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From the Desk of the Mayor...

It has been my privilege to be the Mayor of Jonestown for the last two years. During that time we were able to complete some major projects and make some changes that have benefited the Borough of Jonestown. The finished projects include:

- Bringing back the Christmas lights to Jonestown.
- Securing a \$200,000+ grant to install storm water control and to do full depth base repair on a large portion of West Chestnut St.
- Paving on Broad and W. Swatara Streets.
- Reducing the speed limit on Market Street to 25 MPH.
- Contracting North Lebanon Police Dept for traffic controls.
- Cutting the Storm Water tax in half and then eliminating it entirely.
- Changing the street lights over to LED is saving the Borough monthly in electric costs and the new lighting has increased the illumination by providing a whiter and brighter light.
- Replacing our Borough's older plow and dump truck for a newer, more heavy-duty truck.
- We also started a Parks & Recreation committee to enhance our events in the community.

We still have ongoing projects which are scheduled to be completed by the end of next year:

- In cooperation with Swatara Township we will be top coating North Mill St. later this summer.
- We also secured a \$157,000 grant from the Redevelopment Authority of Lebanon County to do full depth base repair for the entire stretch of Chestnut Street between Broad and Mill Streets. This project will be completed next summer.
- We secured a DCNR grant for \$42,500 that will pave a good portion of the park trails in the George Kauffman Community Park while adding ADA Accessible Parking and Handicap areas. This will be completed next spring.

On a personal note, I would like to announce that I will be submitting my resignation at the next Borough Council meeting scheduled for August 8th. My journey in life has taken me in a new direction and I will be moving to Colorado in the near future. I am very excited and am looking forward to this new opportunity! When I ran for the office of Mayor I did not know that I would be moving out of the Borough and would not be able to fulfill my full term as Mayor.

It has been an honor and a privilege to be your Mayor and I have received overwhelming love and support from the community during this time. As Mayor, I have met many amazing people and made lasting friendships that I will always value. It will be sad to resign as your Mayor and I will miss the fine people of Jonestown!

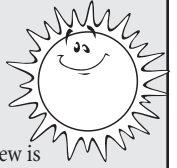
The Jonestown Borough Council is a very capable team of individuals who are dedicated to making Jonestown a better place to live. I put my full trust and confidence in their abilities. The Borough Council invites any resident that is interested in the Mayoral position to attend the meeting at the Borough office on July 23 at 7PM. Please be prepared to share with the Council why you are interested and how you feel you can make a positive impact in our community. Requirements are that you must be a Borough member for at least one year. I feel much love and appreciation for the residents of Jonestown.

Your Mayor Vince Sellers

OPEN POSITIONS IN JONESTOWN BOROUGH

The Zoning Hearing Board also has an open position for an alternate member. The term for an alternate member is 1 year. Another position council is seeking to fill is a Grant Writer, for a 1 year position. If you are interested, please contact the Jonestown Borough office (717-865-5414), or email boro@jonestownpa.org. Thank you!

PARK, RECREATION & EVENTS COMMITTEE FUN IN THE SUN



This summer, keep an eye out for events on Jonestown Borough and Community Facebook page as well as our Event Boards when entering town! The Parks, Recreation & Events crew is working hard to bring events for all age groups to our Jonestown Park.

July 30th join us for Amphibian & Reptile Night in the Park, 7-8pm at the Pavilion! Come see (and touch!) some native snakes, turtles, frogs, toads and maybe some salamanders! We will have crafts for kids to do, snacks to eat and fun to be had by all!

August 5th (rain date August 12th) – Live music and bingo in Jonestown Park, starting at 6 PM, featuring our very own Roy Lefever at the keyboard! Enjoy your evening at the bandstand listening to a wonderful variety of music. Concession stand will be open with food and drinks available for sale.

August 17th – Live music in the park, starting at 7 PM, featuring the Northern Lebanon Alumni Band! Enjoy a relaxing night in the Park. Concert will be held at the bandstand, and everyone is welcome! Concession stand will be open with food and drinks available for sale.

Sept. 22nd – DUCK DROP DAY! Make sure to purchase your ducks anytime at Swatara Coffee Company, Market Street Auto, and at BGs Food Market pop up sales table. The proceeds benefit the events listed above as well as the Christmas Tree Lighting Event. Make sure to thank Pizza Town and K&S Auto for their sponsorship for this event! If your business would like to help support our events, please contact Tracey at Traceycharest1@gmail.com. Every penny goes back to our Community Events!

Memorial Day Thank You

I wish to thank the Jonestown American Legion for sponsoring our parade every year, and for the lovely luncheon that follows the service. It is impossible to name everyone who came out to make the Jonestown Memorial Day Parade a Great Success, but I would like to name just a few:

- Speaker LTC Kris Kollar
- Master of Ceremonies, Ron Royer
- Northern Lebanon Marching Band
- Jonestown Male Chorus
- Jonestown Fire Company and Fire Police
- Jonestown American Legion Honor Guard
- Our Churches for opening their doors in the event of rain
- My faithful drivers that are needed each year
- My friend, Doris Edris for lining up the entrants for the parade



These are a few of the folks who make this parade and Memorial Service Possible.

If you happen to know them or see them on the street, please say, "thank you" for serving the community on Memorial Day. When the new year rolls around I will begin working on Memorial Day 2019!

Yes, it does take time to put all the pieces together to have the parade and the Memorial Service. It is not a slam bang event and with the help of organizations and individuals it could get bigger and better every year. I would welcome families, young people, and kids on decorated bicycles, floats, or just walkers with American Flags in hand showing patriotism on such an important day. Anyone interested in participating in Memorial Day 2019, please call: 717-926-7440.

Thank you again to everyone!
Oriana Spittle, Parade Chairman

Office Location: 295 South Mill Street

Mayor's Cell: 717-821-1829

Office Hours: 8:00–1:00 pm Mon-Fri

Board Council Mtg:

PH: 717-861-5414

1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm

Food for Thought

**A GOAL SHOULD SCARE YOU A LITTLE,
AND EXCITE YOU A LOT**

Grass Clippings and Stormwater

When mowing your yard, do not blow grass clippings into the street. Make the first few passes with the lawn-mower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn; not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back onto the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains.

Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets and gutters will have significant benefits for your local lake or stream, such as reducing the amount of phosphorus entering a lake or stream. When lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes are picked up by storm water runoff, they are carried directly into our local streams and lakes. All of these materials including grass clippings contain phosphorus. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff and it is considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our lakes, ponds and streams.

Hersheypark Volunteers – 2018

It is time to take a break from the hot days at Hersheypark. The park has sufficient staff to operate the RIDES for the month of July. Volunteer help will be needed in August and September when the students return to high school and college. FOOD & BEVERAGE is still looking for help. Single vouchers are available.

During the Spring Season at Hersheypark, volunteers received multiple vouchers per shift. As more help is needed, the number of vouchers increases per shift.

The Jonestown Park receives \$30.00 for each shift worked by our faithful volunteers. All money the volunteers earn is used by the park for programs and the upkeep of the park. This program benefits the volunteer with vouchers (free tickets to Hersheypark) and our local park with much needed money.

If you would like to be a volunteer, contact me 717-865-4892 or by email jyiengst@comcast.net. Schedules will be emailed to you and you will have many choices as to when you would want to work at Hersheypark.

Submitted by Janet Yiengst



The Jonestown Male Chorus

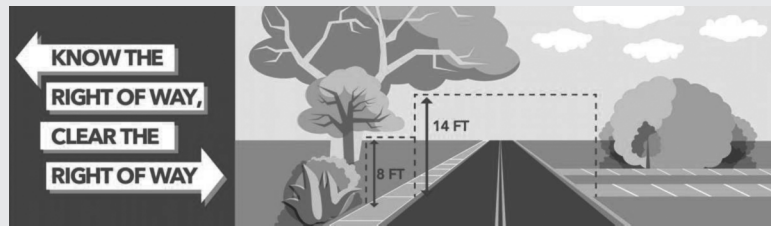
The Jonestown Male Chorus has no auditions to join, and membership is open to any man who loves to sing. For further information call or text Joel at (717) 226-8513. Visit the Jonestown Male Chorus website at <http://www.jonestownmalechorus.org>.

YARD SALE SIGNS

Most yard sales are advertised locally in newspapers, however, individuals and groups do place signs around Jonestown Borough. There are no objections to this form of advertising; however, when the sale is finished those signs are to be removed. Your cooperation in removing these signs would be appreciated.

Trimming of Trees and Shrubs – Basketball Nets Overhanging onto Streets

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. Basketball nets are another item that create similar problems – they cannot be placed in the street or hanging out over the street – **please move them**. Thank you.



St. John's United Church of Christ

• **Movies in the Park** - hosted by St. John's UCC, Jonestown

Jonestown Park (snacks available at concession stand)

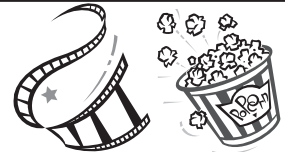
Nut Job 2 - Saturday, July 21 @ dusk

2017 Disney production of *Beauty and the Beast* - Be our Guest - Saturday, August 18 @ dusk

• **Band Together, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 AM**

A Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center program which involves **free** progressive strength-training classes run by trained volunteers at St. John's UCC, 120 West Market Street, Jonestown. For 40 minutes, participants use resistance bands to do shoulder presses, chair stands, pulls, calf raises, bicep curls and chest presses. Join us when you can, very relaxed setting. Not only do we exercise, but we build each other up and have a great time together. Please enter lower level at the rear of the building.

• **Enjoy music?** Come be a part of our hand bell or singing choir programs. Good way to connect with others and help you through your week. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 29. Please contact St. John's office at 865-4453 if interested.



Zion's Lutheran Church – Inviting you to join us for summer activities including:

- **Day Camp** July 16-20 from 9-3:30 PM for students who have completed kindergarten – 5th grade. Cost is \$65, with scholarships available
- **Vacation Bible School** July 22–July 26 (noon-2:30 PM on Sunday, 9-11 AM Mon-Thurs.) for children ages 3 - completed 5th grade. FREE
- **Rejoicing Spirits Worship and Ice Cream in Jonestown Park** 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in July and August, 6:15 PM.
- **Worship** every Sunday at 10:30 AM. More information available www.ZionsJonestown.com

Jonestown United Methodist Church

- **Worship Picnic, Wednesday, July 18, 6:00 pm.** Friends from the UM churches and others from our area will meet in the Jonestown United Methodist parking lot for a picnic and outdoor worship. Bring your own picnic, and join in fellowship and worship.
- **Rally Day Celebration, Sunday, August 26, 9:45** with magician, Erick Hershey. Please come to be with us and enjoy the magic!
- **Fall Fest, Saturday, September 22, 3–6 pm** in the church's parking lot.



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.

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