



Fall



**BOROUGH OF ROBESONIA**  
**“The Garden Spot of the Lebanon Valley”**

**Robesonia Borough Hall: 75 South Brooke Street Robesonia, PA 19551**

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**Website:** [www.robesoniaboro.org](http://www.robesoniaboro.org) Like us on Facebook!

**Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**MAYOR:** Randy Gartner

**2015 COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Abby Wertz, President  
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**ZONING OFFICER:** Nancy Johnson, Technicon Enterprises, Inc. II

**ASSISTANT ZONING OFFICER:** Frank Schnee, 610-693-5457

(Simple zoning permits for sheds, fences, pools)

**ROBESONIA COMMUNITY LIBRARY – (610) 693-3264**

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**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 Kreitzer Sanitation at 1-866-573-4893.**



# TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT!!

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM



# JACK FROST PARADE

Sunday, November 1st

Trinity Lutheran Church will be sponsoring the even bigger and better **Jack Frost Parade** this year on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mummies will be back as well as some of the bag-pipers! We will also have the Eagles Pep Band, helium balloons, floats, cars and much more! If you are part of a group, club or organization, talk to us now about entering your group (or float!) in the parade. The parade is expected to stage at the CW Middle School and end at Trinity Lutheran Church. The parade will travel west on Penn Avenue from the school to South Church Street where it will turn left, then left again onto West Ruth Avenue where it will pass in front of the Borough Building (and Judge's stand). We will need more volunteers to help with the parade, so watch for more details! We expect this to be a fun event as we have been working hard to get sponsors and entertainment. Please plan on coming out and supporting this family-fun event!



**POLICE NEWS**  
Chief William Schlichter

The Western Berks Regional Police Department would like to give you tips for the upcoming fall season.

### Driving Tips:

- Slow down when the road is covered with leaves. If the temperature drops below freezing, the wet leaves will freeze and turn into dangerous icy leaves on the roadway. Reducing the car's traction, causing skidding and possibly losing control of the vehicle.

- Allow yourself plenty of room to stop if an emergency arises. Keep a greater distance between yourself and the surrounding cars.
- A pile of leaves raked to the side of the road is an invitation for a child to play and hide. NEVER drive through a leaf pile. Also, avoid the possibility of a fire hazard from the exhaust system NEVER park your car over a pile of leaves.
- Beware of black ice that may form on the roadway. Melting ice from the day's sunlight quickly turn into black ice as the temperatures drop.

### School is Back in Session:

- Remember students will be walking to the bus stops in the morning. Also, there are students that walk to and from school, so keep an eye out for children crossing the streets.
- School buses will be traveling the highways and be making frequent stops. Please be aware of the flashing lights on the school buses.
- Please remember that all School Zones are 15 mph. Please obey the speed limit.

### Halloween:

Trick or Treating in Robesonia is from 6 pm to 9 pm on Saturday, October 31, 2015. Curfew will be at 9 pm.

- Avoid trick-or-treating alone, walk with friends and adults. And only enter homes with a trusted adult.
- Reflective tape, flashlights or bright costumes are a great way to stay safe and seen by drivers.
- Examine all the treats for choking hazards and tampering. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.



**THE MAYOR'S  
MUSINGS**  
Mayor Randy  
Gartner

I would like to thank all who made this year's Street Fair a success. The Robesonia Fair Committee works all year to make this happen, holding meetings every month and running fund raisers several times a year. Please consider joining the fair committee. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Fire Company.

Becoming a member of the Friends of the Robesonia Furnace entitles you to receiving 2 newsletters a year where you will learn about the history of the former Robesonia Furnace and Robesonia Borough. It only costs \$10 per year or \$100 for a life member. Just send a check to the Friends of the Robesonia Furnace, PO Box 162, Robesonia ,Pa 19551. We have a great museum and

if you would like to take a tour or would like to have a presentation on the furnace call me at 484-955-7381.

I am told we had another great playground program this summer! A big thanks to our returning playground staff Emily Hogan, Angela Miller and Katie Yoders for a great job and providing our kids with a fun and safe environment!

## REMINDER TO TAXPAYERS

The 2% discount for School Real Estate and Per Capita ends August 31. The flat rate will be in affect the months of September and October.

We've made some changes for the home office. There is a new door with direct access to my office along with a new drop box.

If you need a receipt please send a stamped, self addressed envelope with your payment. The IRS, mortgage companies, insurance, etc. are all now asking for stamped receipts – your cancelled check may not be enough.

Save a tree! If you have more than one payment to make, you can put them all in 1 envelope with 1 check. My sitting times for the school and per capita are listed on your bill.

### At the Robesonia Borough Hall –

August 25 from 10 AM to 12 PM

August 27 from 10 AM to 12 PM

### At my home (276 S. Church St.) –

August 28 from 10 AM to 12 PM

August 31 from 5 PM to 7 PM

October 30 from 10 AM to 12 PM

December 30 from 10 AM to 12 PM

Any other time is by appointment only – please call 610-693-6640 for an appointment or any questions you may have. Or use the drop-off box next to my office door for your convenience. Please do not put payments in the mailbox by the street.

NO 2016 payments can be accepted after the end of the year – it must be presented or postmarked by December 31, 2016.



**THE WORD ON  
THE STREETS...  
STREETS SUPERVISOR  
GARRY DEGLER**

## 2015 LEAF PICK-UP

Leaves will be picked up throughout the fall season until complete, weather permitting. Please rake your leaves to the gutter or planting strip and they will be picked up

**within a couple of days.** Do not include any trash or grass clippings. These should be placed out for the regular trash pick-up. We will continue to pick up leaves as long as we can (provided no plow-able snowfall occurs!) or is necessary.



**WHAT'S HAPPENING  
AT  
YOUR LIBRARY?**

75 A South Brooke Street

Robesonia, PA 19551

610-693-3264 Fax: 610-693-6864

E-mail: [robesoniac@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:robesoniac@berks.lib.pa.us)

[www.berks.lib.pa.us/sro/](http://www.berks.lib.pa.us/sro/)

### Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 8:00 pm

Friday & Saturday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

### Upcoming Events:

The Conrad Weiser Rotary Bucks for Books IV Fundraiser will be held Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm at Johnny & Hons Smokehaus. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the library, from library board members or Rotary members.

A 2 Day AAA Driving Refresher Course will be offered on Monday and Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-2 pm in the Borough Hall meeting room. Cost for AAA Members is \$25/couple or \$15/person, non-members \$25/person, veterans are FREE!

### Robesonia Community Library Friends Events:

A bus trip to Baltimore Inner Harbor will be taking place Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Peg Henderson at 610-693-8039 or email Leslie Pirl-Roth at

[lpr1958@hotmail.com](mailto:lpr1958@hotmail.com) to reserve your seat!

The Fall Book and Baked Good Sale will be held Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 am -1 pm in the Borough Hall meeting room.

The Fall Public Meeting featuring a presentation by Roger Mallon as Mark Twain will be held Tuesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Borough Hall meeting room.

### Children's Weekly Programs:

Tuesday 10:00 am Baby Story Time

Wednesday 9:30 am – Storyrider visit from Miss Patt

Second, Third and Fourth Thursdays 10:30 am Preschool Story Time

### Children's Monthly Programs:

First Monday 6:30 pm LEGO Night

Second Monday 6:30 pm Kid's Craft Night

Third Tuesday 6:30 pm Read to Monte

First Thursday 10:30 am Parachute Play

Fourth Monday 6:00 pm Family Movie Night

### Children's Special Events:

Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> the Library will be celebrating Batman Day! Bring A bagged lunch and enjoy Batman

themed activities. 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the Borough Hall Meeting Room.

Join us for a Halloween Party at the library on Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm. Wear a costume, play scary games, participate in spooky activities and of course get some CANDY!

**Holiday Closures:**

**Labor Day** September 7<sup>th</sup> Closed

**Thanksgiving** November 25<sup>th</sup> Closing at 5 pm, Closed 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>

**Christmas** December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Closed



**The FALL Books  
And  
Baked Goods Sale**

More info? 610-693-3264

**Saturday,  
October 24, 2015  
9am-1pm**

Sponsored by the Friends of Robeson Community Library



**BUCKS FOR BOOKS  
IV  
PIG ROAST  
SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 13  
4 TO 7 PM  
\$25.00/TICKET  
JOHNNY & HONS  
SMOKEHAUS**



**LOCAL  
CHURCH  
NEWS**

**St. Paul's United Church of Christ  
301 West Penn Avenue  
610-621-5770**

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Motz  
Website: www.Sprucc.org  
Email: stpaul4secretary@comcast.net  
Off-street Parking  
Handicapped Accessible

**Rally Day**  
Food, activities, and fun for all ages

Immediately following service  
September 20<sup>th</sup>

**Christkindlmarkt Bazaar and Craft Show  
Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am-2pm**

Homemade candy, soup, baked goods, chow chow and other jarred items

Basket raffle, Attic Treasures and collectible plates  
Items from local artisans and craftsmen

Light breakfast items and lunch will be available  
Proceeds benefit community programs

For information regarding tables for crafters please call

Kathie Matthew at 610-927-4840 or e-mail  
kmatthew522@aol.com

**Soup and Such**

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

Provided last Thursday of the month

September 24, October 29,

November 19 (early because of Holiday)

For information call 6106215770

**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), additional items \$ .25.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

108 S. Robeson Street  
610-693-6062



**Jack Frost Parade on  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Be sure to save this date as plans are underway to make this parade even better than last year. We already have the mummers, Eagles Pep Band, and bagpipers coming back. If you are part of a group, club or organization, talk to them now about entering a float or marching in the parade; remember there are cash prizes!

We will have the same parade route as last year, traveling west on 422, going south on Church Street, east on Ruth Street, and ending at the church. We will stage the parade at the Conrad Weiser Middle School. Call the church office for a registration form!



**Disney Raffle Fundraiser  
for Jack Frost Parade &  
Scholarships**

Trinity Lutheran Church is having a raffle to help fund the Jack Frost Parade and Scholarships. Tickets are \$10 a piece, 3 for \$25, or 7 for \$50 (but must all be purchased in the same name). First prize will be a trip for four to Disney World (using



Boscov's Travel) in Orlando, Florida which includes air transportation, six nights' accommodations at a Disney Value Resort, four seven-day park hopper passes, and a Disney quick service dining plan, or the winner may take a \$5,000 cash prize. The winner is responsible for all taxes. Second prize is \$500 and third prize is \$250, with an additional ten people winning \$100. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Jack Frost Parade and the two Jack Frost Scholarships for a senior male & female student at Conrad Weiser (\$2,500 each). Tickets are on sale now in the church office. You must be 18 in order to purchase a ticket. We have also purchased the required licenses from the state for this raffle. We need your support. **THANK YOU!**

## **A 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter "Thank you"**

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to every business, organization and individual who supported our 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter ministry at Trinity. We are averaging over 400 students at these gatherings. Your support has been fantastic!! We have scheduled upcoming events on September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. All Football 5<sup>th</sup> Quarters will be held at the high school this year. Again, thank you for giving our high school students a safe place to have fun!

### **Regular Worship schedule resumes September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Worship on Saturday at 5:00pm  
Worship on Sunday at 8:00am and  
10:45am                      Sunday School at  
9:15am

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Blessing of the Animals  
3:00pm in front of the church.  
All are welcome with their pets.**

**ST. DANIEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
480 Big Spring Road  
(610) 693-5145  
[www.stdaniels.com](http://www.stdaniels.com)

**Sept. 13 - Rally Day** and Ice Cream Social (11am) to benefit West Lawn Methodist's program Aid to Haiti. Bring donations of food, clothing and supplies and cool off with an ice cream treat.

**Sept. 20 - Harvest Home** and Blessing of the Quilts. Please bring food donations to St. Daniel's Church on Sunday, Sept. 20th. Everything will be shared with the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry. Quilts made by St. Daniel's women for Lutheran World Relief will be displayed in the church that same day.

**Sept. 27** - Volunteers are welcome to help harvest potatoes from the seed project from 1-5pm. Please contact church office for further information.

**Oct. 3 - 24th Country Fall Fest.** 7am-3pm. Rain or Shine. Food, Arts & Crafts, Flea Market, Games, Baked Good, Silent Auction and Craft Sales. Breakfast served from 7-10:30am. Entertainers include: DJ Terry Schnitter, Teen Challenge Choir and Jonathan Reinhold Singers. Quilt Raffle at 2:30pm.



For all girls entering Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Join or renew your Girl Scout membership today! Troops are forming now for this school year. Register online at [www.gsep.org/girls/join/](http://www.gsep.org/girls/join/) For additional information on registering for Girl Scouts contact Laurie Horack 610-670-1243 [lahorack@verizon.net](mailto:lahorack@verizon.net)

The girls finished up this spring with camping at Hawk Mountain Boy Scout Camp.

They had lots of fun outdoor activities – archery, swimming, hiking, low ropes course and more. There was also some family fun at the Robesonia pool with our favorite DJ providing entertainment. Plans for this coming year include a Powderpuff Derby where the girls will create, decorate and race pine cars. Pancake breakfast with Santa. International Thinking Day. And camping in the spring.

## **COMMUNITY PAPER SHREDDING EVENT!!**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015**

**10AM TO 2:00 PM**

**NATIONAL PENN BANK  
ROUTE 422 ROBESONIA**

## **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, 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. We are thankful for being allowed to meet and to store the Camp's extensive memorabilia in this historic building, with its splendid architecture. Upcoming Camp activities include participation in the Borough's Jack Frost Parade in November and constructing flag-disposal boxes. If you are interested in joining the POS of A or in learning more about our service organization, please contact Camp President Barry Lutz ([lutzcb70@comcast.net](mailto:lutzcb70@comcast.net)), Secretary Charlie Reidler ([chucky1133@verizon.net](mailto:chucky1133@verizon.net)), or Dave Bright ([david.bright@ssmgroup.com](mailto:david.bright@ssmgroup.com)).



## **ROBESONIA SWIMMING POOL ASSOCIATION**

It's never too late to enjoy a refreshing dip in your friendly neighborhood pool. The Robesonia Swimming Pool has been serving Robesonia and surrounding communities since 1960 and has been enjoyed by several generations of families in the Robesonia area. **The pool opens on Memorial Day Weekend every year and closed on Labor Day. Hours are 12 noon until 7:00pm seven days a week once school is out.** Until school ends, hours are 3:00pm until 7:00pm and noon until 7:00pm on weekends. The pool may be closed due to inclement weather at the discretion of the manager.

The Robesonia Swimming Pool Association is a non-profit, 501c3 organization that is run solely by volunteers with the exception of paid lifeguards. The pool is operated by a board of volunteer members and receives no formal financial support from any municipality. Because we are a privately run pool, we rely on membership fees, guest fees, fundraisers and donations to cover operating costs. It has become more difficult in recent years to make ends meet so we are very grateful for donations from individuals and community organizations to help us fill the gap. **Donations can be made in the following ways:**

**\*PO Box 95, Robesonia, PA 19551 (Checks made out to Robesonia Swimming Pool)**

**\*PayPal link on our website [robypool.org](http://robypool.org)**

**\*GoFundMe page [GoFundMe.com/robesoniapool](http://GoFundMe.com/robesoniapool)  
ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE SO  
PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO SUPPORT  
OUR POOL!**

We are always looking for volunteers to help with various projects throughout the year including helping with fundraising, painting and repairs. Whatever your interests and talents may be, we can find a way for you to help!

**OTHER DETAILS:**

**See our website at [www.robypool.org](http://www.robypool.org) for current information about the following:**

**Water Aerobics Classes** – Water aerobics classes are being offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm until 6:45pm. All are welcome! Cost is \$5.00 for members and \$7:00 for non-members.

**Membership** – There are a variety of membership options available. Please see our website for current options and prices.

**Guests** – Everyone in the community is welcome to come to the pool on a daily pass. Guest fees are \$7.00 every day for everyone (3 years and under are free).

**Swim Lessons** – Lessons are offered for several weeks during the summer. Please see the website for details.

**Moonlight Swims** – We have moonlight swims once a month from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. Members are \$3.00 and non-members are \$5.00. The next Moonlight Swim is scheduled for August 22, 2015. Please come out and enjoy a swim, campfire and fun!!

**SWIM TEAM! GO ROBY RAYS!!** – Swim team starts in June and ends the first week in August. We have a great team with knowledgeable and enthusiastic coaches. Details are on the website under Swim Team.

**DASH FOR THE SPLASH 5K** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K will be held on November 7, 2015 at 9:30 am (Fun run at 9:00 am). Registration at [Pretzelcity.com](http://Pretzelcity.com) or get a registration form at the pool or on the website.

**THE POOL IS LOCATED ON SOUTH FREEMAN STREET; COME OUT AND ENJOY THE SUMMER!!!**



## **Please come out and join the Wernersville Women's Club**

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.  
at the South Heidelberg Township building  
Located at 555A Mountain Home Rd. in Sinking Spring

### **Upcoming Events:**

Our kick-off meeting for 2015-2016 is September 9<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30

We will be hosting a covered dish social

Call (484) 529-3781 if you are interested in attending

Fall Fashion Show Luncheon – Fashions by Dress Barn

Saturday, October 10, 2015 at Phoebe Berks

Tickets are \$25.00

Contact Helen at (610) 678-1377



## **SWIFT 911**

**We've had the SWIFT 911 program in place for over a year now. I am hearing from some of you that you have never received a robocall from our system even though we've used the system twice (both times over the winter to announce snow emergencies). If you have not received a call you are not in the system. To be placed on the SWIFT 911 system, please go to the borough's website at [www.robsoniaboro.org](http://www.robsoniaboro.org). There you will find the SWIFT 911 logo in the upper left corner of the face page of our website. Click on the link and enter your information. You can add both your home and cell phones for notification purposes. If you do not have computer access please call your information in to our office at 610-693-3474 and we will add you to the list.**

## **JACK FROST PARADE ROAD CLOSURE REMINDER!!**

**Just a reminder that Penn Avenue will be closed from Freeman Street to Church Street on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> for the Jack Frost Parade!**

**The closure will start at 2:30 PM and end at 5 PM.**

**Also, there will be NO PARKING along the parade route from Noon to 6 that day.**

**If you are interested in registering a float, special car, group, band, etc. registration forms can be obtained at the Trinity Lutheran Church office or at the Robesonia Borough Hall.**

**There will be food/drink vendors set up on the playground behind the Borough Hall/Library (and possibly in the ballfield pavilion), so stop on in and grab some goodies for your family before you head off to your viewing spot.**

**The Judges' Stand will be set up again in front of the ballfield backstop behind the Borough Hall. It's a great spot to view all the bands/floats as they slow down to be viewed by the judges.**

**The Aqua String Band will be returning this year, as will the Eagles Pep Band!**

**This is a truly fun, family-friendly event so come on out and enjoy the day and the festivities with your friends and families!**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



# **ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!**

## **Veterans for Veterans Walk**

**November 11, 2015**

**6-1/2 mile trip**

**Walk or Ride As You Are Able**

Muster and park 8:15AM at Womelsdorf Park Pavilion or Johnny & Hons Smokehaus for a ride to Wernersville.

Walk starts at 9AM in Wernersville

Shuttle will run walks back to Wernersville or the Smokehaus if you prefer to leave from there.

Please Car Pool if possible.

**RAIN OR SHINE**

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR DAY!!**

Refreshments following the walk provided at the Smokehaus

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL

JIM BEIDLER

610-468-6348

Or

EMAIL

VETSWALK@OUTLOOK.COM