

# JONESTOWN BOROUGH NEWS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR *IPMC - After 1 Year*

As we go past the 1 year mark on the inception of the International Property Maintenance Codes in the Borough, we have seen a lot of positive responses. Our Codes Enforcement Officer met quite a few people, and in most cases after explanation of what needs to be completed, those meetings have had favorable outcomes. While we know and understand that many private home owners don't necessarily like the idea of someone telling them what needs done to their property, please understand that these codes and subsequent interactions help fight blight and also provide a level of safety to not only the homeowner, but the neighbors and anybody who may be affected even just walking by. In Jonestown Borough, we also have numerous rental properties. The IPMC also provides a standard to which a landlord must maintain the property for those tenants. The IPMC is an International Standard that is widely accepted and utilized throughout the United States and is currently in place in several other communities in Lebanon County.

## BOAT LAUNCH AREA

It is always great to see people using the recreational areas provided by the Borough. Unfortunately, with the closing of many recreational areas and services due to COVID-19, our boat launch is seeing an increase in popularity. Please remember, that the boat launch area is there to launch and retrieve watercraft only as part of the Swatara Creek Water Trail. This is not an area for swimming, camping, picnics, cookouts, parties, etc. This is a family friendly area for recreational use of watercraft. There are very real safety concerns with swimmers interacting with kayaks and other watercrafts. We have also seen an increase in other issues with the increase in people using the area, to which we have asked the PA State Police and Cleona Police to monitor.

## Jonestown Borough Forging Partnerships

While 2020 brings many interesting changes to our lives, the Borough is forging partnerships that will aid and assist the residents of the Borough. Since the beginning of the year, we have made new partnerships with Cleona Borough Police and the Penn State University Hospital (Hershey Medical Center).

While the beginning months of COVID-19 brought many uncertainties for everyone, these groups of First Responders were in the shadows. There if we needed them, but like many, watching and seeing where COVID was going to take us. In the past 2 months, they have been increasing their activities in the community and subsequently increasing their visibility.

Cleona Police has been a great asset with Chief Farneski at the helm. While their primary function has been with vehicle related enforcements, we have asked them to help with other services as well, such as Code Enforcement and Neighbor Complaints.

Since late last year, Jonestown Borough, in cooperation and partnership with the surrounding municipalities, has an arranged agreement with Life Lion EMS from the Penn State University Hospital also known as Hershey Medical Center to provide ambulance services to the Borough and surrounding municipalities. This came to fruition after several months of meetings and discussions. The Life Lion EMS crew is being housed in the Ono Fire Station and is centrally located to provide great access to the entire area. The crew that staffs this EMS Unit is a paid crew, so they are always with their rig and they are generally out the door in less than 2 minutes from the time that they are notified of an Emergency. Mr. Scott Buchle is the Program Manager for Life Lion EMS and he has done a tremendous job of working with us, trying to answer all of our questions and addressing all of our concerns throughout the process.

Mayor Joe Quairoli



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**Office Hours:** Mon.-Th. 8-3; Fri. 8-1  
PH: 717-861-5414

**Mayor's Phone:** 717-865-2582

**Board Council Mtg:**

**October 6, November 3, December 1;**  
7:00 pm virtual via WebEx, call  
Borough Office for login details.

**Upcoming Borough Meeting Dates:**

**Planning Workshop – Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23; 6:30 p.m. at Borough Office**  
**Parks and Recreation – Sept. 23, Oct. 28, Nov. 25; 7:00 p.m. at Borough Office**  
*All are welcome to attend!*

## Hersheypark Volunteers Fall 2020

The Jonestown Park Volunteers have been on hiatus this summer. Hersheypark is open and they do request volunteers, however with COVID-19 affecting many people in the area, our volunteers are playing it safe and staying at home. All volunteers in the park must wear masks while in the park. Also, the benefit to the volunteer is one ticket per shift.

Hopefully, by the opening of the 2021 season this pandemic will be behind us and we can once again volunteer and earn money for the Jonestown Park. Until then, stay safe.

If you do want information about the volunteer program, contact me by email [jiengst@comcast.net](mailto:jiengst@comcast.net) or phone 717-865-4892.

*Submitted by Janet Yiengst*

## Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon



Our motto: *Service Above Self.*  
Visit our Facebook page -  
Northern Lebanon Rotary Club -  
for news and updates on the Club!

## JONESTOWN BOROUGH RESIDENTS GREENWASTE PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

Jonestown Borough has installed a fence and gate system to our green waste yard, located at 295 South Mill Street. The green waste yard is available to Jonestown Borough residents and Borough businesses by a membership card. Cost for the yearly membership is \$35 plus an initial (one time) \$5 fee for the access card. When you buy the permit now, it will be good until the end of 2021. Access cards can be purchased at the Jonestown Borough office at 295 South Mill Street. Additional rules and membership information can be found on the Borough's website, [www.jonestownpa.org](http://www.jonestownpa.org), or stop by the Borough office. Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 8 am - 3 pm and Friday, 8am - 1 pm. Also, free mulch is available to anyone who does not have a green waste access card. Please call the Borough office at 717-861-5414 for details.

## Jonestown Outreach Pantry

JOY's mission is to provide food to alleviate the struggles of the food insecure residents of the Northern Lebanon School District. Food boxes are available at the pantry from 12:30 - 2:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. The schedule is available on our website at [joypantry.org](http://joypantry.org).

We depend on the food and financial donations of the local community. A donation box for non-perishable items is located at the post office. Contact the pantry at 717-269-6186 for large donations and donations of perishable items. Please call before leaving fresh produce on the porch.

Thank you to the residents of our community for your continued generous support of the JOY Pantry.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Once again we're looking for volunteers to help stage and hang our beautiful town Holiday Lights. This year we plan on hanging the lights **Saturday November 14th** with a rain/snow date of November 21st. We could also use help now to

replace any broken bulbs prior to hanging. If interested, or for additional details please contact me at [tkeferboro@comcast.net](mailto:tkeferboro@comcast.net) or the Borough office (717)861-5414. Tom Keefer; Borough Councilman.



The next Food Truck event will take place in the Park on **Saturday, November 14** from 11am - 6pm.

Mark your calendar! Not only do you get to eat delicious food, but you help raise money for Jonestown Park!

**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!



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