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## The Lamplighter

I am sure many of us remember the song "The Old Lamplighter." Jonestown also had an old lamplighter many years ago. It was not until about 1912 that the town received electric lights and they were few and far between. In 1929, they paved the road through the town, before that there were mud roads and at each crossroad boards were laid to get across the street and on these corners were the lamp posts. The streets were

very dark as the lamps were small and looked something like a lantern. David Earnest was the Old Lamplighter. In all kinds of weather each night he would take his little ladder and light every lamp in town and each morning he would turn them out, trim the wicks, clean the globes, and fill them with oil. When you pass the Lutheran Church in Jonestown you will see a lamp post, put there in his memory by his daughter, Grace Earnest Cassel. A fitting memory from the era past.

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for \$5.00 at the Jonestown Borough Office! \*\*

## What's Happening in Jonestown?

**The Buck Hotel** – Because of the hotel's rich history (established in 1804) the current owner has intentions to preserve and restore the hotel to its original look dating back to 1756 when the building was constructed. The building mechanicals were in such poor condition that it has been a slow and methodical process to get the plumbing, electric and heating systems to be upgraded. The owner plans to eventually re-establish a restaurant/tavern type of setting along with renting rooms and apartments. "We are very excited to move forward and equally excited to work with the town to once again establish the Buck as a centerpiece in the community?"

**Swatara Coffee Company** – A family-run coffee shop with locations in Jonestown and Annville, has been bought by family-owned Ancestor Coffeehouse and Creperie.

**Market Street Auto Parts** – Fisher Auto Parts has acquired Market Street Auto Parts LLC. The deal was announced February 7th, 2023, by Geoffrey Shifflett, area vice president of Fisher Auto Parts, and Mark Keister, president of Market Street Auto Parts. The acquisition involves the Market Street Auto Parts location in Jonestown, Pennsylvania.

**Jonestown Bank & Trust Co.** – Congratulations JBT on your 150 Year Anniversary! Thanks for being there for our community throughout the years.

### Position Openings

Jonestown Borough is currently looking for the following positions to be filled:

\* Zoning Hearing Board – 2nd Alternate

\* Vacancy Board – 2nd Alternate

Please Contact Jonestown Borough Office for further information at 717-861-5414

## Community Events

**Park Naming Contest:** – Jonestown Borough is asking for your input and clever ideas to name the town park located at 49 West Market Street. All entries must be submitted by 5 pm on Monday, July 31st, 2023. Simply log on to <https://jonestownpa.wordpress.com/recreation/> for more details and a chance to win \$100!

**July 30th, 2023** – Dueling Pianos "Double Tapp" Featuring Noel Gevers and Roy Lefever, will be performing in the Jonestown Community Park, starting at 3:30 pm. Bring lawn chairs and spend the evening listening to this very talented Duo!

**August 18th, 2023** – Concert in The Park – featuring Northern Lebanon Alumni Band will kick off at 7:00 pm. Please join us in Jonestown Park for an evening of 'live' entertainment, food and fun!!! Sponsored by Jonestown Borough.

### 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.** PRE committee 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 @ (717)861-5414 between the hours of 8am- 3pm Monday through Friday.

### Craft-n-Play Runs every Thursday from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm at the Jonestown Park Pavilion

– Well, here we are, three weeks into the Jonestown Craft & Play and we have had so much fun already! We have anywhere from 10-25 kids show up each Thursday and have a theme that we work on each week. The first week was Friendship Day where we had some icebreaker games so the kids would pair up and get to know each other, make friendship bracelets, and read a book about being a good friend. The second week we celebrated National Yoga Day and had a fun time making sun catchers, practiced yoga on our mats and had a healthy snack. Week three we are touching on bees and what an important part they play on our Earth!

This is our second summer of fun; it is sponsored by Jonestown Borough Parks and Recreation. I appreciate the Jonestown Borough Council approving and supporting this free opportunity to keep the kids busy this summer. My goal is to let the kids get out to the park, run off some steam, get messy with glue and paint and make some new friends. I grew up in a small town where we rode our bikes to our local library and did this, it is a great memory for me and I hope to pass on great memories of summer fun for our local kids!

Olivia Naum is my volunteer assistant; she is a great asset to our community! Olivia works for Northern Lebanon School District and many kids know her from track & field as well. She gets the kids moving each week and helps come up with the activities to go along with the theme each week. Thank you, Olivia! **Come join us, every Thursday, noon-1 pm, at Jonestown Park Pavilion, located near the tennis courts!**

Tracy Charest, Jonestown Borough Council Member, Parks & Recreation Representative

Office Location: 295 South Mill Street

Board Council Meetings:

Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8-3

August 1st, September 5th  
beginning at 6:30 pm

PH: 717-861-5414

Mayor's Phone: 717-865-2582

Upcoming Borough Meeting Dates:

Planning Workshop – July 24th; Aug. 28th; Sept. 25th, 2023 beginning at 6:30 pm

Parks and Recreation – July 26th; Aug. 23rd; Sept. 27th, 2023 beginning at 7:00 pm

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

## JONESTOWN BOROUGH GREENWASTE PERMITS AVAILABLE

Jonestown Borough has installed a fence & 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 purchased at the Jonestown Borough office at 295 South Mill Street. Additional rules and membership information found on the Borough's website, [www.jonestownpa.org](http://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.

## Kenbrook Bible Camp

**DAD CAMP:** Join us for DADCAMP 2023 at Kenbrook Bible Camp ([www.kenbrook.org/dad-camp](http://www.kenbrook.org/dad-camp)) the *weekend of September 1-3*. DADCAMP is for Dads or any father figure (grandfather, uncle, mentor, etc.) AND their first through fifth grade kids! It is not just a campout. It is not just another father/child activity. It is an experience where Dads are inspired to become the best Dad they can be. It is a weekend that kids consistently describe as their favorite event of the year!

**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](http://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 an enjoyable 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](mailto:info@kenbrook.org) if you are interested in helping during this event!

**FALL FAMILY FUN DAY:** You will not want to miss being at this year's Kenbrook Bible Camp Fall Family Fun Day. Enjoy a day of free fun and games for you and your family. Enjoy a free hot dog lunch, try out your archery skills, climb our tower, play gaga ball, make a s'more, go on a tractor ride, and so much more. WJTL's Kids Cookie Break will also be live from Kenbrook! More details will be coming soon at [www.kenbrook.org/fall-family-fun-day](http://www.kenbrook.org/fall-family-fun-day).

**Stroll Down Memory Lane:** On June 8th, 2023, there were approximately fifty people in attendance as we hosted a "MEET PHIL NIGHT" event where our guest of honor was none other than our beloved and prominent Phil Mohn along with a distinguished panel of town historians including Janet Yienst, Pat Boltz, Tom Keefer and Dick and Rose Lash. The idea behind the event was to gather, reminisce and share stories of Jonestown's history and people. Thank you everyone for taking the time to attend our event. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to possible future similar events.



## 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.

See our WEBSITE: [www.jonestown-pa.com](http://www.jonestown-pa.com) or download our "Jonestown Connects" App for updated news and events information!

## 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 announce 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](mailto: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

welcomes you to worship on Sundays at 10:30 am (also livestreamed on YouTube). We also invite you to a special summer Rejoicing Spirits meal and worship service on Wednesday, August 23 beginning at 5:30 pm in Zion's Social Hall. Together with the NL Ministerium we are working to provide clothing and school supplies for 257 NL students who are in need; if you'd like to help, please visit [www.zionsjonestown.com](http://www.zionsjonestown.com) for more information. We also welcome students, parents, and teachers to a "Backpack Blessing" during worship on Sunday, August 27. **Zion's Preschool** has a few spots remaining for three and four year-olds for the 2023-24 school year. Call 717-861-4416 for a tour.

### Back to School Blessings

The Northern Lebanon School District social worker has identified 257 students who need help with clothing and school supplies. The newly formed Northern Lebanon Ministerium is committed to helping equip them for this coming fall. In August a Back to School Blessings event will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Jonestown. Invited students will receive, at no charge, new shoes, new jeans (or soft pants), a new outfit, new socks, new underwear, and school supplies so they can begin the school year with what they need. We need your financial support to make this happen. ANY amount is greatly appreciated. Contributions can be made online at <https://www.zionsjonestown.com/btsb/>.

Checks can be marked B T S B and made payable to "Zions Lutheran Church" and mailed to Zions Lutheran Church, PO Box 658, Jonestown, PA 17038. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Reiner at [adreiner74@gmail.com](mailto:adreiner74@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

## Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon Co.

The Rotary Club of Northern Lebanon County is holding their annual golf tournament on Friday, August 18 at Manada Golf Course, shotgun start 1:00. The tournament supports Students of the Month, Senior Scholarships, 11th grade Leadership Academy as well as the JOY Pantry and Matthew's Library. The International Project this year is to build homes for single women and children in Ecuador. This service club meets every first and third Tuesday at Heisey's Diner at 7:00 am. All are welcome to see what Rotary is about. There are several ways to support Rotary. You can pick up the golf brochure at the Jonestown Borough Office or contact Elaine Ludwig, President, 717-507-4751.



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