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August 2016

End-of-Summer and Fall Activities Are Plentiful

25th Heritage Celebration Spans Two Days - Sept. 9-10

A couple of heat waves ... a couple of political conventions ... and two great Orwigsburg Business and Professional Association (OBPA) events. This exciting start to the "Summer of '16" creates quite a challenge to maintain that momentum as we head into the cooler nights of late August, early September, and the fall.

OBPA members love a challenge ... and our town's residents and visitors enthusiastically embrace every event. We have crafted a series of celebrations befitting the 25th anniversary of Orwigsburg Heritage Days on September 9 and 10 to mark the past, enjoy the present, and look to the future. Activities begin the evening of Friday, Sept. 9 and continue through the afternoon of Saturday, Sept. 10.

Pig roast and bonfire

An open invitation to all gets things kicked off

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUG. 28 – Free Block Party hosted by Salem United Methodist Church. West Independence St., between South Warren and South Liberty streets will be blocked off from 3 to 7 p.m. Free entertainment, food and activities. All are invited!

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 – Orwigsburg Heritage Celebration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – "On the Square" and North Warren Street; Apple Fest, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in St. John's UCC Fellowship Center, E. Market Street.

SATURDAY, **OCT 1 –** Kimmels Church Harvest Family Festival. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, **OCT**. **1** – St. Paul's Lutheran Church holds its annual Fall Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, **OCT. 8** – Family Fun Day, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22 – Chili & Chills, 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 – Halloween Parade, begins at 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 31 – Trick or Treat, 6 to 8 p.m.; Turn your porch light on to indicate youngsters, 12 years and younger, are welcome to get a treat.



BE A PART OF THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Friday evening hosted by Seton Manor, 1000 Seton Drive. The blazing bonfire will create a focal point for fun and interesting story-telling by in-the-know local experts. New stories will sure to be written as we enjoy a pig roast with fixins', beer and each other's company. The small \$10 admission price gets you "the beast" plus a side and a drink. Beer and other drinks will be available at an extra cost.

As we shake off the night before, Saturday offers a chance for young and old to get a feel for the early days of Orwigsburg and Schuylkill County. A sausage and pancakes breakfast will be served at Salem UMC Fellowship Hall, South Liberty and West Independence streets, from 7 to 11 a.m.

Afterward, head up "On the Square" to enjoy food and craft vendors lining both sides of Market Street. Purchase your tickets early for the very popular historical trolley tour that will make three scheduled runs during the day. This year's tour theme will be - Continued on page 2

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Orwigsburg Borough Council meets the First and Second Wednesday of each month beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, second floor of the Orwigsburg Municipal Building, 209 North Warren Street.

Both meetings are open to the public. A Work Session for discussions and setting of an agenda takes place on the First Wednesday; the Business Meeting is then held on the Second Wednesday.

OFFICIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

Orwigsburg Borough offices will be closed on the following days in 2016 in observance of the stated holidays – New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Good Friday, March 25; Memorial Day, May 30; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, September 5; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas eve and day, Dec. 23 and 26.

OBPA

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"Early Transportation ... Back in the Day" featuring several fun stops, concluding with a tour of the ultrainteresting Green's Car Museum on East Market Street.

On the Square you can witness historical reenactments, high-wheeled bike riders out and about in their 1880s garb, plus jugglers, stilt-walkers and amazing hula hoopers.

While taking a short break from the many live bands, you can enjoy the One Man Coal Miner Act slated for 1:30 p.m. at the Orwigsburg Historical Society. 109 East Mifflin St. Through the course of the day, you'll see vehicles from the Schuylkill Corvette Club, Ernst Classic Trucks, Schaeffer's motorcycles, classic fire trucks and many more unique vehicles pulling in to town and crusing about.

If trains are your thing, there will be a model display that's sure to please. Keep an eye out for more details on these and additional Heritage Celebration programs closer to the event.

Chili and Chills is back again

By the time the leaves start to fall, tastes will move from burgers and dogs on the grill to cooler weather comfort food like chili. You're invited to be a part of OBPA's 3rd annual Night of Chili and Chills. Be a citizen "judge" and vote your taste palate.

Enjoy the evening of autumn seasonal fun, taste some great chili, pick your winner ... it's all slated for Saturday, Oct. 22 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall. Winners' categories include the People's Choice and a Grand Champion chosen by a panel of judges.

With Yuengling beer on tap and live music filling the Memorial, people attending in Halloween outfits are eligible for special prizes for their costume creativity. At evening's end, the high bidders earn the honor of taking home some great art as created by some of our most talented local artists.

Come out, get involved in your community, and have lots of fun at the same time. Tickets for all OBPA events may be purchased at PawPrints Pet Salon, Market Square Coffee House, M&T Bank, Looking Your Best, and Orwigsburg Borough Hall.

Want to be part of planning events for your community? OBPA welcomes all volunteers; you do not need to be a business owner. Information on the organization and its events can be found at orwigsburgbusiness.org, join our Facebook page, or email us at <code>orwigsburgbusinesspa@gmail.com</code>. You may also contact OBPA president Pat Falco at 610-462-9167.

SPREAD THE WORD

Interested in submitting an article for next quarter's issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings*? We welcome community service and non-profit organization information. Please contact Kathi Mengle at 570-366-3103 or *kathi@orwigsburg.net*



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Message from the Council President

"Orwigsburg has a great small town atmosphere." This is what I hear most often when people talk about our borough. "It's quiet, has a great atmosphere, feels safe, and I enjoy the good people."

I agree ... and hope that we all work together to keep it this way.



BUDDY TOUCHINSKY Council President

There are a few issues we hear about at Borough Council meetings from time to time that we aren't able to do much about, but our residents certainly can.

Council receives suggestions for borough improvements on a regular basis, so I want to take this opportunity to make a few suggestions on how we can all work together to make Orwigsburg even better.

Our current sanitation contract will expire at the end of this year. The Borough will be renegotiating services to be provided, and at what cost, for a new multi-year contract. As part of that, we are reviewing related ordinances.

Some have suggested we should require all garbage and recycling cans to be placed to the rear of properties. Currently, we have no ordinance regarding this and, in some cases, cans are left on the front

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27th Season – Opens with famous BACH Brandenburg Concerti Sunday, October 2

Johann Sebastian Bach Trio Sonata for Violin and Recorder Brandenburg Concerto #3 for Strings – Brandenburg Concerto #6

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Gabriel Youth Orchestra Open Rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at D.H.H. Lengel Auditorium, Pottsville Middle School - 5:30 to 7 p.m.

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porches and can be unsightly and unsanitary. As a first step before making it a requirement, let's see if we can all work together to do it on a voluntary basis. Please place all containers to the rear of buildings.



Another area needing improvement is our sidewalks. Some may not be aware, but it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain existing sidewalks along their property road frontage. Orwigsburg Borough does not presently have an ordinance that requires sidewalk repairs and replacements, but damaged sidewalks can create a safety hazard.

Should someone get hurt, the liability could fall on the property owner, thus suggesting maintenance to ensure safe and passable sidewalks is in the best interest of all property owners. If there are any questions, call Borough Hall and one of our professionals can help determine if your walk needs repair or replacement.

Related to sidewalks – and an issue that won't come up until the winter – is the issue of clearing snow and ice from publicly-used sidewalks. As stated, sidewalks should be kept clear and safely passable. Any issues could come back to the property owner.

Liability aside, be considerate of others and mail/package delivery personnel. If you have health issues that prevent you from clearing your walk and you need help, call Orwigsburg Borough Hall to make your needs known by area volunteers.

Finally, several issues that apply right now pertain to grass, weeds and signs. Borough ordinance requires owners to maintain their property free of weeds and plant growth greater than six inches tall. Also, assure all grass clippings are kept off roads as this can create a safety hazard for motorcycles and bicycles.

Temporary signs of any type are only allowed in the village, commercial, and industrial zoned districts. Many people inquire about political signs, since at certain times of the year they can be excessive and can be left out for a long period of time. It is not our intent to interfere with free speech by preventing residents from supporting candidates; however, the borough's sign ordinance applies to all temporary signs, including political signs.

The Borough will study the current ordinance to accommodate election seasons. However, the current time requirements must still be followed, so plan accordingly.

Orwigsburg is a great small American town. Let's all work together to ensure it stays that way.



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Proclamation from the Orwigsburg Mayor

I hope this edition finds you enjoyably surviving the summer of 2016. We have seen considerable activity throughout the borough and expect to experience continuing progress through the remainder of the year.

As for me, we've been involved in a business project in the Philadelphia area for the better part of the last year. Our preferred travel route is to pick

BARRY J. BERGER Mayor

up I-78 at Hamburg, head east toward Allentown, then take the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike south to the Schuylkill Expressway.

Before leaving to come home today, I checked the traffic report to find a three-lane x 10 mile "parking lot" from the Mid-County toll booth clear up to the Lansdale exit of the turnpike. Seems like a lot of folks were heading for the Poconos to avoid the 100+ degree heat

index predicted for Southeast PA for the next few days. Unfortunately, they kicked off their weekend roasting in their vehicles and going nowhere fast.

The US-422/PA-61 option looked like the best alternate way back home. This route parallels the earliest path from Philadelphia to Orwigsburg, following the flow of the Schuylkill River. The Schuylkill Canal,

the Reading Railroad, and the Pennsylvania Railroad tracked the river, as well.

As I made my way "upstream," I recalled an amusing story from a friend who was in a group of folks on a canoe/kayak float on the Schuylkill. About midway through the trip, they approached the stone piers of an abandoned railroad bridge. Over the decades, the piers have trapped tree limbs and sediments, damming the river and creating waterfalls of sorts which they were increasingly able to hear as they drifted closer.

Some of the boaters paddled to the side bank and portaged around the piers. Some of the others paddled at ramming speed and launched their crafts over the cataracts. My friend turned to a young lady in the party to coax her into joining him in the latter approach. Her response was, "Fine. But I'm way younger than you and have a lot more to live for. So, you go first!"

To follow that line of logic, I'm even older than that friend so I'm even more expendable. So let me paddle over the waterfall into the next three months.

Over the course of the past year, the American people have been dragged through the most divi-

sive presidential campaigns in my recollection in order to pick each political party's candidate. We will be bombarded with three more months of saturation



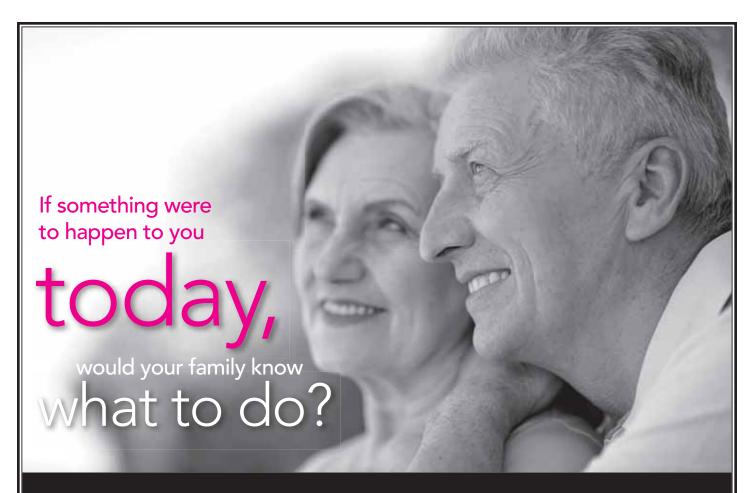
coverage, some of which may even be true. It will be our job to sift through all the rhetoric, come to a reasoned conclusion, and get to the polls on Election Day to help pick our next President.

At times, it can be a frustrating process. But it's our process. And nobody has come up with a better one. So, get out and vote for the good of your country, for the good of yourself, and for the good of those who have a lot more for which to live.

Barry J. Berger, Mayor







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Free "Rock the Block" Party for all

The annual Free Community Block Party hosted by Salem Church will be held Sunday, Aug. 28 from 3 to 7 p.m. on the 100 block of West Independence. Held on the street adjacent to the church, between South Liberty and South Warren streets, the one-block area will be closed to traffic.

All activities, entertainment, food, and fun are free. Find out who makes the best chicken wings with the town's second annual "OrWINGSburg Cook-Off" contest.

This year the block party is a mix of old and new features. A bouncy slide and bouncy house along with games for youngsters, face-painting, and a nail design station for all ages will be pure fun for all. Children can enjoy many art and craft

Live music, featuring "Once Called Saul" and Salem's own House Band will entertain throughout the day. Mystery Entertainer Connor will delight from 4 to 5 p.m. and Splash the Clown will again be part of the fun creating his famous balloon animals from 5 to 7 p.m.

All the food you care to eat and drink will be offered, including fresh-grilled dogs, snack bags, soft drinks, fresh-popped popcorn, Pure Wild Tea, icy snocones, and free samples of Yuengling's Ice Cream.

Also on hand for "Rock the Block" will be:

Orwigsburg's Friendship Fire Company and Free Public Library, Team Orwigsburg, Salvation Army, and a first aid/health station. New this year will be chair massages!

The annual end-of-the-summer FREE block party is Salem UMC's gift as an expression of God's love to one and all in the greater Orwigsburg community. For additional information, call 570-366-0201, visit www. SalemUM.com, or email Office@SalemUM.com

Calling all cooks to OrWINGSburg!

Enter your best-tasting, "secret recipe" chicken wings in Salem's cook-off contest during the Free Block Party on Sunday, Aug. 28.

Your wings could be the hit of OrWINGSburg! Cooks must be at least 15 years of age to enter.

Register at SalemUM. com before the dead-line on Monday, Aug. 22.

There is no entry fee. Prizes will be awarded for the Best Overall Wings in both professional and amateur categories.

Wing entries should be fully prepared and brought in a crockpot or other warming device. At least 36 wings are required. The event will take place inside Fellowship Hall of the church.

The Block Party begins at 3 p.m. Wing contest judging begins at 5 with winners announced at 6 p.m.

Labor Day holiday

The national holiday to honor workers – Labor Day – will be celebrated on Monday, Sept. 5. All borough offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Refuse and recycling pickup will be delayed one day to Wednesday, Sept. 7 and Saturday, Sept. 10.

Fall Cleanup & Electronics Recycling

The Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste & Resource Management will hold its annual Fall Cleanup & Recycling Event with the cooperation of numerous municipalities the weeks of Sept. 12-17 and Sept. 19-24.

Electronics, discarded tires, appliances, scrap metal and other bulky items may be taken to any of the designated collection sites for proper disposal.

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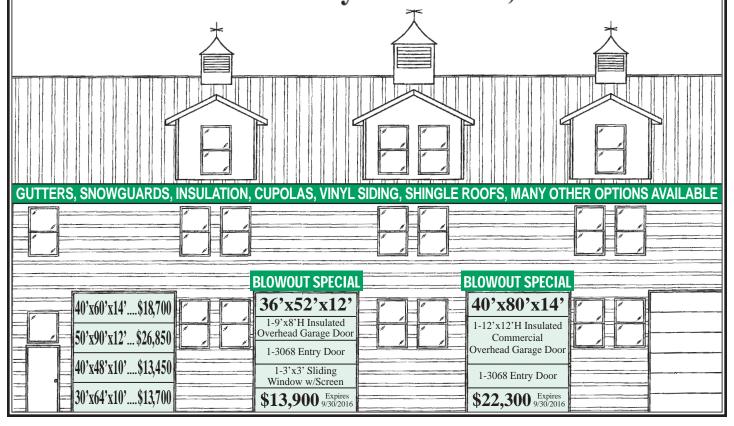
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Specific dates, times, and collection locations will be published in local newspapers and on the county government website.



Orwigsburg, through its weekly refuse collection, allows for large item disposal once per month through its waste service contract and is not a county drop-off municipality. However, electronics are no longer allowed in landfills and must be recycled. The upcoming county collection will be an opportunity for residents to dispose of those electronics.

St. Paul's Fall Bazaar

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 215 N. Warren St., invites residents and visitors to its annual Service Ministry Bazaar Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Soup, beef barbecue, hot dogs and chili will be available to eat-in or take out. Baked goods, candy, crafts, and home business vendor products will be displayed for your purchases.

Family Fun Day

Lots of fun, food and games for all ages – called Family Fun Day – will be held Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in and on the grounds of the Orwigsburg Veterans Community Memorial Hall on Grove Street.

Everyone is invited to be part of the action. Proceeds benefit Team Orwigsburg, the area's faith-

based mission team that assists those in need locally and in devastated communities elsewhere.

A great community day, enjoy a variety of games for prizes, select a pumpkin to be dropped at a target from high in the air aboard a Bartush Sign Co. crane, meet Bob the Builder, paint a pumpkin, be entertained with live music, and be part of face painting for children, yard sale, Chinese auction, and eat great food ... plus "surprises." It's all available at a reasonable cost, designed not to break the family budget.

Halloween parade

The annual Orwigsburg Halloween parade, coordinated by the Lions Club and the Borough, will be featured Wednesday, Oct. 26.

The parade route for this year is again designed to improve participant safety and allow vehicle traffic to skirt the parade, but still move through the Borough. As in the past the parade will form on Margaret Avenue, beginning at 6 p.m. Marchers and vehicles will begin the parade stepping off at 7 p.m.

A map of the parade route will be available for view on the borough website: www.orwigsburg.net. To register your group for the parade or to obtain more information, contact Mike Swenson at 570-617-6050 or mike1swenson@gmail.com.

Trick or Treat

Youngsters dressed as princesses, super heroes, movie characters, ghosts and goblins are

invited to go door-to-door during Orwigsburg's designated Trickor-Treat on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31 between the hours of 6 and 8 p.m.

Girls and boys, up to 12 years of age, are permitted to participate and asked to walk with a friend, parent, or a responsible group leader. Residents are asked to turn on their porch light for the children's

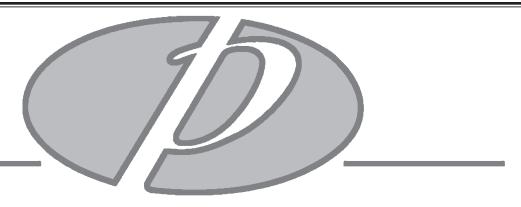
safety and as an indication the youngsters are welcome to get a treat.

PA Fair Guide now available

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Published by the state Department of Agriculture, the guide lists the dates, locations and contact persons for more than 100 agriculture fairs and events scheduled this summer and fall in Pennsylvania. It also highlights 16 fairs that offer live harness racing as part of the nation's leading fair racing programs. It is estimated several million visitors will attend Pennsylvania fairs this year.

The Department of Agriculture also hosts the annual Pennsylvania State Farm Show, the largest indoor agricultural exhibition in the country. The 2017 Farm Show will be held January 7 to 14.

Food Pantry

The Orwigsburg Area Food pantry is in need of the following items: cereal, all canned meats, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni



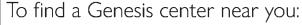
Supplies are very low. Any item would be appreciated and can be dropped off at St. John's United Church of Christ, East Market St., or call 570-366-2255 ext. 3 for times and days when someone will be in the pantry.



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Join Schuylkill Master Gardeners at Hope Hill

Lavender Farm on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for learning plus sensory and gardening experiences.

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ender; smell the fragrances and taste locally grown fruit and vegetables; see and purchase cut flowers, produce, and potted plants.

For more information and directions, call 570-622-4225 or visit *schuylkillmg@psu.edu*.

Team Orwigsburg

A faith-based mission team here in our community for the past 11 years, Team Orwigsburg performs volunteer work on construction projects both here in Schuylkill County and each year travels to a disaster-ravaged area along the East or Gulf coast. Its mission is to "help heal hearts and homes" by rebuilding homes and restoring hope to those who, seemingly, may have lost everything.

New faces are enthusiastically welcomed. Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of each month

at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Salem United Methodist Church, S. Liberty Street.

Local church affiliation is not

Local church affiliation is not necessary, but the team does ask that new members be committed to help raise the funds necessary to do local mission work and to travel one time each year for a week out of the area. Phone Susan McCartney at 570-943-2103 for addi-

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fundraising events held during the year. The upcoming Family Fun Day on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Veterans Community Hall is one such event that brings the greater Orwigsburg community together for lots of fun while supporting a valuable cause.

The annual Stop and Shop held at Salem Church is augmented by a soup/bake sale in support of the Team's mission. This year the Stop and Shop will be held Saturday, Nov. 12 and will feature a "Santa's Workshop." Keep your eyes peeled for posters and flyers on this event plus details published in the next issue of *Orwigsburg Happenings* due out November 4.

Rental properties

Orwigsburg Ordinance #396 and newly enacted

Ordinance #424 establishes certain responsibilities for owners of rental properties in the Borough.

Every owner/
lessor of any rental
property, including
but not limited to
dwelling, dwelling
units, rooming
houses, rooming

units, or dormitory rooms must register with the Borough each year between January 1 and February 28. If any tenant moves from the dwelling during the year, the owner shall notify the Borough within thirty (30) days of said changes. Forms are available at the Borough Office or can be printed from the borough website.

As part of the annual registration, a basic triennial (once every three years) inspection fee shall be paid for each and any dwelling unit ... \$110 for the first unit, \$45 for the second, and \$25 for each additional unit per address.

Owners/Landlords living in excess of 20 miles from the Borough must designate a local manager for the property. This individual must live within 10 miles of the Borough.

Trash and recycling containers for rental properties are to be located in an area other than the front of the property. If necessary, the building code inspector shall identify such location.

Lawn clippings

The Borough asks residents to be respectful of neighbors by collecting all grass clippings and yard waste. Not only can clippings blow onto public roads and/or collect on your neighbor's property, the waste can also clog storm drainage systems and be an additional factor in poor drainage areas where flooding may occur.

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Now available - Credit/debit bill pay

As this newsletter is being published, the due date for quarterly utility bills is fast approaching. It is the responsibility of all property owners to pay their bills in full by the due date printed on the invoice.

Providing our residents with a higher level of customer service, Orwigsburg Borough now accepts



credit and debit card payments for water, sewer, and trash service. Customers can make payments online at www. orwigsburg.net or at the Borough Office with major credit and debit cards.

The Borough utilizes the services of MuniciPAY with Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American

Express, or e-check. A user fee of 2.45% or \$3, whichever is greater, will be assessed per transaction. The fee for e-check is \$1.50.

The Borough does not collect, receive or retain any portion of the service fees. The fees are charged by MuniciPAY in order to provide the service. MuniciPAY is an electronic payment processing option currently used by local Schuylkill County municipalities

designed specifically for local government and utility agencies.

Customers may continue to pay by cash, check or money order at the Borough Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, checks may be mailed to Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, or deposited in our 24/7 drop-off box located at the front door to the Borough Office.

Questions concerning our new payment options may be directed to *kathi@orwigsburg.net* or call 570-366-3103.

Curb your animal

Borough Ordinance 299 prohibits pet owners from allowing their pets to defecate on another property without removing the feces from that property. Those violating this ordinance can be fined up to \$600.

Many residents take advantage of the parks and walking trail and are discouraged by the lack of consideration shown by

some pet owners.



Veterans Honor Roll

The Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Development Taskforce seeks to identify the names and military branch of service personnel for the Veterans Memorial Honor Roll to be enshrined and permanently displayed at the Veterans Community Memorial Hall.

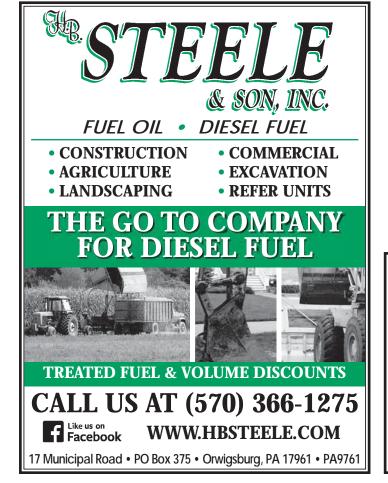
If you, a family member, friend, associate, or neighbor served, or if you personally have knowledge of someone from Orwigsburg who served in any branch of military service, please complete the form on page 15 and forward to: Orwigsburg Borough, 209 North Warren Street, Orwigsburg, PA 17961 or call 570-366-3103 with the information.

Your assistance is vital in this attempt to permanently honor every Orwigsburg veteran in this way. Questions may be directed to the borough staff or Borough Manager Robert Williams.

Recycling electronics

Discarded desktop and laptop computers, monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, and most

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We may need to contact you regarding the above information. Will you please complete the information below?

Name of Contact Person: **Contact Phone:** Best time to call:

Contact Information - Address:

AFTER YOU HAVE COMPLETED THIS FORM, PLEASE DO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. Drop it off at the Orwigsburg Borough Hall Reception Desk; or
- 3. Or, e-mail to: memorial@orwigsburg.net

2. Mail to: Mr. Robert Williams Orwigsburg Borough Manager Orwigsburg Borough Hall 209 N. Warren Street #1 Orwigsburg, PA 17961

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other electronic devices are forbidden from going to landfills and MUST be recycled with special handling.

Orwigsburg Borough's refuse/recycling contractor, County Waste, will not take these devices. Residents are required to store all unwanted electronics until the Schuylkill County Fall Cleanup and Recycling event held each September.

The county Office of Solid Waste will list drop-off locations, dates and times in local newspapers prior to the event and post them on the Schuylkill County government website.

In need of health aids?

Are you or a loved one in need of any of these items to aid in recovery from illness or surgery?

- Wheelchair
- Walker stationary & folding
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- Bedside commode/bedpan
- Over-toilet seat with handrails
- Temporary tub hand rail
- Recliner chair with auto-lift seat

The Orwigsburg Lions' "Health Equipment Loan





Program" provides these items to local residents at no charge as a community service. To arrange a loan, call Walt Schimpf at 570-366-0784 or call 570-449-0659 and leave a message.

Large item disposal

One large item may be placed at the curb beside your regular trash once per month.

Regular trash consists of up to six bags of garbage and up to ten bags of leaves. Residents should place trash at the curb any time after 6 p.m. on evenings prior to collection. Because

Month	Tues.	Fri.	
Aug.	9	12	
Sept.	13	16	
Oct.	11	14	
Nov.	8	11	

LARGE ITEM PICKUP DATES

pickup times vary, do not wait until the morning of collection to place garbage.

Construction materials (shingles, drywall, cabinets, insulation, etc.) may not be placed at the curb with your regular trash. You must get a dumpster which can be leased from the borough's trash collector, County Waste, at 570-874-3047.

Getting the word out

We use the Borough website www.orwigsburg.net as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings in the Borough.

Newsletter Particulars

"Orwigsburg Happenings" is a quarterly newsletter of the Borough of Orwigsburg distributed to 1,400 households within the borough.

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Publication dates for the next three issues are November 4, 2016, February 10 and May 12, 2017

News Submittals

Nonprofit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathi Mengle in the borough offices, <code>kathi@orwigsburg.net</code> or call 570-366-3103 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

Advertisina

Businesses wishing to reach every household in the Borough of Orwigsburg are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information. Call Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by the Borough of Orwigsburg.

Our staff will keep the home page current with news on upcoming events and information on past events in the Borough.

The website lists borough meeting schedules. Minutes



from these meetings are posted after they have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate body. The subdivision and zoning codes are also available for all to view. Numerous forms can be accessed, including applications for Albright's Woods usage. Trash day pickup changes will also be posted. Links to other websites, such as the Lions Club, library, churches and fire company are on the website.

The website also includes a link allowing residents to enter their contact information into the borough's Swiftreach 911 emergency notification system. This site allows the Borough to notify residents via telephone, text message and email of boil water advisories, weather emergencies or any other emergencies in a prompt manner.

Meter reading

Many water meters are read from a remote reading register attached to the building and connected to the

meter. Borough Ordinance 310 requires these units be accessible to the Borough. Landscaping around your remote reading register needs to be maintained so as to not restrict free access.

Dumpster? You need a permit

Any resident who rents a dumpster and places it on the street is required to fill out a dumpster permit prior to dumpster delivery. Permits are available at the borough office at a cost of \$5.

The permit is good for three weeks; another permit is required for additional time. Four (4) reflectors are required on each side of the dumpster, and dumpster wheels must be placed on 3/4" thick pieces of wood so as not to damage the road surface.

Request for cones

Cones are available for use from the Borough. A cone request form must be filled out and is available from the borough office. Forty-eight hours notice must be given to allow time to get the cones delivered to their location and signs made and placed on the cones.

Take care of your property

Property owners must keep all premises and - Continued on page 18

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exterior property free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 6 inches. All noxious weeds are prohibited.

Weeds are defined as all grasses, annual plants and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs however, this term does not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

The property owner must also maintain weeds appearing between sidewalk blocks and between the curb and the street.

Albright's Woods

It is time to begin planning that fall 2016 event. The pavilion at Albright's Woods is available for rent

for your social party, family reunion or other event. Albright's Woods is located on Grove Street in Orwigsburg. The park has a pavilion with



picnic tables and a kitchen available for use. Rental fee for the kitchen is \$75, \$25 of which is a returnable security deposit. If the kitchen is not needed, a \$25 fee is charged. For further details or to make a reservation to use the park, call the borough office at 570-366-3103.

Proper disposal of Old Glory

Used flags may be brought to the borough office for proper disposal. Place flags inside the designated mail-box-like container in front of the borough building.



Help us help you

It shall be the responsibility of property owners in the Orwigsburg Borough to number their buildings. The number needs to be placed over/under each front door, or front transom bar or glass or front show window, over or on either side of the entrance or upon a permanent standard, base or support between building and street. The number is to be of paint, metal, enamel, plastic, or other weather resistant material and at least three inches in height, the color of the numbers to be in contrast to the immediate background, and shall be so placed as to be in full view and legible from the street. No numbers shall be covered with any sign, drapery, or other obstruction and all old numbers shall be removed when a new number is assigned.

Call before you dig!

Contractors, service companies, or do-it-yourself property owners must call 8-1-1 before disturbing the ground in and around their property. Planting a tree? Building a deck? Installing a fence or even as simple

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as a mailbox, plan your project in advance and call the alert number several days before starting any digging project.

Tell the operator where you're planning to dig. Your affected local utility companies will be notified

Call before you dig. about your intent to dig and will send locators to your dig site to mark the approximate location of buried lines with flags or paint.

Wipes clog pipes

Many companies now produce bathroom cleansing wipes, toddler wipes, sanitary wipes, and hard surface cleaning wipes. The companies state the wipes can simply be flushed down the toilet. Many of these wipes do not break down in the wastewater system and are causing major expense for the wastewater treatment plants and also for the homeowner.

The wipes have a variety of mesh materials to make them stronger. This will prevent the wipes from breaking down. Consumer Reports tests reveal that toilet paper disintegrated in eight seconds while many of the wipes still had not broken down after thirty minutes. This will cause the wipes to block lines, causing flow backup and the need for the line to be unblocked. Please do not flush these wipes down your toilet.

OFD Donation



The Orwigsburg Fire Department was honored to receive a donation from Boyer's Red Shirt Team through its "Dress Down Fridays" fundraiser. Shown in the above photo are fire company president Jesse Zimmerman who received the \$487 check from Boyer's services manager Linda Wolf. Accompanying are members of the Red Shirt Team and Fire Chief Dave Hardinger. The Team's generous donation will go into the OFD's new station fund. Many thanks to our good friends at Boyer's!



Veterans Community Memorial Hall

The Veterans Community Memorial Hall continues to be utilized by various groups and organizations for scheduled events as well as being the alternate location for many community activities when inclement weather strikes.

Recently the Orwigsburg Lions hosted their annual Memorial Day chicken barbecue and the Borough hosted a Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce breakfast on June 2 for county organizations and businesses featuring the head of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). DCED is the agency that controls many of the grants already awarded for the improvement of this community facility.

One of the most visible improvements is the installation of a new play structure and swing set. This equipment was purchased by utilizing funds from an existing DCNR C2P2 grant to improve the recreation area adjacent to the building.

The new play structure and swing were ordered at the end of 2015, capitalizing on yearend cost discounting. Following the Little League season, the play structure site was laid out by an Army Reserve survey crew. The borough crew then removed the old play equipment and augured 45 separate holes to anchor the new structure.

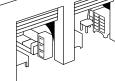
Approximately 40 Army Reserve soldiers constructed the play structure and swing set last month. The soldiers were members of 476th Survey and



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Design, Forward Support Company and Headquarters Company 365th Engineer Battalion. The units are based at the Army Reserve Center in Schuylkill Haven. Final construction efforts were coordinated through contractors, borough workers and volunteer efforts, saving the project about \$15,000 in labor costs. Those savings can now be used for other improvements to the recreation facility.

In April, another DCNR C2P2 Grant application was submitted for the installation of the outdoor basketball court adjacent to Memorial Hall that, if awarded, will be completed in 2017.

The veterans honor area floor was sanded, sealed and polished this spring. The wooden basketball floor will be sanded, sections repaired, sealed, and new striping completed next month.

The Task Force, overseeing the renovation project, is currently working with the Borough to execute a Keystone Communities Program grant to address stormwater management, parking lot improvements, and construction of a concrete patio this fall.

Electrical and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) improvements to the veterans honor area entrance to the facility is the next project on the renovations. Once completed, this area will be home to the Veterans Honor Roll. If you or your family have information that is not already on the veterans honor roll, please submit a completed form to Manager Robert Williams at Borough Hall.

Project updates can be viewed and the form downloaded from the Task Force website at www.orwigsburamemorial.com.

Renovations continue, but should have limited impact to the current uses of the building. Groups wishing to utilize portions of the building should contact Borough Secretary Sherry Edwards at Borough Hall to discuss availability and logistics.

Private financial help needed

This building has been renovated due to the hard work, effort and generosity of community-minded individuals, receiving donations in all shapes and sizes. Everyone has a different financial ability and level able to help support this project.

The task force has received donations ranging from a few dollars to a \$25,000 pledge and has received in-kind donations of material and labor from volunteers and professional contractors. Visit the project website or Facebook page for more information on this project.

> - Greg Stewart, President Veterans Memorial Development Task Force

Orwigsburg Police Department

Have fun, but don't trespass

Pokémon Go has taken the world by storm. Players use their cell phones' camera and GPS to navigate the real world to find Pokémon. People playing the game may appear suspicious, but are simply having fun.

However, while the game forces people to go outside and walk around in the search to catch them all, Pokémon can also show up in a variety of places ... including private property. Title 18 Section 3503 of the PA Crimes Code is entitled "Criminal Trespass." Depending on the circumstances, the grading of trespassing ranges from a summary violation all the way up to a felony of the second degree. The Orwigsburg Police remind players to please be considerate to property owners when playing the game.

Motorists: a back-to-school alert

As school gets back in session, buses will be everywhere in town in the morning and afternoon. Motorists should be extra vigilant as they drive during these times to watch for bus stops. Title 75 Section 3345 of the PA Vehicle Code addresses "Meeting or Overtaking a School Bus."

All drivers must stop ten feet from a bus that has its red lights and stop sign activated. Failure to comply will result in a \$250 fine and an automatic license suspension. In fact, motorists need not be stopped by the police to be cited under this statute. Bus drivers may report a violation to the local police department;

and, after investigation, a citation could be mailed to the defendant.

Dispose of unused medication

Did you know the Orwigsburg Police Department has a Drug Take Back program?

You can safely dispose of old or unwanted prescription pills at our station. These drugs are later collected by the Schuylkill County Sheriff and destroyed. This program ensures prescription medication does not get into the drug trade. We do not, however, accept any creams, liquids, or aerosols. Generally, these items are safe to be thrown away or flushed down the toilet.

Child safety seat check

The police department also offers a free "car seat check." On staff, we have an officer who is a Child Passenger Safety Technician certified by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The officer will inspect your car or booster seat to make sure it is properly installed. He will also make sure the seat is the correct size for your child's height and weight.

Regardless of age, all children under 4'9" must be secured in a booster seat. We also remind everyone that under PA law, failure to wear a seatbelt is a secondary violation and could be a second ticket. Click it or ticket!

- Robert Bechtel, Orwigsburg Police Patrolman

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Orwigsburg Historical Society

The Orwigsburg Historical Society (OHS) & Museum, 109 East Mifflin St., is now open on Tuesday and Thursday each week from noon until 4 p.m. and can be made available at other times by appointment. Contact the society by calling 570-617-7809 or 570-366-8769 for more information regarding visits or any services.

Make "history" every month

Each month the OHS hosts a free program open to the public focusing on matters of "historic importance," part of its "Tracing Schuylkill County's History" series. All are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship as well as refreshments following.

Follow the "History of Public Auctions in Schuylkill County" to be presented by auctioneer and historian Raymond Stump on Wednesday, Sept. 28 beginning at 7 p.m. Public auctions can trace their history back to ancient civilizations; but, American auctions date back to the Pilgrim's arrival in the 1600s, selling crops, imports, clapboard, livestock, tools, tobacco, slaves, and even entire farms. The public is invited to bring an item purchased at a public auction for a Show-and-Tell segment.

Rail Fans and anybody caught up in the nostalgia of "Railroads of Schuylkill County" will be sure to attend the talk on Wednesday, Oct. 19 beginning at 7 p.m. Avid historian of Schuylkill County's railroad and mining heritage, James Eisenhart, will present

more than twenty years of knowledge in county railroading. Guests will be treated to a unique slide presentation during the program and are encouraged to bring photos of county railroads for sharing.

Dine-Out for Local History

Two Dine-Out events this year – at the 419 Market Café & Eatery and The Brick House Grill – were well attended with a portion of proceeds each day graciously donated by the owners of both Orwigsburg restaurants to aid the society's fundraising campaign. Thank you to all who played a part by enjoying their meals at these wonderful businesses.

Grand National Award

Society vice president Keith Ernst's entry of his 1931 Ford "AA" Canopy Express Truck was awarded a First Place award



at the Antique Automobile Club of America Grand National Meet held at Penn College in Williamsport.

Keith's "Tired Truck" collection will be on open display at his museum building, 223 S. Wayne Street, during the Heritage Day festivities on Sat., Sept. 10.

Capital Campaign continues

If you haven't already done so, consider supporting the Orwigsburg Historical Society during its 2016/17 Capital Campaign. In addition to brick repointing, exterior painting, and interior wall repainting, the society is faced with two major projects ... furnace and roof repairs.

Mail a check or money order to Orwigsburg Historical Society & Museum, 109 East Mifflin St., Orwigsburg, PA 17961. Any size monetary donation is needed and appreciated.

Tours and community room available

Individuals or groups are invited to schedule a visit to or rent the museum for private parties, educational lectures, class reunions, Boy Scout or Girl Scout merit badge work or troop field trips. The large community room is also available for family reunions or other social or business gathering.





Taking Pride - Whose Responsibility Is It?

Resident's Opinion by Bill Knecht

Weeds, whose life span far exceeds reasonable expectations in a proud community, are an oft too frequent sight along borough streets. Whose respon-

sibility is it to pull or remove them?



Is it the Borough's responsibility? These weeds are growing between the sidewalk and the curb ... and some between the curb and the street. Should the Borough take care of this?

How about the property owner? It's their property! Let them maintain it. Right?

This happens to be a rental property; isn't it the tenant's

responsibility? Or, the absentee landlord's? A lawn maintenance contractor, who did a less-than-stellar job on the rest of the property just a day earlier, evidently felt it wasn't their responsibility.

How about the car owner who parks in front of someone else's property? Surely you would think he/

she would do their small part to maintain the space where they park.

Dozens of people walk past these weeds every day, going to the grocery store or walking their dog. Maybe one of them could reach down and pluck the unsightly intruder.

Who do you think should be responsible?

Take pride in the town in which you live. The correct answer is that it is everyone's responsibility. Do your part; help keep your "nest" clean. The photographer spent two seconds pulling these weeds ... not a big deal.





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Orwigsburg "Good" Exemplifies Potential of Communities

A few weeks ago I helped host Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Secretary Dennis Davin. His tour started right here in Orwigsburg with a breakfast meeting.

Referencing a classic Clint Eastwood film from the 60s, I told Secretary Davin he would get to see "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" of Schuylkill County. Stops included Orwigsburg, Pottsville, Tamaqua and Mahanoy City.

Orwigsburg represented the "Good"

The Secretary had the opportunity to see one of the most recent success stories, the Orwigsburg Veterans



SENATOR DAVID ARGALL

Memorial Hall. This project was a culmination of support from your community, local officials and the state to rehabilitate the cornerstone of the community.

During this day in the county, Secretary Davin also was in Tamaqua where he toured that borough's City Revitalization and Improvement Zone (CRIZ). In 2014, Tamaqua was the first borough and third municipality overall in the state to receive the designation into this new pro-

gram that allows state taxes to stay local and be used for redevelopment projects.

Pottsville blight is the "Bad"

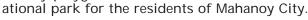
When we arrived in Pottsville, we looked at several blighted properties in that city.

Pottsville's local officials have been aggressive over the last several years in their efforts to curb urban blight. Coupled with new tools and state laws, officials are cracking down on slumlords and negligent property owners. Out-of-state landlords and aging infrastructure are just a few of the many hurdles for the county seat; however, the community continues to wage a strong war on blight.

Vacant Kaier's Brewery was the "Ugly"

In Mahanoy City, we toured the site of the old Kaier's Brewery. I noted the brewery looks like something out of Berlin, Germany – circa 1945 after the allied bombing campaign.

Funding has finally been obtained to tear down this blighted monstrosity that some say is the worst in the county. The property will eventually be home to a community playground and recre-



We continue to move forward

Secretary Davin gets it! Revitalization cannot be a one-size-fits-all approach. Blight is contagious. But, Orwigsburg shows us another way ... revitalization is contagious! It takes three key ingredients – a plan, people/volunteers, and investments.

The Orwigsburg Veterans Memorial Hall project is a prime example of how we can grow revitalization programs county-wide.

Congratulations, Orwigsburg!





Orwigsburg Area Free Public Library

Wow! It's been a very busy summer at the library ... and the fall will be equally active. There is always something going on.

Stop in at 214 E. Independence St.; call 570-366-1638; follow us on Facebook at OrwigsburgAreaFreePublicLibrary; or access the library through the borough website at www.orwigsburg.net.

So many services offered

What does the library provide Orwigsburg and surrounding municipalities?

- Clubs that meet weekly and monthly. The Orwigsburg Book Club meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. discussing new authors, genres and topics. Knitters, crochet and needlework enthusiasts welcome all skill levels to their weekly group meeting Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. Lego builders of all ages gather the second Wednesday each month at 5:30 p.m. to share their creations. Learn and play Mahjongg at 6 p.m. on the first, third, and fifth Wednesdays of the month.
- Story Time. Geared for pre-school age children, a special story hour is planned each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. starting on September 20 for the fall session. Get those little ones out to socialize through stories, singing, movement, and crafts.
- Play K program. Get your three to five year old youngsters ready for kindergarten. Upcoming topics are: Aug. 25 and 26 – A Home for Me and a

Home for You; Sept. 29 and 30 – All Around Town; and Oct. 27 and 28 – My Colorful World. Each month the first date is a Thursday starting at 6 p.m.; the second date is a Friday with the program at 10:30 a.m. The program models kindergarten concepts and behaviors.

 Set a reading goal. Parents, introduce your child to the excitement, fantasy, and love of reading. Stop in and register your young reader for the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program. Sign-up at the front desk.

Upcoming events and fundraisers

- Thursday, Sept. 15 Kids' story and craft time at 6 p.m. is titled "Taste a Pickle!"
- Thursday, Sept. 22 Herbal Gifts hosted by Penn State Master Gardeners at 6 p.m.
- The annual fund drive letters have been mailed out.
 Please support your library.
- Blow-Out Book Sale Saturday, Sept. 10 during Heritage Day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$5 per bag.
- For The Love of Bacon Breakfast brunch buffet on Sunday, Sept. 18 at the Deer Lake Pub; \$20 per ticket. Two seatings from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 1 to 2:30 p.m. Must purchase tickets in advance.
- Orwigsburg Holly Trail Saturday, Dec. 3. Get in the holiday spirit on this tour of local homes decorated for the season. Interested in participating? Contact the library.



Single-Stream Recycling

Ocircled days indicate biweekly curbside recycling

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Shaded days are trash collection days

Tuesdays - Market Street and porth: Frid

Tuesdays - Market Street and north; Fridays - south of Market Street

Large item collection, once per month

Convenient, single-stream curbside recycling is available to residents every two weeks on the designated trash pickup day. Recyclables should be separated from other household trash and placed in the container provided by the Borough and County Waste, or in a container of the property owner's choice clearly designated for recycling.

Single-stream recycling means items can be co-mingled in one container/recycle bin without the need for separation.

Materials for recycling are collected curbside every two weeks on your designated trash pickup day (see calendar schedule above). Simply place your



recycling bin beside your other trash containers and yard waste.

Use the following guidelines to prepare recyclables for pickup:

- Newspapers and mixed paper should be bundled or placed in a paper or clear plastic bag in order to keep them secure.
- Cardboard should be flattened and bundled.
- Take steps to ensure paper, cardboard and plastic, etc. do not blow around to neighboring properties or streets.
- Glass food and beverage containers are recyclable and include items such as glass soda, beer, wine, liquor, ketchup or juice bottles, and glass food containers. Metal caps and lids should be removed, but labels can remain.





Single-Stream Recycling

- Glass items such as mirrors, ceramic cups and plates, crystal, clay flower pots, light bulbs, window glass, drinking glass and heat-resistant ovenware are NOT recycled by glass container plants and should not be mixed in with container glass.
- Aluminum beverage cans should be rinsed and crushed. Steel cans need only be rinsed. Leave labels in place.
- Plastic soda bottles and milk jugs should also be rinsed and crushed.
- Be considerate of the streetscape view in your neighborhood; store your recycling container to the side or back of your property or residence.

After following these instructions, combine all materials in one recycling container and place curbside after 6 p.m. the evening before pickup. Recyclables must be in their special container separate from household trash because a separate collection is made.

Given the convenience of single-stream recycling, the number of occupants in your household, and the volume collected for recycling, residents may find the need for a smaller or larger container. The borough has two sizes available.

Contact the Borough Office at 570-366-3103 during phone office hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to arrange for a different recycling container or for additional information.





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Salem UM Church

Salem United Methodist Church, where "Liberty meets Independence," offers three unique worship services each Sunday ... a traditional worship at 8:45 a.m., a contemporary worship at 10:45 a.m., and the SNL Coffeehouse at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday school for all ages is held at 10 a.m. plus children's choir and children's church held during the 10:45 worship for youngsters in grades one through five. A paid nursery attendant is on staff from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday Night Live is Salem's coffeehouse-style gathering, usually held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings in the social hall. All are welcome to participate in this casual worship experience that includes coffee and snacks with a blend of music led by Larry Adam on the keyboard. On the first Sunday of the month, Pastor Stew Warner shares a message and offers communion. On other Sundays, the service is led by one of Salem's lay ministers, with special events planned throughout the year.

One of these regular monthly events is a casual meal plus a movie, delivering the message in the faith-based film. The public is invited to attend beginning at 6 p.m.

The next film night will be August 21 with the showing of "God's Not Dead 2." Teens will especially enjoy free pizza and a showing of this 2016 movie featuring the music of the Newsboys. On September



11, an indoor picnic is planned plus the film "The Letters: The Untold Story of Mother Teresa." October 9 the film will be "Gifted Hands: the Ben Carson Story" and on November 3 another 2016 release, "Miracles from Heaven."

More information on these featured events, regular services and activities including smaller group meeting interests, as well as a planned teen focus worship night in October can be found on the church website *www.SalemUM.com* or call the church office at 570-366-0201. Some of the special interest opportunities include a youth group, United Methodist men and women groups, Bible study, Team Orwigsburg; senior, children, and hand bell choirs; and Praise Team.

A Scrapbooking Guild is open to all those interested. It meets periodically on Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Upcoming dates are August 19 and October 21. Come at any time and stay as long as you can.

Salem will have two booths "on the square" on Heritage Day ... a Welcoming station with face painting and free goodies plus another offering pre-owned designer purses and church recipe books.

The Halloween parade event offers a bag filled with candy and prizes awarded in serveral costume





categories. Register at www.AWholeNewBoo.com starting October 1.

Upwards of 18 home business vendors will display and sell their wares at the 11th annual Holiday Stop and Shop November 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Team Orwigsburg will hold a soup and bake sale and sponsor a Santa Workshop for youngsters, including an early visit by Santa Claus.

The mission of Salem Church is TLC - Transforming Lives through Christ. We share Christ's love; serve others through Christ; worship, glorify and praise God; and nurture people to live as disciples of Jesus

Christ.

St. John's UCC

St. John's United Church of Christ, 232 E. Market St, Orwigsburg welcomes everyone to join in worship each Sunday at 10 a.m. The music program is excellent and members say St. John's has a "traditional worship for contemporary souls."



Communion is served the first Sunday of each month. Interim pastor John Steitz, greets everyone with a handshake prior to worship.

All are welcome to join for a Rally Day breakfast served in the Fellowship Center on Sunday, Aug. 28 beginning at 9 a.m.

Sunday school classes will resume Sunday, Sept. 11 for ages four through sixth grade. Class is held after a blessing and the sharing-the-faith during worship, and then teachers take the children to their class in another part of the church building.

St. John's is a community outreach church with many area groups using the facilities, including Girl Scouts/Cub Scouts, quilters, yoga classes, senior citizens, and host to Team Orwigsburg fundraising dinners. Phone the church secretary at 570-366-2255 if there are questions about meeting dates or times.

The annual Apple Fest, held in conjunction with Orwigsburg Heritage Days will be Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. until sold out in the Fellowship Center adjacent to the church on East Market St. Apple pies, dumplings and crisp are offered for sale that day and sell out quickly. A light lunch is also available.

Zion's Red Church

Zion's Red Church, 1287 Centre Turnpike (Rt. 61 at Brick Hill road), is a union congregation of Evangelical Lutheran and United Church of Christ denominations whose members welcome, strengthen, and bless all who enter.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Zion's Red Church! Visit the "new and improved" church website at www.zionsredchurch.org to learn more or call the church office at 570-366-1178.

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Each Sunday the combined confirmation class and Bible study, replacing the traditional Sunday school, meet at 9:15 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30.

Join us Monday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. for the movie "The Young Messiah." Inspired by scripture and history, this story imagines a year in

the boyhood of Jesus.



Our nation seems plagued with a spirit of hate. Bombings and shootings kill a large number of people nearly every day because of prejudice and hatred. Jesus tells us to "Love our neighbor and pray for those who persecute us." Zion's Red Church is hosting a Community Candlelight Vigil – Prayers for Peace – on

Sunday, Sept. 25 beginning at 7 p.m. All are welcome – all faiths, ethnicities, ages, genders – all who long for peace among the peoples of this great land. Light the night with us and tell the world that hatred shall be tolerated no longer

World-Wide Communion and Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 2. Harvest Home will be the focus on Sunday, Oct. 9 with food and monetary gifts collected to benefit the Orwisburg Food Pantry. On this day, Pastor Schwandt will be available for pet blessings beginning at 1 p.m. Bring your furry and

non-furry family members and a donation of money or gift to support a local animal shelter.

St. Paul's Lutheran

Located at 215 North Warren St. in Orwigsburg, St. Paul's Lutheran Church welcomes all to worship and to be part of the church family. The office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and can be reached by calling 570-366-2316. Additional information can be obtained at www. stpaulsorwigsburg.org.



Summer worship times are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:15 a.m.; but will return to normal schedule – Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m. – along with the Saturday worship at 5:30 p.m. and a return of Sunday school at 9:15 a.m. beginning September 11.

Upcoming special events include the annual Service Ministry Fall Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local crafts persons and home business vendors will display and sell their wares. A wide selection of delicious food and homemade candy will be available for eating-in or taking home.

Pets have a special invite along with their owners to the Saturday, Oct. 1 evening worship service and both services on Sunday, Oct. 2 for a Blessing of the Animals.





Kimmels Church

If you are anything like those in the Kimmels Church family you're proud to live in a community and region that is now more than 200 years old. Of course you haven't been here for that long, but maybe your family and those before you have.

Or maybe you're newer to the Orwigsburg area and its surrounds. However long you've been a part of this town, we're glad to have you here.

Kimmels Church is a growing church family that has been an integral part of the Orwigsburg community for 165 years. We may have been around for a long time, but we are very young, alive and active. Not only are we active with our own church family, but we are and want to be more active in your family and our community.

During this year's Heritage Celebration on September 10, Kimmels Church will provide a bounce house for your youngsters. Everyone can pick up a free snack and learn about our church activities.

On September 11, the church will begin its fall sermon series entitled "Kingdom People: God's mission for us." Join us as we begin this 8-week series followed by a church picnic following the morning service at Deer Lake park. Bring a side dish and join in some fun and games.

Our sixth annual Havest Family Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be an exciting day of activities for the whole family without



breaking the bank. Enjoy hayrides, pumpkin painting and games for youngsters, great seasonal foods, a rummage sale, live music, kiddie

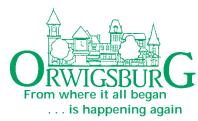
train rides, dink tank, bounce house, and more!

All of the proceeds from this year's festival will go to Group Workcamps expected to bring 300 to 400 teens to our area in the summer over the next two years to complete work on 60 to 70 homes belonging to lower income and hurting families throughout Orwigsburg and surrounding areas.

The annual "5th Quarter" celebration held at Kimmels Church each year following the Blue Mt. vs. Schuylkill Haven varsity football game will be Friday, Oct. 28. This is an event for young people in sixth through twelfth grade, providing a "safe" place to go and be with friends following the game. Activities get underway shortly after the game ends and will conclude at midnight. Featured will be gaga, 9 square-in-the-air, inflatables, a bon-fire, music videos, tons of food and more. The cost is free and all are encouraged to bring a friend!

For more on these events and much more about Kimmels Church, find it on our website www.kimmelschurch.org.





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