books in each category.

Each time you finish a book in a category, you will receive a prize ticket to enter into a drawing for that prize. Upon registering for the program, each person will receive a ticket for a special drawing for dinner for two at a restaurant.

Please come in and sign-up!

Storytime and Reading Clubs Resume in

January: Storytimes will resume at the end of January. Please check the web site for dates. Miss Pat usually has three groups of Story times – toddlers, pre-school, and baby lap. The reading clubs will also resume at the end of January. Details for all these programs will be on the web site.

Bedtime with Bears in February:

Bedtime With Bears will take place in February this year. The library does not have a specific date, but please watch the web site.



Interested in Chess Lessons? The library would like to resume their chess lesson program if there is interest. Chess is a great way to practice concentration. It is a great help when you need to focus on homework or even to play video games!

If you would like to participate in chess, please let the library know as soon as possible, 724-744-4414.

Computer Classes are On-Going: Computer classes are ongoing at the library, although lately, they have not had a lot of participation.

Their instructor is available, and it would be great if you took advantage of these classes. He will help anyone from a beginner to an advanced person needing a quick brush-up.

Please come to these classes. Let us know if you are interested.

Collection Maps Now Available: There are now maps of the collection available in the library. Thank you for your cooperation as the library moved various sections of the collection.

The maps are easy to read and will make it more enjoyable to find materials in the library. A special thank you to Sandy Thorp for drawing the wonderful maps.

AskHerePA Program at the Library: The Penn Area Library was chosen to participate in AskHerePA. This service allows you to ask a librarian a question you might need while doing research.

Staff members Dawn Corall, Janet Ruschak, Sandy Thorp, and Pat Cappeta have been trained by the state to be able to help answer these questions. It is a valuable service, and one that will help many researchers.

Library Applies for Grants: The Penn Area Library is involved in two grant opportunities. They will not know if they will receive them for a few months.

The first one is a grant to the Westmoreland County Federated System for online databases from Grolier. These databases include: *America the Beautiful, Land and People*, and more. The library's district center (Monessen) will also be cooperating and providing some funds for these databases.

The other grant opportunity is to provide a workshop on resumes and cover letters. The job market is extremely competitive, and it takes a great cover letter to just get an interview. This workshop will be invaluable for anyone needing to write or evaluate a cover letter and/or resume.

Thank You's: As the year has drawn to a close and a new year begins, it is time to thank you, the patrons, for all your kind words and support. The library appreciates all of you and without you, there is no library.

In these times of change, the library is the first line of information. If you have a loved one serving in the Middle East, come in and find out our nation's policies and some information about the various countries.

The library provides tax forms, and will hopefully have participants from AARP helping to prepare returns. Please check the web site for any new information about this tax preparation service.

The library has a wireless connection for those who need to use their laptops, they have Internet public access computers, and many more services. Come into to the library to check them out!

Library Director Mary Anne Fulmer would like to thank the library's great Board of Trustees for a very good year.



Richard Siergie j - president and computer expert

Judy Speedy - vice president and president-elect

Anne Allen - treasurer (she really keeps them in line with finance)

Devra Cherrone - secretary and committee member

Irene Haurilesko - board member for twenty-five years and head of personnel

Art Louderback - committee member and head of technology

The library usually has a seven-person board but they have one vacancy that should be filled in January.

Mary Anne would also like to thank their great exceptional staff for another fabulous year.

Dawn Corall - reference services, interlibrary loan, and clerk

Cindy Jones - clerk, interlibrary loan, and the best decorator in the world

Pat Cappeta - children's coordinator

Donna Orange - secretary/bookkeeper

Amy Lysle - part-time book repair

Sandy Thorp - part-time clerk, interlibrary loan, and Designer

Janet Ruschak - part-time clerk, interlibrary loan and talented computer person

Donna Graham - part-time clerk

George Bolkovac - part-time custodian

The library also has three part-time clerks made available to them from Westmoreland County Community College via a training program for seniors: Lucille Raspotnik, Dee Sutton, and Loretta McLaughlin.

This great staff keeps the library operating in an organized manner and makes it a very pleasant, people-friendly place.

Mary Anne Fulmer, the library director, has been with the library for nine years and has seen a lot of growth and change. Her wish is to keep the library fresh, innovative, on the forefront of technology, and foremost informative. Thanks for a great year!

There is always something going on in the library. The library appreciates suggestions for new materials, new programs, comments on programs, and any other suggestions they may consider to make the library better for the patrons.

Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission (PTARC)

Winter/Spring Activity Guide to be Mailed in December: PTARC's Winter/Spring Activity Guide will be mailed to residents of the Penn-Trafford School District during the week of December 25.

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.

Opening of the PTARC/Shelley Proskin Recreation Center: The upper level of the PTARC/Shelley Proskin Recreation Center at Route 130 and Murrysville Road in Level Green is now open!

The upper level contains a large multi-purpose room seating up to 149 and a full kitchen. It is available from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday, for parties, showers, celebrations, meetings, meals, or speakers. The space may be partitioned into 2 or 3 separate rooms seating 75 or 50 each.

For more information on renting the space, visit the web site at www.ptarc.org, or call PTARC at 724-744-2181, extension 204 or 205.

About PTARC: PTARC is a nonprofit, PA DCNR-funded, intergovernmental organization between the boroughs of Penn, Trafford, and Manor, Penn Township, and the Penn-Trafford School District.

PTARC's mission is to provide the opportunity for life-long learning, fitness, and fun through wholesome, affordable, recreational activities and safe, appealing facilities. They can be reached at 724-744-2171, ext. 204 or 205.

Penn-Trafford Adult Education (PTAE)

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.

Women's Clubs

Harrison City Area Women's Club

The Harrison City Area Women's Club is a community service organization with its primary purpose being to serve the local community. If you are interested in joining, call Aggie Kusinsky at 724-744-2896.

Community Women's Club of Level Green

Thank You: The Community Women's Club of Level Green would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to the Level Green Community. The response to their Annual Food Drive on November 4, 2006 was overwhelming. Close to

650 families in the Level Green area are thought to have participated by donating the needed food items.

Women's club members, husbands, and area youth volunteered their time by dropping off approximately 1,300 empty bags door-to-door several days in advance, picking up donations from 18 designated routes, and sorting donations throughout the day on Saturday.



Other Projects: In addition to the food drive, the Women's Club will sponsor the annual Mitten Tree Project at the five Penn Township elementary schools; will host, along with the Level Green Lions, and the Level Green Fire Department, Level Green Light Up Night; Meadowbrook Road Clean Up in the spring; Christmas Tree Recycling; student scholarships; Kristen Elfs participation; and many more community projects.

Join the Group: Women living in Level Green and surrounding areas are invited to join. Contact Donna Cheswick 724-744-7956

Senior Groups

Level Green Senior Citizens Club

The Level Green Senior Citizens Club is starting out the new year with new officers. They are as follows: President Jim Locke, Vice President Jim Diana, 2nd Vice President Don Vanisko, Treasurer Joanne George, Secretary Shirley Diana, Board of Directors: Steve Perovich, Angie Moreci and Joe Jankovik. The board of directors meets on the third Thursday of each month at the Slackers Restaurant at 10:00 a.m.

The club's general meeting starts at 11:30 followed by a luncheon and entertainment. Bingo is played if time permits.

The club's Christmas Party was held in December and was a great success.

Bingo is held on the first, second and fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 noon.

The community table is always on the last Thursday of the month.



Line dancing is on every Wednesday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. All activities are held at the Level Green Lions Community Building.

Mary Lou is the club's tour director, and she can be reached at 412-372-5957. A survey was taken for prospective interest on trips for 2007. Once reservations are made a deposit is necessary.

Super Seniors

Super Seniors meet at 12:00 noon on the first Tuesday of each month, excluding January and February. The meetings are held at the Community United Methodist Church, Harrison City.

Lunch is provided by the Area Agency on Aging at six of their meetings. The meeting and entertainment follow lunch. A catered meal is served at their special meetings in April, June, August and December.

New members are always welcome. You must be 55 or older. For more information, contact Jody 724-523-3493 or May 724-744-3550.

Volunteer Fire Departments

Harrison City VFD

2007 Harrison City VFD's Pavilion Rental: Sign-ups for the 2007 rental season will begin in January.

Different from in the past, you must now come to the fire station (located across from the lower parking lot of Warrior Stadium on Mill Street) to reserve your date on the following dates and times:

January 20, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 January 27, 2007 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 February 3, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
 February 10, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Harrison City VFD pavilion is the perfect place for your family gathering, graduation party and any other outdoor celebration.

The pavilion comes equipped with running water, electric, stoves, refrigerators and restrooms to make your gathering as easy as possible. In addition, the pavilion also has horse shoe pits, a volleyball court, swing set, and sand pit!

Dates will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. There will be a \$25 non-refundable deposit due at time of reservation. If you need

further information, please visit their web site www.hcvfd.org.

Weekly Bingo: The jackpot has been raised to a must go \$1,650! In addition to that, there are ultimate door prize cash giveaways that are worth \$1,000! Go to their web site, www.hcvfd.org, for more information.

Banquet Hall: Planning a wedding, banquet or party for 2007 or 2008? The Harrison Room is a beautiful banquet facility to have your event.

It seats up to 450 people comfortably and is the perfect facility to make your day special. Please call to set up an appointment to view the room with their rental agent.

View pictures of the room on their web site, www.hcvfd.org. Dates are going fast, call today.

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.

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

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

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

Kitchen: Open Monday from 5:00-9:00 p.m. and Thursday 6:00-10:00 p.m. Thursday is Wing Night, eat-in special. Run by the Auxiliary.

Social Club: Come and see the newly remodeled social club. Membership is only \$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. 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.

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.

Grandview VFD

Grandview VFD Hall Rental: For all occasions! Contact the fire hall at 724-523-8251.

Claridge VFD

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

Social Hall: Colton Hall, the 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. Hurry dates are limited!

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

Penn Township Ambulance

Services: The public is always welcome to obtain a free blood pressure screening at the EMS station.

The staff is also available to visit with your organization to demonstrate the ambulances, equipment, and capabilities.

Community Room: Available for free to any civic group. Available for rental to private organizations. Contact the department at 724-744-4112.



Churches

Zion's/Penn Lutheran Church

Rev. Robert J. Marks, 724-744-3632
 Zion's Lutheran: Route 130 in Harrison City
 Penn Lutheran: Harrison Avenue in Penn

Ash Wednesday

February 21, 2007. The distribution of ashes and Holy Communion will be received at the Ash Wednesday service 7:00 p.m. at Zion's Church. Community invited to attend service.

Holy Week/Easter Schedule

April 1 - Palm Sunday, distribution of Palms and the Rite of Confirmation will be part of the morning worship service. 9:30 a.m. Zion's Lutheran, 11:00 a.m. Penn Lutheran.



April 4 - Wednesday 7:00 p.m. service at Zion's.

April 5 - Holy Thursday Holy Communion 7:00 p.m. at Zion's.

April 6 - Good Friday Tenebrac Service 7:00 p.m. at Zion's.

April 7 - The combined annual Easter Egg hunt will be held at Zion's at 1:00 p.m.

April 8 - Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. at Penn. Easter Services are scheduled at the regular time 9:30 a.m. Zion's Lutheran Church and 11:00 a.m. Penn Lutheran Church.

Zion's worship service is 9:30 a.m. January, February, March, and April 2007. Holy Communion every Sunday. Church school classes are held during worship 11:00 a.m. Mid-week (1/2-hour) spoken liturgy and Holy Communion is offered every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Community is welcome to attend. Zion's Church Council meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Penn worship service is held at 11:00 a.m. January, February, March, and April 2007. Penn Church Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. or as noted.

Acres of Hope Alliance Church

*New Church Plant in Penn Township.
 Come Grow with Us!!*

Pastor Andy Berreth, 724-374-5337
www.aohalliance.org

Meeting at Penn Township Rescue 6,
 1030 Sandy Hill Road.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.

Puppet ministry for children (of all ages!!)

Level Green Presbyterian Church

Dr. R. Dennis Macaleer, Pastor
 Cheryl Rhea, Director of Christian Education
 Hannah Morris, Youth Director
 412-372-5370

105 Olive Drive, Level Green

www.levelgreenchurch.org

office@levelgreenchurch.org

Early Sunday Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all Ages: 9:00 a.m.

Late Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Gospel Gang (ages 4 through first grade):
 Offered during the 10:30 service.

Nursery for ages 3 and under: Available all Sunday morning.

Kingdom Kids: Wednesdays 5-6 p.m.

The church offers a variety of Bible study classes, and the Presbyterian Women's circles meet regularly.

First United Church of Christ

Rev. Alice Lindsay-Bignell, 724-744-2731
 Harrison City-Export Road, Harrison City

Worship Service: Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Service: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Ongoing Events:

Choir practice - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Chime practice - Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop 230 - Monday 7:00 p.m.

Cub Scouts 230 and 203 - Please call for day and time

Girl Scouts - Please call for day and time

Upcoming Events:

January 1 - Happy New Year

January 7 - Communion 9:45 service

February 11 - Sunday School Valentine Exchange

February 18 - Congregational Meeting: Budget and elections 11:00 a.m. (plan to attend)

February 21 - Ash Wednesday service 7:30 p.m.

February 28 - Mid-Week Lenten Cluster Services begin 7:30 p.m. (place to be announced)

March 4 - Communion 9:45 service

March 11 - Easter candy orders due

March 15 - Vintage Dinner 6:30 p.m.

March 16, 17, and 18 - Family retreat at Living Waters. All are welcome!

March 30 - Confirmants to Cleveland

June 10 - The church is celebrating its 120th anniversary with a community celebration. Mark your calendars and plan to celebrate with them!

Christian Fellowship Center

Pastor Roy Aiken, 724-523-5421
2003 Ridge Road, Jeannette, PA 15644
(intersection of Ridge Road and Route 993)
www.scriptureknowledge.info

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School Ages 5 to Adult: 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Services: 7:00 p.m.

Adult Study - "Time in the Word"

Youth Group - 6th to 12th grade

Royal Rangers - Boys, K thru 12th grade

Keepers at Home - Girls, K thru 6th grade

Rainbows - 3 & 4 year old boys and girls

Nursery

Christian Fellowship Academy and High School - CFA/CFHS:

Grades Pre-K through 12th. The school term of 2006-2007 will commemorate CFA/CFHS' 25th year. School emphasis is on academic excellence, spiritual training, and Christian character formation. Average class size is 15 students. Enrollment is still open for the 2006-2007 school term. 724-523-2358, www.cfca.org

Other

PT Parents Forming to Hold Open Discussions

PT Parents is a newly formed independent organization for facilitating communication among parents of all Penn-Trafford students throughout the school district.

Two open discussion meetings will be held monthly to provide parents and other interested individuals with the opportunity to share news,

ideas, and issues freely, and to meet others with similar concerns. Formal structure will be minimal; anyone present may bring up a topic for discussion. Topics may be revisited as often as they are of interest. There is no cost.

Evening meetings are the third Monday of each month, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m., at the Penn Area Library. Children are welcome, and food and drink are permitted.

Morning meetings are also held the third Monday of each month, 9:15 - 11:00 a.m., at Slacker's Backyard Café, on Murrysville Road in Level Green.

Post-meeting summaries will be emailed to interested individuals. Contact ptparents@windstream.net, or call Audrey Cook at 724-744-0176, to be put on the e-list for summaries, suggest discussion topics, or ask to questions.

The Busy Hands Sewers

The Busy Hands Sewers meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00 at the Community United Methodist Church.

The Cloverleaf Community Center sews on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m., and the Zion's Lutheran Women sew the first and third Friday mornings starting at 9:00.

They are in need of gently used bedspreads, blankets, rubberized draperies, yarn, and neck ties. These items are used to make sleeping bags for the homeless. They also need new material so that they can make lap robes, walker and wheel chair bags, bibs, and rice bags. These items are then taken to local nursing homes, veterans' homes and to hospices.

Donations of these items can be taken to the Community United Methodist Church during the week.



Make Sure You Can Be Found in an Emergency!

Grandview Volunteer Fire Department is providing an important service to the community by currently taking orders for double-sided reflective address markers.

A Penn Township ordinance *requires* every home to display its house number in numerals that are at least 3" high and in a location easily visible from the street.

Remember the purpose of house numbers is to identify your home. Make sure a fire truck or ambulance can find your home *quickly*, even on a black, rainy night!

To order your reflective address marker from Grandview Volunteer Fire Department, simply fill out the order form below, enclose a check for \$15, and mail the form and payment to Grandview V.F.D., 1655 Ridge Road, Jeannette, PA 15644. Allow 3 weeks for delivery. Be sure to give a phone number, so they can contact you if necessary.

Community Meetings

Get involved with YOUR community! Attend community meetings to learn what's happening and voice your opinion! A complete description of each of Penn Township's boards and commissions and their meeting dates can be found on the Penn Township web site.

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

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

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

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

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

Building.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The deadline for material for the **Spring 2007** issue of The Penn Township Pipeline, which will include information for **April, May, and June 2007**, is **Tuesday, February 27, 2007**.

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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 City, State ZIP _____

Address Number Requested

Note: If your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.

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PENN TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

Ward 1 – Kenneth Darragh 523-5355

E-MAIL: kdcom1@penntwp.org AREA: Grandview, Oakford Heights, Pheasant Run, Shanty Town, Burrell Hill, Boquet, Mt. Manor (south side), Observatory, Penn Heights mobile home park, Walton Crossings
POLLING: 1-1 Grandview Fire Hall; 1-2 Westmoreland County Community College - Bushy Run Campus

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

E-MAIL: gdunbar@penntwp.org AREA: Harrison City, Harrison Park, Harrison Estates, McCullough, Skyview, Penn Glade, portions of Deer Field plan, Mr. 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, Deer Field 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
Phil Light 830-3104

DISTRICT MAGISTRATE

Helen M. Kistler 744-3031

U.S. CONGRESSMAN

Tim Murphy 412-344-5583

U.S. SENATORS

Bob Casey, Jr. (starting 1/07) To be announced
Arlen Specter 412-644-3400

PA STATE SENATOR

Bob Regola Greensburg 724-600-7002
North Huntingdon 724-861-7106

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 Enforcmnt/Occupancy Inspection ext. 208
Landfill ext. 207
Community Dev. Secretary-Jean Ann Greer ext. 210
Police-Chief Michael Mastroianni 863-1119
Road Department-Tom Lamacz 863-5710
Library-Mary Anne Fulmer, Director 744-4414
Sewer Authority-Stan Caroline, Authority Manager 744-4333

PENN-TRAFFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent-Dr. Deborah Kolonay 744-4496
Business Office 744-2121
Transportation Office-Ralph Cigich 744-4496

TOWNSHIP AND SCHOOL TAX COLLECTORS

Township - Larry Wojcik 744-1414
School - Centax Corp. (starting 1/07) To be announced

TOWNSHIP WEB SITES

Penn Township (official site) www.penntwp.org
Penn-Trafford Area Recreation Commission www.ptarc.org
Penn-Trafford School District www.penntrafford.org

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