

# JERMYN BOROUGH

## NEWSLETTER

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### **Mayor's Message:**

- By Mayor Tony Fuga

After a long, cold and snowy winter, spring is upon us and it's a great time to get out and enjoy everything Jermyrn has to offer. It may be taking in a Little League game or maybe a walk around town. It's also a good time to explore the Heritage Trail which starts at Bridge Street and heads to Archbald. Start exploring and enjoy the outdoors of our quiet little town!

**New Callahan Park Rules:** Callahan Park rules have been updated and the park is now open from dawn to dusk. Anyone inside the park before dawn or after dusk may be cited for trespassing. All tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, are strictly prohibited. Bicycles, skateboards, motor vehicles, ATVs and dirt bikes are all prohibited. Pets are allowed in the park, but not on ballfields. Violators can be fined up to \$750.



**DPW Purchases New Chipper:** The DPW was able to purchase a new wood chipper,

which will be able to handle the chip, brush and branches from residents. Remember, this free service is not a replacement for a tree cutting service, rather a helping hand for those that need to groom their trees and landscaping. DPW picks up brush and branches on Mondays from April until October. If you have a pile that needs to be collected, contact the borough office at 570-876-0610 or send a message to **Jermyn DPW** page on Facebook.

**Rapid Cast:** Missed an important event or didn't know about alternate parking? Sign up for the borough's FREE Rapid Cast service! You can sign up to receive phone calls, text messages, email alerts or any combination of the three whenever information on an important event or emergency is broadcast by Jermyrn Borough.

**Yard Sale Permits:** If you are planning to have a yard sale, you will now be required to obtain a permit from the borough office. There is no fee for the yard sale permit, but not obtaining a permit or violating the terms of the ordinance could carry consequences. Please contact the borough office for more information.

**Memorial Day Parade:** Jermyrn's annual Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. The parade will begin at Convenient Food Mart and continue south on Washington Avenue to Cemetery Street. The

parade will end at the Jermyn Cemetery, where the annual Memorial Day Ceremony will commence. After the ceremony, everyone is invited to the Artisan Fire Company on Maple Street for hot dogs and drinks.

**Hometown Heroes:** The Hometown Heroes banner campaign has been a big success thus far. We are planning to hang the banners this spring and hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the Windsor Inn on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m., just prior to the start of the Memorial Day Parade.

**Lazy Duck Race:** The Jermyn Lions Club is holding a Lazy Duck Race fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 each and only 400 will be sold. See any member of the Lions Club for tickets. They will also be available at Longworth's Restaurant, Sterling Pharmacy and Battenberg's Furniture. Ducks will be selected at the Artisan Fire Company on May 28<sup>th</sup> after the Memorial Day Parade.

**Arbor Day:** The Arbor Day Ceremony and Annual Tree Planting by the Jermyn Shade Tree Commission will be held at the end of April. The date will be determined.



**Jermyn Clean Up:** Clean-up Month will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup>. All residents, businesses and organizations are encouraged to clean the fronts of their homes and businesses of the winter's dirt, debris and recyclables during this month. The goal is to have clean

streets and curbs for the Memorial Day Parade and through the summer months.

**Summer Activities Director:** Council is seeking a summer activities director to assist with an activities program for borough children, working approximately 20 hours per week for 10 weeks. The director will be a steward of an open gym for an allotted number of hours per day and will lead various fun activities such as games, puzzles, crafts, etc. Applicants should be at least 18 years old and criminal background checks will be conducted. Interested applicants can submit a resume to the borough office, 440 Jefferson Avenue, Jermyn, Pennsylvania 18433. Residents of the borough are encouraged to apply.

**Town-Wide Yard Sale:** The Jermyn Shade Tree Commission is sponsoring a boroughwide yard sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. All yard sale items must be on the property of the owner and not interfere with pedestrian or traffic flow. Yard sale permits are required. Call 570-876-0610 for permit details. Rain dates are June 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

**Concert in the Park:** The Jermyn Events Committee will host its annual Concert in the Park on Sunday, July 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Callahan Park. Come, relax, bring your favorite outdoor chair or blanket and enjoy a summer's evening of music and neighborly conversation. Hope to see all of you for our July Concert Celebration. Free hot dogs, beverages, and ice cream for all attendees.

**Shade Tree Ordinance:** Council has updated the Shade Tree Ordinance, available online at [www.jermynpa.com](http://www.jermynpa.com). The ordinance requires that all trees and shrubs that endanger pedestrians and traffic on roadways and courts must be trimmed or cut back. We are asking all

residents and property owners to do so during Clean-up Month. The code officer has the authority to contact those who do not comply the ordinance. Thank you in advance for your cooperation towards a beautiful and safe Jermyn.

**Little Free Library:** Council Vice President Dan Markey and his wife Katie Markey presented the borough with Jermyn's first "Little Free Library", which is a take-a-book-leave-a-book system. Books are free and the public is encouraged to take as many books as desired and leave as many books as taken. Special thanks to Mayor Tony Fuga and Joe Esagro for building the bookcases and Lindsey Miller for painting the first bookcase, shown below. The first bookcase is installed in the front of the Jermyn Borough Building and the second one will be installed at the World War I Memorial Park on Bridge Street shortly.



**Jermyn Merchandise:** "Jermyn PA is Awesome" 14-ounce travel mugs and "Straight Outta Jermyn" hooded sweatshirts and t-shirts are still available for sale. Mugs are \$15 each, t-shirts are \$12 each or two for \$20, and hooded sweatshirts are \$20 each. All proceeds go towards the purchase of new holiday lights for

the town. Contact Dan Markey at 570.878.2069 to purchase.



**Zoning:** If you are putting in a pool, shed, fence, or addition, you will probably need a zoning permit. Please contact the borough office at 570-876-0610 for more details. Information is also available on the borough website, [www.jermynpa.com](http://www.jermynpa.com)

**Code Enforcement:** The Property Maintenance Code is being enforced in Jermyn. The code enforcement officer is patrolling town and looking to make sure all properties are kept up to code for public safety purposes. If you have a concern about a property, you can fill out a concern form, which will go to the code enforcement officer. These concern forms can be found on the borough website and at the borough office.

### **President's Corner :**

- By Frank Kulick, Council President

As you read this, we are hopefully out of the grips of what has been a pretty nasty winter. As I write this, no real crippling storms but plenty

of nuisance snows and cold weather. Hats off to our hard working DPW for keeping our streets as clean as possible. Thank you to all who follow the alternate parking rules and make it safe and easier for our guys to plow the streets.

There are plenty of exciting things ahead for our borough. We have been busy applying for grants and hopefully, we will have renovations on the gym floor soon, paving of the parking lot at the borough building and improvements to the sewer system in part of the Woodlands. Thank you to our committee chairs and members and to concerned residents and former residents who stepped up when asked to help us achieve these things. Thanks to our state representative Sid Michaels and state Senator John Blake and their staffs as well.

There are some exciting events planned for the summer by our Rec and Events folks and we will

soon be looking at hiring a high school or college student to staff the gym over the summer months to provide some activity opportunities for our youth.

I would encourage all who have not done so to sign up for our Rapid Cast feature which keeps our residents informed via phone call/text/email or all three of events and or emergencies that may arise from time to time. You can sign up by calling the borough office.

I wish everyone a safe and happy spring and summer and hope to see many of you at one of the events or at a council meeting.

Best wishes,

Frank

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