

# JONESTOWN BOROUGH NEWS



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## An Update from Your Borough Council

The past few months have proven to be very busy for the Borough. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the Borough Council will have appointed a new mayor to serve out the term of past mayor, Vince Sellers. The Council once again extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Vince for leading our community with dedication and purpose. We wish him nothing but success as he embarks on a new adventure out west!

Not unlike Vince, Jonestown is beginning a new chapter in its proud history. With a new mayor in place, the Council turns its focus to the 2019 budget. Public hearings have begun, and will continue through October. Among others, priorities include enhanced support of Northern Lebanon Fire & Emergency Services. NLFES is a coalition comprised of Lickdale Community Fire Company, Greenpoint Fire Company, our own Perseverance Fire Company, and Ono Fire Company. The group formed in 2015 in an effort to reduce costs and improve overall services. It is an excellent example of the benefits of regional collaboration, and increasing our support will ensure the Borough is able to continue leveraging the operational costs savings, particularly in terms of updating equipment.

Another priority for 2019 is maintaining and improving our storm water management infrastructure. The unprecedented rains of late summer have wreaked havoc on individual residents and the Borough as a whole. We recognize the need, and we are working hard to develop both short and long-term strategies to address this challenge.

It is our honor and privilege to serve this community we all call home. While the future presents challenges, it also offers opportunities for growth and collaboration. We look forward to sharing this journey with each of you, and to creating a future for Jonestown that is just as proud as our past.

## Northern Lebanon County Authority

The Northern Lebanon County Authority (wastewater treatment plant) would like to thank the residents for their patience and cooperation during this summer's flooding. Heavy rains create significant additional flows in the collection system and at the treatment plant which in turn greatly stress these systems by approaching or exceeding their design capacity. There are several reasons this occurs. First, the original collection system was constructed in 1981 and 1982. As a system ages, cracks occur in the pipes that allow groundwater to enter the sanitary sewer system which is referred to as infiltration. The Authority is very pro-active in locating and repairing defective pipes. The problem areas are typically located by cleaning and televising the sewer main lines with repairs made as they are pinpointed throughout the system. A larger problem however appears to be with inflow, which occurs when residents with sump pumps discharge unwanted basement or ground water directly into their sanitary sewer lines. A typical sump pump will pump 20 gallons per minute. While this may not seem like a lot, if a pump runs for 24 hours, that's over 28,000 gallons of water. If there are 10 pumps running at the same time, that's over 288,000 gallons per day. Even with an upgraded treatment plant, the collection system cannot handle these types of flows, nor was it designed to do so. When the collection system reaches its capacity, water will be forced out of the system at either low lying manholes, or basements in low lying areas creating hazardous conditions. The Authority would like to remind its customers it is a violation of their rules and regulations to discharge anything other than sanitary sewage into its system. Individual home inspections may occur in the future to ensure all plumbing inside the home is in compliance. Your cooperation to keep sump pump discharges out of the sanitary sewer lines will lower operating and treatment costs and be greatly appreciated. – NLCA Board

## ATTENTION – Anyone looking for part-time employment?

If you are interested in becoming a School Crossing Guard substitute, please contact the Jonestown Borough Office at 861-5414 for further information.

## Jonestown Community Thanksgiving Celebration Saturday, November 10, 2018

The churches of the "Jonestown Area" are sponsoring our 14th Annual Community Thanksgiving Celebration. The purpose is to bring the people of the "Jonestown Area" together for a time of conversation, fellowship and fun. The event will be held at the Jonestown Elementary School and will include a ham dinner and entertainment.

Seating will be available from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

This celebration is free of charge to the people of the "Jonestown Area," but a ticket is required for entry.

Tickets (free of charge) will be available at JBT Bank, BG's Market, Sheer Elegance, Krall's General Store and The Churches of the "Jonestown Area."

*Come, celebrate and give thanks for all that is good in life, and spend time with your neighbors and friends!*



## Park, Recreation & Events Committee

The Parks, Recreation & Events Committee has been working hard this past year to bring fun entertainment, for all ages, to Jonestown Park. We are not done yet!!

**Halloween Parade & Dance Party** – Mark your calendars now and make sure the kids have their costumes ready for **Jonestown Halloween Parade & Dance Party** in the Park, **Saturday, October 13th, 5 pm to 8 pm.**

Let the kids show off their costumes in a parade around the park and end up at the bandstand where we will have a Halloween Dance Party. The Devilish DJ will be playing today's top songs & of course, the Monster Mash. The concession stand will be open with a \$1.00 menu. Everyone is welcome to cheer on the children during the parade. We will have a "ghoulishly" good time!!

## Jonestown Borough "Trick or Treat" Night 2018

This year Jonestown Borough's "Trick or Treat" night is **Wednesday, October 31, 2018** from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

(NOTE: The rain date is Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 6 pm - 8pm).

## Available to Jonestown Borough Residents

A preliminary copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Lebanon County, Pennsylvania (All Jurisdictions) is available in the Jonestown Borough Office for residents to review. The Borough Office hours are Monday – Friday from 8am to 1pm, and Mondays and Wednesdays from 4pm to 7pm.

Office Location: 295 South Mill Street

Office Hours: 8:00 – 1:00 pm Mon-Fri  
PH: 717-861-5414

Board Council Mtg:  
1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

**Food for Thought**

*"We all shall look for a way to lift someone up!"*

## “Christmas Tree Lighting”

This year the tree lighting will be held on **Saturday, November 24th from 6pm to 8pm** in the Market Street Square. **Santa is arriving by fire truck at 6:30pm, bringing goodies for the children.** Come listen to the bands, choirs, enjoy the entertainment, good food and watch our beautiful town tree light up the Season! interested in helping, please contact Tracey at 215-416-0313.



## Jonestown Borough Code Enforcement

Jonestown Borough Council has recognized the need to increase our efforts to enforce code violations in the borough. Over the last several weeks we have been patrolling town looking for such violations and taking action to correct violators. A few of the violations we're looking for are high weeds & grass, accumulated garbage/trash (not in containers), abandon or unlicensed or un-registered vehicles & accumulated construction or demolition materials, indoor furniture stored outdoors, refrigerators, stoves, etc.

Due to various reasons our clean-up efforts do not always progress as quickly as we'd like, but we will continue our efforts and hopefully we will be proud of our community. We ask that residents be vigilant and assist the borough by reporting any such incident by going on line ([www.jonestown-pa.com](http://www.jonestown-pa.com)) or stopping by the borough office at 295 S Mill St to file a complaint. Anyone reporting a complaint may remain anonymous if you so choose.

## Jonestown Borough Residents

Jonestown Borough is asking residents to pump water from sump pumps into their yards; not onto the streets. Thank-you

## Hersheypark Volunteers Autumn 2018

Hersheypark's summer season ends in September. Hersheypark in the Dark continues in October and that leads into the Christmas season with Candy Lane. Volunteers will be needed, especially for RIDES. We welcome new volunteers and hope the present volunteers will continue to work for our local park. Your volunteer hours can earn thirty dollars for the Jonestown Park for five hours of work. In addition, you receive a voucher which is good for an entrance to Hersheypark. This summer, Hersheypark was giving triple vouchers for each five-hour shift. The vouchers are good for the 2019 season. Jonestown Park uses the donated funds to maintain the park and provide programs in the park. We have a beautiful, well-maintained park that is used by many of the residence of Jonestown and Swatara Township. Our contributions help to keep it clean and safe. If interested in volunteering, contact me. Email [jyiengst@comcast.net](mailto:jyiengst@comcast.net) or phone 717-865-4892. Submitted by Janet Yiengst

## The Jonestown Male Chorus

The Jonestown Male Chorus has no auditions to join, and membership is open to any man who loves to sing. For further information call or text Joel at (717) 226-8513. Visit the Jonestown Male Chorus website at <http://www.jonestownmalechorus.org>.

## RECYCLE CLEAN! RECYCLE RIGHT!

Do you recycle? If you do, then you need to know that new changes in what will be accepted are happening now. In the past, we all thought that anything that had a number in a triangle was acceptable to recycle, right? Well, that's not the case anymore. The United States had been sending our recyclables to China for processing but since last year China is no longer accepting them. This means that the U.S. has had to process these items, but it does not have markets for all of those recyclables, so they are changing what can be accepted. Items accepted will be: aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, clean and dry newspaper with no food contact, and dry and flattened corrugated cardboard with no food contact. Please note that only corrugated cardboard will be accepted, not paper box which means items like cereal boxes, snack boxes, etc. Items NOT accepted will be: no plastic bags, no food/liquid, no garden hoses, no shredded paper, no clothing, no diapers, no medical waste, no scrap metal and no styrofoam.

A helpful hint and the new motto are **"When in doubt, throw it out."** Another helpful hint when recycling plastic jugs is **"Check for the neck."** Recycle all plastic bottles, jugs and jars with an opening smaller than the base.

Please also be aware that it is very important that you are recycling right because trash haulers and carriers will be paying attention to what is in your recycling containers. If they contain items that aren't recyclable, they will place a sticker on your container asking you to only recycle the items listed on that sticker. Flyers containing photos and information on recycling can be found on the Jonestown Borough website and Facebook sites.

This will be a big change for those that recycle but don't get discouraged, you are still helping our community and our environment by recycling. And for anybody that doesn't currently recycle, now's the time to get started! If you need a recycling container, call or stop by the Borough Office as we do have some available for residents. Recycle Clean! Recycle Right!

## ATTENTION LEBANON COUNTY



## WHEN IN DOUBT → THROW IT OUT

NO Plastic Bags NO Shredded Paper NO Medical Waste  
NO Food/Liquid NO Clothing NO Scrap Metal  
NO Garden Hoses NO Diapers NO Styrofoam

FOR ALL PLASTICS CHECK FOR THE NECK!  
RECYCLE ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS, & JARS  
WITH AN OPENING SMALLER THAN THE BASE.

## St. John's United Church of Christ

St. John's Angels (Relay for Life Team) will host a **Craft Fair** on **Saturday, October 13 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church**, 600 Shepherd Street, Jonestown. Anyone interested in participating as a vendor should contact Doris Edris at (717)507-5541. Come visit, a great time to purchase fall decorations, holiday gifts, wonderful homemade desserts, lunch, and a chance to win an item from our basket raffles. Need a pumpkin roll for your fall festivities, call the church office at 717-865-4453, \$12.00.

- **October Messy Church, Friday, October 19, 5:30 – 8:00 pm**
- **Spooky Woods, Even if I walk through darkness, I will not be afraid because you are with me. Psalm 23:4** All families are welcome to an evening of great food, fellowship, fun and a little bit of messy.
- **Annual Fish Dinner, Saturday, October 20, 4:00 – 6:30 pm.** Baked Haddock, Mac & Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Green Beans, Drinks and Dessert Adults – \$13, Children – \$6, 3 and under free, Take Outs Available
- **St. John's Annual Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 10, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Crafts, baked goods, Grandma's Attic – everything you need to make your holidays special. Breakfast and lunch items available. Join us every Sunday for worship at 10:30 AM. - Our mission, to serve all of God's people by sharing the love of Christ and ministering to our community.



## Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon

Our motto: *Service Above Self*. We invite you to meet us for breakfast at Esther's on Tuesdays at 7:00 a.m. Visit our Facebook page – Northern Lebanon Rotary Club. **FACEBOOK/WEBSITE:** Please like our page on Facebook: "Jonestown Borough and Community" or our website: [www.jonestown-pa.com](http://www.jonestown-pa.com) to get updated news and events information!

## WE'RE EXPECTING SNOW IN NOVEMBER – SNOWFLAKES, THAT IS!

Well, it may be a little early yet but we're looking for a few good helpers to hang snowflakes and/or to help with traffic control in November. If you are interested in being a part of this yearly Jonestown tradition, contact Melissa Reynolds at [jmreynolds314@verizon.net](mailto:jmreynolds314@verizon.net) to submit your name and we'll contact you with the details as the date draws nearer.

**FACEBOOK – Please like our “Jonestown Borough and Community” page to get updated news and events information!**



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