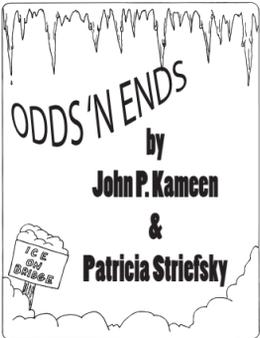


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



Unfortunately we have been experiencing what you could term one of the "winters of old." Several straight days with below zero readings, then a few days in the teens and 20's, then back to sub-zero. Unfortunately for the snowmobilers very little snowfall, not even enough to try out their sleds.

Barbara Casmer-Hurd reacted to our item on the filming of "Wanda" in Forest City in 1970's. She tells us she watched it being filmed at the former Tasty Freeze, where Turkey Hill is now located. She said she was sitting on her grandmother's porch on Ridge Row which is located behind where Elegante is now. She said it was Memorial Day weekend in 1969 because she was visiting from New Jersey. The film can be viewed on Youtube and was either a prize winner or a total flop depending on which film review you read.

Sherry Sparks, Union Dale, recently returned from an extended assignment as a Red Cross volunteer in Puerto Rico. This is not the first Red Cross assignment she has been engaged on over the past few years. On her Facebook page she laments that she could not help even more of the folks there devastated by the hurricane. A recent news report said that more than 600,000 still do not have electric power there.

Got a nice note from Patricia and Basil Dzwonchik as they renewed their subscription. They recently relocated from Browndale to be with their daughter, Sara, and husband, Eric, in Charlotte, NC. Pat says they miss their friends and our friendly area but "not the cold and snow."

NEP Datavision, in their recent billing, announced plans whereby you can customize your telephone, TV, internet packages and save yourself money with packages under \$50 a month. See them at www.nep.net or call 1-866-785-3131.

Speaking about TV, for you senior citizens, I ran across an item in a 1948 issue about the Parkway Restaurant and Bar, at the corner of Main and South St., erecting a 100 ft. TV antenna for their patrons. I remember when I was attending William Penn School down there, they were putting up the antenna. If I recall you could get only Channel 12, Binghamton, and Channels 2 and 4 in New York City, and you didn't need a remote to change channels.

New Medicare cards are going to be issued starting April 1, 2018. They will no longer have your social security number but will have an 11 character series of numbers and letters. This is being done to make it harder for criminals and scammers to steal your identity.

Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court John Roberts recently advised a graduating class that a good resolution is that once a week, you should write a note to someone who has helped you out or treated you with kindness. Not an email but a written note on paper. If you do this you will make that many people feel a little more special because of what you did.

2017 IMPORTANT STORIES

The following are some of the important stories covered during 2017:

- JANUARY**
Support generated to keep SCI Waymart open
Legion members vote to sell Legion Hall
Medical marijuana facility eyes local site
Jon Fritz takes seat as Susq./Wayne State Rep.
Christ Church food pantry closes doors
Vandling to get UGI gas lines
- FEBRUARY**
Lady Foresters win basketball Division crown
Excess funds used for FC storm water project
FC Nursing & Personal Care largest local employer
Dr. Tomazic merges practice with Wayne Mem. Health Care
- MARCH**
Vandling may need storm water management project
Area gets 33-inch snowfall
Council hires Main St. coordinator
Marijuana dispensary zone approved for FC
- APRIL**
Linde Corp to begin 24-in. 11 mile natural gas line on Rail Trail
GFCI gets money for Industrial Park gas line
FC Council seated at new \$6,000 Council table
- MAY**
Boro gets \$46,000 for Main St. lights
Two Delaware St. homes destroyed by fire
No one on ballot for 4 Council seats
Wayne Mem. Health gets OK to buy Legion hall
- JUNE**
FCA Hist. Soc. Starts fund drive for elevator
FCRHS graduates 55 students
Bullying charged by parent at School Board meeting
Franceski Waste to pull out of FC garbage contract
Lady Forester softball wins Dist. 2 1A title
- JULY**
School administrators get pay increases
Atty. David Bianco, Dr. Joseph Zasik are Distinguished Citizens
Public meeting held on new trash plan
Railroad St. home badly damaged in fire
- AUGUST**
Three Main St. buildings destroyed in massive fire
FCRS Superintendent gets 5 yr. contract
Vietnam era veterans honored by Hist. Soc.
- SEPTEMBER**
Fern Hall site of movie filming
FCRS opening delayed until Sept. 19
Council receives three trash bids
- OCTOBER**
FCRS teachers get 5 yr. contract and pay increase
Tammy Mal publishes new crime book
Vandling's Maple Ridge Development gets conditional approval
County Waste gets new FC trash contract
- NOVEMBER**
Vandling millage may double
Gas pipeline on Rail Trail finished and tested
Three women take top FC offices
- DECEMBER**
Forest City holds "Christmas Extravaganza"
Mayor, Council Pres., Councilman bid farewell
Lackawanna River needs votes for "River of the Year"
Vandling doubles real estate tax millage

TOP STORIES OF THE YEAR

Selected by News Office staff

1. Main Street Fire
2. Legion Hall sold to Wayne Memorial Health
3. Franceski pulls out of trash contract
4. Local gas line construction
5. Pay increases at FCR School
6. Two Delaware St. homes burn
7. No one files for 4 Council seats
8. Area gets 33-inch snowfall
9. Vandling new development gets conditional approval
10. Atty. Bianco/Dr. Zasik Distinguished Citizens

New rules for Storm water At 1/10 meeting

Forest City Council and Vandling Council will conduct a joint public meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 7 PM at the Forest City Emergency Services Building, to inform the public of new rules governing storm water in the towns.

Solicitor Paul Smith said new State and Federal rules go into effect which will result in new expenses for all towns including annual inspections of all storm water systems.

Citizens of both communities will be made aware of rules governing what water runoff is allowed into catch basins at their properties.

The public is invited.

GFCBA Christmas stocking winners

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance held the drawing before Christmas for the three stockings filled with great gifts from area businesses. The winners were Lynn Bott, Fiddle Lake; Rose Bossick, Browndale; and Karen Vergari, Union Dale.

Winter parking In effect on FC Main St.

Winter parking rules on Forest City Main Street went into effect Nov. 1st. No parking from 2 to 5 a.m. daily for snow plowing and removal.

Sat. Recycling Remains open

Forest City Council will continue Saturday morning recycling at the Borough Garage on Rte. 247 for the immediate future. Councilman Bernie Scalzo said there is still a sufficient number of local and area residents bringing their recycling on Saturday to keep it open.

Scalzo said even though County Waste picks up recycling weekly from Borough residents, they have been getting about a truckload a week at the Recycling Center. He said as long as sufficient revenue comes in to cover the costs, the Center will remain open.

Local alleyways To be plowed

Forest City Council will continue to plow nine alleyways in Forest City which are not listed on the town's road map. Solicitor Paul Smith said the exact ownership of most of them is vague or unknown however the town has been plowing them over the years.

It was decided to discuss the continued maintenance of these alleys in the summer as some of them provide access to private garages.

Vandling Sidewalks must Be shoveled

Vandling residents residing on Main Street are reminded that they must clean off the sidewalks after a snow fall. There is an ordinance in place requiring it.

Newly elected School Board members sworn in



Pictured left to right are Brian Piatak, Steve Ursich, Bill Heller, and Fred Garm who were sworn in as School Board members of the Forest City Regional School District on December 7.



Forest City Borough Council held its reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 3. Pictured seated left to right are new Council members Amy Bean and Tracey Lazier, Mayor Tammy Rogalski, Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Vannan, and Council member Joann Matarese. Standing left to right are Solicitor Atty. Paul Smith, Councilman Bernie Scalzo, Council President Nick Cost, and Councilmen Chris DeGonzague and Robert Lesjack.

Nick Cost new Council head; Mayor and Council sworn-in

Forest City Council's reorganization meeting on Jan. 2nd saw the swearing-in of new Mayor Tammy Rogalski and new Council members Amy Bean and Tracy Lazier. Also sworn in were re-elected Council members Bob Lesjack and Chris DeGonzague.

Nick Cost was elected new Council President. He replaces President William D. Orasin who did not run for re-election in the last election.

Bernie Scalzo was elected vice president and Chris DeGonzague was elected president pro

tem. Appointed were Atty. Paul Smith, Solicitor; Sharon Vannan, Secretary/Treasurer; Cindi Stone, Zoning Officer; Stephanie Reisch, Code Enforcement Officer; John P. Kameen, Vacancy Board Chairman.

Carachilo returns to Vandling Council; Fran Pantzar re-elected President

John Carachilo returned to his seat on Vandling Council after a several year absence. He was sworn in by Mayor Joe Brady at the reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 2. Brady was sworn in as Mayor earlier in the day by Magisterial District Judge Sean McGraw.

Fran Pantzar was reelected President of Council. Bill Boyle, who was not in attendance at the meeting, will be Vice President.

B'DALE FIRE REPORT

Pat Sherry said there were between eight and ten calls for the month of December for the Browndale Fire Co. He said the fire company will hold the annual car show again this year and two chicken BBQ's as well as the annual gun raffle.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Joe Brady suggested Council look into signs to be placed on the stop signs in the borough that read "Complete stops are free! Rolling stops cost \$\$." He said they might look into it for the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilman John Mayers said he has the information about updates to the refuse bill which he will provide to the tax office. It identifies the fee for garbage in the borough.

Mayers told Council that he has been in touch with Select Tissue because they have

failed to collect earned income tax on their 42 employees. In addition, the \$3,000 in real estate tax from 2017 has not been paid.

Mayers said they asked for the tables so they could provide them to the payroll department for the earned income tax.

Mayor Brady suggested the borough raise the occupational tax from \$10 a year to \$52 which is what every other town collects now. Any employee working in Vandling Borough would be affected. He said it would be the prudent thing to do.

Councilman Mayers said Council must look into replacing the sewer line and the roadway on Peterlin Drive this year. He said they need an engineering estimate done by KBA Engineering. They are also applying for the PA Small Water and Sewer Program but will have to pay 15% of the costs. Mayers said it would be a several hundred thousand dollar project.

PLOW TRUCK REPAIRS

Councilman Carachilo asked if the plow truck was down recently. President Pantzar said the motor on the cinder spreader needed to be replaced and was fixed by John Bonham.

COMMITTEES

Committees will remain the same for 2018 as 2017. Carachilo will be placed on

FCA Historical Soc. meeting Sun., Jan. 14

The Forest City Area Historical Society will hold a Meeting on Sunday, January 14 at 6 PM at Main & Dundaff Streets, Forest City.

the committees former Councilman Don Franceski was on.

DONATE PAY TO REC BOARD

Carachilo insisted he does not want to collect pay for his council position but wants it donated to the Recreation Board. Pantzar explained he discussed it with Atty. Paul Smith who said Carachilo must take the pay and pay the taxes on it but can then donate it to whatever he wants.

TAX ORDINANCE

Council agreed to advertise the tax ordinance with the new millage rate. It will be adopted at next month's meeting.

STORMWATER MEETING

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TREE PICKUP

County Waste will collect Christmas trees in the Borough on Friday, January 12.

The next meeting will be held on February 19 at 7 PM.

CORRECTION

Vandling Borough taxpayers will see a nine mill tax increase in 2018. It was previously reported in the December 27 edition that the tax increase was five mills. The millage collected in 2017 was nine mills and will double to 18 mills.

CORRECTION

The hours for The Barking Cupcake, 703 Main Street, Forest City, are Tuesday through Saturday from 8 AM to 5 PM and Sunday from 8 AM to 3 PM. Grand Opening was held Sat., Jan. 6.

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