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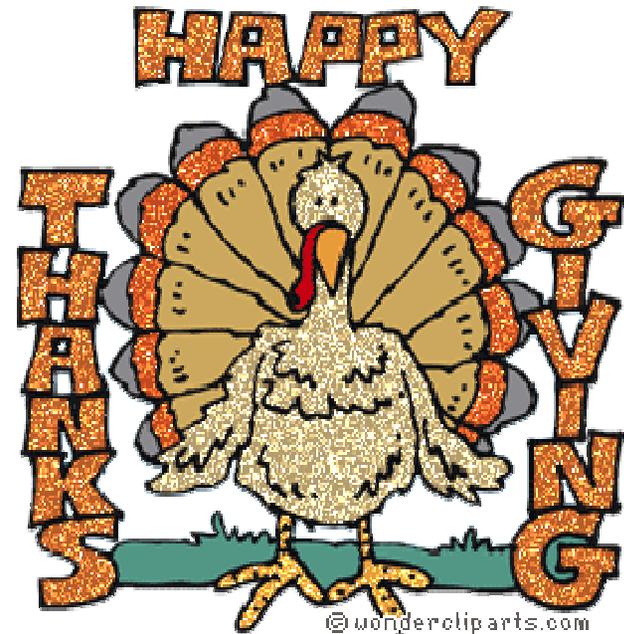
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ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The 50th annual Coplay Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, **NOVEMBER 20** at 7 PM at St. Peter's RC Church, S. 5th Street. Participating in the service are the Congregations of Trinity UCC, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church and St. John's Lutheran Church. An offering to support a Coplay organization will be taken. Flowers are provided by the Coplay Garden Club and a combined choir, from all three churches, will sing during services. As always, ALL are welcome to attend this community event.

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & HOLIDAY CONCERT

Coplay Recreation & Welfare Assn. invites you to join us on Thursday, **DECEMBER 1** at 6:30 PM at Borough Hall. Together we'll light the tree and Santa will move everyone inside for a lively musical night of entertainment by Lorri Kulp Woodward & James Hummel (check them out on Facebook). Come out and sing along to your favorite Christmas carols. Dancing is permitted at this fun for the whole family event. Hot chocolate and donuts are served after the program and all children receive a small gift bag.

COPLAY COMMUNITY PLAZA FUNDRAISER

The Coplay Planning Committee in partnership with the Coplay Park and Recreation Board will be holding a fundraiser Friday, **DECEMBER 9** at the Coplay American Club Pavilion, 300 Cherry Street, Coplay. This fundraiser benefits the Community Plaza project, O' COME ALL YE FAITHFUL Christmas Party with Social Call, one of the valleys popular rock bands, will perform. Tickets will be \$5.00 per person includes 2 complimentary drinks (beer only), 16 oz. drafts available for \$2.00. Doors open at 5:45 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 or Coplay Borough Office, call the office 610-262-6088 with any questions.

BOROUGH CHRISTMAS TREE

The Borough is looking for our annual Christmas Trees. If you are willing to donate a tree, please call the Borough Office at 610-262-6088.

SENIOR CITIZENS – meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; **NOVEMBER 2 and NOVEMBER 16** at 1 PM at the Fire Building; always looking for members!

Contact information: Dale 610-262-5464

SUBURBAN NORTH YMCA – for a full list of programs and registration information, contact the YMCA or visit www.snfymca.org.

Contact information: Y 610-264-5221

EVENTS

INDOOR PUBLIC SWIM – held Monday & Wednesday with Family Swim from 7 – 8 pm and Adult Swim from 8 – 9 pm. NO charge for Whitehall & Coplay residents. Fall schedule continues through **NOVEMBER 9**.

AQUA AEROBICS – held Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7- 8 PM at the Whitehall High School Pool. Fall session ends **NOVEMBER 3**. Cost \$55 for residents, \$65 non-residents. Call Whitehall Twp Recreation at 610-437-5524 ext. 160 for info.

COMMITMENT TO FAMILY & COMMUNITY – Breakfast is held the 3rd Sunday of every month, **NOVEMBER 20**.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE

You are invited to our meetings the 4th Tuesday of the month, **NOVEMBER 22** from 11am – 12:30pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 3355 MacArthur Rd., Whitehall. We are pleased to offer FREE community meals on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 4:30-7 pm all year. Next community meal on Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 15** at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 835 Third 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.

THANK YOU

Coplay Recreation and Welfare Assn. would like to thank the Coplay Saengerbund for providing staff and refreshments for participants after the Halloween Parade, the Police and Public Works for keeping things orderly, the Coplay Fire Department for arranging all of the local fire departments attendance and of course, our residents for another well attended event.

FROM THE DESK OF

Mayor Dean Molitoris

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 **NOVEMBER 9** at 7:30 PM at Fieldhouse.

Contact information: email coplaysportsteams@gmail.com

COPLAY TOWN WATCH – Join us for our meeting Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 16** at 7 pm in council chambers.

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

PROPERTIES OF MERIT – We are always looking for volunteers to join this fun committee that recognizes beautiful Coplay properties at an outstanding Awards Reception, call Bill at 610-751-2745 or Kevin 484-767-3094.

WATCH WALKS – Join us as we greet neighbors and pick up loose garbage. Meet at Sam Owen's at 9 AM, Saturday, **NOVEMBER 12 & NOVEMBER 26**. If weather is bad, walks are cancelled.

DOG WALKER WATCH – If you walk your dog and want to improve our community, consider joining the "Dog Walker Watch" (DWW) program. You will be trained in basic crime prevention techniques. Call Bill at 610-751-2745

EXPLORER POST 101 – Our mission, to promote youth 14 -20, interest in the hobby of model railroading. Meetings are held every Thursday at 7:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the Coplay Municipal building.

Contact information: Dick 610-965-2598

FERAL CAT COMMITTEE – 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. Next meeting Sunday, **NOVEMBER 20** at 2 PM at Samuel Owens Restaurant. Consider joining this unique group.

Contact information: Dennis 610-967-2471
Kim 484-935-1836

IRONTON RAIL TRAIL – Public meeting Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 15** at 7 pm at Whitehall Twp. Municipal Bldg. Next workday Saturday, **NOVEMBER 12** @ Whitehall section; meet 8 AM at N. Ruch St & Chestnut St.

Contact information: Dale 610-405-1025

Halloween is behind us and Thanksgiving is a few short weeks away. While these holidays are important to many, between them are two very important dates for Americans that deserve equal, if not more, attention. Friday, **NOVEMBER 11** is Veterans' Day which reminds us that we should give thanks to all American veterans (living or dead) who served our country during war or peacetime. Make an effort to say "Thank You" to a veteran. Also, Election Day, Tuesday **NOVEMBER 8**, is a great opportunity for all registered American voters to exercise our right to vote. I believe it important that each of us chooses to vote, regardless of the party or candidate you back. According to Merriam-Webster, a democracy is "a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections." Our democracy works best when more of us choose to do our part in electing our "representation". I hope to see many Coplay residents at the polls this year and also hope, if you're not registered for this election, you make an effort to register before next year's primary. Contact me at 484-239-1611 or coplaimayor@gmail.com.

COUNCIL NEWS

The next Workshop meeting will be held Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 1** at 7 PM; Council Meeting Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 8** at 7PM.

TOYS FOR TOTS – in conjunction with Whitehall Chamber of Commerce, Coplay Municipal building will be a drop off site for Toys for Tots beginning on Monday, **NOVEMBER 7**.

BOROUGH OFFICE and PUBLIC WORKS - will be closed Thursday, **NOVEMBER 24th** & Friday, **NOVEMBER 25th** in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday.

COPLAY LIBRARY - All ages are welcome at Story time with Miss Veronica every Thursday at 11 am, **NOVEMBER 3, 10 and 17**. Library Board meets Thursday, **NOVEMBER 10** at 7 PM in council chambers. Scrabble Night Monday, **NOVEMBER 28** from 5 -7 PM. Library will close **NOVEMBER 22-25** for renovations. We hope to reopen Saturday, **NOVEMBER 26**, check the Library website, Twitter or Facebook page to make sure. Book sale **NOVEMBER 18 & 19**, 11 am-4 pm. Basket Social tickets on sale at the library: 1 for \$0.50, 12 for \$5 and 25 for \$10; **NOVEMBER 5 thru 19**, drawing on **NOVEMBER 19** at 4 pm. Poinsettia vouchers on sale \$9.00, take it to Garden City Greenhouse for your poinsettia.

TRASH/RECYCLING/METAL AND YARD WASTE/LEAF COLLECTION. The week of **NOVEMBER 21**, Recycling will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23** and there will be **NO** yard waste/leaf collection. **Metal** collection Thursday, **NOVEMBER 17** (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, it can be dropped off at FreeCycle, 795 Roble Road, Allentown on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM-5 PM and 3rd Saturday from 9 AM-11 AM. The fee for electronics is now by weight, 50¢ per pound.

COPLAY POLICE — received 185 calls in September, 2016. Arrests: 1 – Domestic Assault. Traffic – 8, Written Warnings – 4, Parking Tickets – 20.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS INFO

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, **NOVEMBER 20** at 10:30 AM in the weight room.

Contact Information: Randy 610-440-2313
Brad 610-739-5733

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

Contact information: Steve 610-703-8487

COPLAY DEMOCRATIC CLUB – This voting year promises to be an exciting one at the federal and state level. 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 – Join us for our next meeting on Thursday, **NOVEMBER 17** at 7 pm at St. John's Lutheran, South 3rd Street. *Garden Hint:* Scrub and disinfect flowerpots from debris, soaking with mild bleach water solution and rinsing

Contact information: Jane 610-261-1243

COPLAY LIONS CLUB – Join us at our next regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, **NOVEMBER 7 AND NOVEMBER 21** 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 – this passive group of concerned Coplay residents is always vigilant concerning any unusual persons or activities in the neighborhood which is then reported to our local Police department. Laminated window Crime Watch signs and Vial of Life kits are always available free of charge for anyone, for use in your home. Please contact us to request a kit.

Contact information: Frank 610-262-0802

COPLAY PARK & RECREATION BOARD – next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 30** at 7 PM in Council Chambers.

Contact information: Steve 610-703-8487

COPLAY RECREATION & WELFARE ASSN – Our next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, **NOVEMBER 9** at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. The annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event is scheduled for Thursday, **DECEMBER 1** at 6:30 pm. We'll kick off the holiday season with a visit from Santa and entertainment by Lorri Woodward & James Hummel. Their musical show spreads Christmas cheer to all, you're sure to sing along and may even start dancing.

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 any borough resident, proof of residency required, open 2nd Tuesday of each month, **NOVEMBER 8** from 8:30-10 am in the municipal building basement. The food bank is always in need of food or monetary donations to continue to help our patrons. Donations can be dropped off at the borough during business hours, Monday thru Friday 8am-4:30 pm.

Contact information: Louise 610-262-9351



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Pennsylvania law mandates that electronic items be kept out of landfills. We will **NO** longer **ACCEPT** or **PICK UP** electronics, GER Solutions brings you the most cost effective well-rounded electronics recycling program available in our area. They accept a wide variety of items, most of which can be recycled for a small fee, usually 50¢ a pound. Additionally, they accept items containing Freon, cost is \$20.00 each item (dorm size fridge, air conditioner, freezer, dehumidifier). They **DO NOT** accept smoke alarms, fire detectors or large refrigerators.

You can take these items to FREECYCLE, 795 Roble Road, Allentown, PA,; for drop off schedule please visit www.gersolutions.net or call 484-866-0927.

STORMWATER MATTERS . . .

Recycling is an essential stormwater and water quality protection practice. How does recycling tie in to stormwater? Well, stormwater is pretty dirty stuff when you think about it. During a rain event, the water that lands on paved surfaces such as roads and parking lots picks up everything in its path. The plastic bag from the grocery store, the styrofoam cup from the coffee shop, the plastic water bottle, the paper bag from the fast food place...they're not in your car anymore but that's not the end of their stories. Let's see where they go...The road or the parking lot flows into the Lehigh River that some people get their drinking water and fish from and or swim in....Hmmm. Apart from the litterbug aspect, most of the items that are discarded are recyclable. Plastic bags can be recycled at any grocery store you visit. Plastic water bottles just like cans should be placed in your recycling bin. Paper bags are recyclable or, at the very least, reusable. What about styrofoam cups? Please stop using them! They never break down and they are filling our oceans with trash. It takes 10 minutes to drink a cup of coffee but the cup lasts forever! Splurge for a re-usable coffee mug and know that you're helping protect and conserve our water resources. As such, Recycling is an essential storm water and water quality protection practice.

150th ANNIVERSARY

At the inaugural meeting to begin the process of planning for Coplay's 150th anniversary there were representatives from most of the borough's businesses, clubs and organizations (and regrets from those unable to attend). The meeting discussed how the 150th Steering Committee will be formed. At the final meeting for 2016 on Thursday, **NOVEMBER 17**, representatives in attendance will select the nine member Steering Committee and the discussion will look to determine how long the celebration will last. A day, a week, a month or events throughout the year? Want your input included in this momentous, once in a lifetime celebration? Then JOIN US at the November meeting. If you think two years is more than enough time to plan this event and don't intend on getting involved until closer to 2019; you, your business, your club or your organization could be on the outside looking in. The time to be included is NOW.

Planning ahead . . . the January meeting will focus on specific celebration ideas. Get your creativity flowing and get involved!

COPLAY COMMUNITY DAYS

We are pleased to announce the 2016 festival was a very successful year, with so many people to thank we were unable to include everyone in last months issue. Because of our generous sponsors, volunteers, great line up of entertainment and the thousands of people who came to support Community Days, we will be able to continue our mission of funding much needed community projects. Please remember to support all those who supported your festival - Robert Hauke Funeral Home, Egypt VFW Post 7239, Coplay Saengerbund, West Coplay Maennerchor, Milsons Notary, Neffs National Bank, Gilbert Funeral Home, Louann Enterprises, Brubaker Funeral Home Inc., Lehigh County Historical Society, Coplay Borough, Tony's Hobby Shop, Northampton Memorial Co., Holencik Exteriors LLC, Reph's Complete Auto Care, Samuel Owens (Bill & Michelle Loy), Dan & Jeanne McNeill, Tropical Sunset Vacations, Service Electric, Uncle Jeffrey, Coors Lite, Terry Kuchera (custodian supervisor), and our neighbors Mayor Tom Reenock & Northampton Borough, Mayor Ed Hozza & Whitehall Township, Karen Murphy (PPL) and John Urban. Thank you! Steve Burker, (President), John Schriener, (Vice President), Sandy Irving, (Secretary) and Faye Schriener, (Treasurer).