

A VIEW FROM THE HEIGHTS

BOROUGH OF PATTERSON HEIGHTS

BEAVER FALLS, PA

FALL 2020



**Trick or Treat Night is scheduled
for Patterson Twp., Patterson
Heights and White Twp. on
Thursday 29 October – 6 – 8 p.m.**

**390 Fourth Avenue
Kelley and Louis Klinsky**

**325 Sixth Avenue
Laura Ann and Robert Mull**

**56 Darlington Road
Valerie Swan**

**616 Seventh Avenue
Melissa and Vincent Sartori**

**510 Sixth Avenue
Monica Traggiai and Travis Swartz**

**407 Fourth Avenue
Allison and James Merrick**

**400 Sixth Avenue
Michelle and Michael Mariacher**

**64 Darlington Road
Janet and Charles Smith**

There has been a lot of Real Estate “movement” in the Heights this Spring if you are aware of “newcomers” on your street or neighborhood please introduce yourself and make them aware of the Heights!

Patterson Heights Borough News and Info

I recently attended a “webinar” that discussed the various ways the Borough government might communicate with residents. Of course, communication is important. The simple fact that we all live in Patterson Heights means that there are certain interests we have in common. We elect a council to represent those interests and make decisions on our behalf, so we need to know what the council is doing and thinking, and vice versa. The suggestion presented in the webinar was to use all methods available, keeping in mind the cost and effectiveness of each. We will continue to use our website, www.patterson-hgts.com, the **Nextdoor** site, and, of course, *The View From the Heights*. Each has its advantages. The best way for you to get information back to us is through the website or calling the office.

So here are some communications, in no particular order...the food truck season has been extended into October. The final date this year will be October 14, although the particular trucks have not yet been scheduled. Check the website for more information. Since there was no Community Day this year, Council has approved the purchase of outdoor projection equipment that can be used to show movies in the park. Stay tuned to the website

for more info. Patterson Heights will once again hold a Community Yard Sale on October 3. Check with Gary Paumen (724-622-4144) or the website for more information. Our new leaf vac is expected to be here by the end of October. The cost of the vac will be covered almost entirely by a DEP grant we were awarded earlier this year. In order to protect this new piece of equipment, the Borough will be asking you to trim your trees and/or shrubs that are hanging over the street. If the Borough has to do the trimming, preference will be given to speed rather than aesthetics. Thanks go out to the residents who have worked to keep their sump pumps from discharging onto the roadways. Water constantly on the street can cause premature deterioration, and become a safety hazard in the winter. The pandemic has led to many of us making improvements to our properties, maybe making improvements that we have been putting off for a while. Remember that just about any change you make to the outside of your house or yard can require a zoning permit, and some work also requires a building permit. Call the Borough Office for more information, or check the website.

The Federal Election is coming on Tuesday, November 3. As Judge of Election, I am suggesting that as many people as possible use mail-in ballots. I understand that the negative publicity regarding voting by mail will cause a number of voters to want to vote in person. Please be advised that on Election Day, my primary responsibility will be to the safety of the election team. They work a minimum of 14 hours on that day, and will be in proximity to more people than they have been throughout the whole pandemic. My secondary concern will be the safety of the voters. There will be plenty of hand sanitizer available, but I advise you to bring your own mask, and gloves if you want to use them. The election team is experienced, and know what they need to do to ensure that people are eligible to vote, can mark their votes properly, and get their ballots into the scanner. I will not be concerned, however, about the speed with which voters are able to move through the process. If you are concerned about standing in line, or having to wait while someone completes a provisional ballot, vote by mail. By the way, I have never allowed pets, dead people, or buses from out of state to vote in Patterson Heights.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge some of the people who work to make Patterson Heights a special place. I will not name them in most cases, because I don't want to leave anyone out. First is the Volunteer Fire Department. You may not be aware that they maintain a very high rating, based on training, equipment, etc., which impacts our homeowner's insurance in a positive way! The Borough Council and the Mayor volunteer their time, and often spend many more hours in a month than the two-hour Council meeting. The Firemen's Ladies' Auxiliary works to raise funds for the Fire Department, and seems to have a good time doing it. *The View from the Heights* keeps us informed. The Little Free Library is great for those of us who still like the feel of an actual book when we are reading. How about Community Day (in non-pandemic years), the Community Yard Sale, and Food Trucks in the Park? Finally, I'd like to mention, by name, Mr. Willard Harsh. I will not give his age, except to say that he has been eligible for Medicare for quite a while. You probably see Mr. Harsh walking around Patterson Heights, picking up little bits of trash as he goes. God bless him for making Patterson Heights a little nicer place to live.

Watch the website for more information.

Jack Doyle, Borough Secretary



Critter Corner

Well, neighbors, as you can see, there is no Critter corner in this issue, causing some to say, "WELL! Looks like someone doesn't have her ducks in a row! I assure you, all my ducks are fine and in a row. However, some are swimming backward, several are texting and/or watching Netflix on their phones, two are whispering about bobbing for fish, and I saw one who is eating a BLT ... I know! It's only a matter of time, folks, and disarray will follow. Not to worry – am trading ducks for sloths and placing them in a tow – it will take them forever to fall out of formation and by then there will be a Critter Corner.



The Ladies' Auxiliary began the 2020-2021 year with a covered dish supper followed by a planning meeting. This year we gained two new members who are willing to give back to our small community and we happily welcome Marion Greenland, Kelly Manning and Amy Robinson.

However, on a sad note, we said goodbye to Rosemary Bellan who passed away after a battle against cancer on August 24. Rosemary was instrumental in every facet of Auxiliary life, with her smile and laughter, quick to break into song, she is sorely missed.

OCTOBER 28th 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 3, Election Day: Due to the covid-19 virus, it has been decided not to hold our election day bake sale. We thank community members for your support in contributing baked goods to our past fund-raisers, and to those who generously donated by their purchasing of those tasty snacks

and desserts. Let's all hope that this year's lack of goodies is just a hiccup in time.

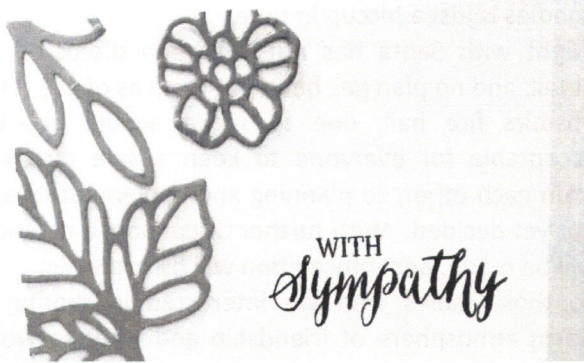
Night with Santa has not yet been discussed in detail, and no plan has been put forth as of yet. Our upstairs fire hall, due to space, would not be acceptable for everyone to keep a safe distance from each other, so planning and implementing are not yet decided. With further discussion, a decision will be made, and information will be available.

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 Tuesday, October 6. Hope to see you there!

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.



Frank Bauer, of Sixth Avenue died suddenly early in August. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Karen and his family. Although the Bauer family was relatively new the Heights neighborhood Frank, his wife Karen and especially his grandson Bates, were often seen working (and playing) in the yard of their home and always eager to stop and chat as walkers went by. He will be missed by all.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Rosemary Bellan who died August 24 at home. As mentioned in the Auxiliary article, Rosemary was active in many of the Patterson Heights activities - beside the Auxiliary, she was a "fixture" on the Election Board – always greeting voters with her smile and warm welcome and was also a member of the Zoning Board. In addition, she assisted with the publication of the *View From the Heights*. She is truly missed.

We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband Ron and sons John and Paul and their families.



LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEWS

Well, somehow we've survived the summer-season of fun and family - which wasn't - and are heading into the unknown fall with worries about children, school, viruses and politics aplenty, and that unknown future which causes anxiety. Our stability? The Little Free Library and its patrons. If you are a reader, you always have resources to inform, relax and escape – and some days we all need a respite from life's anxieties. Just need to sit tight, I guess, and as 'tis said, "This too shall pass."

In the meantime, your LFL awaits you. So many have given so much of themselves through their books, each with its challenging and delightful and frightening ideas (who doesn't enjoy a good mystery or eerie story?) – the sharing of favorite things is always appreciated. Each time the LFL is checked, its chock-full of books of all sizes, shapes, colors and wonderful ideas; sharing different aspects of life and life's perspectives and different views - an opening to other lives and dimensions. And the donations are happily accepted. A reminder that books are welcome in the LFL itself or placed in a safe spot on the porch.

As always, thank you for your support as reading/donating patrons – we are nothing without you.

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