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“WARMTH FOR A FRIEND”

As we sit with our family, friends and loved ones to share in the special meaning this holiday season holds, let us reflect on how we can give something from our hearts to make this holiday special for others.

2017 marks the 9th year “Warmth For A Friend” has reached out to the community to support individuals by donating coats, sweaters, gloves, scarves and hats to those in need. Every year we have been blessed by caring souls who have gifted an abundance of warmth, cheer and smiles to an ample amount of families. Last year because of your kindness, we presented over 400 children, women and men with your gifts of warmth.

Drop off locations are: St. John’s Lutheran Church 18 S. 3rd Street and St. Peter’s RC Church 4 S. 5th Street. The last day for donations will be Saturday, **DECEMBER 9**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

SANTA PARADE

The Coplay Sports annual Christmas Parade will take place on Sunday, **DECEMBER 10**, rain dates December 16 & 17, beginning at 10:00 am on **HOCKENDAUQUA & 2ND** Streets. If you would like Santa to deliver a gift to your child, simply wrap the gift, securely attach the child’s name and address and place in a brown paper shopping bag. Gifts must be dropped off at the Coplay Sports fieldhouse on Friday, **December 8** from 6-8 pm or Saturday, **December 9** from 10am-2pm. Have your child ready to come out and accept their gift when Santa arrives at your house. Cooperation makes this program successful. Call Rick, 484-264-2968 with any questions.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

Several openings exist on borough Boards and Commissions as follows: Planning Commission – 1 open seat; Park & Recreation - 2 open seats and 1 expiring seat; Board of Appeals – 4 open seats (members must have construction/engineering qualifications); Coplay Library Board - 2 expiring seats; Police Civil Service Commission - 1 expiring seat; Coplay–Whitehall Sewer Authority - 1 expiring seat; Zoning Board - 1 expiring seat. If interested or if you have any questions in serving on any of these boards, contact the borough office at 610-262-6088.

SENIOR CITIZENS – Senior Citizens’ meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; **DECEMBER 6** and **DECEMBER 20** at 1 PM at the Fire Building; always looking for new members!

Contact information: Dale 610-262-5464

SUBURBAN NORTH YMCA – At the Y, we believe every child has potential, and we are here to nurture that potential. For a full list of programs and registration information, contact the YMCA or visit www.snfymca.org. And, the Y offers financial assistance to qualified applicants.

Contact information: Y 610-264-5221

EVENTS

COMMITMENT TO FAMILY & COMMUNITY – Breakfast is held the 3rd Sunday of every month, **DECEMBER 17**.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE - You are invited to attend our meetings the 4th Tuesday each month, **DECEMBER 26** from 11am – 12:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 3355 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall. We offer FREE community meals the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 4:30-7 pm all year. Next meal on Tuesday, **DECEMBER 19** at Whitehall Bible Fellowship Church, 3300 7th St, Whitehall. For more information, contact Janice Stavrou 610-767-7014 or rmblood@ptd.net; Judy Ehret at judyae@ptd.net; or Shel Ehret at strumpet@ptd.net.

WINTER STORMWATER TIPS

In order to control pollutants from entering into storm drains and streams, make sure to dispose of shoveled snow into vegetated areas on your property. NEVER dump snow into streets. In addition, the borough has an ordinance in place making it unlawful to throw snow into streets or alleys; you can and will receive a fine as this makes it more difficult for Public Works to open the roadway for emergency vehicles.

COPLAY SCHOLARSHIP FUND – Consider helping Coplay kids defray some higher education expenses. To assist a Coplay kid planning to attend college, university, technical school or police academy, send a check to CSFC, 41 N. 8th St. Coplay, PA 18037.

Contact information: Bill 610-751-2745; billleiner@aol.com

COPLAY SPORTS – visit our website at www.coplaysports.org or email the address below. Next meeting Wednesday, **DECEMBER 6** at 7:30 PM at the Fieldhouse.

Contact information: email coplaysportsteams@gmail.com

COPLAY TOWN WATCH – Join us for our meeting Wednesday, **DECEMBER 20** at 7 pm in council chambers.

Contact information: Kim 484-935-1836 k.d.fitz13@gmail.com;

PROPERTIES OF MERIT – this committee is not active at this time.

EXPLORER POST 101 – Our mission, to promote 14 -21 year olds, interest in the hobby of model railroading. We are starting an Explorer Club for youth ages 12-14, visit us any Thursday night from 7 – 9 pm. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the Coplay Municipal building.

TRAIN DISPLAY - The display will be open to the public on the following days: Thursdays, **DECEMBER 21** and **28** from 6-9 PM; Saturday, **DECEMBER 16** 12-4 PM; Sunday, **DECEMBER 17** 12-4 PM; Saturday, **DECEMBER 23** 12-4 PM; Saturday, **DECEMBER 30** 12-4 PM; and Sunday, **DECEMBER 31** 12-4 PM.

Contact information: Dick 610-965-2598
Mike 610-440-1875

FERAL CAT COMMITTEE – The FCC is a committee of Coplay Town Watch, it is not a Coplay Borough government committee and is an active organization of the Coplay Town Watch. The FCC has experienced a rash of cats needing spay-neutering services in the last month. If you have a house cat (or dog), be part of the solution, have your animal spayed or neutered. The committee is seeking volunteer drivers. Next meeting Sunday, **DECEMBER 17** at 2 PM at Samuel Owens Restaurant. Consider joining this unique group.

Contact information: Kim 484-935-1836

If you do not receive a response from the Feral Cat Committee, you may also contact The Sanctuary at Haafsville, 484-788-8062.

IRONTON RAIL TRAIL – Public meeting Tuesday, **DECEMBER 19** at 7 pm at Coplay Borough. Next workday Saturday, **DECEMBER 9** at 8 am Coplay Section, meet at Trailhead - N. Ruch & Chestnut Sts.

Contact information: Dale 610-405-1025

FROM THE DESK OF *Mayor Dean Molitoris*

December is a month filled with many exciting times. There is the somewhat “normal” hustle and bustle of the Holiday Season, but there are also a few other important events this month. There will be a special election held on the 5th to elect our new State Rep. Democracy works best when more people partake in the process, so please make every effort to vote in this very important special election. Also this month, on the 8th, the 2nd annual “Oh Come All Ye Faithful” Christmas party will be held at the American Club pavilion. This event is open to the public and benefits the Community Plaza area. Speaking of the plaza, there will also be an opportunity for children to get their picture taken with Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the plaza on December 16. Lastly, the annual Coplay Sports parade will be held on Sunday the 10th. This event has been a tradition in Coplay for many years and takes a combined effort of many to make it happen. Be sure to step outside that day and say “Hi” and “Merry Christmas” to your local police and fire department personnel as they lead Santa and his hard-working elves on their journey through the borough. During this busy month, I hope we can all take a few moments to give thanks for all of the blessings in our lives while we enjoy the holidays with our friends and family. Merry Christmas! Contact me at 484-239-1611 or coplaymayor@gmail.com

COUNCIL/BOROUGH NEWS

Next Council Workshop will be Tuesday, **DECEMBER 5** at 7pm; Council Meeting Tuesday, **DECEMBER 12** at 7pm; and final, special meeting to pass 2018 Budget Monday, **DECEMBER 18** at 6 pm.

BOROUGH OFFICE and PUBLIC WORKS - will be closed Monday, **DECEMBER 25** & Tuesday, **DECEMBER 26** in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

COPLAY LIBRARY – Library Board meets Thursday, **DECEMBER 14** at 7 PM in council chambers. Story Time & Crafts with Miss Veronica Thursdays, **DECEMBER 7, 14, 21 & 28** @ 11 am. Free Movie Saturday, **DECEMBER 16** “A Charlie Brown Christmas” @ 11:30 AM and “Elf” @ 1 PM and our Holiday Open House from 11am – 4pm, refreshments will be served. Library will close @ 6 pm on Monday, **DECEMBER 18** and Saturday, **DECEMBER 23** and Monday, **DECEMBER 25** for Christmas; Saturday, **DECEMBER 30** and Monday, **JANUARY 1** closed for New Years.

For more information about the library and our events, please contact us at 610-262-7351 or coplaypl@gmail.com our follow us on Facebook and Twitter or the web-site at www.coplaypubliclibrary.org.

TRASH/RECYCLING/METAL/YARD WASTE/LEAVES – week of **DECEMBER 25** Monday trash will be collected **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27** and Tuesday trash will be picked up **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**, with Recycling collected on **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29**. Last day for YARD WASTE will be **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**.

We can no longer collect recycling in bags unless it is in clear plastic bags as there has been garbage placed out on recycling collection days. **Metal** collection Thursday, **DECEMBER 21** (no need to call). **GARBAGE CANS** in excess of 35 gallons will **NOT** be collected. You must call borough office at 610-262-6088 to schedule pick up of larger items (sofas, mattresses, etc.) on regularly scheduled garbage days, limit of two per year at no charge. **ELECTRONICS** – the Borough will no longer pick up electronics.

COPLAY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COMMITTEE — next committee meeting will be Thursday, **DECEMBER 7** at 6 pm in council chambers.

COPLAY POLICE — received 156 calls in October, 2017. Arrests: 1 - DUI, 2 - Domestic Assault, 1 – Theft of a bicycle. Traffic – 2, Written Warnings – 2, Parking Tickets – 15.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS INFO

COPLAY 150th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE –**NO December** meeting. All interested residents, businesses and organizations should send a representative. Only 17 months are left to plan!!!

COPLAY AMERICAN LEGION POST 426 – Did you know...if you fly an American Flag at your home and are replacing it because it is worn, there is an old mailbox to the front of our Post to dispose of worn flags properly.

Contact Information: Larry 610-262-4133

COPLAY ATHLETIC CLUB – Gym is located on the 2nd floor of the Coplay Municipal Building; meetings are the 3rd Sunday of the month in the gym (no meetings in summer or during holidays). Please place gym renewals in an envelope with your name on it in the slot of the gym door, it goes to a locked box that is checked by board members. If you need to mail it, contact Kim Rader 610-657-2477.

Contact Information: Randy 610-440-2313
Brad 610-739-5733 (new members)

COPLAY COMMUNITY DAYS – No meetings scheduled for **NOVEMBER** or **DECEMBER**.

Contact information: Steve 610-703-8487

COPLAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB – the CDC has voter registration forms. Consider joining one of the oldest, most successful Democratic Associations in the Valley. Annual dues \$2.

Contact information: Bill 610-751-2745; billleiner@aol.com

COPLAY GARDEN CLUB – No meeting scheduled for **DECEMBER** or **JANUARY**. Garden Hint: Never feed a new or newly repotted plant, wait a month or two for the plant to adjust.

Contact information: Jane 610-261-1243

COPLAY LIONS CLUB – Join us at our next scheduled meetings, Monday **DECEMBER 4** and **DECEMBER 18** at 7:15 PM at the Coplay Saengerbund, S. 5th St. All are welcome as we work together to help our neighbors.

Contact information: Al Thomas 610-262-1463

COPLAY NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH – our Mission Statement: Personal and Family Safety & Neighborhood and Community Security. We assist those in need, regardless of race, creed, color or religion. Meetings temporarily on hold, follow future announcements at www.coplayfirst.blogspot.com. Effective PA State Police Crime Deterrent 8 1/2" x 11" laminated Coplay Crime Watch/McGruff Window signs available at no charge.

Contact information: Frank 610-262-0802

COPLAY PARK & RECREATION BOARD – next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **DECEMBER 27** at 7 PM in Council Chambers.

Contact information: Steve 610-703-8487

COPLAY RECREATION & WELFARE ASSN – Our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **DECEMBER 6** at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers to discuss the Tree lighting, Christmas dinner, Public Works luncheon and Senior Citizens welfare.

Contact information: Rick 610-261-0566

Convalescent equipment, such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, and canes, is available if needed for one day, an outing over the weekend, or for however long is necessary; contact Carol at the number below, requests require 48 hours notice to organize.

Convalescent Equipment: Carol 610-262-1571

COPLAY REC & WELFARE ASSN FOOD BANK – available to borough residents with proof of residency, open 2nd Tuesday of each month, **DECEMBER 12** from 8:30-10 am in the municipal building. All donations are very much appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the borough office during business hours, Monday thru Friday from 8 to 4:30 pm.

Contact information: Jodi 610-262-0928

EMA COORDINATOR

Coplay Borough is seeking an individual to be appointed as Emergency Management Coordinator. **The primary responsibilities** of the emergency management division are dictated by the Emergency Management Services Code, and include the following, among others:

1. To prepare, maintain and keep current an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
2. To establish, equip and staff an Emergency Operations Center (EOC), consolidated with warning and communications systems.
3. To organize, prepare and coordinate all locally available manpower, materials, supplies, equipment, facilities and services necessary for disaster emergency readiness, response and recovery.
4. Provide prompt and accurate information regarding local emergencies to appropriate Commonwealth and local officials and agencies and the general public.

If you are interested in learning more, contact the borough office at info@coplayborough.org or 610-262-6088.

COPLAY SAENGERBUND EVENT

Raymond the Amish Comic returns on Saturday, **DECEMBER 9th**, limited tickets, one show only, get them while you can. \$20.00 per person with beer and soda included from 7 pm till 9:30 pm last show sold out fast.

YARD WASTE NEWS

First Regional Compost Authority who receives the yard waste collected in Coplay has contacted the office to notify us that **NO FRUIT OR VEGETABLES** are allowed in the yard waste collection. The plants can be put in yard waste, but not the fruit or vegetables. Fruit and vegetables should go in regular garbage.

O' COME ALL YE FAITHFUL HOLIDAY EVENT

O' Come All Ye Faithful Social Call Christmas Party Friday, **DECEMBER 8** at the Coplay American Club Pavilion, 300 Cherry Street, Coplay. This fundraiser benefits the Community Plaza project at North 2nd & Chestnut Street, tickets are \$5.00 per person and includes 2 complimentary drinks (beer only). 16 oz. drafts available for \$2.00.

Doors open at 5 pm and kitchen opens at 6 pm. Social Call performs from 7- 10 pm. This is a NO BYOB. All proceeds benefit your Community Plaza. Tickets may be purchased at Samuel Owens Restaurant, Reph's Auto Care or Coplay Borough Office.

PICTURES WITH SANTA

Pictures with Santa on Saturday, **DECEMBER 16**, for ages 12 & under at the Plaza Gazebo from 9 am -12 pm. (Bring your own camera or cell phone). Special Christmas treat for the kids (12 & under) a FREE Breakfast at Samuel Owens (Courtesy of Bill & Michelle Loy).

THE LITTLE TOWN THAT COULD

Available at the Borough Office are long sleeve shirts and sweatshirts, with or without hood, the perfect Christmas gift for you and your family. We have numerous sizes in the office and if we don't have your size or style we would be more than happy to order it for you. Front display of shirt says "Little Town That Could Coplay, PA" and the back displays "1 Sq. Mile of Gods Little Masterpiece". Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM.