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From the Desk of the Mayor

As many know, the Borough of Jonestown adopted the International Property Maintenance Codes (IPMC) about 2 years ago. This nationally recognized set of standards is used throughout the country as it applies to all existing buildings. The IPMC's purpose is to "ensure public health, safety, and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises." While no "codes system" is ever perfect, the IPMC helps the Borough by providing a tool to keep those who live, work, and traverse around the town safe while trying to keep properties maintained.

The Borough generally uses a "complaint driven system" to direct our Codes Enforcement Team. That means that someone initiates a complaint about a specific property with the Borough. However, in Spring (early April), the team will go out and look at things that may have been sitting all winter-long, going unnoticed. In either case, the Codes Enforcement Team goes to work.

In the cases where complaints come into the Office, those complaints come from neighbors, tenants, employees, customers, or other local government agencies including the Children & Youth Services, Conservation, Police Services and even the Court System. Most complaints are generated because someone has a genuine concern for the neighbors or the occupants of the structure. In some cases, the Codes Enforcement Team goes out and finds that the complaint(s) are unfounded (no violations). In other cases, there may be some issues that need to be taken care of. A letter will be sent to the property owner identifying the issues and what must be done to bring the property back into a positive state of repair.

Over the last 2 years, the biggest items that have been sent to the borough in the form of a complaint are:

- Trash, garbage, and rubbish piled up on the property.
- High grass and weeds (higher than 6").
- Poor or missing gutters and/or downspouts.
- Exposed wood where it is starting to rot.
- Overgrown trees and bushes that are encroaching neighboring properties, streets, sidewalks and blocking street signs.
- Vehicles abandoned or in a state of disrepair.

What can you do to help?

We simply ask that property owners take care of their properties by taking some of the following steps:

- Keep the grass mowed and trimmed.
- Removing excess trash and debris from the property. This will help prevent unwanted odors, bugs, mice, and other pests.
- Scrape and paint exposed wood to prevent rot.
- Please keep your trees and bushes trimmed back from streets, sidewalks, and signs.
- Remove and avoid any standing water on your property. This winter was not very cold, so we can expect more mosquitoes this year.

And if you do get a letter from the Borough, please stay in contact with the Codes Enforcement person issuing the letter. They can help you get through the process quickly and efficiently.

Contest to Name the Town Park

Jonestown Borough is asking for your input and clever ideas to name the town park located at 49 West Market Street. Simply log onto <https://jonestownpa.wordpress.com/recreation/> for more details and a chance to win \$100!

**YARD
SALE**



**Jonestown Community Yard Sale
Saturday May 13th, 2023**

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:

May 2nd, 2023, June 6th, 2023,
beginning at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Borough Meeting Dates:

Planning Workshop – April 24th; May 22nd; June 26th, 2023 beginning at 6:30 pm

Parks and Recreation – April 26th; May 24th; June 28th, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm

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

Community Events

Pickleball in the Park – It's that time of year again, pickleball open play! **Every Wednesday, starting April 5th, at 5:00 pm** in the George F. Kaufman Community Park. Everyone is welcome!



Jonestown Carnival – A Carnival is coming to Jonestown, hosted by Huey's Entertainments – coming **May 8th, through May 14th**. Rides, Fun, Food, and More!!!

Block Party – The 12th Annual Jonestown Block Party Committee is getting ready for **May 27th**. This year, our focus is on community. The food trucks and balance of vendor fees will be contributed to Jonestown Parks & Rec to invest in the park area on Market Street. The beautification project includes replacement of our town's Christmas tree. Stop by the Borough's table for the details of the project and meet your mayor and Borough Council. The food trucks will include your local favorites – *Chezy Grille*, *MOPP Gear Coffee* and *Wich Way Sandwiches*. We have a variety of trucks lined up for everyone including BBQ, sandwiches, pretzels, cheesesteaks, pizza, burgers, edible cookie dough, and cupcakes. Many of our vendors are non-profits providing games, activities, and face-painting at family-friendly prices to raise funds for their organization. The event will also include many favorite return vendors such as our town's favorite *Whoopie Pie Lady*, handmade crafts and jewelry, local businesses, and products to pamper yourself. Lastly, we have a live duo performing from 5-8 pm. Check out the performances of *Gillian Smith & Sarah Sheriff* on social media platforms. We will be closing Market Street between Broad Street to King Street from 1 pm-10 pm. Food trucks, vendors, and small businesses will be available to serve the community from 3 pm-8 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Jonestown Memorial Day Parade – The annual Jonestown Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony will be held on **Monday, May 29th beginning at 9 am**. The parade route will proceed on Jonestown Road and continue on Market Street to North King Street ending at Zion's Lutheran Cemetery. The parade will be followed by the Memorial Day Ceremony with a special guest speaker. The participants of the parade will form, beginning at 8 am in the Lebanon Evangelical Free Church parking lot. Anyone interested in participating in the parade, please contact Nate and Michelle Carpenter at jonestownmemorialday@gmail.com.

Jonestown Craft-n-Play in the Park – Craft-n-Play in the Park is back again for 2023. Join us **every Thursday, from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm** in the Pavilion for some extra crafty fun and lots of imagination! Kick off date is **June 8th!** We look forward to seeing you there.

Ice Cream Day – Jonestown Park invites the community to celebrate Ice Cream Day on **July 16th in the park**. Time to be announced at a later date. (Check out Jonestown Borough's website or App for more information.) Rain date will be July 17th.

JONESTOWN BOROUGH RESIDENTS GREENWASTE PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

Jonestown Borough has installed a fence and gate system to our greenwaste yard, located at 295 South Mill Street. The greenwaste 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.

Kenbrook Bible Camp

HYMN SING: Love the traditional hymns? Love to sing and worship our Lord and Savior? If so, then plan to attend Kenbrook Bible Camp's 2nd Annual Hymn Sing and Luncheon on **Sunday, April 23**. The luncheon will be served from 12:30-1:30 pm and the hymn sing will begin immediately following lunch. Come for lunch and the hymn sing or just come for the singing. This is a free event and a love offering will be taken. Reservations are not required but are requested so that we can plan accordingly. For more information and to register, contact Joe McFarland at jmcfarland@kenbrook.org or call 717-865-4547.

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE: Want to check out Kenbrook Bible Camp and see what it's like? Are you nervous about sending your child to camp? Is your child anxious about camp, where they will sleep, if the counselors will like them? We invite you to join us at our **2023 Summer Camp Open House on Saturday, May 13th**, from 9 am–Noon. Come meet some of the staff, become familiar with camp, get a tour of the camp and facilities, enjoy the beauty, and make some family memories! There is no charge, no need to sign up, and no obligations to register for camp. If you'd like more information on Open House or Summer Camp, please visit our website at www.kenbrook.org or give us a call at (717) 865-4547 or email program@kenbrook.org.

SPRING VOLUNTEER WORK DAY: Looking for a great opportunity to volunteer as an individual, family, small group, youth group or Sunday School Class? Look no further! Plan to come on **Saturday, May 6** and help prepare our facilities and grounds for all the summer camp fun that is headed our way! Projects will include mulching the challenge course, readying the new archery area, preparing the airsoft field, mulching building landscape beds, planting flowers, staining, firewood splitting, trail maintenance, and more! Arrive at 8:00 am where light breakfast treats will be available. A delicious free lunch is served upon conclusion of our work at 12:00 pm! For more information contact Andrew Leslie at aleslie@kenbrook.org or call 717-865-4547.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON: Looking for a great way to celebrate and honor your mother on Mother's Day? Come to Kenbrook Bible Camp on **Sunday, May 14** for our annual Mother's Day Banquet and enjoy a delicious luncheon in the beauty of God's creation. The meal will be served from 11 am to 2 pm. Enjoy lunch and then spend time with mom taking in the nature and beauty at Kenbrook. An incredible way to show mom that you care! She doesn't have to cook, wash the dishes, or host lots of guests – instead she gets to sit down and enjoy the fellowship of family. This year's menu includes a beef carving station, oven roasted turkey, ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, macaroni and cheese, an omelet bar, salad bar and more! Visit our website at <https://www.kenbrook.org/mothers-day-buffet/> for more information and for pricing. Call 717-865-4547 or email info@kenbrook.org to register today! Seating is limited. For more information on events call 717-865-4547 or email info@kenbrook.org.

Jonestown Borough Dumpster Permits

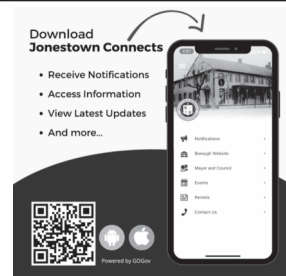
The Borough requires permits to place dumpsters on Borough Streets. There are no fees associated with these permits. Applications for permits are available at the Borough office 295 S Mill St. 8am – 3pm Monday–Friday.

Jonestown Vision Group

Jonestown Borough is in the process of forming a vision group and we're looking for people who may be interested in joining to become 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 beatification 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.

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

Zion's Preschool has a few spots remaining for three & four year olds for the 2023-24 school year. Call 717-861-4416 for a tour.

Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church

The Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church in Jonestown is excited to announce the coordination of our annual **J-Rock Outreach planned for May 5-6-7** this Spring. This is a volunteer-led community service project in which members of our church family perform acts of service for individuals and businesses in the Jonestown Boro and surrounding areas. From weeding and mulching to painting, minor repairs and construction, our team of both skilled- and non-skilled laborers are willing to share love for our neighbors in tangible ways. It is our desire to begin compiling a list of projects for individuals in need as well as businesses, churches or organizations who could use extra help. In addition, shut-ins or individuals with special needs or circumstances can be nominated confidentially in advance of our work dates. Should you have a need or know of someone who could benefit from our service project, please email our SERVE Team at serve@lebefree.org. For more information about our church, go to www.lebefree.org.

Call before
you Dig



Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon

The Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon County will be featured at an "Eagles Gives Back" event on **Wednesday, April 26** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Fredericksburg Eagles Hotel in Fredericksburg. Learn about what Rotary does for the community and the world by visiting our table and supporting our club by having dinner.

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



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