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CATS RUNNING LOOSE CAN GET THE OWNER FINED

This is just a friendly reminder to all our local cat lovers. If you permit your pet to run loose and a neighbor complains, you could be charged under the Borough's Ordinance prohibiting cats and dogs from not being under the control of the owner. There have been a number of calls to the Borough office from people who are understandably irritated because of other people's cats "doing their business" on porches, in flower beds and similar places away from their owner's home. Remember, a stray cat can be captured and taken to the SPCA, and if it is not claimed and the fee paid, the animal may be put down. Pets are a wonderful comfort to their owners but that feeling is not always shared by the neighbors.

CHRISTIANA SOAP BOX DERBY RACE SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11

The Fall Soapbox Derby race is scheduled for September 11, 2010 on North Bridge Street. Both Sadsbury Avenue and North Bridge Street will be closed to traffic starting at 7:00 am and won't be open again until 5:30 pm. Parking will be prohibited on North Bridge, from Sadsbury Avenue to Harrison Avenue, as well as on the south side of Harrison, from Pine Street to North Bridge. This event is sponsored by our local Lions Club, so come out and enjoy watching the children have fun.

COUNTY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority offers 0% interest loans to low to moderate income homeowners who reside in Lancaster County outside Lancaster City limits. **Loans are for addressing hazardous situations within the home. Loans are not for cosmetic work.** Applicants can receive up to \$24,999.00 in home repairs made by a qualified contractor. A lien is placed on the homeowner's property and no monthly payments are required. Loans are not due until the home is sold, or the deed is transferred.

Interested homeowners may call the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority at (717) 394-0793, extension 226. Applications may also be found at www.lchra.com.

VBS AT CHRISTIANA METHODIST

Christiana United Methodist Church, 14 S. Bridge St., will hold Vacation Bible School in the evening from Sunday, July 11 to Thursday, July 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. This year's theme will be: "EGYPT, Joseph's Journey from prison to palace." We will take this adventure in "families," so therefore, all ages are invited (including parents). Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult every night. For more information, please call (610) 593-6270. Or, you may pre-register at christianachurch.org.

PLEASE, HELP US HELP YOU **WE NEED YOUR PHONE NUMBER**

Like all municipalities in Pennsylvania, Christiana is required by the PA Department of Environmental Protection to install a telephone system that will alert citizens of water quality issues. This system can also be used to send an alert for tornado warnings, planned hydrant flushing, water main breaks, gas leaks and other serious community problems. It can also alert people to move vehicles off the street for plowing after a snow storm. To make this work, the Borough office needs to have a phone number that can be used to contact you. Please, write this number on the top half of your water/sewer bill before you make payment for it at the bank. That number will be entered into the SwiftReach System. Landlords are also required to provide renter's names and phone numbers.

If the Borough does not have your phone number, someone will be required to come to your house and knock on your door to alert you to a potential water problem. This could cause a delay in notification.

**REMEMBER TO
PATRONIZE THE
FARMERS MARKET
HELD AT THE
LIONS PARK EACH
WEDNESDAY
MORNING.**

BOROUGH CALENDAR

- 7/5 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 7/7 Vacation Bible School starts
- 7/19 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 7/17 Fire Co. Breakfast. All you can Eat. 6:00 am to 10:00 am
- 7/17 Lions Sub Sale
- 7/17 Fire Co Basket Bingo 6:00 pm
- 8/9 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 8/13 Library Golf Tournament
- 8/21 Lions Sub Sale
- 8/23 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 8/28 Borough Yard Sale
- 8/28 Fire Co. Money Bingo/Meal Starting at 6:00 pm
- 9/7 Trash Pick-up (Tuesday)
- 9/11 White Goods/Tire Pick-up
- 9/11 Soapbox Derby Race
- 9/11 Christiana Community Days
- 9/12 Community Church Service/ Picnic
- 9/13 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 9/18 Fire Co Breakfast. All you can Eat. 6:00 am to 10:00 am
- 9/18 Fire Co Basket Bingo 6:00 pm
- 9/18 Lions Sub Sale
- 9/24 Home Coming Parade
- 9/27 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 10/1 Fire Co Craft Auction 6:30 pm
- 10/2 Fire Co Auction 8:30 am
- 10/4 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 10/11 Leaf Pick-up
- 10/16 Lions Sub Sale
- 10/18 Yard Waste Pick-up
- 11/20 Fire Co Breakfast. All you can Eat. 6:00 am to 10:00 am
- 11/20 Fire Co Basket Bingo 6:00 pm
- 11/20 Lions Sub Sale
- 11/24 Fire Co. Thanksgiving Pie Sale 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- 11/29 Leaf Pick-up
- 12/5 Fire Co Quarter Auction 1:00 pm to ?
- 12/18 Fire Co Breakfast with Santa 6:00 am to 10:00 am. Santa arriving 8:00 to 10:00 am
- 12/25 Merry Christmas
- 1/1/11 Happy New Year

Cut out this schedule and put it on your refrigerator. It will help you remember the dates involved.

TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

2010 Pick-up Schedule

Holiday Schedule

Labor Day-Pick-up will be on
Tuesday, Sept. 7

Yard Waste

July 5 & 19
August 9 & 23
September 13 & 27
October 4 & 18

Leaves

October 11
November 29

White Goods & Tires

September 11

Remember, the more you recycle,
the more you keep the costs of
trash collection down.

BOROUGH YARD SALE

AUGUST 28
8:00 AM TO ?

This is your chance to get rid of
unneeded items and make some
money. Set up in your front yard.
NO EARLY BIRDS, PLEASE—
Unless you're bringing coffee!

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTER- MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Schedule of Meeting Dates

July 20, August 17,
September 21, October 19,
November 16, December 21.

All meetings are at 7:00 PM
and are held at the Colerain
Township Building, 1803
Kirkwood Pike, Kirkwood,
PA

BOROUGH PHONE NUMBERS

Police - (610) 593-2234

Borough Office - Mon. to Fri. 8:30
am - 4:30pm - (610) 593-5199

**Note: Any calls to the Borough
Office number after hours for
police will not be answered until
Monday morning.**

Sewer Plant - (610) 593-6502

Borough Garage - (610) 593-4279

Zoning Issues - (610) 724-4115

Water/Sewer EMERGENCY

Contact - (717)278-5348

CHRISTIANA LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER BARN-BONANZA- GIVEAWAY

The Lions Club has a barn standing in front of the Lions Community Building that is filled with tools, yard equipment, furniture, gift certificates and crafts from local businesses. To get a chance to win the barn and its contents all you have to do is buy a key from any Lion. If your key fits the lock on the barn door, you will win the barn and everything in it. The cost of the key is \$10.00 with the money being used to help support Lion's community activities. You can try your key on September 11, 2010 during Christiana Community Days at the Lions park. Try your key, and GOOD LUCK. If your key fits and unlocks the door, you win the barn and all that is in it.

**Octorara Home Coming
Parade will be held in
Christiana on September
24. Units will start forming
at 6:00 pm at the American
Legion Field and along
Newport Avenue. The
parade route is Sadsbury
Ave. to Bridge to Slokom to
Green to Elizabeth to Pine.
End at Legion Field.**

NEW WELL DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Progress, or the lack of it, with developing a third well for use in the Borough water system was recently presented to Council. The next step required by DEP is to conduct a draw-down test. That is, pump water continuously for 48 hours to find out if the well can replenish itself sufficiently to make it useable in adding water to our system. Currently there are two wells and ten springs that provide our water. In the event of a long dry spell, it is possible that the springs could not produce enough water to continue system operation. In that case, water from the Pennsylvania American Water Company would be turned in to Christiana's system. Since their water is quite costly, this use could cause an increase in water rates. Having an additional well could eliminate this possibility.

If the test is successful and permitting is obtained from DEP, a treatment building and underground pipes would be installed. However, one of the main obstacles is the possibility of needing a permit from the Susquehanna River Basin Authority. This need for permitting is determined by the total draw of water from the ground. We'll keep you posted.

HELP KEEP CHRISTIANA BEAUTIFUL

We have many people from out of town who visit our Borough. Bus loads of people patronize the Freedom Chapel Dinner Theatre, the Underground Railroad Museum, and teachers and historians who gather information on the Resistance at Christiana. Let's each help clean up our streets, sidewalks and homes. Remember, trash cans cannot be kept in front of your home, facing the street. They belong in the back yard.

WORK CONTINUES AT THE BOROUGH SEWER TREATMENT PLANT

In an effort to reduce the cost of sludge processing and transporting, the Borough is changing the way it is processed. Currently, a giant mixer is used to stir the sludge in the digester, the large, round cement tank seen from the road. The motor that drives this mixer has broken down a number of times, causing the need to have liquid sludge transported to another location for processing. The transporter/processor charges a rate per gallon. This can be quite costly, sometimes as high as \$6,000.00 per month. In addition, a crane must be hired to lift the motor out of the tank for repair. Then, after repair, the crane is again hired to set the motor back in place. As you can imagine, this cost to the Borough can be quite high. Therefore, Council agreed to have an air injection system installed. Fewer moving parts and less possibility of breakdowns will keep repair costs to a minimum.

To further reduce costs, it was determined that the work would be done by Borough employees. An original estimate of \$300,000.00, using an outside contractor, has been reduced to about \$60,000.00. Every effort is being used to keep costs to a minimum, at the same time, providing equipment that will do the job and be as maintenance free as possible. The project is expected to be completed by the end of July.

Christiana is fortunate to have a number of great organizations active in the Borough: Lions Club, American Legion, Friends of Moores Memorial Library, Fire Company, Christiana Historical Society, among others. They all can use additional volunteers to assist them in their operations. You can help!

TENANT NAME AND ADDRESS FROM LANDLORD IS REQUIRED

An Ordinance, adopted by Council on June 5, 2007, requires that every person owning property in Christiana Borough, and renting that property to another person, is required to provide that renter's name, address, and number of tenants over the age of 18 years to the Borough. Because of the need to notify all residents of an emergency, the phone number of that renter is also needed. **Section 11-102** states, "Any person who prior to or after the effective date of this Part creates a lease shall within 15 days thereafter notify the Borough Manager and supply the Manager with the name and address of the tenant(s) and the number of tenants over the age of 18 who will be occupying the premises."

Please, help us help you by providing the needed information. Without the tenant's phone number, it is possible that the owner of an apartment building could personally receive as many phone calls about an emergency as the number of apartments in the building. Also, some apartment buildings are owned by Plain Folk who have no phone number available. In that instance, the renter could not be notified by phone if their number is not in the system.

There is a possible fine for non-compliance. **Section 11-105** states: Any person or corporation who shall violate any provision of this Part, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs, to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 30 days. Each day that a violation is continued shall constitute a separate offense."

We need everyone's help to make this system work.

A REPORT FROM THE CHRISTIANA AMERICAN LEGION

The Christiana American Legion strives to help the community. Their goal is to help those who are in need at this difficult time in our society.

In November, the Legion selected two families and provided them with a Thanksgiving dinner, along with a gift card that could be used at a local grocery store to purchase anything that might have been missed that would complete their holiday dinner. In November the Legion also gave the Christiana American Legion Auxiliary \$1,000.00 to purchase gifts for the Community Christmas Party for Children.

In December, the Legion sponsored a family who were unable to provide their children with Christmas gifts. This family was aided by the Legion with \$400.00 given to Bonnie Hammond and Romaine Miller who purchased the children's gifts. Thanks, Bonnie and Romaine!

In January of this year, the Legion made a \$500.00 donation to the Christiana Fire Company and the O.A.L.L. In January, a local family lost their home due to a fire and in February, the Legion presented them with a \$500.00 check to use as they saw fit. Also in February, a mother and daughter had no heat. Fuel was purchased by the Legion in the amount of \$300.00. It was delivered to their home to help them through the winter.

In March, a donation was presented to the Christiana Borough Police Department and the Moores Memorial Library.

Recently, the Legion sponsored a luncheon for Memorial Day services for Veterans who were welcomed to the community. Thank you, Ladies Auxiliary, for helping to prepare and serve at the Memorial Day luncheon. These are just a few of the donations made by the Christiana American Legion. The members hope to be

able to continue making these donations to aid the community. To do this, we hope that the members of the community will come out and help support the events held by the Legion. There is an event scheduled for every Sunday, from noon to 6:00 pm. It is a Hot Rod/Bike Show and is open to the public. You are invited to stop by the Legion pavilion. There are platters for sale at \$5.00 that include a sandwich, chips and a pickle. Beverages are available for purchase at a reasonable price. Bring your family and friends for a fun day at the Christiana American Legion.

Need a place to hold an activity?

Please, call 610-593-2993 for hall and pavilion rentals. This is a great place to hold a family reunion, graduation party, birthday party, wedding reception, a class reunion, baby shower, bridal shower or just a good old fashion party.

You can find the Legion at: Christiana American Legion Post 865, 219 Newport Avenue, Christiana, PA 17509

All the members of the Christiana American Legion wish you a safe and happy summer.

MAYOR'S CORNER

Greetings, residents of Christiana and the surrounding area. Summer's here and school is out, please drive carefully and watch out for our children. Our youth are the greatest asset of our community, please protect them.

We have another great asset in our community, Christiana's Moores Memorial Library. I'm proud to say our new library has seen a significant increase in usage since opening. We had an increase in April of 39% and an increase in May of 47%. Please, stop in to enjoy all the services the library has to offer. While we are enjoying our library, we have received information from the county and the state that they're cutting some

more funding to all libraries. Some libraries have decided to decrease their services by closing their doors 1 or 2 days a week to meet their operating budgets. We prefer to continue the same services with the present schedule. Our plan is to close the budget gap by having fund raisers that can be fun and, at the same time, raise money for our library. Our first will be a Golf Tournament. The information is listed below.

DATE: August 13, 2010 (Friday the 13th, our lucky day)

PLACE: Moccasin Run Golf Course

TIME: 1:00 PM Shotgun start, Best Ball

Price: \$75.00 per Golfer

Includes: Light Lunch @ Noon, Dinner after the Tournament, Free Soda & Water, Green Fees, Cart, and Range Balls.

Prizes will be \$300.00 Gift Certificate for 1st place; \$200.00 Gift Certificate for 2nd place; \$100.00 Gift Certificate for 3rd place. There will also be prizes for the longest drive in men's and women's categories and for closest to the pin.

Please, help us to make this first fund raiser a success. Contact all the golfers you know to inform them of the tournament. For more information or pamphlets, please e-mail christianaboro@comcast.net or call me, Gerry Woods at (717) 413-2872.

I thank you in advance for any and all help you can give us. Together, we can maintain our library services at their present levels.

NO BIKE RACE

After 18 years, the Lions Annual Bike Race has ended. A major fund-raiser for our local Lions Club, it has become increasingly more difficult to find volunteers to help with this activity. We drew cyclists from around the world to this first class event, and now it's over.