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A Message From The Mayor...



On behalf of the Borough Council and staff, I want to wish all residents a happy and safe holiday. If this time holds religious significance for you, I wish you, your family and friends a very safe and Merry Christmas. This is also a much anticipated time where loved ones join together to enjoy family and friendship, reminisce about cherished moments, and create new memories together. I hope you also get involved in the traditions and memories that make Ivyland special. There are several events open to all that are held at the Ivyland Presbyterian Church including the gingerbread house decorating, the tree lighting and caroling. The luminaria tradition goes back to the 1970's and lights up the town. This time of year further offers us an opportunity to think about the welfare of all citizens, and especially those experiencing hardship. A special thank you to those who have volunteered their time and generosity to help those in need. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a happy and healthy New Year to all.

— MAYOR ANTHONY JUDICE

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The Luminaria of Ivyland

An illuminating Christmas tradition for many in the US is the use of luminarias to light pathways during the holiday season. Luminarias or farolitos, depending on where you live, are paper bags with lit candles inside. The crafted lights were first used in New Mexico to direct paths to residents' front doors and the local church on Christmas Eve, showing the way for the Holy Family. Originally, New Mexicans used small bonfires to light the way but after 1872, when the flat-bottom paper bag was invented, they found that a bag weighed down with sand and a candle didn't take from their firewood and was cheaper than the delicate Chinese paper lanterns. From then on, the modern luminaria was born and the tradition quickly spread throughout the country.

Now, many cities in the US host their own Luminaria festivals to make the days surrounding Christmas merry and bright. So how did the tradition start in Ivyland? It turns out Lincoln Avenue resident Bronwyn "Bonnie" Rowe brought the idea with her when she moved to Ivyland in 1976. Bonnie had seen luminaria displays in Hatboro and thought it would be a wonderful addition to our borough. For years, Bonnie organized the ordering of the bags and candles for all the neighbors who wished to participate and convinced the borough to have sand delivered to the Fire House parking lot for all to use. In recent years, Pat & Phil Klein – also of Lincoln Avenue – have been handling the orders through the now familiar "Luminaria Letter" and coordinating the distribution to participating residents. So when you admire the wondrous spectacle of our candlelit streets on Christmas Eve, you can thank Bonnie and the Kleins for helping make it happen.

When to Light. The tradition for the borough has been to light the luminaria on Christmas Eve around 6PM. If the weather is not good, the "raindate" is Christmas Day evening. If you didn't order your luminaria bags and candles, you can still get them on Amazon. Also, if you have older neighbors, it's always a kind gesture to put some extras out for them as well. After all, it is the season. 🌲



Ivyland Bonfire and Hayride

During a crisp fall evening, there is nothing better than sitting by a roaring fire, roasting marshmallows and chatting with friends and family. On October 19th, Ivyland residents got to do just that during the time-honored Ivyland Bonfire. More than 20 years ago, longtime resident and founder of the Ivyland Heritage Association Ed Oldroyd began organizing the bonfire, which has since evolved into a borough tradition with plenty of refreshments and horse drawn wagon “hayrides”, officially marking the beginning of the colder months.

A true symbol of fall festivities in the US, bonfires’ roots actually stretch all the way back to the 10th century in Gaelic Ireland. During the festival of Samhain, which marked the end of the summer and the beginning of the “darker” months, the Celtic people would gather on hilltops and light a bonfire as an offering to the gods. It was believed that during Samhain, spirits, both bad and good, were allowed to travel freely to the living world. The bonfires, as a sign of celebration, would ward off any dark and evil spirits. At the end of the festival, the embers from the fire would be spread across the fields for luck and protection until the next harvest season.

Centuries later, fall bonfires still bring communities together to celebrate. Special thanks to Granieri Landscaping, A Better Way Farm (hayrides), the Ivyland Fire Company and the entire Park & Rec Committee and borough volunteers for helping the Ivyland community to continue to come together.



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Community Cornerstones

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IVYLAND HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

The 2019 Ivyland Commemorative Christmas Ornament is still available! This year’s ornament celebrates the historic Ivyland Presbyterian Church. These ornaments are for sale at the Borough Office. There are also a few ornaments from previous years still available. Each ornament is \$12.

For more information, contact the mayor at ajudice@ivylandborough.org

We invite everyone who loves this old town and who cares about its future to join us. This is our only requirement for membership. No matter where you live and work, if you care about Ivyland, you are welcome.

IVYLAND FIRE COMPANY

We want to take a moment and wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events:

**SAT. DECEMBER 14
SANTA COMES TO IVYLAND**

Ivyland Meadows
11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Ivyland Village
Valentine Rd. - 11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Ivyland Borough
Twining Chase, Pennsylvania Aves. 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Garrison Ave. 2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Greeley Ave. 2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Bristol Rd. & Carver Ln. 3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Jacksonville Rd. 3:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.

We are always in need of Volunteers, if you are interested in joining our Ivyland Fire Company family please email us at ifco62@gmail.com or stop by any Monday night at 7:00 PM

IVYLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ADVENT GATHERINGS 2019
Wed. Dec. 11th and 18th, 6:30 - 7:35 p.m.

Make plans now to be at Ivyland Presbyterian Church for evening gatherings as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christmas. Let’s slow down and spend time together in God’s house. This is a perfect time to bring a friend to church or make the visit you’ve been meaning to make. We’ll begin with a meal – bring something to share! Beverages and paper products will be provided. Let someone know if you need a ride, we will try to accommodate!

Christmas Eve at the church will be celebrated with two services :

5:00 p.m. – Family Service

7:00 p.m. – Traditional Lessons & Carols

Events			
SAT. DECEMBER 14 Santa Comes to Ivyland brought to you by the Ivyland Fire Company (see schedule on previous page)	SAT. DECEMBER 14 Make a Gingerbread House 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Ivyland Presbyterian Church (Bring \$10 per family & candy for decorating)	SAT. DECEMBER 14 Tree Lighting & Caroling 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Gough Ave. at the Church (All are welcome!)	TUE. DECEMBER 24 Light Your Luminaria around 6 p.m. Rain Date: Dec. 25 (Sand available at the Fire House)

Be Nice When You Deice

Winter is almost officially here and this can be a difficult time for aquatic life due to runoff of deicing materials to surface waters. Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our streams and impact drinking water supplies.

Some environmentally-friendly snow removal practices to help keep Ivyland’s streams and groundwater clean:

- Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt.
- Shovel snow onto permeable surfaces including gently sloping and level landscape and grassy areas so as the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or stream.

If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions...

- Control application of chemical deicers and avoid over application.
- Limit chemical applications near environmentally-sensitive areas including springs, streams, ponds, wetlands, and water supply areas and sensitive landscape and vegetation.
- Use salt substitutes that are less harmful including Calcium Chloride (CaCl₂) and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA).
- After snowmelt, sweep up residues, including sand, to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams.

Why should I limit my use of salt and other chemical deicing products?

Deicing products contain chemical constituents that can be harmful to the environment including water resources and drinking water supplies. For example, sodium can break down soil structure and decrease soil permeability, which adversely impacts vegetation and soil microbes; chloride mobilizes heavy metals and impacts fresh water supplies including ground and surface waters; and heavy metal components can adversely impact water quality, plant and aquatic life.

Find out more about how you can help prevent Stormwater Pollution - visit Ivyland Borough’s Stormwater Info website page at www.ivylandborough.org/stormwater-info.html



Student Spotlight: Nolan Pope

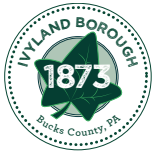
William Tennent High School senior Nolan Pope has a goal and a plan to reach it. As member of Boy Scout Troop 200 (soon to be relocated to the Ivyland Presbyterian Church), he’s mapped out his Eagle Scout project that will be a fine addition to our Borough. Nolan’s idea is to create and install a collection box for older and worn American flags so the Boy Scouts can properly retire them. The collection box would be located at the Ivyland Memorial Park which is indeed an ideal place for it – in fact the project was approved and endorsed by Borough Council. Nolan has been a scout since he was 5 years old and has advanced into various leadership positions through the years. His goal of becoming an Eagle Scout and completing this project by spring is his way of honoring his country and giving back to the community. Nolan is accepting donations for all aspects of the project and donors will be recognized. He can be contacted at nolanpope123@gmail.com. Nolan, thank you for your service.

(To nominate your student, email loudspeaker@ivylandborough.org)

Spirit of Christmas Past



Photos courtesy of Facebook I grew up or lived in Ivyland Page



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THE LOUD SPEAKER

Publisher: Group G Marketing Partners, Ivyland, PA
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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

Ivyland Borough Council Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month at Borough Hall, 991 Pennsylvania Ave.
Borough information, including events, contact numbers, emails and meeting dates can be found at ivylandborough.org.

BOROUGH OFFICE HOURS:

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

HOLIDAY HOURS:

Closed Tue. Dec. 24th and Wed. Dec. 25th for Christmas
Closed Tues. Dec. 31st and Wed. Jan. 1st for New Years



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

Community Content Wanted!



We want your ideas and contributions to make The Loudspeaker even better. So if you have suggestions about an Ivyland related article or a person you think we should profile, let us know. We'd also like your pictures from around the neighborhood and from community events - please share them. Are you a writer? Join our editorial staff! Our goal is to have an online version too - so we can really feature all sorts of great content *for* you and *from* you.
Email us at loudspeaker@ivylandborough.org.

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