

# THE FOREST CITY NEWS



**Sunday will be the year's last Vendor Market at Kennedy Park.** A great time to do some Christmas shopping. We kind of think Black Friday and the Christmas rush will not be the same this year so a trip to Kennedy Park this Sunday could ease your worries about virus spread while Christmas shopping.

**Another local spot for your Christmas shopping** is at J & J Outlet at Kartri Sales at 100 Delaware St. Friday and Saturday from 10 to 4.

**There will be drop off point at KP on Sunday** for new and like-new coats, scarves, gloves, hats and new socks for a clothing giveaway this year for the "Need a Coat, Take A Coat" program. Bring what you want to donate to the Park or you can drop it off at DG's Bar.

**The sample voting machine** is still at the Forest City Library for anyone who might be a little leery of computer use for Nov. 3 voting. It's very simple. Stop in.

**Seems that obedience to pedestrians** in crosswalks on Main Street is deteriorating rapidly. On my frequent daily trips from the News Office to the Historical Society across the street I try to discreetly stay back on the sidewalk until traffic gets light. Even still when I see a car is half a block away I think I have time but cars coming south are often exceeding the speed limit while those heading north are speeding up around HNB. It is getting worse not better. Even had one pinhead blow the horn at me for having the nerve to be crossing at a crosswalk.

**The Historical Society** has November PA Daily number raffle tickets on sale as a fundraiser since the Society was unable to have any fundraising events this year due to COVID 19. You can buy one at a number of Forest City locations listed elsewhere or at the News Office.

**Stitches and Strokes** is making some major improvements to the interior of their new location at 500 Main St.

**Since deer season started Oct. 3rd** I can't emphasize enough to drive carefully at night as the deer movement has greatly increased. As the deer mating season hits it peak in early November, driving will be downright hazardous.

## Historical Soc. Museum Hours

The museum of the Forest City Area Historical Society at 631 Main St., is open every Saturday in October from 11 to 1pm.  
Curator Barb Klobucar is available there to answer any questions.

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## Forest City Council OK's Liquor License transfer

Forest City Council held a public hearing and approved a transfer of a liquor license from a Hallstead restaurant to a location at 1318 North Main Street, formerly Curtis Home Cooking and J&C Restaurant.

The restaurant liquor license, in the name of JCP Hospitality, is owned by Paul Debish Jr. and Tiffany Debish. The building is owned by Bill Woodward.

Mr. Debish told Council they plan to open a little diner, with a small menu, which would sell beer and beer coolers. In answer to a question on wine service he said that wine may be added. The application stated it

would be an eating establishment that serves food and alcoholic beverages for dining in and take out.

The short public hearing was conducted by Borough Solicitor Marissa McAndrew. She determined that no member of Council had any financial interest in the property or application. In addition no member of the audience expressed any opposition to the license transfer.

The Debish's, in a letter from their lawyer, had asked if Council could place the matter on the agenda as soon as possible as they were under time constraints.

## Browndale sidewalk Could be extended

The Browndale to Forest City sidewalk which appears to be well used may be in for an addition. Forest City Council on Oct. 5th approved an application for a Multimodal Transportation grant to extend the sidewalk from where it stops at the Emergency Services to Turkey Hill. The cost is estimated at \$318,650.

Council agreed to pay the \$100 fee for the application with the understanding that the 30% matching fund-

ing from the town would be waived.

Council President Nick Cost said that the original sidewalk was not extended when the property owners were reluctant to agree to handle snow removal as required in other town sidewalks. He also said that the Borough can close the sidewalk during the winter if snow conditions require it as they do when they close the steps on Center Street.

## Herrick buys playground equipment; New township building nears completion

by Tammy O'Reilly  
New playground equipment and the completion of the new Herrick Township Building were two topics of discussion at the Herrick Township Supervisors meeting on Monday night, October 5. In attendance were Supervisors Brian Zembrzycki, B.J. Zembrzycki and Supervisor/Secretary Nancy Harvatine.

There was good news in regard to the new township building which supervisors noted was not quite ready, but is nearing completion. However, because there is not enough time for the county's required inspection and approval before use of the building, the November elections will not be taking place there, but will once again be held at the Herrick Baptist Church.

More good news came for the children of the area when Secretary Harvatine made a motion to approve payment to Lions Recreation for the purchase of three new pieces of playground equipment which was seconded by Supervisor Zembrzycki with all in favor. The equipment includes a curved balance beam, a 10-spin, and a fun tunnel, but because delivery could take 7 to 8 weeks, it was noted that the equip-

ment might have to be stored until the spring of 2021.

Other items on the agenda included: Supervisor Harvatine sending out paperwork to an individual who is proposing a campground in the township; a request from Just Believe who is in the process of getting their license and needs a letter from the township stating that they were approved to operate a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in the township; the reading of a letter by Solicitor McAndrew acknowledging Just Believe's approval; the decision to send the two snowplows not being used by the township to Lopatofsky's upcoming auction; a review of the planning commission meeting and the zoning officers reports and; the tentative budget which will be proposed and voted on at the November meeting.

Before adjourning, the Supervisors expressed their condolences for the loss of Jim McCusker who passed away on Sun., Oct. 4. Jim not only served as a supervisor from December 2012 through December 2013, but also as Emergency Management Coordinator of the township.

The next meeting is scheduled for Mon., Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

## Salvation Army Angel Tree locations Reduced due to COVID-19 thus local

### Unit is seeking monetary donations

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, many of the Forest City Area locations which had Salvation Army Angel Tree locations in past years either are unable to do so this year or have reduced the number of tree "leaves" to sign up for children's gifts.

Salvation Army Forest City Caseworker Trudy Butcher says the need for gifts to children has not reduced, in fact, has become greater due to family layoffs and loss of jobs. They are expecting about 125 children to be registered for these gifts.

Those registering on Oct. 12-13-14-15 at Forest City's SA Service Center at 636 1/2 Main St., will have to fill out an application of need and all may not be accepted.

In order to make up for the limiting of the donations from Angel Trees, the Forest City Salvation Army is asking for monetary donations so they can buy items for

the youngsters. The donations can be brought to the Forest City Service Center or the News Office, or can be mailed to Salvation Army, 636 Main St., Forest City PA 18421. All monetary donations stay in the Forest City Center.

## Council calls Special session On new budget

Forest City Council will hold a public budget workshop on Monday, Oct. 19 at 6pm at Pentecost Hall to discuss the 2021 budget.

All Council members were given a worksheet at the Oct. 5 meeting to look at and make recommendations for increasing or decreasing various departments or introducing new fund requests.

The public is invited to attend.

## Emergency Services Honor Fallen Member



Forest City Area Emergency Services, along with area fire, ambulance and police, paid tribute to fallen member James J. McCusker Jr. on Thursday, Oct. 8th. The area emergency services paid their respects in a body at the Jones & Brennan Funeral Home on Wednesday evening, and served as an honor guard for his transfer to the funeral Mass at St. Joseph's Church. The assembled First Responders performed the very moving ceremony outside the church at which the Wayne County Comm. Center toned his name for a response and then announced he had responded to his last call. On the movement of the funeral cortege to the Union Dale Cemetery, with Forest City Police directing traffic, the Browndale Fire Company and Clifford Fire Company ladder trucks crossed their ladders and hung a huge American Flag on Rte. 171 at the Stillwater Dam in his honor. Mr. McCusker's wife, Maryann, and along with family members, exited their vehicles and thanked the assembled First Responders for the honor.

## Money to fund garbage collection and new roof On agenda at Forest City Borough Council session

There was lots of money on the agenda at the October 5th Forest City Council meeting. Garbage and snow removal bids, a new roof for the Borough Building and new flooring and shelving for Pentecost Hall were among the major monetary issues.

Council accepted a five year contract for garbage and recycling collection from County Waste, the present contractor and also the only bidder. Total garbage costs over the five year span will be \$814,700. The monthly cost increases from \$10,667 in 2020 up to \$14,529 in 2025.

Preliminary figures presented to Council by Borough Secretary/Treasurer Sharon Vannan lists the present cost per household unit at \$14.00/month. Anticipated costs over the next five years beginning in 2021 could be \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.50, \$19.00 and \$20.00 in 2025.

There are presently a total of approximately 763 household units in Forest City who pay the monthly fee.

### NEW BUILDING ROOF

Building Committee Chairman Bob Lesjack told Council that KBA Engineering has completed preparing the specifications for the new Borough Building roof. Lesjack said the roof must be replaced in order to prevent water damage to the building.

Mr. Lesjack said he is es-

## Christmas Cash Raffle Tickets Now on Sale

The Forest City Area Historical Society is now selling Christmas Cash raffle tickets to make up for the loss of annual income due to COVID 19.

Donation for the tickets is \$20, and payouts will run from Nov. 11 through Dec. 10. Numbers play the evening Pa. Straight "Pick 3" lottery number drawn.

Tickets are available at: Red Cross Pharmacy; NAPA; Ferraro Barber Shop; Kost Tire; Arlo's; Shirley's Restaurant, Cable's Store, Joann Homisak at HNB, and the Forest City News Office, and online. Send check payable to the Forest City Historical Society c/o The Forest City News 636 Main St. Forest City, PA 18421, or purchase them on our website at [www.forestcityareahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.forestcityareahistoricalsociety.org) and pay with Paypal. Thank you for your support!!

## Trick or Treat In Forest City Sat., Oct 31

Forest City Mayor Chris Glinton and Forest City Council have approved Trick or Treating in Forest City for Saturday, Oct. 31st from 5 to 8PM.

timating that the cost could be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. He said the money had been budgeted by Council.

Council agreed to advertise for bids as soon as the KBA estimates are received at the Borough Office. Lesjack said since approaching winter is not a good time to be replacing a roof that it would have to be scheduled for next spring.

### SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

Although it was advertised that bids for the Main Street snow removal program would be received and opened at the Oct. 5 meeting. Council President Nick Cost only opened one of the two bids, that from Aquaduro, Taylor, and indicated he could not determine if all the proper information and costs was in the bids. He asked the bidder if he would meet after the meeting to interpret the bid.

When he did not open the second bid, that from last year's contractor Mikloiche excavating, Steven Mikloiche remarked that the first bid should be "garbaged." Pres. Cost said that would have given the 1st bidder Mikloiche's bid cost, so he directed that the bids would be acted upon at a special meeting of Council on Monday, October 19, which was scheduled as a public session to discuss the 2021 Borough budget.

### NEW FLOORING/SHELVING

Mr. Lesjack also gained approval for the expenditure of \$3,257 for Tom's Flooring,

## Neighborhood Watch Renewal Is Being Eyed

Not so long ago there was a Neighborhood Watch in Forest City, Pa. Because of the times we now live in, it is time for a Neighborhood Watch.

The idea was discussed between Paul Kalasinski and Stephanie Sojka-Reisch. We are appealing to the citizens of Forest City Borough to participate in a new Forest City Area Neighborhood Watch.

In the very near future there will be a meeting (date and time to be announced).

Since this is a volunteer group, speakers will be invited to give training as to the proper way to contact 911, etc. More information will be available shortly.

In the meantime, contact 911 in an emergency. Neighborhood Watch includes the whole community. As a Neighborhood Watch we only observe and report to 911. No further action is ever taken. Of course your report to 911 is confidential at all times. Additional information will follow shortly.

Submitted by Stephanie Sojka-Reisch.

Childs, to install new wood flooring in the kitchen, hallway and exit steps of William Pentecost Hall. He also was given the OK to purchase pipe, brackets and wood for shelving, as well as two clocks, in Pentecost Hall.

### INCOME RECEIVED

With much financial outflow, Council did received almost \$10,000 in extra funding. Administration Committee head Joann Matarese reported receiving state aid in the amount of \$9,157 for the Borough's two pension funds. A total of \$8,143 goes into the Non-uniformed employee's pension fund, while \$1,014 is used to administer the Non-uniformed and the Police Pension plans. The Police Pension plan received no funding since it is already fully funded.

Also received was \$750 from the sale of unusable ammunition from the police department. Police Chief Lee Rowan said he was able to arrange a sale with a sporting goods firm to re-purchase the department's stock of 9mm ammo which was not compatible with the new 40mm pistols now supplied to the police dept. He said the present national shortage of ammunition brought a premium from the buyer.

## Last Market at Kennedy Park Sun., Oct. 18

The last vendor market at Kennedy Park, sponsored by FC Parks and Recreation, will take place on Sun., Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with over 60 local vendors. Start your holiday shopping early!

Come out and listen to live music all day by Katie Evans and Candi Vee, while enjoying some good food from the Parks and Rec concession stand, then browse through the vendors where you'll find Tarot readings, live chicks and other animals hand made jewelry, masks, wreaths, signs, vintage and new, Tye dye, fall decor, local honey, local distillery, winery and cider vendors, and more. There's something for everyone!

You may also drop off any new and like-new donations of winter wear and new ONLY socks for the Keeping Our Community Cozy program, or donate to the Dessin Animal Shelter as you see some of their adoptable pups and animals.

Don't miss this last market before the spring reopening. See page 8 for full list of vendors.

## Nov. voting Deadlines

October 27 is the last day to apply for Pennsylvania absentee and mail-in ballots. Nov. 3 (election day) is the last day to submit ballots.