

# THE FOREST CITY NEWS

**ODDS 'N ENDS**  
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Everyone will vote on voting computers at the polls this year. To learn about the new computers, one is available at Forest City Branch Library during Library hours. If you do not want to vote by computer you can apply for a mail-in ballot. Applications are available at [www.votesPA.com/mailballot](http://www.votesPA.com/mailballot) or phone 1-877-868-3772 or at the County Election Office. We have them available at the News Office.

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We hope March showers bring April flowers. It's surely been a strange winter. Saw a big flock of geese heading north March 3. We'll need to do some Main St. cinder cleanup before Easter.

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Have been enjoying some of Zazzera's take home meals recently. Full dinners with chicken, meatloaf, pork, ribs, etc. including mashed potato, gravy and vegetable for \$5.99. Pop in oven or microwave.

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We've all gotten our supply of hand sanitizer at the News Office. Cannot be too careful!

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A warning to everyone, especially senior citizens: Please hang up on phone calls about changing your electric provider. One we heard about last week said the rate was better than PPL and it wasn't, so they are not even being honest. As rude as it is, PLEASE hang up. If you want to change, or your present contract is up, do it yourself by going onto website [PApower-switch.com](http://PApower-switch.com). If you can't do it yourself, have someone help you. And remember, some of those contracts have monetary penalties if you switch before your present contract is done.

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St. Patrick's Day next Tuesday so here is an Irish blessing:  
A sunbeam to warm you,  
Good luck to charm you.  
A sheltering angel,  
So nothing can harm you,  
Laughter to cheer you,  
Faithful friends near you,  
And whatever you pray,  
Heaven to hear you.  
May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and trouble avoid you wherever you go.

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Gene Caffrey saw his first robin of the season at William Penn Apts. on March 7. Hope this week is a sample of our upcoming weather.

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It was great to see a large crowd at Kennedy Park last Sunday afternoon. Just a note that the KP pavilion is off limits as it is in need of repairs. Council is getting bids on the work.

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An irate customer calls a newspaper office, loudly demanding where her Sunday edition is. "Madam," said the newspaper employee, "today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is tomorrow." After a long pause the reply was, "Well that explains why no one was in church either."

## 2020 Census Talk in F. C. Wed. Mar. 25

Marlea Hoyt, Executive Director of B/S/S/T Area Agency on Aging, Inc., will present on the importance of participating in the 2020 Census on Wed., March 25 at 12:45 p.m. at the Forest City Active Living Center, 535 Main St. in Forest City.

Adults 60 and over are warmly encouraged to attend. Every response to the census matters. For more information or to make a reservation for lunch, please call 570-278-3751.



Susquehanna County Commissioners Alan Hall, standing, and Judy Herschel, seated, talk to Forest City Council about the need for people to attend the Senior Center in Forest City. Also pictured are Mayor Chris Glinton, left, and Paul Kalasinski, right.

## Commissioners ask Council to Help promote FC Senior Center

Susquehanna County Commissioners Alan Hall and Judy Herschel visited Forest City Borough Council Monday, March 2nd. One of the items they sought was help to revitalize the Senior Center which the Borough provides for in the Borough Building.

They told Council there is a need for volunteers at the Center, but also a community effort to get seniors to avail themselves of the activities and the daily food service in the Center. Many of the meals are home-delivered and those seniors do not get to take part in the social

life of the Center.

Due to funding and low attendance, the Center is now only open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 2pm. Home delivery of meals covers all five days with hot meals Mon., Wed. and Fri., and a cold meal delivered with the Mon. and Wed. meals so that seniors will get a nutritious meal five days a week. There is also a need for drivers to deliver the meals.

Commissioners Hall and Herschel asked Council to get the word out about events and social interactions available at the Center.

## No vacated roads For Herrick Twp.

by Theresa Opeka

The Herrick Township Supervisors decided at their Monday, March 2 meeting that they would not be vacating Stone Bridge Road and a portion of Airport Drive. Supervisor/Road Master Brian Zembrzycki said, "We are not going to do anything at this time. We are just going to put gates up from mid-November to mid-March just to keep people out."

Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine said, "You will have to notify 911." She had also read a letter from the Pennsylvania Game Commission that stated they had 'significant concerns' and were not in favor of vacating a portion of Airport Drive.

Zembrzycki made a motion to put up the winter gates for that timeframe and for no winter maintenance. Supervisor B.J. Zembrzycki seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed. Both Angela Vauter and Larry Chesnick thanked the supervisors for not vacating Stone Bridge Road.

### DONATIONS

The township received thank you's from True Friends Animal Welfare Center and the Susquehanna County Library, both in Montrose, for the township's donations of \$150 and \$160 respectively.

### REAL ESTATE VALUE

The township received a letter from the Susquehanna County Assessment Office that lists the certified assessed real estate value in the township at \$38,706,600.

### ANTI-SKID BIDS

The township received bids from Bill Pykus, E.R. Linde and New Enterprise for anti-skid material. Brian Zembrzycki made a motion to accept the lowest price and availability due to

## 16th Annual Night At the Races Sat. April 25

The Costello Monahan Brown American Legion Post 964 presents the 16th Annual Night at the Races, Sat. April 25 at the Pleasant Mount Fire Hall. Doors open at 6 p.m., post time 7 p.m.

Come out and support a good cause! Door prizes, fun, and refreshments.

prices varying on each item. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

### LIQUID FUELS

The township received \$92,793.60 in liquid fuels money.

### BURN BAN

Harvatine said they were notified a countywide burn ban would be in effect from March 14 - April 12.

### PERMIT FOR CAMP

The township was notified by Soil Services Company of a water quality permit that was submitted to DEP for Camp Chen-A-Wanda.

### GRANT

B.J. and Brian Zembrzycki met with a DCNR representative last month to find out how to apply for a small community grant for walking trails around the township park and also for resurfacing the parking lot and maybe a new attraction. The application is due April 22nd.

### EMERGENCY TRAINING

Harvatine recently attended an Incident Command System Training. It was to find out the township's responsibilities the township has in an emergency. She said residents should have enough food, water and medicine for 72 hours. Then, the chain of command comes in -county first, then state and finally, federal. The township also has to document how many hours people and machinery worked.

### NEW TWP. BUILDING

A question was asked about how the new township building is coming along. Brian Zembrzycki said they are waiting for the snow to melt but the footers are in and part of a wall is up.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6 at 7pm at the Herrick Center Baptist Church Dining Hall.

## Pancake Breakfast in Pl. Mount Sun., Mar. 22

The Costello Monahan Brown American Legion Post 964 will host a Maple Tour Pancake Breakfast on Sun., March 22 from 8 a.m. to noon. Come out and support a good cause.

## Two apply for FC solicitor job; Police get 40 caliber handguns

In a visit to Forest City Borough Council on Monday, March 2, Susq. County Commissioners Judy Herschel and Alan Hall sought help in getting more participation at the Forest City Senior Center. (See article on pg. 1)

Commissioner Hall also asked that Council get the word out about the importance of everyone responding to the 2020 Census which is getting underway soon. He illustrated that the number of people in towns, townships, counties and states affect the amount of federal money directed to those political subdivisions. He noted millions of dollars can be lost by the County due to undercounting.

The Commissioners also reported details of the new election laws this year which mandate use of a voting computer at the election polls, but also the ability to request a mail-in ballot, for any reason. The Commissioners have placed a computer in Forest City Branch Library for public inspection. They will also be available at other locations prior to the April Primary.

### AGENDA ITEMS

Council received applications from Marissa McAndrew of Briehle Law and from Jeffrey Levine, Esq., for the position as Borough solicitor to replace Atty. Paul Smith who is retiring. Council will interview the two candidates and bring a recommendation to the April meeting.

### NEW FIREARMS

At the request of Mayor Glinton and Chief Lee Rowan, Council ok'd replacing 8 Walther 9mm police pistols with 10 used Smith & Wesson 40 caliber firearms. Also traded in was a .223 semi Automatic Ruger Mini-14, so that the cost of the entire deal was only \$110. Sales were thru The Officer Store, Coatesville, PA.

### EMERGENCY MGT.

Councilman Chris DeGonzague, who is the FC Emergency Management director, noted that only Council President Nick Cost and Borough secretary Sharon Vannan have been certified by Susquehanna County Emergency Management. He said the County EM was not pleased that Pres. Cost was the only Forest City Council member to attend the required certification meeting in Montrose in Feb.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Councilman DeGonzague gave a code enforcement report. Councilman

## Town Rally in Forest City Wed., March 25

Forest City will hold a Town Rally on Wednesday, March 25 at 6 PM at Pentecost Hall, 3rd floor of the Borough Building. This special Forest City Area Community Event is open to everyone. The purpose is to "Build Our Future."

Come share your ideas for a more vibrant community at this special Town Rally. Learn what's new and coming soon; hear the latest exciting opportunities with the Rail Trail Connection, and share YOUR voice for moving Forest City forward together.

Hear from representatives of Forest City Borough, the Greater Forest City Business Alliance, Forest City Parks & Recreation, Rail Trail Council of NEPA, Greater Forest City Industries and the Forest City Regional School District.

For more information visit [www.VisitForestCityPA.com](http://www.VisitForestCityPA.com)/events.

The power-point presentation will begin promptly at 6 PM.

The public is invited to attend!

Bernie Scalzo said Council has not yet decided how it would proceed with administering code enforcement after the non-hiring of the previous code enforcement officer.

### KP PAVILION

Pres. Cost said bids will be sought for repair of the Kennedy Park Pavilion which is now roped-off due to unsafe conditions.

### POLICE SECRETARY

A motion to hire a secretary for the police dept., who was approved by Mayor Glinton and Chief Rowan, was tabled due to the fact that the position had not been created previously by Council.

### TOWN RALLY

Mayor Glinton stressed the importance of Council and community participating in the Town Rally on Wednesday, March 25, at 6pm in Pentecost Hall. He said success of this meeting could lead to the renewal of the community. Another meeting the next day, at 6:30pm at the same location, will be to get Forest City organized for the filming of the WVIA "Our Town" TV show to be premiered in June.

### NEW BUSINESSES

Main St. Coordinator Paul Daugevelo reported that a coffee shop in the 400 block of Main St., and a Laundromat are being considered for the future.

### OTHER COMMITTEES

Council member Amy Bean said she is still ascertaining the responsibilities associated with her new committee assignment of Community & Economic Development. She said she is working with GFCBA.

A report from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was presented. (It will be carried in an upcoming issue of the News.)

Old time photos of Ice Pond, Kennedy Park, are being sought. Ice skating and winter carnivals were once held there.

A new plow controller for the Boss plow on the pickup truck was purchased at a cost of \$440.

1st Alarm Security was awarded \$400 to repair emergency lighting in the Borough Building.

### ROXY THANK YOU

A letter was received from the family of Samuel Roxy Rothafel, former Forest City theater operator, for the naming of Roxy Road, N. Main St., in his honor. The Historical Society had asked Council to consider the action which was approved late last year. Street signs were erected there.

### SOUTH ST. PARKING

An ordinance to ban parking on both sides of South St. from Higgins to

Main St. will be advertised for action at the April meeting. Local EMS officials indicated that emergency vehicles from the Railroad St. EMS facility have difficulty traveling thru there with parked cars on both sides. A complaint was also received on the parking of cars on the sidewalk in front of a Main St. business. Chief Lee Rowan was told to check on this complaint.

### OTHER BUSINESS

A proclamation naming April "Safe Digging Month" for the PA 811 One Call program was adopted.

Pallet Pals Art Club sent a letter that it would provide frames for their art work in Pentecost Hall. Local resident Barbara Michel suggested that some historic Forest City photos be displayed in Pentecost Hall.

Council will seek costs of buying a ceiling mounted viewing screen for Pentecost Hall.

At the request of Council member Joann Matarese, Council will provide \$500 for equipment in the Dog Park at former Babe Ruth Field. It will include exercise equipment and other items.

## FC Parks & Recs meeting Thurs., March 12

FC PARKS & RECREATION will be holding their March meeting on Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m. on 2nd floor of the FC Borough Building.

All are welcome to join. They will be moving forward on the plans for the upcoming spring & summer months!

They will finalize plans for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held at Kennedy Park on Sunday April 5. Time to be announced.

Also the farmers market/bazaar is in the works for the months of May thru October being held the 3rd Sunday of each month at Kennedy Park.

## Easter on Main Easter Event Wed., April 8

Easter on Main, an Annual Trail Town Event, will be held on Wednesday, April 8 from 5 PM to 7 PM. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 5:30 PM on the lawn of the William Penn Apartments. There will be photos with Tibby and Freckles, Easter Bunnies and HNB BLU! Dress your dog as a bunny at 6 PM and there will be prizes.

The event is sponsored by the Honesdale National Bank and the Greater Forest City Business Alliance.

**Early Bird Deadline March 13**

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