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Stories from the Lamplighter

Originally called Williamsburg, Jonestown was laid out as a town in 1761. In 1771, in honor of William Jones who founded the town, and because another town had the same name, the post office renamed the town Jonestown. In August 1870, Jonestown was incorporated, making it the first borough to be incorporated in Lebanon County. Another first for

Jonestown took place at the White Horse Tavern along the main street- the tavern received the Lebanon County's first liquor license. A branch of the Union Canal extended from just west of Jonestown to Pine Grove, bringing mule-drawn boats through its locks.

Operation of the canal ceased in 1885, giving way to another form of transportation important to the region, the railroad. The last spoke of the Lebanon to Tremont Railroad was laid in 1870. At this time, political talk turned to making Jonestown the county seat because of its location - to the canal, the railroad and a major highway, Old Allentown Road

(Route 22). Stories note that a town meeting was held for county politicians to cast their votes on where the county seat should be. It is said the Lebanon won by one vote, since Jonestown politician Thomas Walker was tricked into visiting the Buck Hotel (still run as a restaurant today) and got so drunk there that he was unable to cast his vote. (Article taken from *The Daily News*, Lebanon Pa., written by Liz Koonen, Tuesday, September 25, 1990).

Borough Greenwaste Permits Available

Time for Fall Clean up!!

Bring your fallen leaves to the Greenwaste Yard!!



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 membership card. Cost for the yearly membership (January 1st - December

31st) is \$35 plus an initial (one time) \$5 fee for the access card. 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, or stop by the Borough office. Office hours are Monday - Friday, 8 am-3 pm.

Recently Announced: Jonestown Borough Council voted to open their Greenwaste Recycling Facility to fifty additional residents who reside outside the Borough on a first come, first served basis. To qualify for a permit, residents must reside in either Swatara or Union Townships. Permits are for residential use only; businesses or business use (landscapers) do not qualify. Non-Borough Resident permit fees are \$50.00 a year with an additional (one-time) fee of \$5.00 for the access card. All other green waste rules apply. Acceptable payments are by cash or check only.

Community Events

Park Name Contest Ceremony - being held on **Monday, September 25th, 2023, 6:30 pm**, at the "Newly Named Park" on 49 W. Market Street. How exciting!! The park is starting to come together. Brand new landscaping of rock and newly planted trees have been planted. A beautiful new Christmas Tree was carefully selected and rehomed into the park at the end of August. Come join us at the ceremony, take a look at the new additions while the New Park name is drawn.

Jonestown Halloween Kids Dance - Get your costume on & get ready to boogie! Kids from babies to age 18 are invited to come show off their costumes and dance to today's hits! **October 21, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm** at the Jonestown Park Bandstand (near the brightly colored concession stand). Hope to see you there. This event is free and hosted by the Jonestown Parks & Recreation Committee. Donations are appreciated & will go towards all future town events like this!

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

Thursday, October 31, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

* Rain Date: Will Be Consistent In Following Lebanon County's Scheduled Rain Date - November 1st, 2023, 6:00 - 8:00 pm.



We're Expecting Snow In November - SNOWFLAKES THAT IS!

Well, it may be a little early yet, but we are looking for a few good helpers to hang snowflakes and/or to help with traffic control on November 11th, starting at 7:00 am. If you or any groups or organizations are interested in being a part of this yearly Jonestown tradition, contact the borough office at boro@jonestownpa.org to submit your name.

Jonestown Community "Christmas Tree Lighting"

On Friday, November 24th, we will gather around the Christmas tree in our beautiful, newly landscaped park located at 49 E. Market St. Santa will arrive on the fire truck at 6:30 pm to help light up the town and the town tree! Join us from 6-8pm. The kids can visit with Santa, take some pictures and we can all enjoy the Jonestown Dance Studio dancers Christmas Show!



JONESTOWN PARKS, RECREATION & EVENTS COMMITTEE For years Jonestown has had a Parks, Recreation & Events committee, sadly we currently do not. The PRE committee plays an integral role in the growth of a community by engaging and bringing the community and individuals together to help make Jonestown a beautiful and fun place to live.

Jonestown PRE committee advises Borough Council on the goals and objectives of the Borough's parks and recreation programs and serves as a sounding board for the recreational needs of our residents.

Examples of committee objectives may be, continually strive to improve and maintain our existing park or plan and create new parks, trail development as well as plan and implement recreational programs within the community.

We are looking for a volunteer to chair this committee. Someone who is energetic, passionate, and committed to helping our community grow. PREcommittee is always looking for people to lend a helping hand.

Remember It is important to give back to your community!

You do not have to be a resident of Jonestown Borough to be a part of this committee. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a PRE volunteer, contact Jonestown Borough office at 717-861-5414 between the hours of 8 am-3 pm Monday through Friday.

Office Location: 295 South Mill Street

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-3

PH: 717-861-5414

Mayor's Phone: 717-865-2582

Board Council Meetings:

October 3, 2023,

November 8, 2023

beginning at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Borough Meeting Dates:

Planning Workshop - Sept. 25, 2023, Oct. 23, 2023, Nov. 27, 2023 beginning at 6:30 pm

Parks and Recreation - Sept. 27, 2023, Oct. 25, 2023, Nov. 22, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm

Please join us! - 295 South Mill Street, Jonestown, PA 17038

Jonestown Vision Group

Jonestown Borough Awarded Funding – for technical assistance to conduct a charrette to develop a conceptual plan that incorporates green infrastructure along Market Street and to transform a grass lot into a community park.

The Chesapeake Bay Trust, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection announced that \$1,850,576 in funding has been awarded to 36 projects across Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia as part of the Chesapeake Bay Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns (G3) Grant Program. The awards help communities develop and implement plans that reduce stormwater runoff; increase the number of green spaces in urban areas; improve the health of local rivers, streams, the Chesapeake Bay, and the human populations within the communities; create “green jobs;” reduce energy use; and enhance livability in cities and communities.

Jonestown Borough is looking for anyone who may be interested in joining our Charrette (vision group) and becoming a part of Jonestown’s future. This group would gather to discuss conceptual ideas, mainly for the downtown area. Ideas such as tree plantings, landscaping, off street parking, bicycle kiosk or any beautification or infrastructural ideas which will help us to progress as a community. We’re also looking for anyone with experience in writing grants for projects such as this.

If you think you may be interested in becoming a part of our vision group or you would like more information, please contact the Borough office (717) 861-5414 or send us an email boro@jonestownpa.org.



Kenbrook Bible Camp

45TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING:

Join Kenbrook Bible Camp **September 28** at our 45th annual Scholarship Golf Outing so Kids Can Come to Camp! More than \$26,000 was raised in 2022 to allow kids to come to camp in 2023

who would otherwise not be able to come to camp! We are looking forward to raising even more funds and allowing more kids the opportunity to come to camp in 2024! For more information, to register to golf, or to be a sponsor, go to www.kenbrook.org/golf-outing.

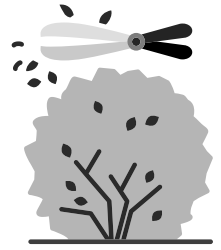
FALL VOLUNTEER WORK DAY: Looking for a way to serve and help Kenbrook Bible Camp prepare the grounds for winter? Then look no further! Join us on **Saturday, October 14 from 8 am-Noon** for a great day of fellowship and working on projects like trail maintenance, cutting back perennials, leaf raking, wood splitting and more! A light breakfast will be served at 8:00 am and lunch will be served as work concludes at 12:00 pm. Please call 717.865.4547 or e-mail info@kenbrook.org if you are interested in helping during this event!

FALL FAMILY FUN DAY: Join Kenbrook Bible Camp on **October 21st** and enjoy the fall season with us! The day will include free activities and events including hot dog lunch, tractor rides, boating, climbing wall, an apple cider press, snow cones featuring You are the Hamster, and other camp activities. **This year’s event runs 9:00 am-2:00 pm.** All ages are welcome! For more information email info@kenbrook.org.

Trimming of Trees and Shrubs

Residents are asked to trim any trees, shrubs or bushes that may be extending out into a street to include any tree branches that may be hanging over a street and closer than 14 feet from the road surface. Trees and/or bushes that extend onto roadways create problems for emergency vehicles, mail carriers, refuse trucks, delivery vehicles, etc. – so please ensure that your trees and shrubs do not extend into the street and create problems for others.

– Thank you.



Jonestown Connects

If you haven’t already, download *Jonestown Borough’s New App – Jonestown Connects!* A way to stay connected to your community!



Zion’s Lutheran Church

welcomes you to Sunday morning worship at 10:30 am and to a weekly community meal on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm, followed by Rejoicing Spirits worship (informal, interactive, 30 minutes long) at 6:15 pm. You are also invited to a Blessing of the Animals service, giving thanks for creation and God’s creatures of all kinds, on Sunday, October 15 at 4 pm on the church lawn.

Jonestown United Methodist Church – UPCOMING EVENTS

located at 109 W. Market Street, Jonestown

- **Fall Festival** – a free event for the community with activities for children thru adults: food, games, cake walk – **September 23, 3-6 pm** (Rain or Shine) Register/Call the Church (717-865-4369) to enter your favorite chili for the “Chili Cookoff.”
- **Annual Haunted Church** event on **October 31, 6-8 pm;** Bible stories come to life as you walk through our outdoor scenes. Candy for the children.
- **2023 Advent/Christmas** events will be posted on our outdoor signs.

Worship Times: 8:45 am and 11am. Sunday School at 10 am.

Jonestown Borough Dumpster Permits

The Borough requires permits to place dumpsters on Borough streets. There are no fees associated with these permits. Applications for permits are available at the Borough office 295 S. Mill St. 8 am - 3 pm Monday-Friday.

See our WEBSITE: www.jonestown-pa.com or download our “Jonestown Connects” App for updated news and events information!



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