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A Message From The Mayor...



As our county enters the green phase in response to COVID-19, I wanted to share my thoughts with residents. Thank you for your support of our efforts here in the borough. It has always been our goal to do what we thought was the best for the safety and well-being of our residents. I have been touched by the kindness and generosity of our residents in the borough and our neighbors in Ivy Greene. The food drive organized by the Layer and Hess families was a resounding success. In speaking to a few of our elderly residents, they commented on how neighbors called and checked in on them. I know the owners of our local food establishments appreciated residents helping them by using their takeout and curbside services. Ivyland is a special place filled with special people. We are indebted to the health care community and first responders who have worked tirelessly and continue to do so. Their compassion and dedication in the face of the pandemic has been inspiring. As we move forward I ask that you stay safe and stay strong. Please protect yourselves in public environments. Be considerate of the people you will be around. Thank you for all you have done and, as a community, we shall move forward and thrive.

— MAYOR ANTHONY JUDICE | ivylandmayor@ivylandborough.org

Honoring Our Heritage

For the past 42 years, Ed Oldroyd and his wife Terry have called Ivyland home. After serving in the US Airforce from 1966-1970 and then living in Warminster for a few years, Ed decided to move into the “fixer-upper” the couple still resides in today.

“[Terry] decided I needed to go to work,” Ed said with a chuckle.

Owning a historic house will lead a homeowner into two trains of thought, Ed said. Either gutting the inside to modernize or maintaining the “architectural wonder of the past,” both inside and out.

“I’m a little bit of a Purist when it comes to maintaining what’s already there,” Ed said.

Within Ed’s home, he said there is the original smokehouse that was originally used to smoke meats for the store across the street.

“Even though it wastes space, my heart can’t tear it out,” Ed said. “[It’s a] labor of love to preserve what’s there.”

Ed’s work to maintain the historic integrity of his home will come as no shock to the residents of Ivyland as Ed is one of the founding members and an integral part of the Ivyland Heritage Association.



Ed and Terry Oldroyd at the Ivyland 125th Anniversary.



Ed Oldroyd and Tony Judice work on archiving the original Loud Speaker

The Ivyland Heritage Association was introduced around 1998, when the residents of Ivyland were planning to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the town. Ed said residents were holding fundraisers to pay for the 125th festivities but needed to create an actual corporation in order to protect the town from legalities.

“Our main function at the time was to put that [125th anniversary celebration] together and put together a structure where the community could gather funds and do stuff like that for the future,” Ed said.

The Ivyland Heritage Association continues to fundraise for various town events, including the 150th anniversary celebration that is drawing nearer.

Besides fundraising, the Ivyland Heritage Association also works to preserve the history, documents and archives of the town’s rich past, including the old editions of The Loud Speaker.

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“We are anticipating finishing the third floor of the borough hall so that they can find a warmer, dryer space to exist,” Ed said.

To continue with preservation methods, the National Historical Register was introduced. Beginning in the mid 90s, Ed said, the register was put in place to preserve the architecture of the borough for the future.

“It was the idea that a lot of these structures in town should be preserved and looked at as a little bit of a treasure,” Ed said. “And it is a treasure for those that don’t know Ivyland, when they make those turns off of Jacksonville or Bristol Road and come back and see where we are at, and what we look like. It is an art treasure that kind of stands back in time.”

Now, the Ivyland Heritage Association is looking for helping hands to scan preserved documents and photos as well as volunteers for community events — the 150th anniversary in particular.

“From the Heritage perspective, we get out and try to rouse people to come out and show some involvement,” Ed said. “You can’t have community if everyone is sitting in the house by themselves.”

The 150th anniversary, to be held in 2023, will celebrate 150 years of Ivyland history and community. Ed said the celebration will take at least one to two years to plan so arrangements will need to be mapped out pretty soon.

As a resident since 1978 and raising three children, Wyn, Leslie and Jamie here, Ed has seen generations return to Ivyland to raise their own families and keep the traditions like the Egg Hunt, Memorial Day Parade and the Bon Fire alive. Ed said his wish for Ivyland is for the main focal points of the borough to be preserved. He said the work he has done to achieve that goal has been “the joy of my life.”

“Part of growing up in this community is the relationships and comradery that you develop with those around you,” Ed said. “There’s a sense that you get stuck here, and it’s not a bad thing, it’s kind of a good thing because of all the rich memories that Ivyland affords you.”

Want to help by volunteering, planning or sponsoring the 150th anniversary celebration? Email Tony Judice at ajudice@ivylandborough.org for more information.



Scenes from the Ivyland 125th Anniversary Celebration.



Don't Have a Nice Trip



Ivyland Borough Council reminds residents of their responsibility for fallen trees, tree limbs and uneven sidewalks. The borough is only responsible to maintain trees located on borough property. Regarding sidewalks, PA law is clear that property owners are primarily responsible for maintenance and repairs...

It is, of course, the duty of a municipality to maintain its sidewalks in a reasonably safe condition or, rather, when it has reasonable notice express or implied of a defective condition, to see that the property owner performs his duty to make the necessary repairs, the liability of the latter being primary and absolute, that of the municipality secondary and supplemental.

Koerth v. Borough of Turtle Creek, 49 A.2d at 399-400 (Pa. 1946)

The Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. §1805(a) authorizes the borough, after notice to the property owner, to replace or repair any sidewalk at the property owner's expense “plus an additional ten percent (10%) of the cost, together with all charges and expenses . . .” If your sidewalk looks like the photo to the left, it is your duty to make needed repairs. Thank you in advance for attending to your obligations as a property owner in Ivyland Borough.

No Rocket, Man

Did you know – all types of rocket/aerial based fireworks are PROHIBITED by borough ordinance. Additionally, state laws have been recently updated. According to the PA State Police website:

- Fireworks cannot be ignited or discharged on a public or private property without express permission of the property owner.
- They cannot be discharged from or within a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged toward a motor vehicle or building.
- They cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
- They cannot be discharged while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or other drugs.



Borough Stormwater Management Program

When it rains, stormwater is collected by the borough's storm sewer system and carried directly to the nearby streams and creeks. It is the borough's responsibility to monitor the storm sewer system for pollutants. Below are 10 tips from the EPA that the typical homeowner and/or business owner can do to help reduce pollutants in rain water carried to our streams and creeks. By making an effort to keep our rain water clean you are helping the borough and the environment.

- Use fertilizers very sparingly.
- Sweep up driveways and sidewalks; dispose debris properly. Do not sweep into street gutters.
- Never dump anything down storm drains.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Compost your yard waste.
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces.
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
- Check car for leaks and make necessary repairs; recycle motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet, even in your own yard.



Borough News Bites

- The playground equipment in both the Commons Park and in the Village is open for use. Residents can use at their own risk. Hand sanitizing and social distancing are recommended.
- Before beginning any project in the borough, residents are reminded that they are to contact the borough office for necessary application forms and fee schedules.
- If you have not received a sticker for the top of your recycling container, contact the borough office. Plastic bags can no longer be placed in the recycling container.
- Streets and Walks Committee members will be doing an inspection of sidewalks in the borough to see if there are any tripping hazards or obstructions. Please keep your sidewalk free of obstructions such as low hanging tree branches or overgrown shrubbery. If you have broken or heaved sidewalk blocks that need to be replaced, you will be notified after the inspection.
- The Ivyland Heritage Association meeting dates will be posted on the website and Facebook page when available.
- The Ivyland Presbyterian Church has resumed services at the church. Visit ivylandchurch.org for more information.
- The officers of the Ivyland Police have been instructed to resume normal traffic enforcement. They will be ticketing violations, most frequent being the running of stop signs. For the safety of our residents, come to a complete stop at all stop signs. Officers have also been on the lookout for the illegal heavy truck traffic.



Student Spotlight: Ian Sharp

Ian is this year's recipient of the *Norman Kelly History Award* submitting the winning essay on the Ivyland Fire Company's acquisition of their new fire truck. At William Tennent high school, Ian Sharp was very involved in extracurricular activities including marching band, playing varsity tennis and bowling, ultimate frisbee and working stage crew for the annual musicals. This fall, Ian will be attending Arcadia University pursuing a major in Computer Science and being a member of their eSports Overwatch team. Ian has also been a member of Ivyland Fire Company for four years, currently holding the position of Communications Officer. For the past three years, Ian has also been an active participant in Ivyland community events for the youngest members of our community including the Easter Egg Hunt (although you may not recognize him during that...). Congratulations, Ian. And thank you for your service to Ivyland. (To nominate your student, email loudspeaker@ivylandborough.org)



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THE LOUD SPEAKER

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The original *Loud Speaker*, founded in 1925, was a local institution not only in Ivyland but in all of the surrounding areas. Much more than an advertising circular, the paper was filled with the wisdom and pithy humor of its editor, H. H. Eddowes. Ivyland and *The Loud Speaker* belonged together (and still do). Today we try to bring a little of that spirit back to the borough with an updated publication that has its roots in the past and its focus on the present. We hope you enjoy it.

Borough Hall Info



The Borough Hall Office is closed to the public until further notice.

To reach the Borough Hall, call 215-675-0110 or email at info@ivylandborough.org

BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



NEW Official Facebook Page
for Ivyland Borough:
facebook.com/ivylandpa

New Voting Machines

The Bucks County Board of Elections has put together an informative web page on the county's new voting machines used in the recent primaries and to be used for the upcoming November elections. If you plan to vote in person in the borough, you should familiarize yourself with the new machines. Check out the Bucks County Board of Elections voting machine page at <https://tinyurl.com/bucksvoters>.



Ivyland's 150th Anniversary is Right Around the Corner!

In 2023, Ivyland Borough will celebrate 150 years. That takes planning and to celebrate right, we'll need your help!

If you are interested in planning, volunteering or sponsoring Ivyland's 150th Anniversary Celebration, please contact Tony Judice at ajudice@ivylandborough.org.

