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Borough of PH- Beaver Falls, PA

## A View From The Heights



To see all our events and happenings, make sure to keep an eye on our website or the PHVFD Facebook page. Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM upstairs at the PHVFD. <https://patterson-hgts.com/>

### A few notes from council...

A reminder, please do not handle or move any baby animals, such as birds or rabbits. Once you move or handle baby animals it is known that the mother will stop caring for the baby and it will not survive. If you have a true concern please contact an animal rescue expert.

As the days get warmer more people will be outside enjoying our wonderful neighborhood community. Please be aware of small children playing outside as you are driving in the neighborhood, and for people walking or jogging. Stop at the stop signs and drive the speed limit so we can keep the neighborhood safe. That being said, for those children on bikes or scooters please watch for cars and wear your safety gear appropriately.

## From the Editor's Desk

A View From the Heights newsletter is a community effort and depends on the members of our community for articles, data entry, layout, proofing, and delivery. If you are interested in submitting an article or have an idea to include for the next edition see my contact information below. If you are interested in helping to distribute the next newsletter to the residents please let me know. If you'd like to be in the next newsletter in the anniversary/birthday section please let me know.

Let's Connect...  
Do you have news or an idea to add to the newsletter?

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## Graduates

Congratulations to our 2024 Patterson Heights Graduates! Our community wishes you the best in all your future endeavors.



## PH FIREMAN'S LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary organizes programs, fundraisers, and other activities for the benefit of the residents and fire fighters of Patterson Heights. The Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. (except November we meet the 2nd week due to election day) upstairs in the Borough Building. If you have not yet joined, the Auxiliary invites you to come to a meeting, and would love to have you as a member. Contact one of our officers at the following email: [phvfdladiesaux@gmail.com](mailto:phvfdladiesaux@gmail.com)

**Final meeting before the summer break:**  
Tuesday, June 4th 7:00 PM

Our meetings will pick up with our fall meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd for our annual meet and greet for the year with our pockluck dinner. We hope to see you there!

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

### Happy Anniversary to...

Linda and Michael Swearingen	May 3rd
Caren and Jim Turnbull	June 1st
Linda and Brian Harsh	August 31st

### Happiest of Birthdays to...

*Ladies of Auxiliary:*

Fran Levinger	August 1st
Lindsey Beegle	August 23rd

### Community Members:

Mark Harsh	May 6th
Jocelyn Phillips	May 17th

## Upcoming Community Event & News



Did you know....?

Patterson Heights Borough will be celebrating **125 years** this summer. We will celebrate this milestone at our upcoming Community Day Event- save the date information below. If you are interested in helping please reach out to the Recreation team for Community Days for volunteer opportunities: Lindsey Beegle at lbeegle18@gmail.com or Helena Fields at helenafields.4@gmail.com they will be running our big event with Council's Recreation Chair- Ryan Errett. More information with specific happenings and times to come via the PH website and our recreation FB page.

### **2024 Patterson Heights Community Day:**

Mark your Calendars for Patterson Height's Annual Community Day event, which will take place on Saturday, August 10, 2024. It's going to be an awesome day full of fun and community, and we hope to see everyone in attendance!

For more information about the first 100 years of our Borough's history check out the link below on a web browser for a brief history of our little community. This is found under the More tab on our PH Borough website.

<https://patterson-hgts.com/a-little-history>

### **Memories and fun fact from Resident- Marjorie (Hill) Harsh**

- Fond childhood memories consist of playing marbles on dirt streets making the string play area on the ground and carrying her roller skates to one of two cement sidewalks at the time- one on 4th Ave. and another on North Oak Dr. which was Old Oak Dr. at the time.
- Did you know there were 3 stores in the Heights as well as a tennis court and ball field here?
- Lived on 7th Avenue for 95 of her 98 years (two different houses).

## A Message from the Fire Chief

Emergency services are continually evolving, with new challenges arising daily that test first responders. These issues are not unique to Patterson Heights but affect departments nationwide. Some common challenges include a lack of manpower, insufficient funding, inadequate training, and aging equipment. To address these issues proactively, the PHVFD is taking steps to ensure we remain a viable organization in the future.

Lack of manpower is perhaps the biggest issue facing the volunteer fire service. We have been fortunate in recent years to recruit new members, but we are always looking for more. Opportunities include Associate Members, Fire Police, Jr. Firefighters (ages 14-17), Non-Suppression Firefighters, and Suppression Firefighters. No previous experience is required.

Lack of funding is another significant issue. In many municipalities, fire departments are often an afterthought when it comes to funding. Our department has been very active in applying for state, federal, and private grants. In the past year and a half, we have received grants from The Office of the State Fire Commissioner, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, The Gary Sinise Foundation, and AEDGrant.com. Last month, we submitted an application for 501(c)(3) (Charitable Organization) status. We are hopeful to receive this designation, which should open up additional funding opportunities for the department.

The Office of the State Fire Commissioner operates a recognition program that acknowledges fire departments at a national level based on their certification levels. This program honors organizations that actively support, promote, and motivate their emergency response personnel to voluntarily obtain certification through the Commonwealth's Certification Program, overseen by the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. We are pleased to announce that this past December, we attained Bronze Level Status, signifying that at least 50% of our members are Pro-Board Firefighter I certified.

EMS resources are stretched thin, creating a stressed system. Like the fire service, this is a nationwide crisis. In the past few months, the PHVFD has been working closely with Borough Council to achieve QRS (Quick Response Service) certification. We have recently purchased a squad (2015 Ford Explorer), and our goal is to certify the squad and one of our engines for QRS. While this is not a replacement for EMS, our goal is to help alleviate some of the burden on local EMS providers and offer the residents of Patterson Heights another level of service. We are looking for people to supplement manpower for QRS who might not be interested in the firefighting side. Those interested in obtaining Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) certification, which requires approximately 56-70 hours of hybrid classroom instruction, should contact Chief Medlin at jmedlin@phvfd.org.

We deeply appreciate the support of the residents of Patterson Heights. Your encouragement, participation, and contributions are vital to our success and enable us to continue providing emergency services to our community. Thank you for standing with us as we work to meet these challenges and ensure the safety and well-being of our Borough.

## A Life Well Lived

As most of you know there was a man that loved to stroll the streets in our little community. He was a farm boy by heart and loved to walk and see nature. He was a collector of sticks and most likely cleaned up your yard at some point or gave you a friendly wave as he strolled by. The world was blessed to have Willard Harsh "Tex" for 100 years. Tex went to be with the lord on March 7th this past spring. He lived an incredible life- from Iowa to India all the way back to Beaver County, PA where he took up residence in Patterson Heights for 70 years. He got to see the world from the most beautiful seat in the house, the sky, as a tail gunner in WWII. After the war, he was a blue collar worker in the steel mill like so many others in this area. He knew everyone and they knew him. He had a love of God, his family, his country, and many hobbies like going to air shows and collecting trinkets for his garage trivet wall. He lived a grand life in his 100 years on Earth and those that knew him will miss seeing that friendly smile and wave on his daily walks. He is greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, and greats.



-words written by  
his granddaughters

## In Loving Memory

William "Bill" Starn passed away in April 2024. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife, his children, grands, and great. He was a joy to talk to during our bake sales and PH Fireman's Ladies' Auxiliary events. Bill will be remembered for his kind nature, and his willingness to always help in our community.

## Little Free Library



As you take your spring or summer time walk around our beautiful neighborhood do not forget to visit our Little Free Library-LFL on Fourth Street and choose a book that suits your next literary adventure. Remember to take a book, but also return a book the next time you are back.

Since it is the end of winter, the books were removed from the LFL to assess any interior problems and should be restocked to your liking.

As always, thank you so much for your patronage; you keep the LFL going with your contributions and the use of the varied books. Remember that should you want to keep any of the books for yourself or to pass them on - go for it...books are to be shared. I do ask that if you do have a beloved book (most of us do) and you've made copious notes, comments, underlining/high-lighting, please retain the book for your pleasure. For many readers, it is difficult to pay attention to the concept of what is being read when there is so much commentary. Thank you. As always, should you have any questions, I can be contacted at spo4@comcast.net of 724-846-0186.

Happy Reading!  
Sue Pokego

## Critter Corner

### Dakota's Story

Did you ever get a pet and know it was a game changer for you and your family? Well, we got that with Dakota Fred Manning. Dakota came to us as a rescue from a farm in Ohio. When I say rescue he was "left" along side the road as a very young and very sick kitty, probably too little to be away from his mother. I came home one day and the hubby said, "There is a kitten in the garage, he is very sick so do not let him in the house around Penny and do not get attached- he may not make it through the night." What do you say to that? He was the cutest little thing with big bright eyes and he could peek through the garage screen door at me looking so sad. Well, Dakota did make it through the night and he is the sweetest boy in the world. We have had him for about 8 years now this coming July. He is a lap sitter especially on a fuzzy blanket, a treat lover, and a wild man when he gets to watch the birds and rabbits in the yard. He screams for his breakfast each morning like clock work, and he loves us, and the puppy. Miso and Dakota are best friends (the dog loves him more than the cat in return). We can't imagine our lives without this sweet gray and white long-haired boy who greatly resembles a version of a Main Coon kitty.

