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### MAYOR'S CHAT BOX:

It is hard to believe the day will soon be here when I will no longer be having these semi-annual chats with all of you through the borough newsletters. I will be retiring from the office of Mayor at the end of this year. It is an office that I held for 8 years, preceded by 5 years as borough secretary-treasurer. I enjoyed writing these articles for the newsletter over the years and I hope that you received some enjoyment when reading them.

Jacobus is a small, quaint and quiet town. Some people in this town have lived here all of their life and some have just recently moved into the area. All the residents worked hard to pay mortgages or rent and raise their children to enjoy the peace and quiet that goes with a small town. So let's work together to keep it that way. I want to thank all of you for making Jacobus this great place to live and work and for giving me the opportunity to serve the community during my tenure as Mayor. I urge you to continue to support the next mayor, the borough council and the various volunteer civic organizations so the community may continue to prosper.

Now for a few "food for thought" remarks for the coming Fall and Winter months:

1. Trick or Treat night in the borough will be held on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. If you are welcoming "Trick or Treaters" to your home for this event, please turn your porch light on for them. Children should wear light colored or reflective clothing for safety purposes.
2. When the snows come this winter remember that whenever approximately 2" or more occur, snowplowing will begin in the borough and a snow emergency declaration may be enacted. (Tune in to the following TV and radio stations for the snow emergency declarations, local closings, delays and cancellations—WGAL8; Fox 43; ABC 27; WSBA 910 or WGTY 107.7) Also remember that all vehicles must be removed from the borough streets to allow for snowplows to do the job efficiently and safely. Also all residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from their sidewalks and PLEASE DO NOT throw snow from your property into the street.
3. The census is coming to town early in year 2010. The purpose of the census is to correctly gather information about our community and the United States as a whole. In recent years many federal, state and local government plans, grants and revenue sharing have been based by law on factors calculated from census statistics. Personal census information is confidential and any breach of confidentiality could result in fines or prison terms for those persons responsible.
4. In conclusion I would like to wish the residents of Jacobus a safe and fun-filled Fall, Winter and Holiday Season.

## JACOBUS BOROUGH ♦ ♦ NEWS and

A grant has been received by Jacobus Borough to make improvements to 'The Woods at Lake Redman' Nature area. Volunteers are needed to assist in the planning & completion of upgrades to the Nature area. Please contact the Jacobus Borough Municipal Office @ 717-428-1752 if you are interested in assisting with this activity and for more information.

### Are you prepared for an emergency?

Check out the addresses below to find information on recommended food supplies & more!



<http://www.ready.gov/>

<http://www.readypa.org/>

Jacobus Borough's 2010 Preliminary Budget will be presented at the November 4th Council Meeting. Upon approval the preliminary budget will be available for viewing at the Jacobus Borough Municipal Office during normal office hours. Final adoption of the borough's 2010 budget will take place at the December Council Meeting.

Jacobus Borough has seen a **Spike in Crime** over the past several months. During the 3rd Quarter, Borough Council approved an increase in police patrols for the remainder of 2009. Serious consideration is being given to include a permanent increase in police patrols in preparation of the 2010 budget. Once Jacobus Borough's 2010 Budget is approved, the cost for Police Protection is expected to exceed \$65,000.00 p/year.

Borough Council would encourage all residents to make sure vehicle doors are locked at all times, as well as keeping homes & outbuildings secured at all times. Please do not hesitate to call 911 if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

L. T. Godfrey was the successful bidder to provide **winter road maintenance** for Jacobus Borough during the 2009-2010 season.

Winter maintenance during an average year costs between \$12,000.00 to \$18,000.00. The expense for a typical storm involving sleet, ice & a few inches of snow is approximately \$6,000.00.

Residents of Jacobus Borough are requested to please mark the grass & curb line of their property to prevent damage. Street right-of-ways do extend into private property.

### A Reminder...

You must apply for a **'Jacobus Borough Alarm Permit'** should you have a system on your property which notifies law enforcement when your alarm activates. The cost is \$20.00 and is a one-time fee for as long as your system is in operation.



As many of you are aware the U.S. Postal Service has announced the **possible closing of the Jacobus Branch of the York Post Office** and moving all services to the East York Branch. The final decision on closing the Jacobus Branch will be made later this fall.

While the Loganville Post Office is within 4 miles of Jacobus, **you will still have to travel 22 miles round trip taking an additional 1 1/2 hours of your time to do business at the East York Post Office**, such as pick-up packages or certified mail, and other special business.

If you have concerns related to this matter, **PLEASE** send letters to the following:

Robert L. Varano  
Post Office Review Coordinator  
1425 Crooked Hill Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17107-9203

Edward B. Burke, Mgr.  
Post Office Operations/Marketing  
1425 Crooked Hill Road  
Harrisburg, PA 17107-9203

Senator Arlen Spector  
711 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510-3802

Senator Robert P. Casey  
B-40 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

State Representative Todd R. Platts  
1032 Longworth HOB  
Washington, DC 20515-3819



Jacobus Borough has relayed its concerns to the above representatives and we would strongly encourage all residents to express their feelings regarding the relocation of your local post office branch.

**Another Reminder...** All solicitation in the borough, with the exception of religious activity, requires a **Solicitation Permit** issued by Jacobus Borough. If individuals are soliciting without a permit, please notify YARPD immediately by calling 911.

### HELP NEEDED for the Wellington Hills Tot Lot!!!

Jacobus Borough Council is looking for people to form a community parks committee for the Wellington Hills Tot Lot. Individuals would be helping to maintain & monitor the Tot Lot for your neighborhood. Please contact the Jacobus Borough Municipal Office at 717-428-1752 for more information.

Jacobus Borough is a MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems) community and is covered by the DEP's (Department of Environmental Protection) General Stormwater NPDES Permit (PAG-13). Any activities that change the characteristics of stormwater runoff must be developed in accordance with the Borough's Stormwater Management Ordinance. Additional MS4 information is available at the borough office and DEP's website: <http://www.depweb.state.pa.us/watershedmgmt/cwp/view.asp?a=1437&q=545499>.

## INFORMATION ♦ ♦ COMMUNITY



**Thank you** to everyone who took part in our Summer Reading Club and made it a big success! Now, as we turn toward fall, here are some other programs to look forward to:

**One Book, One Community** is underway and continues through October. This Community-wide reading program is designed to promote the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links the community in a common conversation. This year's book, "The People of the Book", from the Pulitzer Prize-winning author Geraldine Brooks, follows the journey of a rare illuminated manuscript, the Sarajevo Haggadah, through centuries of exile and war. If you would enjoy discussing this year's book, join the Rowdy Readers on Thursday, October 15th at 7:30 p.m.

**Story times** return in October and run through May. Every Monday there will be two **Baby/Toddler Story Times**, at 10:15 and 11:30. For children birth to age 2, Baby/Toddler Story Time is a good way to introduce your baby to literature and the library as Miss Amy shares her favorite books, songs, nursery rhymes and more. Older children can join Miss Amy and Friends every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for **Preschool Story Time**. This program includes stories, rhymes, music, movement activities, finger plays, crafts and more! For ages 3 through 5. Siblings of any age are welcome at any of the story times. No registration is necessary.

Don't forget our **Friends of the Library Book Sales**. Thursday book sales continue through October, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. (weather permitting) in front of the library. Purchase paperbacks for 50¢ and hardbacks for \$1. And don't miss the annual book sale at Christmas-time in Loganville: You will find the Friends of the Library at the Codorus Church of the Brethren.

### Goodwill Fire Co. #1, Station 18—Jacobus

#### ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST

2nd Sunday of Each Month: 11/8/09, 12/13/09, 1/10/10, 2/14/10, 3/14/10, 4/11/10, 5/9/10, 6/13/10, 7/11/10, 8/8/10, 9/12/10, 10/10/10, 11/14/10, 12/12/10

**BASKET & VERA BRADLEY BINGO:** 10/24/09

**CHRISTMASTIME IN LOGANVILLE:** 11/21/09

*Vendors & Food @ the Fire Company*

**Lunch With Santa:** 12/5/09

Other events will be posted. Keep an eye on our sign & check out our web-site @ goodwillfire18.com

Looking for information on our events, questions on hall rentals, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Linette @ 717-428-3862



See 'MAYOR'S CHAT BOX' on page 1 for information on Jacobus Borough's annual 'TRICK or TREAT' night.

### JLS Recreation Association presents a NEW YORK CITY BUS TRIP

**When:** November 7, 2009  
**Departure Time:** 6:00 a.m.  
**Depart from:** Loganville Fire Hall  
**Return:** Approx. 10:30 to 11:00 p.m.  
**Cost:** \$40.00 p/person

Enjoy your time in New York doing whatever you choose... Shopping, Broadway Play, Historical Tours, etc. It's all up to you!

For more information call 428-3105

The **Dallastown Area Communities That Care** is an organization that works locally to promote positive behaviors and trends for the youth of our area. The CTC Board of Directors are made up of community leaders, including school personnel, who support and develop programs that address the negative behaviors facing young people. One of these programs is the Big Buddy program that pairs high school students with elementary students who show at-risk behaviors that would keep them from being successful or making wise choices. This school year the program supports 140 pairs of buddies and there is still a waiting list!

You can become a member of this non-profit organization through a membership fee as follows: \$5.00 for students & senior citizens, \$10.00 for individuals, \$15.00 per/family and \$50.00 + per/business. Your support will help the CTC in its programs to provide early intervention strategies that address problems and concerns. Early intervention is key to changing negative behaviors into positive ones!

To find out more about the *Dallastown Communities That Care* and its programs, contact Wendy Arnold at Loganville-Springfield Elementary by e-mailing: [wendy.arnold@dallastown.net](mailto:wendy.arnold@dallastown.net).

**Jacobus Lions Ambulance** would like to thank everyone for your support to our organization throughout the past year.

We are settled in our new addition and are currently in the process of replacing our ten year old ambulance.

The annual subscription drive will start in November for year 2010. If you do not receive a subscription card in the mail, contact us at 428-0218 and we will send one out to you.

Your continued support to our life saving organization is greatly appreciated.

Have a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season!

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### Jacobus Lions Ambulance Building Expansion Completed

The Jacobus Lions ambulance building has been expanded by over 400 square feet to meet growing operational needs. In addition to the external expansion, the inside was modified to meet the growing needs of the ambulance crew. New secure office space and upgraded crew ready rooms were provided. Updated equipment was also procured that included computer and training aids. Pictured is a view of the external expansion and the ready room that includes a secure mailbox system. Additional rest rooms were provided to meet the needs of men and women crewmembers and the main training room was also expanded.

The Jacobus Lions are VERY appreciative of the great support provided from the communities served by the Ambulance Service. Thanks to your support and support from the Lions Club International and State organizations who provided grants, the major cost of the building project has been covered.

The Ambulance Service continues to be provided primarily through volunteer crews. Their dedication affords the communities a 24/7 top quality service to the Jacobus, Loganville and Springfield Township areas, and portions of York Township that include the Country Meadows Retirement Community at Leaders Heights.

Donations or Pledge payments may be sent to the Jacobus Lions Club, P.O. Box 246, Jacobus, PA 17407

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



## Jacobus Borough's 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



*Date: December 5, 2009*

*Time: 6:30 p.m.*

*Place: Jacobus Community Park*

*All are invited to come out for an evening of fun with your neighbors & friends and share in the warm spirit of the Holiday season.*



*Join in the singing of Christmas Carols and your favorite holiday songs! Warm up around the crackling fire and enjoy refreshments of Cider, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cookies and more!!*

*Boys and Girls get your wish lists ready because Santa Claus by fire truck!!*



*will arrive*

*Enter the contest by guessing the # of lights on the tree, and kids under 12... you can enter to win a chance to turn on the Christmas Lights for the 1st time of the season!!*

*Also prizes will be awarded to the winners of the 'Exterior House Decorating' Contest.*



'Exterior House Decorating' Contest

Jacobus Borough will be holding an 'Exterior House Decorating' Contest for all borough residents. No registration is required. If you would like to participate, all you have to do is make sure your decorations are turned on the week before the 'Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony'. The judges will be making their rounds and marking their score sheets from Monday, November 30th to Friday, December 4th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be announced Saturday at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Each winner will receive a 'revolving tree trophy' to place in their yard and a gift certificate. You do not need to be present to win, but hope all will come out and join in the fun!



For more information on both the ceremony and the decorating contest, please call the Borough Municipal Office @ 717-428-1752. (Judging is for Jacobus Borough residents only. The 'Tree Trophies' must be returned to the Jacobus Borough Office by January 15, 2010.)



For more information and trail updates, call (717) 840-7440 and Visit our website at [www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org)

York County Department of Parks and Recreation Proudly Presents...  
**Christmas Magic—A Festival of Lights At Rocky Ridge County Park**

**Dates:** November 27—December 31; Closed December 24th & 25th  
**Hours:** Mon.-Fri., 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
**Admission Rates:** Adults - \$8.00; Children (4-12) - \$6.00; Under 4 Free;  
Seniors (over 59) - \$7.00; Adult Group (11+) - \$7.00;  
Childrens Group (11+) - \$5.00

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Rocky Ridge County Park

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