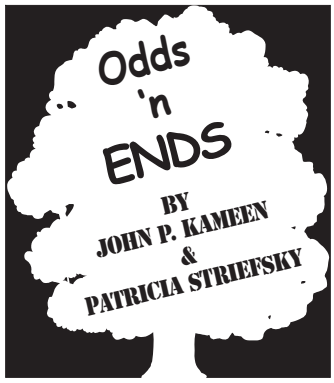


THE FOREST CITY NEWS



LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENING AROUND TOWN

Shirley's Family Restaurant, Forest City, will be celebrating its 5th Anniversary in Forest City on Saturday, Sept. 26, for a dine-in only, and includes a 15% discount. Shirley told us that she was so heartened that all her regular customers came back after her long closing due to the pandemic. We wish her many more.

Had a recent chat with Alex Schwartz whose family owns the former Konchar Bldg., which was also the former Mavis' Ice Cream Shop, 628 Main St. He is in the process of remodeling that location for a combination real estate and insurance agency. He gave us no timeline for opening.

We have not seen much action on the next door location which had signage about the opening of a smoke shop and convenient store. The dumpster has been removed but no other work has been done for a couple of weeks.

Rocky, from the new Smoke Shop at 609 Main Street, tells us he is still awaiting arrival of his lottery machine. He also has fixed up the interior of that building.

Mayor Chris Glinton told us he is thrilled to find part of the original storefront as he and his partner, Paul Daugevelo's, are remodeling their COAL project at 603 Main St. If possible they would like to restore it to its original look. The location was once the Central Restaurant, Carrot Top Café, etc. It was bought by Arlo's, of Ararat, and the liquor license was moved. It was then bought by Chris and Paul but their plans were curtailed due to the pandemic. Chris explained they have formed a non-profit corporation, Forest City Arts, to develop the building. Their ideas include a possible youth spot, also possibly an upstairs bed and breakfast.

A new home went up quickly on Lackawanna Street.

And finally there is a Borough hearing on Oct. 5 at 6pm about transferring a liquor license (formally referred to as "Eating Retail Dispenser License") from Hallstead to 1318 North Main St., the former J & C Restaurant. We hear the Debish Family is interested in that project.

We are going to be printing the four Penna. Constitutional Amendments in next week's issue and one is of such importance that we will be doing a story on all of them for voters who will say yes or no to them in the Nov. 3 election.

Actions taken at Recent FC Council Session

Forest City Council will advertise for bids for plowing and removal of snow from the Main Street metered parking areas and snow shoveled from sidewalks to curbs by property owners. Area to be moved will be from 342 Main St. north to 707 Main St. and 706 Main St south to 350 Main Street. Council President will determine when snow is to be removed. This will be the 2nd year which Council has undertaken this project, which is paid for by parking meter money. Mikloiche Construction was the successful bidder last year.

Council will allow use of the 3rd floor William Pentecost Hall for Cub Scout meetings once per month. Opening and closing of the hall, and their care of the facility, will be on a trial basis.

Council member Amy Bean announced that Trunk or Treat will be conducted on Main Street on Oct. 28th. She said pumpkin decorating will also be held. Donations for this will be accepted.

She also reported that the annual Christmas Tree lighting will take place on Dec. 5th. Actual events and student participation will await health dept. rules.

Ms. Bean stated she met with Deb McNamara and representatives of Keesler Solutions regarding the \$10,000 planning grant to help with the Borough's action plan as a Trail Town entity.

Council Person Tracy Lazier reported that the Parks & Recreation conducted a very successful BBQ in August and financial results were not yet available. She is preparing a list of donations to the event.

Council approved the purchase of a large quantity of ammunition for the police dept. at a cost of \$1,016.

Mayor Glinton announced a Certificate of Recognition to Mariyah Durmiaki who responded to an emergency

in her neighborhood. She smelled smoke and using tips learned at "Fire Safety Week" in the school she made a call to 911 and the fire dept. responded and quickly contained the fire. She was not present at the meeting but it will be presented later.

Mayor Glinton announced that he and Paul Daugevelo will be conducting a fundraiser in 2021 for a 5 day, 4 night trip to Flamingo Bay, Bahamas. He said half the money raised will go toward the Main Street Christmas Lite Fund, the other half would go to Forest City Arts, a 501C3 non-profit which the two local men formed to help develop COAL, their project at 503 Main Street.

Councilman Bob Lesjack suggested Council prepare a welcome kit to be given to new folks moving to Forest City. It would provide information about churches, businesses, public officials, medical services, lawyers, etc. He was advised that the Forest City Area Historical Society is presently in the process of establishing a Welcome Wagon which would do the same things.

The Public Works report listed construction of a new storm drain and 30 ft. of pipe at the intersection of Center and Delaware Sts. to eliminate water runoff on the Center Street Steps. They also unplugged a drainage pipe on Maple street with the jet truck and dug out a ditch with the backhoe.

Public Works reported that on Aug. 5th, a couch, loveseat, headboard and mattress were dumped on Borough property at the recycling center where brush, dirt, rocks, garden debris are disposed of. Council said if that continues, they will stop allowing that site to be used.

Public Works also reported that on Monday, Aug. 31 five rolls of paper towels were taken from the restrooms at Kennedy Park.

FC Borough prepared for emergencies

Forest City Borough's preparedness for a pandemic or a violent protest were discussed at the Sept. 8th Council meeting.

Council person Amy Bean presented a list of questions to Paul Mihelc, Forest City Emergency Management Coordinator. Ms. Bean said the questions were from members of the community and were regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Mihelc answered that a number of the issues regarding supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE) were not a Borough responsibility. He said the police, fire and emergency services all had sufficient supplies for their usage but that other entities such as Forest City Nursing Center, Personal Care Home, William Penn Apartments, local businesses and the general public were responsible for providing their own supplies of PPE's. He said that PPE's are not "stockpiled" here.

He also stated that the declaration of public emergencies is in the hands of elected officials on the local, state and national level. He also noted that information on public emergencies is readily available on tv and many websites.

He said he is confident that local emergency person-

nel, including police, fire, ambulance are adequately prepared to handle such emergencies.

Council member Amy Bean then directed a question to Forest City Police Chief Lee Rowan, asking him if his department was capable of handling a violent protest, if such an occurrence might happen locally. He replied that one phone call from local police would alert at least five entities such as other area police, state police, sheriffs, FBI, Homeland Security. He said he responded to a peaceful protest in an area community and that all the above agencies were prepared in the event anything happened.

He also stated that any graduate of a police academy is instructed in actions to take to protect peaceful demonstrations and also in the event of violence.

Historical Soc. Museum Hours

The museum of the Forest City Area Historical Society at 631 Main St., is open every Saturday in Sept. from 11 to 1pm.

Curator Barb Klobucar is available there to answer any questions.

Another successful Kennedy Park Vendor Market



Almost 80 vendors were on hand as the Kennedy Parks and Recreation held their second to last vendor market of the year on Sunday, September 20. The weather has been great at every one of the vendor markets that has been held this Summer. Cars were parked on the sides of the road leading up to the park as well as parking areas in the Park. The next vendor market will be held on October 18 from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Historical Society Christmas Cash Raffle Started to replace missed annual income

The shut down of all activities usually held during the year by the Forest City Area Historical Society has resulted in a complete loss of income from those sources. Museum Booking agent Paul Ferraro had to cancel all of this year's fundraising entertainment due to crowd restrictions.

In order to raise funds to carry the Society through the winter, members Tammy O'Reilly and Treasurer Bob Wirts are conducting a Christmas Cash Raffle. It will run from Nov. 11 to December 10.

Members will be selling \$20.00 tickets which are based on the Pennsylvania three digit daily evening lottery. Amounts of \$100, \$150, \$200 and \$300 will be awarded daily to a lucky number holder for that day. Almost \$4,000 can be awarded if all tickets are sold.

Tickets are available from members or at the News Office and at other locations to be announced.

At other business transacted at the Sept. 13 regular meeting, Bennington & Son wrote a letter that the repairs on two of the stained glass windows will be completed by Oct. 31st. These repairs will cost \$21,000 and that money has already been raised from benefactors. Secretary Juliann Doyle required the completion date letter in order to file for receipt of a \$2,500 grant.

Liberty Builders will complete repairs of the accident-damaged rear door, plus a ceiling repair and some shingle replacement on Monday, Sept. 14. These jobs will be paid for by insurance and funds previously set aside.

Members Katie Cicilioni and Treasurer Bob Wirts have established a Paypal account which will be added to the website, www.forestcityareahistoricalociety.com for use to secure memberships, donations, product sales and payments for genealogical research.

Website Director Barb Klobucar reported she has received a number of genealogy requests which she will begin to process when Paypal is added to the website. She has family genealogy files of more than 300 local families which were researched by, and donated to the Society, by Frank Orasin, California. Complete information on

these files will be announced soon. She also said she can scan Historical Society photos onto the website.

Facebook coordinator Roseann Swegel reported increases in the viewing of the Society's Facebook page. She has received, and continues to place, historical photos which are being well-received on the website. A suggestion was made that a video presentation of photos from the 50s and 60s might be gathered of businesses, people and events from that era for placement on Facebook and website.

Secretary Juliann Doyle talked about planning for the Historical Society Welcome Wagon. A number of ideas of things to be included in the Welcome Wagon for new residents of our area were suggested recently by Forest City Councilman Bob Lesjack. The Borough has offered to assist in getting names of new residents and also advertising on the town website about the Welcome Wagon. Names, addresses and contact information for all types of local services, as well as special offers from area merchants will be in the Welcome Wagon packet.

Member Tammy O'Reilly will have a table at the Sept. 20 vendors market memberships in the Historical Society. She also suggested the Society do something on the same day as the annual Christmas Tree lighting, Sat., Dec. 5th, providing health re-

Trunk or Treat in FC Wed., Oct. 28

Main Street Coordinator Paul Daugevelo is working on Fright Night Trunk or Treat on Main Street on Wednesday, October 28th in conjunction with the 5th Drawn Together Block Party. If you would like to participate please contact Paul at 570-785-5960 or rosald@nep.net.

In addition, there will be a fundraiser for new Christmas lights. Paul is looking for sponsorships for 50 carved pumpkins that will be on display from Wednesday, October 28 thru Saturday, October 31. The sponsorships will be donated to the Christmas light fund. You can sponsor and have your pumpkin carved for you or you can choose to carve your own pumpkin. Contact Paul for more information. 570-785-5960 or rosald@nep.net.

strictions are lifted.

Pres. John Kameen will be on a teleconference about state historical markers. The Historical Society is looking at a possible marker for the late Chief Justice of the PA Supreme Court Maxey.

Pres. Kameen also announced receiving some local family genealogical information from Dr. S. Robert Powell, Pres. of the Carbondale Historical Society. The information covering families in Forest City and Vandling had been received by the Carbondale Society but Powell felt it belonged at Forest City Society. They also discussed the future of Historical Societies and the difficulties of funding them into the future.

A discussion on a possible scam check sent recently to the Society took place. Further investigation will be done and action will be taken at the next meeting.

Meetings are the 2nd Sunday of every month and are open to the public. Next meeting is Sunday, Oct. 11 at 6 pm.

Area fire/ems Gets grants from Susq. County

The Susquehanna County Commissioners in actions taken at the Aug. 12 and Sept. 9 Commissioners meetings approved almost \$295,000 in grants to sixteen Fire/EMS Companies in Susquehanna County. Forest City Area Emergency services receives \$27,409; Clifford Township Volunteer Fire Company receives \$50,000; Union Dale Volunteer Hose company \$22,355, while Thompson Hose Co. receives \$14,526.

The money comes from the federal government's Corona Virus CARES County Relief Grant payments.

Amounts to other county units are as follows: Meshoppen Volunteer Fire Co. \$5,000; Forest Lake Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 \$13,637; Columbia Hose Co. #1 \$19,362; Great Bend Hose Company #1 Inc. \$24,883; Harford Volunteer Fire Company \$15,159;

Also, Nicholson Fire Company No. 1 \$5,000; United Fire Company \$24,509; Rush Volunteer Fire Company \$9,539; Silver Lake Vol. Fire Co. \$18,169; Hallstead Fire and Engine Hose Co. #1 \$24,708.



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