



June, 2016

BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA

“The Garden Spot of the Lebanon Valley”

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(Simple zoning permits for sheds, fences, pools)

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Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM,

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Mike Palm

EMERGENCIES: 911

BERKS RADIO(Non-Emergency): 610-655-4911

Borough Council Meetings

1st Monday of the Month

7:30 PM at the Borough Hall

*The officials of the Borough of Robesonia **WELCOME** all the new families that have chosen Robesonia as their place of residence. We hope you will support our Borough and use its many facilities.*

At the Borough Hall you can:

Pay your sewer and trash bills, apply for building and zoning permits, pick up voter registration forms, Borough maps and dog license applications. The Borough issues one recycling container per property. We do not replace stolen or lost lids or wheels. If you move from the property, the recycling container must remain there. Trash pick-up is every Monday. Recycling pick-up is every Thursday.

Large or bulk items may be contracted separately with County Wide Sanitation at 1-866-573-4893.

The **Artisans at the Furnace Firehouse** will be holding their **4th Annual Summer Show** to be held August 20 and August 21, 2016 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. at the Furnace Firehouse on Freeman Street. There will be approximately 20 vendors and great food for sale at the show as well as Furnace Tours by our Mayor, Randy Gartner and tours of the POS of A office. Come on out and support our local craftsmen!



**NEWS FROM
STREETS &
HIGHWAYS**



Summer is coming and the grass is really growing! Just a reminder...**please do not blow your debris into the streets!** It clogs the storm sewers and makes our job a lot more difficult!



**WESTERN BERKS
REGIONAL POLICE
NEWS
Chief Bill Schlichter**

Keeping our Children Safe - Tips for Parents

Know your neighbors and provide a list of phone numbers of your neighbors, family and friends to your children so they can call in an emergency. Make sure your child knows how to dial 911 and when it is appropriate to do so.

Always know the route your child takes when he/she walks from a given location. Remind your child never to take a shortcut or deviate from the agreed-upon route. Require your child to check in with a parent before leaving the house and when returning home. Teach your child that there is safety in numbers and that it is

best to be with a group of friends when going places without an adult.

When it comes to the Internet, always set boundaries. Children should have adult supervision when online. Make sure your child knows to never give out personal information on the Internet.

When riding their bikes, make sure you provide a bike helmet and require your child to wear it, as well as brightly colored or reflective clothing.

Using a Babysitter

Find a trusted family member/friend and always get recommendations from friends as well as check their references. Trade childcare with friends who have kids. It's a great way to help each other, save money and feel better about your trusted sitter arrangements. If your child talks about their sitter, listen to what they are saying, they may give some good or cornering insight on how the relationship is going. Try to choose only babysitters who are trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid.

Don't leave kids or pets inside a car, even for just a few minutes! Each summer, about 36 kids across the country die from heat-related deaths after being left inside a hot car. Children are more sensitive to heat than adults, which means it doesn't take long for them to feel the effects of heat exhaustion. The effect is amplified in a car, which acts like a greenhouse, trapping sunlight and heat inside. Even on a mild, 80-degree day, a child's body temperature can reach as high as 106 degrees Fahrenheit in half an hour if left inside a car. Children's bodies can lose the ability to cool themselves at these temperatures, leading to dehydration, heat stroke, seizures and even death.

Kids, what they need to know!

Make sure they are aware of people and their surroundings and that they are familiarized with their neighborhood. If your child is out, show them places that they can call "safe havens". Your child will know where he/she should go for safety: a house of a neighbor you trust, stores, shops, police and fire stations, or certain business offices. Teach your kids to walk and play with other children and try not to be alone, there is always safety in numbers. Also, always stay in well-lighted areas. But parents, get to know your children's friends.

Remind your children to report suspicious persons to you, teachers, or police officers. If they are approached or followed by a suspicious vehicle or person tell them to scream, run away in the opposite direction and to their "safe haven" and of course, call the police. Teach your child what to take notice of

when they encounter a suspicious vehicle or person like, the type and color of vehicle, license plate number, male/female, clothing description, and distinguishing marks. Never hitchhike! Let your child know that they can dial 9-1-1 from a public phone for free. Speak to your child/children about gun safety. If you have a gun in the home, make sure it has a gunlock on it or is locked in a safe. Teach your child that if they see a gun, they should never touch it. They should run away and tell an adult.

Be Safe and Enjoy The Summer!!



Library Happenings

What's Happening at Your Library Summer 2016 Activities

Regular Children's Programs:

1st Monday LEGO Night @ 6:30 pm-No LEGO Night in June & July

2nd Monday Craft Night @ 6:30 pm

4th Monday Family Movie Night @ 6:00 pm

Wednesdays @ 9:30 am Story Rider June 15th, 22nd, 29th & July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Tuesdays @ 10:00 am Baby Story Time

Thursdays @ 10:30 am Preschool Story Time

The 2016 Summer Reading Program, On Your Mark, Get Set...Read! begins Monday, June 13th !!

Miss Colleen will be holding weekly Story Time at the Robesonia Pool starting Wednesday, June 15th.

Special Children's Programs:

The Yocum Center Presents Duck for President Thursday, June 16th @ 10:30 am

Rock-N-Read Saturday, June 18th from 9 am-12 pm

Stream Study Thursday, July 7th @ 10:30 am; please meet Miss Colleen at Furnace Creek!

Forgotten Friends Reptile Show Thursday, July 14th @ 10:30 am

LEGO Marathon Monday, August 1st @ 6:30 pm

Action Painting with the Yocum Center Thursday August 11th @ 10:30 am

Nursery Rhyme Olympics Tuesday, August 16th @ 10 am

Teen Programs: (Ages 12-17)

Teen Nights Monday, June 20th and July 18th @ 6:30 pm

Chocolate Olympics, Monday August 15th @ 6:30 pm

The Summer Reading Program will end Saturday, August 20th, this will be the last day tickets may be turned in.

The Library will be closed for Independence Day Monday, July 4th



RELIVE HISTORY GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

\$60/PERSON

Depart Library: 8AM

Depart Gettysburg: 4PM

(approximate drive 2 hrs each way)

**Includes Gettysburg Museum Experience,
The film "A New Birth of Freedom" narrated by
Morgan Freeman, the Cyclorama and a 2-hour
battlefield tour with a park ranger
(Also includes gratuities for the bus driver and
park ranger)**

Reserve your seat(s):

Call Peg Henderson

610-693-8039 or

Email Leslie Pirl-Roth

Lpr1958@hotmail.com

**Sponsored by the Friends of the Robesonia
Community Library**



2016 Garden Tour sponsored by Friends of the Robesonia Community Library on June 25 (rain date on June 26) from 12 p.m. to 4 pm. Tour includes seven lovely gardens in the western Berks area. Purchase tickets at the Robesonia Community Library, 75A South Brooke Street, or at 301 North Church Street on the day of the tour. Tickets are \$10 per person and include directions to the gardens.

CW Rotary Club

Meeting dates are 1st & 3rd Tuesday

7:30 AM

Red Plate Diner

2nd & 4th Tuesday

12:15 PM

Ozgood's Neighborhood Grill & Bar

WOMEN'S CLUB OF WERNERSVILLE

Serving our surrounding communities

We meet monthly from September thru May

Join us as we empower one another to

Make a Difference!

Contact Denise Bertolet for more information

(484)529-3781

Or Visit our Website at

www.womensclubofwernersville.org



CHURCH NEWS



Trinity Lutheran Church

108 S. Robeson Street Robesonia, PA 19551

610-693-6062

www.trinityrobersonia.org

Rev. William H. Weiser, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jennifer Dee, Associate Pastor

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 29th:

Saturday Worship at 5:00pm

Sunday Worship at 8:00am & 9:30am, No Sunday School

Sundaes on Sunday after the late worship service on June 5th, July 24th, and August 14th! Yum!! ☺

Prayer & Healing Service – last Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Lift up those in need of prayers for healing. Open to everyone. Summer dates – May 31st, June 28th, July 26th, August 30th.

Trinity's Music Camp

June 20th through June 24th (9am to 3pm) with performances at all worship services June 25th and 26th.

Open to all children having completed third grade and up. Minimal charge of \$35. Pre-registration is required.

Trinity's Vacation Bible School

July 18th through July 22nd (9:00am to noon) - open to all children ages four through 6th grade. No charge with early registration by July 6th. Registration by July 5th guarantees child will receive a T-shirt.

Come to the Circus

The *Lewis & Clark Circus* will come to Robesonia on June 16th & 17th. Shows are Thursday and Friday at 6 & 8pm.

Purchase tickets in the Trinity church office. Adults: \$10 – includes two free kids' tickets. (More expensive at the gate!) Fun for all ages!!!

Trinity's Senior Group Bus Trips

We call ourselves ABO (Anything but Old!). This group is for adults age 55 and older. We like to go on trips to enjoy dinner out and some kind of entertainment. We like fellowship – spending time with our friends and making new friends. Join us in our travels; you do not have to be a Trinity member to participate.

Here are our upcoming trips:

June 8th – The Confession, Buffet Lunch and show in Bird-in Hand. (Transportation included for \$80 per person.)

Sept. 18th thru 23rd – Scenic White Mountains, New Hampshire: Six-day bus trip with a step-on guide, delicious food and plenty of fun. \$1,100 per person with double occupancy. Contact the Trinity church office for a complete itinerary.

December 1st – Christmas Trip: 1st stop – Hershey's Chocolate World and then lunch in the circular dining room of the elegant Hershey Hotel. After lunch, we proceed to the theater for the annual holiday show at American Music Theatre. \$95 per person all inclusive.

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz

301 West Penn Avenue Robesonia, Pa.

610-621-5770

e-mail: www.stpaul4secretary@comcast.net

website: www.stpaulsrobersonia.org

Off- street Parking

Handicapped Accessible

Summer Hours

Summer hours 9:25, starts June 5th

We will return to 10:25 on September 4th

Sunday School for all ages will return on

September 4th at 9:15

No Sunday School during Summer hours

Soup and Such

Free hot meal served from 4:00-6:00pm

Provided twice a month

(June 9 & 30, July 14 & 28, and August 11 & 25)

All are welcome!

St. Paul's UCC's Clothing Closet

Same day as Soup and Such from 3:30-6:00pm

Free children's clothes -infants through youth size 16

One free bag per child (provided by church)

For information call (610)621-5770

Keystone- Miller Community Blood Drive

A blood drive is scheduled for June 18th at St. Paul's from 8:00 to 12:00. Blood is badly needed.

To make an appointment please call 610 927-4840.

Knoebel's Amusement Park

Join us on Sunday, August 21, 2016 at 10:30 for Worship and Lunch at Knoebel's Amusement Park Pavilion Tent # 4. We will also have worship at 9:25am at St. Paul's for those not attending the park. Join us for a day of fun.

St. Daniel's Lutheran Church

480 Big Spring Road

(610) 693-5145

www.stdaniels.com

Ample Parking and Handicapped Accessible

All ages are welcome and invited!



Girl Scout News

Join or Renew Membership

For girls entering Kindergarten through 12th grade –

Join or renew your Girl Scout membership today!

Troops are forming now for the next school year.

Any girls registering for 2016-2017 before June 30th will receive an Early Bird patch.

Register on line at www.gsep.org/girls/join/

For additional information on registering for Girl Scouts contact Laurie Horack 610-670-

1243 lahorack@virizon.net

Bridge to Daisy Scouts

For girls entering Kindergarten or 1st grade in September – find out what Girl Scouts is all about!

Join us for our summer program – Bridge to Daisy Girl Scouts.

Meeting Dates: Wednesdays 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 and 6/29

Cost: \$30

Location: South Heidelberg Township Building (Community Room) 555a Mountain Home Road, Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Facilitator: Nicole Clabaugh 484-769-

8011 nclabaugh18@gmail.com

Payment: checks made payable to GSEP-CWSU (financial aid is available)

Mail to : Nicole Clabaugh 218 Longview Dr., Sinking Spring, PA 19608

For all girls entering Kindergarten through 12th grade – Join or renew your Girl Scout membership today!

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Register online at www.gsep.org/girls/join/

For additional information on registering for Girl Scouts contact Deanna Riegel 678-927-2644

tdriegel@ptd.net

Reminder to Taxpayers

Marshall Reynolds, Tax Collector

276 S. Church St.

Robeson, PA 19551

610-693-6640

Hello everyone! The School Real Estate and Per Capita tax bills will be arriving in the mail the week of July 1st.

The discount period runs from July through August followed by the flat rate period in September and October. All taxes must be paid no later than December 31, 2016.

Hours this year –

June 30 - 10 AM to Noon at my home

July 7 - 10 AM to Noon at my home

Aug 15 - 10 AM to Noon at the Borough Office

Aug 17 - 10 AM to Noon at the Borough Office

Aug 19 - 5 PM to 7 PM at my home

Aug 22 - 10 AM to Noon at the Borough Office

Aug 24 - 10 AM to Noon at the Borough Office

Aug 25 - 5 PM to 7 PM at my home

Aug 31 - 10 AM to Noon at my home

Oct 31 - 10 AM to Noon at my home

Dec 30 - 10 AM to Noon at my home

If the hours do not fit your schedule, you can also mail your payment to me –

Marshall Reynolds

276 S. Church St.

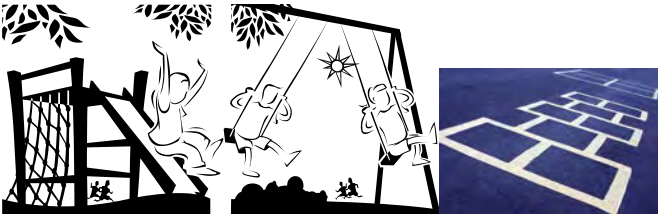
Robeson, PA 19551

You can also drop off your payment at my house – I have a white lockbox next to my office door for tax drop-offs.

If you itemize for your income tax – the federal government requires a receipt for property taxes.

Enclose a self addressed and stamped envelope if you would like a receipt.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at 610-693-6640



SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

June 20 thru August 5

Open to Robesonia and Heidelberg Residents

Ms. Angela Miller, along with Emily Hogan will be returning this year to lead our playground program starting on June 20! We also welcome Dan Neuin as our new leader (if your children were in playground before they probably remember Dan as one of the fun volunteers!) **Please PRE-REGISTER your children by going to <http://evgrfx.com/sites/robby-playground/form.php?formID=1&orgID=25>**

This year, we will not be accepting any more children into the program after June 30th so be sure to get your children registered on time! There will be no exceptions.

All children participating must be at least 5 years of age (and entering kindergarten) and no older than 12 years of age. The kids will enjoy pool days at the Robesonia Swimming Pool and fun little field trips around town. All children ages 5 thru 12 are welcome to attend the program from 9AM to 1PM, Monday thru Friday. .



ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION

It's never too early to start thinking about summer..... and a refreshing dip in your friendly neighborhood pool. The Robesonia Swimming Pool has been serving the community since the early 1960's and has been enjoyed by several generations of families in the Robesonia area.

The Robesonia Swimming Pool Association is a privately run organization. What that means is that the pool is owned by the members, operated by a board of volunteer members, and receives no formal financial support from any municipality. The Robesonia Pool is funded using membership fees, guest fees, fundraisers, and donations of time and money. However, in some years, it can be difficult to cover all of the operating costs, especially during cool or rainy weather patterns. **Please consider joining the Robesonia Pool today!**

Opening Day for the Roby Pool is Saturday May 28th!! Please come and enjoy the pool and consider joining our membership. The pool will be open weekends until school lets out and then regular summer hours will start.

The pool runs various fundraisers throughout the year. Please consider taking part in or supporting these. We are currently collecting sponsorships for our pool tee shirts and banner. Donors at certain levels will get their names on these items. Please check out this opportunity on our website.

The RSPA is also a qualified 501c3 entity under the IRS tax code. Contributions made to the pool may be tax deductible and would greatly benefit the pool. Please consider making a much needed contribution today!

Our community pool will only be successful if enough of the members give their time and effort to support it. Have you taken your turn? There are currently several open board positions that need to be filled. The board needs to be completely filled in order to manage the pool efficiently. There are also many other opportunities to help with events such as swim meets, fundraisers, splash parties, and "work" parties (we also have some fun doing these). Please call 484-269-0066 to volunteer or ask questions. **GET INVOLVED!!**

OTHER DETAILS:

Membership – Information is available on our website regarding membership fees. We offer several membership options including Family, Single, Guest Passes, and a variety of other options to choose from.

Swim Lessons - Swim lessons will again be held at the pool. Fees and dates will be announced in the spring after Memorial Day. Information will also be available on the website.

Parties - Consider holding your graduation, birthday, and other special parties at the pool.

Events - As always, the pool will be hosting various events throughout the summer such as Teen Night, Kids Night, and Holiday Game Days. Look for details about these and other events as the summer unfolds.

Please visit our website at www.robypool.org for other information.

The pool is located on South Freeman Street; come and enjoy the fun!!!



**PATRIOTIC
ORDER SONS OF
AMERICA
CAMP 113**

The Patriotic Order Sons of America, or POS of A, is an organization that promotes patriotism and honoring the American flag in local communities. Robesonia is served by POS of A Camp 113-Bernville, which was granted its charter in 1869 by the national office. Camp members meet monthly at the Furnace Office (owned by the Breininger family), which is across the street from the Robesonia Furnace Mansion along Freeman Street, on the last Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Camp 113 recently placed a flag disposal box in the lobby of the Robesonia Borough Hall, as is shown above. Please dispose of any tattered or soiled flags and any flags no longer suitable for respectful display in the box. A Camp brother periodically will empty the box. All flags removed will be stored for eventual retirement and destruction at an annual Flag Day event.

Camp 113 also will hold an Open House at the Furnace Office building on August 20th and 21st, coinciding with the Friends of the Robesonia Furnace's annual summer craft show on the grounds of the nearby Furnace Firehouse and Museum. Everyone is invited to tour the office and view our POS of A memorabilia and the fascinating interior architecture of the building. Camp members will be present to give a tour and to answer questions.

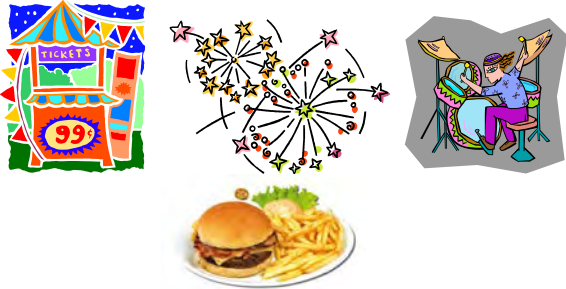
If you are interested in joining the POS of A or in learning more about our service organization, please contact Camp President Bob Bashore (bobkatizzy@juno.com) or Dave Bright (david.bright@ssmgroup.com).



**VETERANS FOR
VETERANS
WALK
NOVEMBER 11,**

Walk or Ride as you are able! 6-1/2 mile trip with stops at the high school and both Robesonia and Womelsdorf Memorial Parks, having a brief ceremony at each

memorial. Refreshments afterward at Jonny & Hons Smokehaus. Muster and park at 8:15AM at Womelsdorf Park pavilion or the Smokehaus for a ride to Wernersville. Walk starts at 9AM in Wernersville. Please carpool if possible. For more information, contact Jim Beidler at 610-468-6348. Join us as we celebrate our day!



**ROBESONIA
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JUNE 24-25
FOOD, FUN, RIDES,
MUSIC
& THE BEST
FIREWORKS IN
BERKS!**

COMMUNITY YARD SALE & FLEA MARKET (behind the Boro Hall!)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH
7AM to 3PM**

Rain Date: Sunday, June 19th

Contact Stephanie at Robesoniasale@hotmail.com for details!

You can also look them on Facebook @ RobesoniaTownwide Sale

Dig those hidden treasures out of your attics and basements and set up a stand!

