



Fall



September, 2017

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

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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**

**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 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.**

**FROM THE DESK OF HARVEY MARSHALL  
VICE PRESIDENT  
ROBESONIA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Our Council takes great pride in this town. We try to make informed and intelligent decisions in keeping our town clean and green. We also put a lot of our own time into volunteering with civic/community organizations and committees to help save money and to keep our town a nice place to live. We cannot always respond as quickly as some would like, but we try.

I, personally, take pride in seeing the large planters along Penn Avenue are taken care of since they reflect well on our town with their beautiful flowers and fun holiday ornaments. So when someone feels compelled to steal the plants from the pots I get upset. These planters take time and taxpayer money to plant and maintain all summer, so when these plants are stolen, it is stealing from all the taxpayers in this town.

If each and every person living in this town took a little more pride in their community and put in a little more effort to keeping their properties and community looking good, ours could be one of the best-looking and well-maintained boroughs in the state. It just requires each of us to do our part!

If you have an issue with anything, please feel free to let me know and I will be happy to look into it....or feel free to attend a Council Meeting the first of every month at 7:30 and let us know how we're doing!



**POLICE NEWS**  
Chief William Schlichter

What a wonderful time of year the fall is! The children head back to school, the leaves start to change, and the air is crisp and cool and it seems to always be a welcoming season after the heat from our summer. As we enter this festival season of orange colored leaves and scary pumpkin faces, we want our residents to continue to work with us keeping this community safe.

**In this issue we would like to talk about Cyberbullying. Here are some information and tips on Cyberbullying and remember parents, know your kids friends, where your kids go and with whom. Be active in their lives and set limits, you'll be glad you did!**

**What Kids Need to Know:**

Never give out personal information online, whether in instant message profiles, chat rooms, blogs, or personal websites.

- Never tell anyone but your parents your password, even friends.

- If someone sends a mean or threatening message, don't respond. Save it or print it out and show it to an adult.
- Never open emails from someone you don't know or from someone you know is a bully.
- Don't put anything online that you wouldn't want your classmates to see, even in email.
- Don't send messages when you're angry. Before clicking "send," ask yourself how you would feel if you received the message.
- Help kids who are bullied online by not joining in and showing bullying messages to an adult.
- Always be as polite online as you are in person.

Since most cyberbullying takes place at home, it's important that parents know about cyberbullying and that they get involved in preventing it. Just like parents help their kids avoid inappropriate websites, they can protect them from cyberbullying.

**What Parents Can Do**

- Keep your home computer in a busy area of your house.
- Set up email and chat accounts with your children. Make sure that you know their screen names and passwords and that they don't include any personal information in their online profiles.
- Regularly go over their instant messenger "buddy list" with them. Ask who each person is and how your children know him or her.
- Print a list of commonly used acronyms in instant messenger and chat rooms from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and post it by your computer.
- Discuss cyberbullying with your children and ask if they have ever experienced it or seen it happen to someone.
- Tell your children that you won't blame them if they are cyberbullied. Emphasize that you won't take away their computer privileges - this is the main reason kids don't tell adults when they are cyberbullied.

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/cyberbullying/stop-cyberbullying>

**Halloween:** Trick or Treating in Robesonia is from 6 pm to 9 pm on Monday, October 31, 2016. Curfew will be at 9 pm.

**Curfew:** STARTING October 23<sup>rd</sup>, UNTIL November 5th, 2017 the 9:00 pm curfew will be in effect for anyone under the age of 18.

**Suspicious:** Report any suspicious activity. Be involved and know that we are here to serve you and want to hear about things as they happen. If we don't know, we can't help!

**Remember, Western Berks Regional Police Department provides police protection 24-7. If you see any suspicious activity, please contact the department immediately at 610-655-4911.**

**The Police Department wishes you a happy and safe fall season!**



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

Thank You to all who helped make the Robesonia Street fair a success. It's a lot of work and it's not just for the Street Fair. We have about five fund raisers a year to help pay the \$14,000 it costs to put on this event. The Street Fair Committee is always looking for help. If you want to see this event continue, then you need to get involved.

The Friends of the Robesonia Furnace is on the lookout for new members. It costs \$10 a year or \$100 for a Lifetime membership. You get two newsletters a year with articles on the history of the Furnace and the Borough. Send your money along with name, address and phone number or e-mail to Friends of the Robesonia Furnace, PO Box 162, Robesonia, Pa 19551.

If you belong to a group who would like to hear about the history of the Furnace, or take a tour of the Furnace Museum, you can contact me at 484-955-7381.



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

**2017 LEAF PICK-UP**

Once again, leaves will be picked up throughout the fall season until complete, weather permitting (meaning no plowable snow before all the leaves have been picked up) or December 9<sup>th</sup>, whichever comes first. Please rake your leaves to the gutter or planting strip and they will be picked up **within a couple of days**. Do NOT call the Borough Hall to inform them you put your leaves to the curb. We are well aware of who has their leaves raked to the curb and when they put them out. We pick up the leaves one section of town at a time. So if we are not there the day you get them out, we WILL be there within a few days....be patient! Do not include any trash or grass clippings. These should be placed out for the regular trash pick-up. Thank you for your patience and cooperation!



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

75 A South Brooke Street  
Robesonia, PA 19551  
610-693-3264 Fax: 610-693-6864  
E-mail: [robesoniac1@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:robesoniac1@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

**Fall 2017 Activities**

**Children and Youth Programs:**

Family Game Night 1<sup>st</sup> Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.

Visit the library for a night of family fun. Each month we will play a different type of game. All ages welcome!

Art Attack 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Learn about a new artist each month and make your own masterpiece in that style. For ages 8 and up.

Color Therapy 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. Stop by the library, relax and color. No Color Therapy September 18<sup>th</sup>. For ages 8 to 100.

Family Movie Night 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings at 6 pm.

Snacks will be available to purchase during the movie. See below under "Special Programs" for more details!

Tween Time every other Tuesday at 4 pm. September 5<sup>th</sup>. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. November 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.

Snacks, crafts and games. For ages 10-13.

Story Rider, Mama Patt visits Wednesdays at 9:30 am. September 13<sup>th</sup> through December 6<sup>th</sup>. No Story Rider September 27<sup>th</sup> & November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Story Rider visits are geared toward preschoolers ages 2 ½ to 5.

LEGO Club every other Wednesday at 4 pm. September 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup>. At each meeting there will be a new theme to BUILD on! For ages 0-100.

Little Friends Story Time Thursdays at \*11 am. Miss Jenn will be sharing stories, songs and simple crafts with little ones from birth to age 5. No Story Time September 21<sup>st</sup> & November 23<sup>rd</sup>. \*New Time!

#### **Special Programs:**

Bucks for Books Fundraiser, Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm at Johnny & Hons Smokehouse. Visit the library or see a board member to purchase tickets for \$25 each. Ticket purchase and Chinese auction benefits the Robesonia, Womelsdorf and Wernersville Libraries.

Movie Night & Stuffy Sleepover Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The September movie will be Toy Story. In the movie, Andy's best friend is Woody. Bring your best friend (stuffed toy) and leave them at the library for a sleepover. Pick your friend up on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 am and 7:30 pm to see what mischief they got into!

Movie Night Double Feature Hotel Transylvania 1 & 2. The spooky fun starts extra early at 4 pm on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

PAW Patrol Halloween Party. Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Come to the library dressed like your favorite PAW Patrol character or first responder and meet our local first responders. We will also be having some Halloween fun!

November Movie Night. Captain Underpants, Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.

#### **Holiday Closures:**

September 4<sup>th</sup>-Labor Day

November 22<sup>nd</sup>-Closing at 5pm, Thanksgiving Holiday

November 23<sup>rd</sup>-Thanksgiving Holiday

### **Friends of Robesonia Community Library**

Autumn is soon upon us and we are busy planning our fall and winter events. On Tuesday, October 24, at 7 p.m., we will again hold our General Meeting with a special program for the public. Steven Heffner, the Communications Department Head from Conrad Weiser High School, will present an engaging interactive program called "Lead, Steel and Irony: Unbelievable Stories from the Civil War Era...Gettysburg Edition!" Join us for an entertaining and educational evening with light refreshments to follow.

On Saturday, October 28, from 9:00 to 1:00, we will hold our fall Book and Bake Sale. So, keep those donations of gently used books, CDs and DVDs coming in. You can drop them off at the library during hours of

operation. We will again have a special closing sale-- \$5.00 for an RCL tote bag of book sale items from 12:00 to 1:00. We look forward to seeing you on sale day as you look for terrific bargains and delicious homemade baked goods.

We have a delightful day trip lined up for Wednesday, November 29. We will depart from the library at 10 a.m. to visit the lovely, quaint town of West Chester. You'll be on your own to shop and eat lunch there. Then we'll travel on to Longwood Gardens so you can stroll throughout the incredible Christmas displays. We'll stay until dark to see the magnificent fountains and outdoor lights. To reserve seats, or for more information, email Leslie at [lpirlroth@gmail.com](mailto:lpirlroth@gmail.com) or call Greta at 610-693-5698. Payment is due by November 1 to reserve your seat. We hope you can join us for this memorable day.

"I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card." ~Laura.



**November 7- GENERAL ELECTION**  
(Borough office will be closed)



**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](http://www.Sprucc.org)

Email: [stpaul4secretary@comcast.net](mailto:stpaul4secretary@comcast.net)

Off-street Parking

Handicapped Accessible

#### **Soup and Such**

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

Provided second and last Thursday of the month

For information call 610 621 5770

#### **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 (provided by church) per child



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

108 S. Robeson Street  
610-693-6062  
Pastor William Weiser

## 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 8<sup>th</sup>, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>:**

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



## Blessing of the Animals

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

3:00pm in front of the church.  
All are welcome with their pets.



## Beginning October 4<sup>th</sup> at Trinity!

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, Trinity will launch a new mid-week worship opportunity. In Jesus' day people gathered at the well to be refreshed, to learn, and to care for one another. We hope to do the same on Wednesday evenings at Trinity. We know family life is busy, but we invite you to join us for a mid-week worship service every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in our beautiful sanctuary. It will be an informal service with a homily, or a very short sermon. We will offer communion by intinction. Please know that everyone is welcome. Come meet us at The WELL...

### 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, 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 will participate in a program honoring the legacy of Conrad Weiser at the Conrad Weiser Homestead, just east of Womelsdorf, on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM**. Everyone is welcome to attend this brief ceremony during which Weiser's significant contributions to his community and to the Pennsylvania colony are commemorated. As President Washington said when he visited Weiser's grave, "posterity will not forget his services."

Camp 113 also has placed a flag-disposal box in the lobby of the Borough Hall. 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.

If you are interested in joining the POS of A or in learning more about our service organization, please contact Camp President Scott Wagner ([slwagner4620@msn.com](mailto:slwagner4620@msn.com)) or Dave Bright ([david.bright@ssmgroup.com](mailto:david.bright@ssmgroup.com)).

## ATTENTION ALL VETERANS!!



### VETERANS FOR VETERANS WALK NOVEMBER 11, 2017 RAIN OR SHINE

**WALK OR RIDE AS YOU ARE ABLE  
6-1/2 MILE TRIP**

**WITH STOPS AT THE CW HIGH SCHOOL,  
HENRY P ROBESON PARK IN ROBESONIA &  
WOMELSDORF MEMORIAL PARK  
(WITH A BRIEF CEREMONY AT EACH STOP)**

**MUSTER & PARK AT 8:15 AT WOMELSDORF  
PARK PAVILION OR THE SMOKEHAUS FOR A  
RIDE TO WERNERSVILLE  
WALK STARTS AT 9AM IN WERNERSVILLE  
SHUTTLE WILL RUN WALKERS BACK TO  
WERNERSVILLE OR SMOKE HAUS IF YOU  
PREFER TO LEAVE FROM THERE.  
PLEASE CARPOOL IF POSSIBLE**

**REFRESHMENTS SERVED AFTERWARDS AT  
JONNY & HONS SMOKE HAUS**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL JIM BEIDLER  
610-468-6348**



## PIONEER HOSE CO. #1



Our **Annual Collection** will take place October 2 thru 7, 2017. As always we appreciate your generous donations. This year we ask you to continue your generosity as we are in the process of purchasing a new pumper/tanker. It is only through your donations and support this is possible.

The first Friday of each month the Fire Company will hold a dinner with a different menu each month. Times are 5PM to 8PM. We are also holding other fund raising events such as the Labor Day Car Show, Raffles, Sticky Bun Sale and many other events. Please see our new sign for more details.

As always we are looking for volunteers. Stop by the station any Tuesday evening or you can inquire at the Social Hall. Thank you for your continued support!



## **CLEAN WATER IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS**

In urban and suburban areas, much of the land surface is covered by buildings and pavement, which do not allow rain and snowmelt to soak into the ground. Instead, most developed areas rely on storm drains to carry large amounts of runoff from roofs and paved areas to nearby waterways. The stormwater runoff carries pollutants such as oil, dirt, chemicals and law fertilizers directly to streams and rivers, where they seriously harm water quality. To protect surface water quality and groundwater resources, development should be designed and built to minimize increases in runoff.

### **HOW URBANIZED AREAS AFFECT WATER QUALITY**

#### **INCREASED RUNOFF**

The porous and varied terrain of natural landscapes like forests, wetlands and grasslands traps rainwater and snowmelt and allows them to filter slowly into the ground. In contrast, impervious (nonporous) surfaces like roads, parking lots and rooftops prevent rain and snowmelt from infiltrating, or soaking, into the ground. Most of the rainfall and snowmelt remains above the surface, where it runs off rapidly in unnaturally large amounts.

Storm sewer systems concentrate runoff into smooth, straight conduits. This runoff gathers speed and erosional power as it travels underground. When this runoff leaves the storm drains and empties into a stream, its excessive volume and power blast out streambanks, damaging streamside vegetation and wiping out aquatic habitat. These increased storm flows carry sediment loads from construction sites and other denuded surfaces and eroded streambanks. They often carry higher water temperatures from streets, roof tops, and parking lots which are harmful to the health and reproduction of aquatic life. The loss of infiltration from urbanization may also cause profound groundwater changes. Although urbanization leads to great increases in flooding during and immediately after wet weather, in many instances it results in lower

stream flows during dry weather. Many native fish and other aquatic life cannot survive when these conditions prevail.

#### **INCREASED POLLUTANT LOADS**

Urbanization increases the variety and amount of pollutants carried into streams, rivers and lakes. The pollutants include:

- Sediment
- Oil, grease and toxic chemicals from motor vehicles.
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns and gardens.
- Viruses, bacteria and nutrients from pet waste and failing septic systems.
- Road salts.
- Heavy metals from roof shingles, motor vehicles and other sources
- Thermal pollution from dark impervious surfaces such as streets and roof tops.

These pollutants can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, foul drinking water supplies, and make recreational areas unsafe and unpleasant.

### **MANAGING URBAN RUNOFF**

#### **WHAT HOMEOWNERS CAN DO**

To decrease polluted runoff from paved surfaces, households can develop alternatives to areas traditionally covered by impervious surfaces. Porous pavement materials are available for driveways and sidewalks, and native vegetation and mulch can replace high maintenance grass lawns. Homeowners can use fertilizers sparingly and sweep driveways, sidewalks and roads instead of using a hose. Instead of disposing of yard waste, they can use the materials to start a compost pile. And homeowners can learn to use Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce dependence on harmful pesticides.

In addition, households can prevent polluted runoff by picking up after pets and using, storing, and disposing of chemicals properly. Drivers should check their cars for leaks and recycling their motor oil and antifreeze when these fluids are changed. Drivers can also avoid impacts from car wash runoff (e.g. detergents, grime, etc) by using car wash facilities that do not generate runoff or washing cars on the lawn vs. in their driveways.



# JACK FROST PARADE ROAD CLOSURE REMINDER!!

Just a reminder that Penn Avenue will be closed from Freeman Street to Church Street on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for the Jack Frost Parade!

The closure will start at 2:00 PM and end at 5 PM.

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

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!



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**6PM TO 9PM**



## JACK FROST PARADE

**Sunday, November 5th**



Trinity Lutheran Church will be sponsoring the ever bigger and better **2017 Jack Frost Parade** this year on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 3PM. Bands, floats, dance troupes and giant helium balloons! 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 behind the Borough Building (and Judge's stand). We will need more volunteers than ever to help with the parade, so watch for more details! **This year we are hoping to collect ONE TON of food for the Conrad Weiser Food Pantry as well as letters to Santa!** 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!

From our house to yours....

Wishing you much for which to be thankful!

Robesonia Mayor, Borough Council and Employees