

# A VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS

BEAVER FALLS, PA

AUTUMN 2019



Our neighborhood kids are back to school, walking to bus stops and waiting on corners and at the playground – please drive safely. In addition, there are regular walkers, runners, skateboarders and cyclists throughout the day and early evenings. Whatever your mode of transportation, please remember to obey all traffic signs, walk facing oncoming traffic and watch your speed.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Halloween**

**Thursday 31 October**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

**Sunday 3 November**

**Election Day**

**Tuesday 5 November**

**Veterans Day**

**Monday 11 November**

**Thanksgiving Day**

**Thursday 28 November**

**Winter Solstice**

**Saturday 21 December**

**Hanukkah begins**

**Sunday 22 December**

**Christmas**

**Wednesday 25 December**

**Boxing Day**

**Thursday 26 December**

**Kwanzaa begins**

**Thursday 26 December**

**New Year's Day**

**Wednesday 1 January 2019**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Monday 21 January**

**Great Backyard Bird Count**

**February 15-18 2010**



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*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.*

**Bryan Fry**  
220 6th St Ext

**Robert Tate**  
935 4th St

**Adam and Jennifer McCaa**  
709 7th St

**Daniel Kauffman**  
429 4th Ave

**Ryan Mann & Amber Thompson**  
720 4th St

**Patrick & Erin Phemister**  
420 4th Ave

**Raymond & Krystal Young**  
403 9th Ave

**Richard & Sandra Roel**  
412 4th Ave

**Debra Morrison**  
411 8th Ave

**Patrick Gossard**  
417 9th Ave

**Joshua & Cassandra Cuddy**  
309 7th St Ext



## *Our Deepest Sympathy*

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*We were saddened to learn of the death of three long-time residents of the Heights. Joyce "Joy" Chiappetta died July 28 in Auburn, WA where she had moved with her husband Francis several years ago. Joy and Francis had lived in the Heights for over 40 years before moving to Auburn. She is survived by Francis, their children Mary and Jeremy and her beloved grandchildren.*

*Richard "Rusty" Schiemer, Sr. died August 7. He and his late wife Shirley raised their children in Patterson Heights and had been active in the Patterson Heights community for well over 50 years. He is survived by five children and eight grandchildren.*

*Most recently, Jan Klein, widow of the former Mayor of Patterson Heights, J.D. Klein, passed away on September 9. Jan and J.D. had lived, raised their children and been active in the Patterson Heights community for many years. She is survived by her three children and five grandchildren.*

*Our sympathy is extended to these three Patterson Heights families.*

## Patterson Heights Borough News and Info

Want to know what's happening in the Heights? In addition to reading *The View*, you can check out our website at [www.patterson-hgts.com](http://www.patterson-hgts.com). The home page contains announcements and items of interest, plus a list of the people who serve you on the Borough Council. There is also a calendar of upcoming events, information about some of the history of Patterson Heights, recycling info, Council meeting minutes, all the Borough ordinances, and downloadable forms you might need. If you have a question or a comment, you can submit it through the website. Sometimes we find that certain events need extra publicizing, and we post those items on the *Nextdoor* site.

Here are a few items that may be of interest to you, as they have been discussed at recent Council meetings:

- If you see something happening that should not be happening, whether it involves the park, your car, or something suspicious in the neighborhood, CALL THE POLICE! If it's an emergency, dial 9-1-1. If it's not an emergency, call the county dispatch at (724) 775-0883. If it turns out to be nothing—great! Patterson Heights hires the police to provide help—something they are unable to do if we don't call them.
- The Food Trucks in the Park nights have been a success! It's great to see our residents gather to enjoy good food, the playground and park, and especially, each other. Plans are to do one more evening this year, and continue at about the same frequency next year. Check on NEXTDOOR for information about the next schedule Food Truck event.
- Do you know that we collect paper and cardboard in the area behind the Borough Building? Every Monday we see lots of cardboard left for the trash haulers—cardboard that could be recycled—and turned into CASH for the Borough. Want to

keep your taxes low? Recycling is one way to help.

- Leaf Pickup will be starting in the Borough soon. Please place your leaves along the curb, but **DO NOT** include materials other than leaves. In previous years, we have had pumpkins, corn stalks, tree branches, lumber, metal objects, glass, bricks and animal waste. The leaf vac is powerful enough to suck up these items, but once inside they damage the machine, which then needs to be cleared by hand, or repaired. This is a valuable service. Please be smart about how you use it.
- Community Day this year was a great success! But in order to continue holding this fun event, we will need volunteers. If you are interested in doing a little (or a lot) to help, call or email the borough office (724-846-0677 or [pattersonhgts@verizon.net](mailto:pattersonhgts@verizon.net)). It's also been suggested that we have a Recreation Committee with participation of people other than Council members. This committee could explore ways to better utilize our beautiful park. Again, please call or email your suggestions.
- Finally, if you are one of the few who place your trash cans in the street, or leave your grass clippings in the street, you are violating borough ordinances, and should stop before fines are imposed.



On November 5 we will have our first opportunity to use a new method of voting in Beaver County. Every voter will be able to record his/her vote on a paper ballot, then insert the ballot into a scanner. The scanner will read the ballot, and collect it for storage. Those voters who are unable to complete the regular paper ballot will be able to

choose their candidates on a machine with a touch screen. The machine will then print out a completed ballot, which can then be inserted into the scanner.

At the end of the day, a memory card will be taken from the scanner, and returned to the Courthouse for tabulation. Just as before, no information will be transmitted via the internet, so "hacking" is not an issue. If you would like to see a demonstration of the new system, check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vpfsHvNoyC4&feature=youtu.be>.

Among the races of importance for us in Patterson Heights are four 4-year positions on the Borough Council. Three candidates qualified to be on the ballot in the primary, and we will write in a fourth. Of course, you can always opt to write in the names of candidates rather than choose those on the ballot. There is also one 2-year position to be chosen, with one candidate listed on the ballot already, based on the primary. Finally, we will also elect one auditor by write-in for a 6-year term.

We will have the opportunity to vote for three Blackhawk School Board members, two state judges, one local judge, two county commissioners, and all nine Beaver County row officers. Finally, there is a proposed Constitutional amendment dealing with victims' rights, and four judicial retention questions.

If you are considering using an absentee ballot, you must apply for the ballot by October 29, and return it to the Election Bureau by November 1. The polls will be open on Election Day from 7am until 8pm. And don't forget the Firemen's Auxiliary Bake Sale!

*Jack Doyle*

Judge of Election

**Vote**

Autumn has at last arrived for those of us who enjoy cooler temps, the occasional rainy day (O.K...Western PA in fall...says it all) and the crispness of the seasonal change. Those

who cherish the beauty of a hot summer's day will have memories, but will also have much about which to dream for the next few lovely, gusty, blustery and white months ahead. During the past rain and muggy heat of this summer the LFL has enjoyed new books and new and old friends who continually check to see what's new and perhaps find an old friend that needs to be re-read, or better, discovered one which "got away" in the past.

On Night Out Night this past August, the LFL again hosted a neighborhood pot luck supper and community gathering with tons of great and varied dishes, conversation and just plain enjoyment of each other – it was wonderful to welcome new neighbors and their children to our Heights community and hopefully, there were many others who also spread the idea of community protection through sharing.

Thanks extended to those who continue to donate their own pieces of a personal library to the community to promote literacy. Although it's difficult for many to part with beloved books, you continue the outpouring of good will and happy reading to your neighbors. One of our residents noted that when she has guests, they make a trip to the LFL to show off one of our resources – a huge kudo. I would like to remind those who donate a larger number of readings to please place the books/box/bag on the porch where it will be protected in case you can't place book directly into the library itself. Should donations be left on the bench and one of our autumn rains occurs, the water damage may well render books un-useable. Also please remember that the books should be in good condition.

Should any of you have questions concerning the LFL, please don't hesitate to contact me

*Sue Pokego*

Little Free Library Head Librarian

724-846-0184

[spo4@comcast.net](mailto:spo4@comcast.net)





## **Patterson Heights Fireman's LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Ladies' Auxiliary began the 2019-2020 year with a fall covered dish supper followed by a meeting to plan for the coming year. Officers who began the year are Fran Levinger - President, Carol Wagner - Vice-President, Sue Pokego - Secretary, Nancy Tyger - Treasurer, Beth Daca - Auditor.

**OCTOBER 30 - the annual Meatball Sandwich Sale:** All sandwiches **MUST** be pre-ordered. You may order from any Auxiliary member, or call Sue at 724-846-0186. **Order by OCTOBER 22<sup>rd</sup>**. The price is \$6.50 for a 6" sub, and please bring your own container to hold the meatballs and sauce, since we don't prepare them at the site due to soggiess of the sandwich unless immediately consumed. **PICK-UP** time upstairs in the fire hall is between **4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.** on October 30<sup>th</sup>. These tasty treats are a favorite, since they are a quick meal to be eaten before Halloween trick-or-treat on the 31<sup>st</sup>. as you prepare to wander the streets with fear and delight.

**NOVEMBER 5 - ELECTION DAY:** We will be holding our community bake sale at the Fire Hall. One of the Auxiliary members will call you to see if you are able to donate a baked good, which can be delivered to the upstairs polling place after 8:00 a.m. on that Tuesday. If you don't receive a call, since many now have only cell phones/numbers we cannot access, please don't let that deter you from donating one of your tasty treats for the betterment of our fire department and community.

As many of us on the purchasing end can attest, we have fantastic bakers and cooks here in the Heights who have previously gifted us with those mouth-watering pies, cakes, cookies,

bread, rolls, and all thing baked. The lengths to which you go to make a success of the bake sales are appreciated – thank you so much for your time and the marvelous munchable delights. The strong support you give the community has make the Heights the strong, friendly neighborhood it is today.

**DECEMBER**-In conjunction with the Firemen, we will again be holding our Night with Santa on Saturday December 14 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. to bring together neighbors and friends at a festive evening of Christmas spirit. Please watch for more information forthcoming on the Patterson Heights website and the Nextdoor.com site.

For those ladies who are interested in sharing a warm atmosphere of friendship and would like to work within the community, please consider becoming an Auxiliary member. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Come as a guest – stay as a member.

### *From My Desk...*

It has been awhile since there has been mention of all the folks that help prepare each issue of ***The View From the Heights***. You may notice from the bylines that Sue Pokego, Ann Bender, Jack Doyle and Jason Medlin were contributors for this issue, additionally Holly Vogt , Director of the Beaver Co. Recycling Center, submitted the article regarding the recycling bins in the Borough. Sue Pokego also serves as the proof-reader and Rosemary Bellan assembles and folds – sometimes with help from Sue Phillips. Various Patterson Heights residents help with the delivering – Peter Burgess, Linda Harsh, Edie Ciganik, Andrea Figley, The Ceriani Family and others deliver the ***View*** to your door and the P.H. Ladies Auxiliary has taken on the financial responsibility, in recent years, of the cost of printing (I'm sure they would welcome your monetary donation to assist with the this.)

I am grateful to all of the folks mentioned for their continued support and assistance in producing each issue of the ***View***. If you see any of these folks please thank them as well!

*Ruthanne*





## CRITTER CORNER

### MEET – SIR JACKSON BROWN OF THE HEIGHTS

**BIRTHDATE OR AGE:** Well now, kiddos, I'm-a getting up there – May 28, 2005 – a good long run, doncha know.

**NICKNAMES:** Coulda been some high-falutin, fancy as-all- git out name like Sir or M'lord, but I settled in at Jake – a good, strong manly-man name. 'Course she-who-shall-not-be-named sometimes hits the "Jakie" button.... Moms....

**BREED:** Sonny, just look at these ears – like silk, long, flowin' in the breeze – did I mention wavy? Did I? Can you say Cocker Spaniel? 'Course ya can.

**OWNER:** Meet my mom – Fran Levinger – bet you already know her...I'm her best-ever bud, and she's mine.

**PET'S OCCUPATION:** My age, I've had a lotta jobs – watched kids... still watchin kids...and their pup, traveled a bit, yes I did. Chased cats, birds, dogs squirrels and rabbits 'til I'm just plain pooped. Current employment is Homeland Dubucitus Canis ...or, how shall we say....a.k.a.... sleeping house-dog...I'm retired.

**FAVORITE TOY:** Love T.V., with my special show being Sesame Street, makes Elmo my bestis buddy-friend next to Mom. He's colorful, quiet, cuddlesome, doesn't mind nips and slobber...and he tastes pretty good, too.

**LEAST FAVORITE THING:** Not alone, by a long shot, on this one. Ever feel that life's good? Eat, sleep. Go outside and roll in the grass, and in that stuff that smells wonderful? Yeah, the stuff folks hate to get on their shoes, as well as other strongly pungently lovely stuff. Well, just when all's well, ya smell sweet, ya know? Kinda like everyone looks atcha with wide eyes and sniffers up when ya walk past, trailin your own personal aroma – kinda like a bakery aroma for dogs, ya know? Suddenly a human hauls you (whining – you, not the human – they just holler and pull and coax...like that works) into that little room with the hard white tubby thing that has WATER spewing into it! AAARGH! Soap!

Water! Scrubbie and Scrubbing and all those Bubbles! Hate it, hate it, hate it! But! I do attempt vigilantly to spread enough dirty bubbles and water to aid my human into sharing that horrid punishment. No need to suffer alone.

**RULE I LIKE TO BREAK:** I do not do this, I do not care how much she tells her friends, or how much she tells me NOT to do it – I adamantly state, avow, aver, deny, even, I DO NOT – DO NOT, Mom – EVER beg for food! I am totally offended that my mom would even think such a crass action would be done by her own Sweet Jakie.....really!

**CRAZIEST THING I'VE EVER DONE:** Don't honestly think it was crazy; just a trip to the wild side, kinda. See, we were at the shore, Hilton Head, south, ya know? Southern nights? Have you ever noticed Southern nights? Soft breezes, waves making wavy noises, murmur of people's conversation and WHAT WAS THAT! Deer! I smell Deer! Slipped past the mom-er out the door and chased The Deer! Oh rapture and joy... Oh no! dark...no deer... and MOM? Calling, and calling (she was lost, of course.) Well, needless to say, I was certain that she'd collapse into a soggy heap, so I gave up my hunt for the elusive prey and took her home. She was so frightened; it's lucky for her that I found her or she'd probably still be slogging about in all of that wet sand.

**PERFECT DAY:** Ah, that's an easy one. Where's the best place for a doggo? The bestest place to be? My happy place is at home with Mom, my big bro and sis and the two littles. Lots of hugs, cuddles, pets and wagging tails (I know they would wag tails if they had them.) Family...yep...my family is the best place to be happy, and if a snooze happens, I'm right there in the middle.

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

**If you would like your special buddy or buddies in the View, just contact Sue Pokego @ [spo4@comcast.net](mailto:spo4@comcast.net) or 724-846-0186**





**Join Us for the Next Count, February 15-18, 2019**

**It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!**

1. Create a free GBBC account if you have never participated in the Great Backyard Bird Count or any other Cornell Lab citizen-science project, or have not participated in the GBBC since 2013. If you already created an account for the GBBC in the past, or if you're already registered with eBird or another Cornell Lab citizen-science project, you can use your existing user name and password.

2. **Count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the GBBC.** You can count for longer than that if you wish! Count birds in as many places and on as many days as you like—one day, two days, or all four days. Submit a separate checklist for each new day, for each new location, or for the same location if you counted at a different time of day. Estimate the number of individuals of each species you saw during your count period.

3. **Enter your results on the GBBC website by clicking the "Submit Observations" tab on the home page.** You may also download the free eBird Mobile app to enter data on a mobile device. If you already participate in the eBird citizen-science project, please use eBird to submit your sightings during the GBBC. Your checklists will count toward the GBBC.

**NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**  
FOR PATTERSON TWP. POLICE DEPARTMENT

**724-775-0883**



If you see or hear any activity in the Patterson Heights area that is cause for concern, do not hesitate to call and report to the Patterson Twp. Police Department.

**FIREMEN'S LADIES  
AUXILIARY**

**MEATBALL SANDWICH  
SALE  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 30, 2019**

**PICK-UP FROM 4:00 P.M. TO  
6:00 P.M.**

**(Bring your own container for sauce.)**  
6" sub roll with 3 meatballs and sauce

**MUST be pre-ordered by  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Please call Sue, 724-846-0186,  
with your name, phone number  
And the number of sandwiches  
you wish to order.



## Can You Help Raise \$\$\$ for Patterson Heights Borough?

Recycling can bring money back to the community of Patterson Heights but only if you help. Under Act 101, Pennsylvania adopted the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act in July of 1988. The Commonwealth of PA through the Department of Environmental Protection financially awards municipalities for recyclable tonnages that are collected throughout the calendar year. Beaver County Department of Waste Management has loaned a recycle cardboard box, located behind the Patterson Heights Municipal Building to the Borough at no cost. The box is an opportunity for Patterson Heights Borough to increase the collection of recyclable tonnages. The more cardboard that is collected, the heavier the weight. The check issued is based on the total recyclable tonnages, with cardboard being one example. Don't send cardboard to a landfill. It is a recyclable product and has financial and environmental benefit to your community. Help Patterson Heights Borough gain more \$\$\$\$ by using the cardboard box!

### **DO:**

**WHERE:** Green metal box labeled:  
**"CARDBOARD ONLY"** behind the  
Borough Bldg.

**WHAT:** Flattened clean/dry cardboard  
boxes

**WHEN:** 7 days a week

**WHY:** \$\$\$\$ , good for the environment

### **DON'T:**

- Don't put whole boxes in the container, the container fills up with just a few boxes in it, please flatten the boxes using the slot in the front of the container
- Don't put anything other than cardboard in the box, contamination ruins the cardboard
- Don't place items outside of the box
- Don't put wet cardboard inside the box, cardboard needs to be clean and dry

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





## October is Fire Prevention Month

Dear Neighbor,

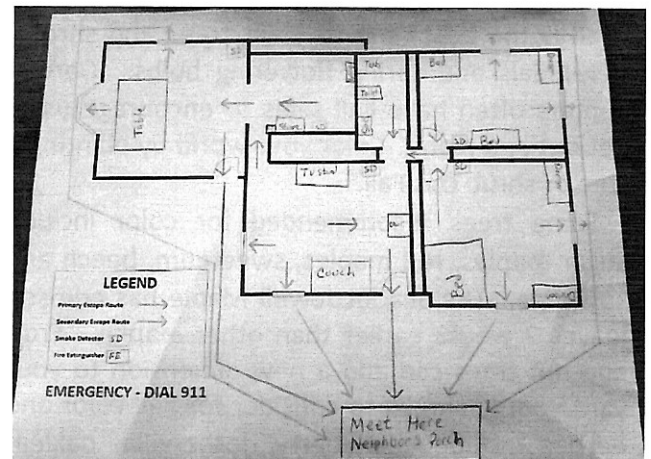
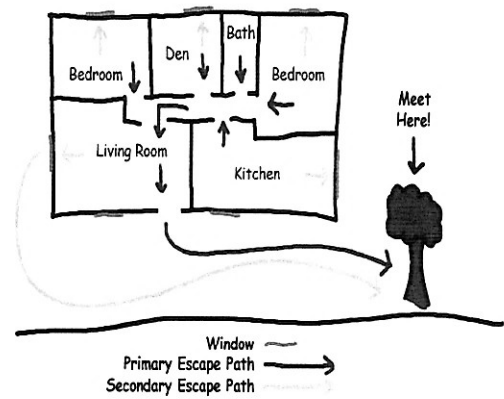
Since 1922, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has sponsored the observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, Fire Prevention Week became a national observance as proclaimed by President Coolidge.

Fire Prevention week is held annually the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871. The goal for Fire Prevention Week is to educate children, adults and teachers on how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters and public servants from across the nation provide education in an effort to decrease casualties caused by fires. This year's theme is "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"

This year's theme is intended to show that all of you can be a hero by planning and practicing your escape plan often. Synthetic petroleum-based materials and fibers found in modern furnishings along with newer lightweight construction are contributing factors in increased burn rate of structures. Knowing how to escape quickly and where to meet is key to surviving a structure fire.

Components of an escape plan:

- Floor plan (Computer generated or hand drawn)
- Primary and Secondary Escape Routes
- Windows and Doors labeled or designated
- Meeting Place



An escape plan should also include working smoke alarms. There should be working smoke alarms on every level of the house and especially in every bedroom. These alarms should be tested monthly, batteries changed every six months and detectors replaced every ten years from the manufacture date on the back of the unit.

If you would like more information or assistance with creating an escape plan, feel free to reach out to me and we'll be glad to assist or answer any questions you may have.

**Stay Safe,**  
**Jason A. Medlin**  
**Fire Chief**  
[jmedlin@phvfd.org](mailto:jmedlin@phvfd.org)

# AROUND THE HEIGHTS

BY ANN BENDER

## Autumn in Garden

Don't think of Fall as the end of gardening season, but as the start of next year's garden. There's so much to do: Cleanup and cut back perennials as they fade, remove spent annuals, remove weeds and leaf debris, compost healthy materials, mulch garden plantings and keep watering! Whew!

Fall is the best time to plant trees and shrubs, perennials and spring flowering bulbs. Garden centers often have Fall sales to encourage us to get out and plant! Color your world by planting a tree or shrub this Fall.

Some trees recommended for color include sugar maples, red maples, sweetgum, beech and sassafras. The Scarlet Jewell Maple has crimson leaves 2 weeks earlier than other maples. Fruit and nut trees can add a new dimension to your yard. Some shrubs to consider for Fall color and berries include chokeberry, fothergilla, oakleaf hydrangea, American holly, cotoneaster and blueberry bushes. We love the fruit of the blueberry bushes, but they also have spectacular fall color. And why not consider the Eastern whahoo (*euonymus atropurpureus*)? This bush is similar to burning bush but without the invasive habitat.

Perennial plants such as daylilies, heuchera, nepata, geranium, astilbe and hosta can be dug up now, divided and replanted. Mulch around new plantings and water regularly until frost.

Peonies, spring's favorite perennial, can be planted now. Once established, peonies can live for decades – divided or undisturbed. To get those beautiful blooms plant in an area that receives at least 5 hours of sun and has rich, well-drained soil. Don't disturb until well established.

For added color, either planted or in pots, consider fall-hued pansies. These plants are so cheerful and mix well with mums, flowering kale and autumn colors. Plant in a sunny or lightly shaded area, keep well-watered and mulch to protect against harsh temperatures and winds.

Hellebores are such favorites because they are one of those rare flower species that bloom during harsh winter to early spring. Hellebores can live for decades, they're deer-proof and drought tolerant and, though they grow slowly, they spread beautifully. Hellebore plants are available in more colors and patterns every year.

And finally, though the outdoor growing season is about over, it's hard to say goodbye! Try overwintering some of your favorite plants indoors. Select plants to bring indoors, check for pests or disease and repot in potting soil and find a sunny windowsill.

Take cutting of soft stemmed plants like begonias, coleus, impatiens, rosemary, sweet potato vine, zonal geraniums. Remove all but a few leaves and place cuttings in a vase of plain water in bright indirect light. Change water every few days. When roots form, pot the cuttings in potting soil and grow indoors. Voila! Plants for Spring!

Herbs such as basil, cilantro, oregano, parsley and sage will readily grow indoors on a sunny windowsill and you can enjoy gardening in the winter time.

Also consider bringing succulents indoors. These heat-loving plants will enjoy a winter home by a sunny window.

And one last thing – you might enjoy a cup of Autumn tea as you complete all of these seasonal gardening!

## Autumn Tea

Serves 12

5 tea bags

5 Cups boiling water

5 Cups unsweetened apple juice

2 Cups Cranberry juice

½ Cup sugar

1/3 Cup lemon juice

¼ tsp pumpkin pie spice

Place the tea bags in a large heat-proof bowl; add boiling water. Cover and steep for 8 minutes. Discard tea bags. Add remaining ingredients to tea; stir until sugar is dissolved. Serve warm or over ice.

Yield 3 quarts.