

THE LOUD SPEAKER

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A Message From The Mayor...



WE NEED YOU!

Get involved in our community in any way that you can. We are beginning the preparations for our 150th Anniversary Celebration which will take place in 2023 and we need volunteers to help make this a memorable celebration (find out more inside this edition). Our borough is known for being a close knit, caring community. It's part of what makes Ivyland special – neighbors helping neighbors. We also have many great traditions and events that are opportunities to volunteer your time – like setting up the food and helping coordinate the bonfire and hayride event, participating in our holiday Luminaria, hiding Easter eggs for the egg hunt, placing flags in front of mailboxes for Memorial Day, joining the Heritage Association, volunteering for assisting Parks & Rec or other committee...every little bit makes a difference. Now is a great time to help the borough and meet new neighbors.

– **MAYOR ANTHONY JUDICE** | ivylandmayor@ivylandborough.org

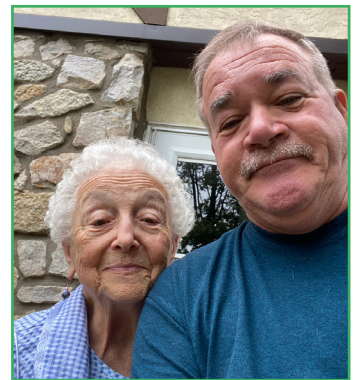
Ivy Meadows

A Neighborhood in a Neighborhood

Tucked back comfortably from Jacksonville Road sits a part of the Borough where almost 10% of its residents live yet perhaps the other 90% know little about. Hidden in plain sight is Ivy Meadows, a mini neighborhood of 40 charming 2-story stone and brick-faced townhomes built in the mid 1970s. It came to be during a time when the Johnsville Naval Air base was still open and active and the corridor between Street and Bristol roads was very different from what it is today. Ivy Meadows was among the early wave of Bucks County townhome communities that quickly began to appear over the next several decades. Quaint, neat, well-manicured and maintained – it still remains today, in a good way, very similar to its origins.

Like many townhome communities, Ivy Meadows has an association consisting of five resident council members. Their current council president is Bill Ratzke who moved into Ivy Meadows in 1996. Council members are tasked with managing some of the same things as our Borough Council – trash, sewer and water services, snow removal, road surface and common area upkeep (they have their own modest playground and park as well as a dog walk area). In addition to his council president duties, Bill is a longtime fire fighter and currently a Deputy Chief of the Elkins Park Fire Company. He recalled his firefighting experience was key to landing him a position at the Johnsville base when he first came to Ivyland. It is no surprise to learn that some of his most vivid memories of his first years in the borough were of two particularly notable fires – the former Ivyland Inn and Borough Hall. Of course, Bill mentioned happier recollections of all the different borough events and activities, especially the Firehouse Pancake Breakfasts which Bill proudly described as “the best breakfast bargain around”!

Fellow Ivy Meadows council member Daisy Robinson has been a resident for over 35 years. In addition to agreeing with Bill about the pancake breakfast, she enjoys being part of the Ivy Meadows community and Ivyland borough because of the wonderful people, traditions and events. Daisy, who was a Centennial school bus driver for more than 4 decades,



Ivy Meadows scenes and residents Daisy Robinson and Bill Ratzke

especially loves the annual Memorial Day parade and ceremony. In fact, she was personally responsible for driving the William Tennent marching band to and from the Ivyland schoolhouse where the parade starts. Thank you Daisy!

Both Daisy and Bill mention a long list of memorable Ivyland moments from strawberry and peach festivals, concerts in the park, the 125th Ivyland Anniversary, egg hunts, bonfires and hayrides and Christmas Eve luminaria. And while part of the borough, Ivy Meadows has held their own events too like a resident Summer Picnic with fun, food and music.

So when you drive down Jacksonville Road and see the Ivy Meadows sign, know that is a great little community within our great little community. As Bill puts it, “Come by, say hello. We’re pretty friendly.”

A Fall Tradition Returns

The Bonfire and Hayride Event is Back

Saturday October 23rd marks the return of an Ivyland fall classic event, the Bonfire and Hayride. Under direction of the borough Parks and Rec committee, the Ivyland Fire Company and other volunteers, this community event features an old-fashioned bonfire in the grass field of Ivyland Commons for residents and their families to gather around and enjoy (safely constructed and supervised by the Fire Company). To add to the festivities and marshmallow roasting will be horse-drawn hayrides through the old borough provided by A Better Way Belgians. The evening events begin at 7 p.m. Hayrides from 7-9 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket and spend an evening with neighbors, family and friends.



Fire Prevention & Open House

Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms can alert you to possible dangers in your home, but do you know what to do when you hear them? The Ivyland Fire Company invites you to the Annual Fire Prevention Education Open House where you will find out exactly what to do when an alarm sounds so you can keep your family safe.

This year's festivities will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on October 23, 2021 where the theme will be "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!"

New this year, the Ivyland Fire Company teamed up with Parks and Rec to have the Fire Prevention Education on the same night as the Ivyland BonFire. So, take some time to slow down, enjoy s'mores and prizes for children, and stop by to learn something new at the firehouse.



Community Cornerstones



IVYLAND HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

2021 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2021 ornament honors the legacy of Ed and Terry Oldroyd and features their lovely home on 54 Gough Avenue. It will be sold for \$12, checks payable to Ivyland Heritage Association.

All proceeds go to help the borough in the staging of the Ivyland 150th Anniversary celebration.

Order Form is available at ivylandborough.org and the borough office or email ajudice@ivylandborough.org.



IVYLAND FIRE COMPANY

FIRE PREVENTION/OPEN HOUSE

Sat. Oct. 23rd at the Firehouse, 7 - 9 p.m.

COIN DROP FUNDRAISER

Fri. Nov. 26th

Bristol & Jacksonville Rds.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST w/ SANTA

Sun. Dec. 5th

8 a.m. to noon at the Firehouse

SANTA COMES TO IVYLAND

Sat. Dec. 11th

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

If you are interested in joining our Ivyland Fire Company family please email us at ifco62@gmail.com.



IVYLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 15 FROM 7-9 P.M.

Cub Scout Pack 200 will be hosting a kid-friendly Halloween movie under the stars. Bring a chair and snacks for this outdoor movie event.

OCTOBER 31 AT 3 P.M.

The Ivyland Presbyterian Church will come together with the Presbytery of Philadelphia to install Amy Visco Na as the pastor. Worship will follow.

THANKSGIVING MEALS AVAILABLE

Deacons will be providing Thanksgiving meals to needy families. If you know of a family in need, call the church office and leave a message for Deacon Jean Beaton at 215.672.2266.

Events



SATURDAY OCT 23

Bonfire & Hayride
Ivyland Commons,
Starts at 7 p.m.



SUNDAY DEC 5

Ivyland Fire Company
Pancake Breakfast
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.



SATURDAY DEC 11

Santa Comes to Ivyland
Check our website for updates

Borough Hall Info



The Borough Hall Office is back open to the public.

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 Borough Website
and Facebook Page:

ivylandborough.org
facebook.com/ivylandpa



Leaf and Yard Waste Management

Fallen leaves and grass clippings can plug storm sewers which can lead to flooding. When grass clippings and high amounts of decomposing leaves make it to our streams, unnatural elevated levels of nutrients can harm aquatic wildlife.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Keep all fallen leaves and grass clippings on your property; and out of the streets and storm sewers.
- Compost leaves on site away from storm sewers. Contain your compost to keep nutrient-rich water from leaching into the storm system.
- If you see a storm drain that is clogged and can clear it without placing yourself in danger, please remove the leaves. Use a rake to help you reach the leaves without entering the street.
- Leck will pick up your bagged leaves on trash days - please use paper leaf bags.
- A large waste bin will be soon be located in the Fire Company parking lot for residents to use for organic yard waste disposal - branches, grass and weed clippings, leaves, etc. Please do not put other waste materials in the bin.



Borough News Bites

PERMIT PLANNING PREVENTS PAIN

Many home and property improvement projects require a permit from the borough. So please plan ahead to avoid delays and other issues. A phone call or visit to the borough office can often help determine if you require a permit and which applications you'd need to submit.

Need a dumpster to be placed in the street for a project? There is a permit needed for that - although it is free.

Also keep in mind that while we try to address permit applications as quickly as possible, it could take up to two weeks to process. So play it safe and plan ahead to ensure you can get the permits you need. Better to be fine than to be fined!

BOROUGH ZONING OFFICER RETIRES

Ivyland Borough would like to thank former Zoning Officer Bill Norton for his years of service and offer our best wishes for his retirement. Bill had been the Zoning Officer since October 2005 and he will be missed. Any zoning issues or questions can be directed to our Code Officer, Frank Orfe at (215) 675-0110.



Student Spotlight: Gianna Simpson

Our student spotlight shines upon young Chase Avenue resident Gianna Simpson who was nominated by her proud grandmother Peg Cascerceri. Gianna graduated this past spring with honors from Our Lady of Calvary grade school in NE Philadelphia. She is following in her mom's footsteps now as a freshman attending Villa Joseph Marie High School. She has joined the golf team and the dance club and looks forward to all the other opportunities that high school will bring. Good Luck Gianna! Go Jems!

(Know an outstanding young Ivylander? Nominate your student by emailing us at loudspeaker@ivylandborough.org)



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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.

Community Critters

This edition's "critter" is Lambeau, a 3 year old Bernese mountain dog and part of the Linden household. Brian Linden tells us, "He is known and loved throughout Ivyland Village. He greets everyone with a beautiful smile and never barks! He's a majestic, sweet and happy boy who we are so lucky to have."



Our 150th Anniversary is Coming!

You can make it a great one.

2023 will mark Ivyland's official 150th Anniversary and the borough hopes to make it a big celebration, but we need your help! Our 125th celebration was a huge success thanks to residents, local government, businesses and organizations like the Ivyland Heritage Association, the Fire Company and the Ivyland Presbyterian Church all working together.

In the coming weeks, the Heritage Association and Borough Council members will be working to form a "piloting committee" to help make plans, organize and promote the 150th Anniversary event. We need volunteer leaders to step up and be part of this committee and we need general volunteers to help with all the event details and logistics. No special training is needed just a willingness to work on making our 150th anniversary as special as it should be.

Here's what you can do right now:

1. Contact any of the people below and let us know that you want to help.
 - Ajudice@ivylandborough.org
 - sdipaolo@ivylandborough.org
 - info@ivylandborough.org
2. Sponsors - do you know (or work for) a business that may want to sponsor? Fantastic! Tell us and we'll reach out to them.
3. Got a high school student that needs to have community service hours as part of their graduation requirement? Let us know, this is a great opportunity.
4. Buy an Ivyland Holiday Ornament - proceeds go toward the 150th event. Check the Heritage association section of the Ivyland website for details.

You can help us put together a 150th Anniversary literally for the history books. Let's get it started. Keep an eye out on the borough Facebook page and ivylandborough.com for updates.



Classic & Antique cars on display during the Ivyland 125th celebration.