

JERMYN BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer 2017 Edition

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Mayor's Message:

As Jermyn goes into our spring and summer months, I once again would like to stress public safety and watching out for our neighbors. There are so many scammers out there, both on the phone and at your door to be aware of. Phone scams are popping up trying to get you to say "Yes" when they ask you, "Can you hear me?" so they can use your voice to authorize credit card use. There are people posing as utility workers to get into your house to check your furnace, etc. while their partner robs your house. Please be aware and get the word out to your elderly neighbors.

I would also at this time as you to come out and get involved in your community. We have so many good organizations that need more members to make them serve our town better. We have a newly formed Crime Watch, a Public Events Committee, Jermyn Youth Sports, a Recreation Commission, Shade Tree Commission, Lions Club, Historical Society, Church Organizations, American Legion, Girl Scouts, a Mason Lodge, volunteer Fire Companies, all doing good service to Jermyn with very few people doing the work.

Check our Borough web site (www.jermynpa.com) for meeting times and events. Be a part of our future. Five of these organizations are putting on a musical show Sunday, May 21st at 2PM on the stage in the Tom Evans gymnasium at the borough building featuring our very own Dani-Elle and her band. It will be called "A Little Bit Country and A Little Bit Rock and Roll", with lots of Jermyn talent performing both rock and country hits. Tickets can be obtained by checking our website or contacting any member of these five organizations: Shade Tree, Historical Society, Events Committee, Crime Watch, or Lion's Club.

Thank you, and enjoy your summer.

Mayor Bruce Smallacombe

Recreations Committee:

The Recreations Committee is actively seeking new members. If interested, call Chris Jordan at 570-815-1275, or email at christopherjordan1@yahoo.com

Chipping:

Jermyn DPW has set their 2017 chipping schedule. Small branches, twigs, etc will be collected every Monday starting May 1st, and ending October 2nd. This service provided by the borough is intended for residents who have small piles of branches, twigs, and other tree debris, and **not** intended for residents who are cutting trees down or having trees cut down. The DPW will no longer collect these, as our chipper is small and cannot handle the large workload.

Jermyn Youth Sports:

Jermyn Youth Baseball & Softball will be hosting 2 fundraisers: Jermyn Youth Sports Night at the Windsor, Thursday, March 16th, 5-11pm @ the Windsor Inn, Jermyn. 10% of total food & drink bill will be donated to Jermyn Youth Sports. Also, our annual bowling fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 9th at Valley Lanes from noon-4pm. \$10 ticket for 2 games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza, and a drink. See any player for tickets.

Jermyn Crime Watch:

The Jermyn Crime Watch reorganized in November of 2016. The Crime Watch along with concerned citizens are the eyes and ears of the Jermyn Police Department. We are now active with 7 voting board members and 110 online members. If you wish to join online, it's easy! Log onto Facebook and search for Jermyn PA Crime Watch. There you will find our page. If you would like to attend a meeting, our meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month.

We have scheduled a kickoff event to let all know we are here and active. The Crime Watch is sponsoring a 5K Run/1 Mile Fun Walk in memory of Walter Kulick for Saturday, April 29th right here in Jermyn!

We have also scheduled our Jermyn Nite Out which will coincide with National Night Out for Tuesday, August 1st. There will be much to do and see at our nite out. Come join the run/walk and come join the fun August 1. Last but not least, we will be distributing information on all of the above, door to door, along with a little gift for each household in Jermyn. Come join us and be part of the solution.

Council Meetings:

Council meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, at 7pm at the Borough Building. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend both monthly meetings.

Shade Tree Committee:

Clean Up Month: Jermyn Shade Tree Committee is sponsoring Clean up month: April 22nd to May 20th.

Residents are asked to clean their particular section of the street, curb, & sidewalks of dirt & debris during this month. April 22nd, the kickoff to clean up month, is Earth Day.

Town-Wide Yard Sale: May 6th & 7th everyone is invited to participate in the town wide yard sale. Items are to be placed on property owner's property only. Organizations, churches, etc. are also invited. Use your imagination for a fun weekend. Walkways and streets are to be kept open and free of any items.

Arbor Day: Arbor Day in Jermyn will be celebrated on April 26th with a ceremony & social to be held at 6pm at the Jermyn Community Center (borough building).

Website:

If you have internet access, please visit our website at www.jermynpa.com. You can read up on current changes in the borough, new & amended ordinances, etc.

Memorial Day Parade:

The Jermyn Memorial Day parade is on Monday, May 29th at 11am. The parade begins on Washington Ave at Franklin St. and continues to the Jermyn Cemetery, where the annual Memorial Day service will be held. Everyone is invited to the Artisan Fire Company for a reception afterwards. The Lions Club will be hosting their annual "Lazy Duck Race" there as well. See any Lions Club member for tickets.

Police Department

The Jermyn PD would like to remind everyone watch out for children playing in the nice weather, as well as runners and bike riders. As always, report any suspicious activity to the Jermyn Police Department at 342-9111, as soon as possible.

The Jermyn PD will be hosting their annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, April 15th at 10am at Callahan Park. Children 12 & under are invited to participate!

Fire Chief

Smoke detectors from Operation Save A Life have been donated to Jermyn borough. If you need a smoke detector, please contact the borough office at 570-876-0610.

Crystal Fire Company

The Crystal Fire Company will be holding their **spring Chicken Barbeque** on Sunday, May 7th, and their **summer/fall Chicken Barbeque** on Sunday, September 17th. Tickets are \$10 each. More information can be found at www.58fire.com or by calling Crystal Fire Company at (570) 876-2430.

Artisan Fire Company

The Artisan Fire Company is having their annual **Good Friday Fish Fry** on Friday, April 14th from Noon until sold out. Tickets are \$12 each. Please see any member or call (570) 876-2220 for further details.

Events Committee

The Jermyn Events Committee will be having their "Think Green" raffle on Monday, May 8th. Tickets are available from any member, or at Battenberg's, Longworth's, and Sterling Pharmacy. Top prize of \$300, 7 other cash prizes.

Concert in the Park – Sunday, July 30th from 6-8pm. Band TBA. Come enjoy a summer evening, relaxing to music and enjoying free hot dogs and beverage. Old fashioned evening.

Zoning

Spring is here! Don't forget to obtain a Building & Zoning Permit if you plan on installing a fence, shed, pool, etc. If you have any questions, please call the borough office at 570-876-0610. Zoning applications may be picked up at the borough office, or you can print them online at www.jermynpa.com and click on the "Zoning" tab at the top of the page.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As summer approaches, I am sure we are all looking forward to sunny days and warm nights, baseball, picnics, many outdoor events. It should be a great summer!

Rather than talk about what this council has accomplished over the past 1+ year, I would rather talk about the work that lies in front of us. As I write this in early March, we are about to embark on an aggressive campaign to confront the many blighted, dangerous properties in town. It is high time that we became more forceful in enforcing our ordinances and doing our best to clean up the town. Let this serve as notice that we will no longer accept as acceptable rodent overrun, falling apart, safety hazard buildings to remain stagnant in a state of total disrepair. The owners of these properties need to either take the necessary steps to bring the buildings within code, fix them up or demolish them. If you don't take action, we will. Taking the hard step in enforcing our ordinances especially as related to dangerous, dilapidated properties is a priority for this council.

We will be diligent in sticking to our well planned budget under the guidance of our finance committee. We will begin looking ahead to 2018 and some capital improvements. I encourage everyone to take as much of an active role as you can. Sign up for a committee, help out at one of the events, attend a council meeting...make an effort!

I wish everyone a healthy and happy summer full of family and friends. Please support the many upcoming events in Jermyn this summer, take pride in our town and its many fine people. Let's all do our best in keeping Jermyn, PA an awesome place to live!

--President Frank Kulick
Jermyn Borough Council

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