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HOLIDAY EVENTS

Tree lighting will be held Thursday December 6, 2018; festivities begin at 6:30. Entertainment will be by Lori and James, hot chocolate and donuts will be provided. Santa Claus will make an appearance and hand out candy canes. Goody bags for the children will be given.

3rd Annual O' Come All Ye Faithful Social Call Christmas Party Friday, **DECEMBER 7** 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 in advance and \$7.00 at the door. Price includes 2 complimentary drinks (beer only). 16 oz. drafts available for \$2.00.

Doors open at 4:45 pm and kitchen opens at 5 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, Bacon Strip, A Buzz and Beyond or Coplay Borough Office.

2018 SANTA PARADE

Sunday, December 16
(Snow/Rain date #1 - Saturday, December 22 date #2 - Sunday, December 23)

Gift Drop Off at the Coplay Sports Field House
666 Potter Terrace Coplay, PA

Entrance is the grey door facing the upper field of the tan building:
Friday, December 14 from 6:00-8:00 PM
& Saturday, December 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Every year, with the support from Coplay Borough officials, Coplay Sports, INC. sponsors the Annual Christmas Parade. Borough of Coplay Residents are invited to drop off presents for Santa and the Coplay Sports Elves to deliver to the eager recipients.

This has become an annual tradition for many Coplay families in which we are honored to be a part of. We look forward to our sports families volunteering to participate in this year's parade.

WHITEHALL-COPLAY HUNGER INITIATIVE

We are pleased to offer these FREE community meals on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:30-7 pm all year round. Our next community meal will be Tuesday, **DECEMBER 18** at St John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Whitehall, PA

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.

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. 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 4:00 PM.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

The Borough of Coplay has established a Facebook page to notify residents of upcoming borough events, alerts, public notices and emergencies happening in our town.

150th ANNIVERSARY

The next meeting to discuss the Borough's 150th year celebration in 2019 will be held on Thursday, **DECEMBER 13** at 7 PM in council chambers. All interested residents, businesses and borough organizations should send a representative.

Saturday **APRIL, 6 2019** at the Coplay American Club Pavilion
Borough of Coplay 150th Birthday Celebration KICK OFF
GALA BANQUET

SNOW CLEAN UP

Per Borough Ordinance you have 24 hours from the completion of any winter weather event to finish clean-up efforts. This allows plow trucks time to go through and clear streets and eliminates double clean-up for residents. When clearing snow from walkways or parking areas, **DO NOT throw snow back into the street**; doing so can result in fines. Access should be properly cleared around dumpster and garbage can locations to allow ease of collection. Snow tends to settle and pack in cans stored in the same area without moving, hindering our ability to remove refuse. Lids should be used to prevent falling snow from filling cans as well. Obstructed cans or those deemed too heavy will not be emptied.

A REMINDER THIS WINTER

In the event of a fire, the fire department must quickly locate and hook up to the closest hydrant to get water. If a hydrant is buried by snow, it is difficult to find and valuable time is lost locating and accessing it. This delay may disrupt firefighting efforts allowing the fire to grow. A fire doubles in size every 30 seconds! Please take a few minutes in your winter clean up efforts to clear the area around a hydrant. It will make a difference!

HELP WANTED

Each year the borough office compiles a list of individuals available for winter clean up. This list is shared with residents who call the office in need of services. If you are willing to shovel snow, please call the borough office at 610-262-6088 to be added to the list.



FROM THE DESK OF

Mayor Dean Molitoris

The calendar year is drawing to a close, but before it does, there are many opportunities left to enjoy some fun times with our family and friends. Besides the traditional holidays, there are a few (I am sure there are more than a few) exciting events in the borough that should be mentioned. Rec and Welfare is hosting the annual tree lighting ceremony at Borough Hall on the 6th of December, Coplay Sports, along with the Fire and Police Departments, will help Mr. and Mrs. Claus parade around the Borough on the 16th and the "O' Come all Ye' Faithful" Christmas Party at the American Club Pavilion is scheduled for the 7th. But, most importantly, the 7th is also National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. I hope we all take a moment to honor and remember the many American lives which were lost that day in 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Lastly, from me and my family, to you and yours, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Dean Contact info: 484-239-1611 or coplaymayor@gmail.com

COUNCIL/BOROUGH NEWS

Next Council Workshop will be Tuesday, **DECEMBER 4** at 7pm; Council Meeting Tuesday, **DECEMBER 11** at 7pm; and final, special meeting to pass 2019 Budget Monday, **DECEMBER 18** at 6 pm.

BOROUGH OFFICE and PUBLIC WORKS - will be closed Monday **DECEMBER 24** & Tuesday, **DECEMBER 25** in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

COPLAY LIBRARY – Library Board meets Thursday, **DECEMBER 13** at 7 PM in council chambers. Story Time & Crafts with Miss Veronica Thursdays, **DECEMBER 6, 13, 20 & 27** @ 11 am.

Tuesday, **December 4** – Library closed for Staff Development Day.

Monday, **December 10**- Closing at 6pm for Staff Christmas Party.

Saturday, **December 15** – Open House 11am-4pm light refreshments

Saturday, **December 15** Free Movies 11am- "A Charlie Brown Christmas". 1pm- "Star Wars: the Last Jedi"

Library will close Monday **DECEMBER 24** & Tuesday **DECEMBER 25** in Observance of Christmas and Monday **DECEMBER 31** & Tuesday, **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

Check WFMZ Stormcenter to see if library is open during inclement weather. Fines are not charged on days we are closed or close early.

TRASH/RECYCLING/METAL/GRASS/YARD WASTE/

LEAVES – week of **DECEMBER 24** Monday trash will be collected Wednesday, **DECEMBER 26** and Tuesday trash will be picked up Thursday, **DECEMBER 27**, with Recycling collected on Friday, **DECEMBER 28**. ****No shredded paper in recycling. Metal** collection will be Thursday, **DECEMBER 20** (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.

COPLAY POLICE — received 183 calls in October, 2018.

Traffic arrests: 13 Traffic Arrests **Traffic** - Written Warnings 6, Parking Tickets 25.

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 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 LEGION/BALLIET STADIUM BASEBALL –

Looking for new Board members, volunteers, coaches. Meets 3rd Wednesday of every month 2PM at Coplay Legion.

Special Meeting on Dec 2nd

Contact info: Larry 610-704-7744 or Ron 484-239-6331

COPLAY REC & WELFARE ASSN FOOD BANK – available to borough residents with proof of residency, open 2nd Tuesday of each month, **DECEMBER 11** 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 4:00 pm.

Contact information: Jodi 610-262-0928

IRONTON RAIL TRAIL – Next meeting **DECEMBER 18**, 7PM

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of alternating Months.

Contact information: Dale 610-405-1025

SENIOR CITIZENS – 55+ Senior Citizens' meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month; **DECEMBER 5** and **DECEMBER 12** at 1 PM at the Fire Building; we're 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

INDOOR PUBLIC SWIM – JANUARY 7 through **MARCH 27**

Whitehall Coplay High School Pool Monday and Wednesdays

Family Swim 7-8 PM Adult Swim 8-9PM

No charge for Whitehall & Coplay residents

YOUTH SWIM LESSONS WINTER 2019

Monday and Wednesday evenings

January 14, 16, 23, 28 & 30th. No Class January 21st.

February 4, 6, & 11th

Whitehall High School Pool (Max 30 Participants)

Registration begins Dec 3rd. (ages 6 through 12)

AQUA AEROBICS – held Tuesdays & Thursdays from 7- 8 PM at the Whitehall High School Pool. Winter session from **JANUARY 8** through **MARCH 5 2019**. Cost is \$55 for residents, \$65 for non-residents. Please call Whitehall Township Recreation Bureau at 610-437-5524 ext. 160 for more information.

COMMITMENT TO FAMILY & COMMUNITY – Breakfast is held the 3rd Sunday of every month, **DECEMBER 16**

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 will be Wednesday, **DECEMBER 6** at 7:30 PM at the Fieldhouse.

Contact information: email coplaysportsteams@gmail.com

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

EXPLORER POST 101 – Our mission is 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.

MODEL RAILROAD DISPLAY

Model Railroad Explorer Post 101 will host an **OPEN HOUSE** to celebrate the Holidays. The “Delaware, Lehigh & Susquehanna RR” will be operating two modular layouts constructed by members located on the 2nd floor of the municipal building, 98 S 4th Street. The display will be open to the public on the following days: Admission is free, donations welcome.

Saturday, December 15	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 16	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 22	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 23	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 27	7:00	- 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 29	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 30	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 3	7:00	- 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 5	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 6	12:00	- 4:00 p.m.

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.

For Strays call **The Sanctuary at Haafsville, 484-788-8062.**

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; billeiner@aol.com

COPLAY GARDEN CLUB – No meeting scheduled for **DECEMBER** or **JANUARY**.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Contact information: Jane 610-261-1243

COPLAY LIONS CLUB – Join us at our next scheduled meeting, Monday **DECEMBER 17** 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 ½" 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 26** at 7 PM in Council Chambers.

Contact information: Steve 610-703-8487

COPLAY RECREATION & WELFARE ASSN – Next meeting will be **JANUARY 9, 2019**

Contact information: Rick 610-261-0566

CONVALESENT 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