

A View from the Heights

Borough of Patterson Heights

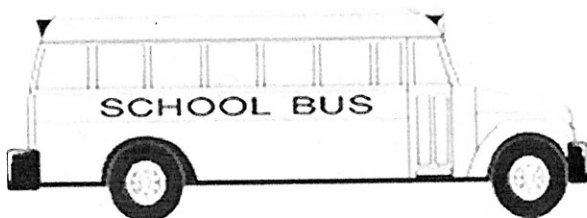
Beaver Falls, PA

Fall 2018

WHAT'S HAPPENING?



Our neighborhood kids are back to school, walking to bus stops and waiting on corners and at the playground – please drive safely! I count 4 different bus routes past our houses each day, so please do your part to keep our children safe as they walk to and from the bus stops.



Halloween

Wednesday 31 October

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday 4 November

Election Day

Tuesday 6 November

Veterans Day

Sunday 11 November

Veterans Day Holiday

Monday 12 November

Tusca-Ridge Garden Club

Annual Greens Sale @ Beaver

Methodist Church 9 a.m. - Noon

Saturday 17 November

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday 22 November

Hanukkah begins

Monday 3 December

Winter Solstice

Friday 21 December

Christmas

Tuesday 25 December

Boxing Day

Wednesday 26 December

Kwanzaa begins

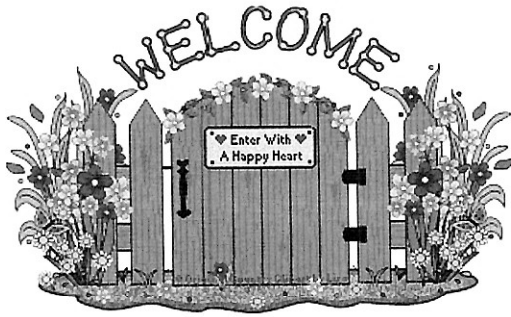
Wednesday 26 December

New Year's Day

Wednesday 1 January 2019

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Monday 21 January



WELCOME NEIGHBORS

Michael and Jaime Hildebrand
419 Sixth Avenue

Kyle Fabyanic
610 Fifth Street

Clayton Hamilton
506 Sixth Avenue

Justin Lipcsak
390 Fourth Avenue

Dawson & Schaffer
515 Fourth Street

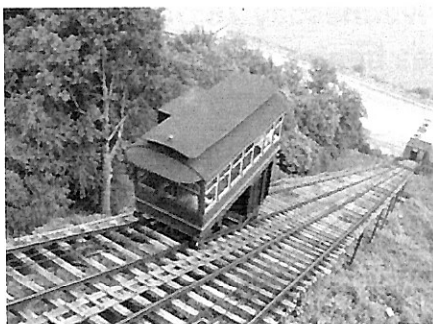
Logan Loncar
307 Eighth Avenue

Marchionda & Sundy
611 Fourth Avenue

Ashley Guthridge
417 Ninth Avenue

Sandra Cardamon
92 Darlington Road

A note about our Welcome Neighbors column; if a "new neighbor" moves into your block or area please contact "The View" so we can include this information in our next issue.



Barb and Ralph Mitchell of 801 Seventh Street are the proud grandparents of a 6 lb. 13 oz. baby girl. Sophia Ann Mitchell was born on August 6 to Michael and Jullian Mitchell of Orlando, Florida. Sophia joins her 3 year old big brother Tyler.



We were saddened to learn of the death of Virginia Jean Steel, of Beaver in August. She was the mother of Bryan Steel of Fifth Street. Our condolences to Bryan and Melissa, as well as, their children Kylie and Logan.



Just a thank you to all of our neighbors who have made the Little Free Library here in Patterson Heights a success. A bit of a rocky start due to a roof leak at summer's beginning did put us back a bit, but it was indeed small compared to what winter often does to our big homes.

Donations have been quite steady, with a real need for teen and young reader's literature appearing the most pressing. It's a pleasant surprise to open the door in the morning to retrieve the newspaper and find a gifting of books.....thank you. Once you learn to read, you have our amazing and complex world and its conundrums in your hand, and it's heart-warming that so many of you with children, nephews, nieces and grandchildren encouraging an entire generation to open its mind and not be afraid to learn.

This past National Night Out Night, the LFL hosted a raft of friends and neighbors on our lawns for a pot-luck supper of grilled hot dogs and a delightful array everything from BBQ favorites and family comfort foods to decadently delicious desserts and everything in between...this may have to become a yearly LFL night as well as Night Out Night.

Again, thank you for supporting our neighborhood and its families through your use of, and your generosity to, our Patterson Heights Little Free Library.

Sue Pokego

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Patterson Heights Fireman's LADIES AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary began the 2018-2019 year with a covered dish supper followed by a planning meeting. This past year has seen two new members who are willing to give back to our small community and we happily welcome Linda Kunzmann and Lindsay Beagle.

OCTOBER 30th is the date for the meatball sandwich sale; they **MUST** be pre-ordered. You may order from any of the Auxiliary women, plus a phone number will also be provided on signs in different areas of The Heights. The cost is \$6.50 for a 6" sub and you must bring a container to hold the sauce and meatball, since we do not prepare them for you due to "sogginess of sandwich" when they are not immediately devoured. **Pick-up time upstairs in the Fire Hall is between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** These favored subs always seem to be appreciated, since they can be eaten as a fast meal on Halloween as you prepare for your own "fright night" here in The Heights.

November 6, Election Day! we will be holding our annual bake sale at the Fire Hall. We will call you to ask if you would like to donate a baked good which can be delivered to the upstairs polling place after 8 a.m. on the 6th. If you don't receive a call, since many now have cell phones/ numbers we cannot access, please don't let that deter you from donating a tasty treat. As many of us on the purchasing end can attest, there are fantastic bakers and cooks who have so generously given mouth-watering pies, cake, cookies, rolls... and the list continues. And we certainly appreciate the lengths to which you go for this to be successful event...we thank you in advance: to goods donors and munchers, your strong support makes your community what it is today.

The Firemen and the Auxiliary will once again hold Night with Santa community event on Saturday December 15. The past several years friends and neighbors have enjoyed each other

and the festive air of the season. We're all looking forward to hosting this family-friendly event.

To those ladies who are interested in sharing a warm atmosphere of friendship and want to work within their community, please consider becoming an Auxiliary member. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Come to a meeting and see if it's something that would fit you comfortably. Our next meeting is October 2nd. Hope to see you there!



NON-EMERGENCY PHONE
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FOR PATTERSON TWP. POLICE
DEPARTMENT

724-775-0883



Election Day this year is Tuesday, November 6, and will mark one of the few times you will see two incumbent officeholders face each other in a general election. As you may know, we are currently in the 12th Congressional District, represented by Keith Rothfus. In 2019 we will become part of the 17th Congressional District, and be represented by either Mr. Rothfus, or by Conor Lamb, who won the current 18th District seat in a special election. Our new 17th District will include all of Beaver County, and parts of Allegheny and Butler Counties. The current 12th District includes all of Beaver County, along with parts of Allegheny, Cambria, Lawrence, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties. This race should draw some national attention due to the close outcome of the special election held last March. We will also be electing the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, U. S. Senator, and Representative to the General Assembly.

If you need to register to vote, you must do so by October 9. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is October 30, and the absentee ballot must be received at the Courthouse by November 2.

As usual, you may vote at the Borough Building between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Ladies Auxiliary will be having a bake sale the same day, so be sure to take home some of their homemade goodies.

If you have any questions, you may check the website at patterson-hgts.com, call the Beaver County Bureau of Elections, or call me at 724-462-0923.

Jack Doyle

Judge of Elections

CRITTER CORNER



MEET: Xerox and Miss Pretty

BIRTHDATE OR AGE: Hey, Xerox here; everyone said I am an exact copy of my furry mum, so Xerox...get it? Though I'm a youngish 12, I look about 3...a handsome 3. {Oh please...3? Do you actually look in the mirror with your glasses actually on? At 11, I am still Miss Pretty, which is apt for lovely me. Although I was named for a character on "Just Shoot Me", I'd have rather shared names with Catherine the Great or Kathy from Wuthering Heights. However, Miss Pretty does suit a pretty girl.}

NICKNAMES: Guard Cat!! I am like Thor – the guardian of my Asgard. I am honor-bound to guard and protect. Beware you dogs who walk your humans past my castle – beware you sniffers of stuff, you scratcher of fleas!; I have chased some of you from my sight! You have been Xeroxed!

{ANNND he's at it again; Xeroxed my foot. I have very little reason for a nickname, although I have heard the term Pretty Girl – and there you have it, Perfection.}

BREED: Breed, shmeed – who cares. I am the All American house cat, some may call me an American short hair: that's me American.

{Well, I care!! Look at me multi-colored, matching neck scarf and tummy with a beautiful white blaze highlighting my lovely calico self – my American calico self. (You do realize we're both American, don't you?)}

OWNER(S): I'll take this one; both of us are pleased as punch to be loved and petted and proud to be owners of Joe Colianni and Julia Chorle. {That works both ways, you know.}

PET'S OCCUPATIONS: You know from my nickname that Asgard must always be protected, so several times during my shift, the yard, streets, trees, and gardens are paroled; I'm so dedicated that often on my down time...I watch and wait. For recreational activities which align with my

position, I listen for all things stealthy – like the treat bag, which often needs rescuing. And then I am able to rest my weary body in my favorite bed...the smallest box into which I do not fit....aaah, comfort.

{I am the family huntress and bringer of things. My parents have little fun in their lives, so I brighten their days with gifts of moles, mice, birds, frogs and toads, toads are fun, and release them to hop, fly free and scuttle about the house until the screaming adults find and once again release them into the wild. The folks were overly-excited when I brought them the humming bird – it took them hours of playing to finally rescue and release; they had pretty much fun with that bringing.}

FAVORITE TOY: I'm a simple man of simple releasepy guy. Boxes, the smaller the better, unless you don't give them to me – then I just take 'em. Just don't buy me one of those fancy toys that human think we like – you buy 'em – you play with 'em.

{You know, I don't always agree with my brother; well, we never agree, BUT good on ya, bro.}

LEAST FAVORITE THING: Coming in when called, yep, coming when called when my human needs me is like the worst thing ever and sometimes I pretend I don't hear the calling of "the name" but in the end I usually cave – but first I put up an excellent fight.

{Mom and Dad don't always share ice cream! I know! Ice cream and I were made for each other and they don't share!!! I will admit to a sweet tooth, and FYI – I am NOT chubby. I'm just so smart my brain is full and all the smart is sifting down into the rest of my body.}

RULE I LIKE TO BREAK: You know we big brothers have to make sure we're top-cat, so when in a "mood" or if being ignored by the non-furries, I have a slight tendency (slight) to pounce on my sister, with false growls and shrieks (hers, not mine) until scooped into loving and squeezing arms as they tell me "NO, NO...bad kitty!" in a loving tone, natch. Anyone named Miss Pretty deserves to be hassled.

{Skills...I've got skills! I am astoundingly superlative, uniquely brilliant, and wonderfully inventive. Opposable thumbs – who need them? Darkness and sometimes lightness finds me wandering the house, curious to see what exactly is behind closed doors. Hmm, the cupboards hide what? So I open them. Sometimes just one a day sometime as many as I want. I'm good and I reap the rewards. Can you say cupcakes?? (We already discussed sweet tooth.) Yeah Me!}

CRAZIEST THING I'VE EVER DONE: {I refuse to let him say ANYTHING about this. Come on, he says, it'll be fun, he says. You're as curious about the neighbor's garage as I am...He says. So I listened to him. Two days – two days we were locked in the garage! No food, no water or outside, no mom or dad and no food, food is our friend. Thank heaven they were only gone for TWO days or we could have expired because - we had no food!} Sorry, sis.

PERFECT DAY: Seriously? I'm a CAT – craving and tired. When all is said and work is behind me, o.k., so sometimes even when it's not even in front of me, I like to sleep, wake to special treats, sleep, wake to special treats, sleep....

{Unlike my brother I do have a much more varied program. I like to eat special treats, sleep, eat special treats, sleep, eat special treats, sleep, eat special treats...}

* If you are considering acquiring a new pet, please think of adoption. Give a sweet cat or dog the chance to have it's perfect day with someone who loves him/her.

If you would like to have your pet highlighted in a future edition of the View please contact:

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New Recycling Program

The Borough of Patterson Heights now has two "retrievers" for the purpose of recycling paper and corrugated cardboard. These boxes have been placed behind the Borough Building, and can be accessed by car from 7th Street.

There are several reasons for this program. The cost of disposal of trash, including recyclables, continues to rise as we use up the space devoted to landfills. The more we can remove from the waste stream, the more we can relieve the pressure on landfill space and keep our costs down. The best part is that Pennsylvania will actually pay us for using less landfill space.

Our Recycling Program currently consists of the materials picked up by Valley Waste every week, along with the items picked up by the Borough (yard waste, leaves, Christmas trees). Last year alone we were responsible for recycling 29 tons of mixed recyclables (Valley Waste), 125 tons of yard

waste, and 90 tons of leaves. That's a whole lot of landfill space!

We are asking you to support the paper and cardboard collection efforts. We want to further demonstrate to the Commonwealth that we are committed to recycling, and ask that they support our efforts with grant money they make available for municipal projects. I think we all agree that our leaf pick-up is great for the Borough, but the leaf machine is on its last legs. Wouldn't it be great if the Commonwealth bought our next one?

A couple of recycling tips: The box for paper will accept newsprint, catalogs, magazines, shredded paper, and all types of junk mail. The box for cardboard is for corrugated cardboard only. That's the kind that is thicker, with a type of honeycomb construction between the layers—like a box you would get from Amazon.

A reminder: **do not to drop off garbage** at the site – **recycling paper/cardboard only placed in retrievers** – it is illegal dumping. Cameras are installed and the action is punishable.

Please call the Borough Office with any questions—(724) 846-0677. Thanks.



AROUND THE HEIGHTS

BY ANN BENDER

Fall is a great time to plant a tree! Trees love the cooler weather of fall, their roots establish quickly, and you just might find bonus bargains where retailers offer discounts to sell trees before season's end. Just make sure that any retailer's guarantee is still in effect with sale price.

Plant trees for yourself, for your community, for America!

Trees beautify and increase the value of your home. They provide shade, color, beautiful flowers and foliage across many seasons and architectural interest during our winters, as well as homes and food for wildlife.

Plant a tree and you've improved your neighborhood as well as your own property. The trees you plant provide oxygen and remove air pollutants, absorb rainwater and improve water quality, cool their surroundings and some serve as windbreaks. And a tree well-cared-for should grace the area for many years to come.

According to the National Arbor Day Foundation, the United States has lost a third of its trees in the last 200 years. We need more trees around our homes and throughout our communities. We have beautiful trees around Patterson Heights, but as trees age and need to be removed, we do best to plan for the next ones. You can plant a tree by yourself or make it a project with family and friends. Take time to use the proper tree planting steps to ensure that your tree has the best opportunity for a long healthy life.

Just a few suggestions for attractive, relatively problem-free small trees to consider:

Paperbark maples are dark green all summer,

lovely red in the fall and have interesting peeling bark through the winter

Serviceberry is a lovely native tree with four seasons of interest: early spring pendulous white flowers, summer fruit for you and the birds, outstanding fall color and striking bark in the winter

Japanese maples are prized for beauty in every season, great as a focal point in almost any landscape. There are many varieties and some can even be grown in containers!

Fringe trees bloom in late spring with full, fragrant white panicles. They are usually multi-trunked and produce blue fruits attractive to birds. Dark green foliage turns to yellow in fall with attractive bark in winter.

Sourwood is a beautiful small tree with fragrant urn-shaped summer blooms. Rich green color during summer turns to fiery red in the fall with cream-colored fruits

I saw a poster with this poem at the last Arbor Day celebration I attended. I thought it contained some great thoughts to ponder!

Advice from A Tree

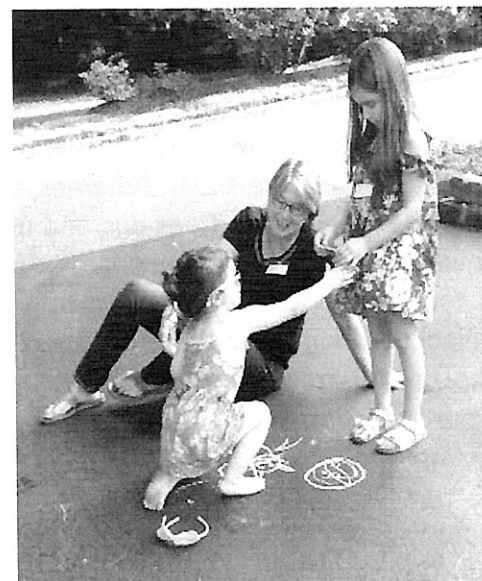
Stand tall and proud
Sink your roots into the earth
Be content with your natural beauty
Go out on a limb
Drink plenty of water
Remember your roots
Enjoy the view

Ilan Shamir



Annual NIGHT OUT Event

The Annual NIGHT OUT Event was held on "lower Fourth Street" on Tuesday 7 August with approximately 30 neighbors getting together to enjoy an evening of good food and conversation. Adults and kids alike enjoyed the Little Free Library, and it was good to reacquaint with long-time neighbors as well as meet the new neighbors. Some of the neighbors in the Seventh Street and Fifth Avenue also met; did your block? If not, why not put it on your calendar for next year? This national event is held annually on the first Tuesday of August (August 6, 2019) and it's a great time to get together in your block or neighborhood for friendly conversation with longtime neighbors or get acquainted with new neighbors – just ask the "lower Fourth Street" folks! Here are some photos of the Fourth Street event:



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