

THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Had our vehicle detailed last week by Matt Urbas, owner of Personal Touch Car Detailing, whose phone number can be found in his ad on page 8. The vehicle was badly in need of interior and exterior cleaning as well as a good wax job. He surely provided it.

Wivey's Golf League has just six more weeks until the 8-team playoffs. The standings are so close that many teams have a chance to make it up to the lucky eight team runoff.

The Historical Society got a generous donation to its elevator fund from a former resident who wrote in her note--"I may have use of it on my future visits!!" That's planning ahead!

FC Boro has some desks, file cabinets and metal cabinets left from the restoration of the Boro Building. They are cash and carry and can be viewed at Pentecost Hall on the 3rd floor. The sale will take place on Friday, August 11 & Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A local resident got a scam phone call questioning the balance on his credit card. He answered the phone because his caller ID said the phone number was from Forest City. When the caller began, the local resident asked her for the last four digits of his credit card which she was unable to provide. That ended that conversation. He contacted NEP Telephone on how someone could put a local number on the caller ID and was told that the scammer's computer generates the number. Please use caution with any calls about credit cards, IRS and others seeking your financial information.

Another scam is from a 323 area code with someone posing as a Social Security employee. The person says you are due for a cost-of-living increase on your Social Security. The caller says he has to verify the individual and needs your social security number, name, date of birth and parent's names. This kind of information can get the scammer into someone's bank accounts. Advice is NEVER provide Social Security numbers or bank account information over the phone. You should notify Social Security at 1-800-772-1213.

Wish I wrote this--The following letter was in the Wall Street Journal: I dread the day when we don't have to worry about "struggling" local shops because none will exist; I dread the day when I need a new toilet flapper and there is no store to go to. Soon the only reason to get out of bed will be to go to work to earn money to buy stuff on Amazon. The only question left is: Where will we work? Maybe the only place of employment left will be Amazon!

Pig roast set for Sat., Aug. 12

The 6th annual D.G.'s pig roast will be held Sat., Aug. 12, at D.G.'s, Main St., Forest City, from 2 p.m. until sold out. Pre-sale dinners appreciated. Music by Wolfman. Cost is \$10.

Benefits will go to the D.G.'s Do Gooders - help for the good when things go bad!

St. Juliana's Rock Lake Picnic to celebrate 150th year August 19

St. Juliana's Rock Lake 150th Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at 2048 Creamton Drive, Mount Pleasant.

A Family Style Ham & Turkey Dinner will be held from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM (Take-outs available until 3pm). Supper will be served at 5:00 PM.

Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 PM.

There will be a Giant Flea Market - BINGO - Games - Prizes - 50/50 Raffle.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Howell, Wayne County Coroner are again sponsoring the "Old Fashioned Round and Square Dance" at the Rock Lake Picnic on Saturday, August 19 from

8:00 to 11:00 PM. Music and Callers will be "Just Us" - Ray & Carol Rockwell. Admission is a Free Will Donation and all proceeds are donated to the church. Refreshments will be available.

Bring your friends and neighbors to experience Wayne County's largest annual square dance as we keep this old time tradition going! Everyone is welcome!

As we celebrate the 150th year of the Picnic, a commemorative bronze-cast coin is being cast. The cost is \$10/coin. To order, please call Rose at 570-798-2539 or the Parish Office at 570-785-3838.

Susq. Co. gov't. Supporting Atlantic Sunrise Gas pipeline

The Susquehanna County Commissioners and the Susquehanna County Economic Development Board have written Governor Wolf and the Dept. of Community & Economic Development in support of the Atlantic Sunrise natural gas pipeline expansion project.

The Atlantic Sunrise pipeline will be of great importance in getting natural gas into markets on the East Coast. It is especially important, say the County officials, since Susquehanna County is the largest producer of Marcellus natural gas in Pennsylvania.

County officials stressed to the Governor that the ability to transport natural gas out of Susquehanna County will bring new opportunities and sustainable employment and benefits of environmental stewardship to the County and to the state.

The pipeline is a \$3 billion investment which will help supply clean burning, affordable natural gas for businesses and citizens in this region and the Commonwealth.

Mexican Night Benefits Hist. Society Aug. 26

A benefit Mexican Night will be held at Max Deli, South Main St., with all proceeds to the Forest City Area Historical Society handicapped access fund. It will be on Saturday, August 26 from 5 to 8PM. Dine in only!

It will include Mexican specialties such as tacos and tortillas. For those who shy away from Mexican food, items from the menu will be available.

Owners Max and Jessica will have their favorite Mariachi Band providing the music.

Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be purchased at Paul Ferraro's Barber Shop, Forest City News or Honesdale Bank. They also can be purchased at the door. All proceeds go to the Society.

Senator Baker Office Hours in FC Tues., Aug. 15

Senator Lisa Baker, R-20th, announced that Field Representative Tom Yoniski will be available for consultation from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at the Forest City Borough Building, 535 Main St., Forest City and from 1-3 that same day at the Lenox Township Municipal Building, 2811 State Route 92, Kingsley.

While appointments are recommended, walk-ins are welcome.

Constituents are encouraged to visit with any questions or problems relating to state matters and no appointment is necessary though they can be scheduled. Concerns may also be addressed by visiting Senator Baker's district office at 22 Dallas Shopping Center, Dallas, by visiting her website at www.senatorbaker.com or by calling (570) 675-3931.

Pedaling 4 Paws is a success

This year's Pedaling 4 Paws route has nearly grossed \$12,000 in funding as a result of this year's ride, a whopping \$5,000 more than last year's funds.

Rich Hayes on his College Tour of Pedaling 4 Paws 2017 - an annual charity bike ride for the non-profit animal shelters throughout Northeastern & Central Pennsylvania - began August 2, for the 9th consecutive year. He kicked off the ride at Penn State University in State College and ended at the Wayne County Fair in Honesdale on Aug. 5.

By way of the Pedaling 4 Paws web page, social media pages and a drone, followers were able to follow him every turn of the way. "People were able to get a fresh look this year through the drone I used. The weather held out and it was a successful ride," said Hayes.

The Auntie Anne's promotion "Pretzels for Paws," netted \$2,100 alone, added Hayes. "People are so generous and they do care about causes," he added.

He says next year's ride will be even bigger and better and he cannot wait!

Distinguished Citizens and Vietnam-era Veterans receive recognition



An overflow crowd attended the 35th annual Forest City Area Distinguished Citizen awards program on Sat. Aug. 5 at the Historical Society. Atty. David Bianco and Dr. Joseph Zasik Jr. were this year's Distinguished Citizens. This year's event also included a Vietnam-era Veterans Recognition program, at which almost 60 veterans received lapel pins for their service. Complete details and photos of the event will be in next week's issue due to our early press deadline on Monday. Pictured in photo are participants in the program, from left, Vet program co-chairman David Homisak, Master of Ceremonies Patricia Striefsky, Dr. Joseph Zasik Jr., Atty. David Bianco, Dist. Cit. Chairman John P. Kameen, Vet program chairman Robert Wirts.

Public is divided on best way For Forest City to handle trash

Council did not get a clear consensus on what the community wants for garbage collection but it was clear they don't want \$240 tacked on the annual tax bills.

More than 60 attended last Thursday's Council work session and some felt government should not be forcing them into any collection system.

In an informal show of hands following the 1 1/2 hours of discussion, option #1 and option #3 got equal votes. The \$240 fee added to the tax bill got few if any votes.

It appeared that Council will not vote on the matter at its August 7th regular Council meeting, indicating at the end of the meeting that there were a number of ideas brought up during the discussion which Council can consider. The next meeting after August 7th session will be Tuesday, Sept. 5th. Council could, if necessary, call a special meeting.

Council President William D. Orasin presided over the very orderly discussion despite the oppressive heat in William Pentecost Hall. Pres. Orasin summarized the three Council options which have been listed in The Forest City News and on the Council website. He then opened the floor to the public.

It was evident that most of those who commented, understood that the major sticking point arises from the households with 1 or 2 residents, or an elderly person with little trash, as opposed to large families with 3, 4, 5 bags weekly.

The sentiment appeared to be strong for the Boro to exit the trash collection business and allow residents to select their own method of disposal. One claimed it was government's intervention in the process that has made it

costly for residents.

The drawbacks to this action, according to both the public and members of Council, is that some will toss their trash along the roads or in the woods, or burn it, or just allow it to accumulate and require Council action against the violators.

Another comment was that trash haulers may take advantage of some householders and not be fair in their pickup pricing.

Also of concern is that with several different trash collectors in town, at varying times of the week, trash could be on the curb around town every day.

Surprisingly there was equal public support for Council's option #3 that would require every residence to purchase 35 trash bags at a cost of \$126 with that amount being added to the annual real estate tax bill.

This brought questions on whether an owner could lose his house if he failed to pay this amount on his bill. That question remained unanswered.

Landlords expressed the desire to be able to handle their own trash collections from renters by private contractors or other ways.

A number of residents called for better collection of bulk items including a city-wide bulk pickup annually. Pres. Orasin stated it is too costly and that the town's \$10 bulk item sticker can handle most bulk item disposals.

The idea of having only one or two collections a month also was expressed.

Orasin also stressed that if Council does decide to stay in the trash collection business that whatever is decided must be bid in order to be legal. That would leave it up to haulers to decide if they want to bid.

There was a lot of mention of the town's very successful recycling program and if it could be maintained. Many indicated that recycling is the reason that there is such a low volume of trash, especially from the elderly. "Forest City residents are being punished for being a good recycler," said one person.

Despite the fact that the bag system might be the fairest especially for those with the least trash, it was generally felt by Council, and apparently by trash haulers, that the system no longer is workable. Pres. Orasin mentioned several times that no other trash hauler, except Franceski Waste, offered a bid based on the bag system.

One resident asked if Franceski Waste could just pull out of a three year contract. Pres. Orasin answered that the company can pull out but may have a financial obligation coming to the town, possibly with restitution from the company's bond which it had to provide with its successful bid.

Franceski Waste Co. owner Joseph Franceski III spoke at the end of the session explaining that his bid was based on servicing the listed 900 dwellings here, and this year his collections have been from only about 250. He said he needs to service about 700 homes in order to pay his equipment, labor, landfill and bonding costs.

He concluded by stating that the bag system worked 20 years ago but not now.

Council members Orasin, Nick Cost, Bernie Scalzo, Ed Pearsall, Joann Matarese, Bob Lesjack and Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Vannan and Asst. secretary Cindi Stone were in attendance. Councilman Chris DeGonzague and Solicitor Paul Smith did not attend.

National Night Out Prize Winner



The Forest City Police Dept. and Emergency Services were the sponsors of National Night Out in Forest City on Tuesday, August 1st at Kennedy Park. Police Chief Jim Johnson and Mayor Pauline Wilcox are shown presenting one of the many prizes to Piper Valentine. This prize was from Susquehanna County District Attorney Bob Klein. There were also four bicycles donated by Susquehanna County Children and Youth Services. The Bike winners were Rebekah Olivares, Kennedy McGregor, Kaylea Bilko, and Matthew Serge.

National Night Out held August 1



Several hundred area folks came out to Kennedy Park Aug. 1st to mark National Night Out sponsored by Forest City Police and Emergency Services. Attendees feasted on free hot dogs, hamburgers, watermelon and cupcakes. Many prizes were awarded.