

# Borough of Jacobus

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JACOBUS...

#### Woodland Drive Reclamation

The reclamation of a portion of Woodland Drive was completed in June 2011. The work consisted of milling, reclamation, grading, raising utility covers, road crowning & resurfacing the road from the property south of Pine Street to approx. 395' north of Wildasin Drive. Fitz & Smith, Inc. was the low responsible bidder at \$66,008.82, however completed the project for \$59,512.86. Including Engineering costs, the final cost for the reclamation of Woodland Drive totaled \$68,129.99. Additional expenses of \$1,500.00 to \$1,800.00 are expected for minor stormwater improvements.

#### Insurance

Jacobus Borough recently reviewed its costs for insurance & actively sought out quotes prior to renewal of its Property, Liability & Workers Compensation policies. This has allowed the Borough, without any reduction in coverage, to reduce its premiums for Property & Liability Insurance by a total of \$5,427.00. An additional premium savings of \$1,600.00 in Liability Insurance may be possible upon further review of its coverage. The Workers Compensation coverage will continue to be reviewed for cost savings until the policy is due for renewal in December.

#### 2012 Budget

The 2012 Budget process for Jacobus Borough will begin in October and continue into December. The schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, October 19th - Budget Hearing Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.; For the purpose of hearing 2012 budget plans from our local organizations & clubs.
- Wednesday, October 26th - 2012 Budget Development meeting @ 7:00 p.m.; For the purpose of developing the Borough's 2012 budget for presentation at the November Council meeting.
- Wednesday, November 2nd - Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.; The 2012 Preliminary Budget will be reviewed, finalized & approved to advertise for adoption in December.
- Wednesday, December 7th - Council Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.; The 2012 Budget will be voted on for final adoption.



#### Code of Ordinances

Jacobus Borough recently completed an update to its Code Book of Ordinances. The project was given to General Code, a company serving the needs of municipal governments and educational organizations throughout the United States for over 45 years.

As part of the Code Book project, General Code has provided online access to the Borough's Code Book of Ordinances free for 1 (one) year, after which the Borough will review the additional cost for this service. You may view the Code Book by following the *ecode360* link, under Rules & Regulations, on the Borough's website: [www.jacobuspa.com](http://www.jacobuspa.com).

However, please remember to always check with the Municipal Office for updates to ordinances you may be viewing for a particular purpose. Updating the Borough's ordinances is often an ongoing process.

Ordinances Jacobus Borough is reviewing now for revision are: Stormwater • Transient Retail Business License • Refuse & Recycling. The Code Book of Ordinances must also be officially adopted by an Ordinance.



The Borough is legally required to locally advertise ordinances prior to final adoption. Placing a legal ad is very costly and Jacobus is hoping to save on this expense by including as many ordinances as possible, which are currently being reviewed for revisions, in one advertisement.

#### Refuse and Recycling

1st a note to residents & businesses... please **do not** sit your trash containers/bags and recycling bins in the street when placing them out for collection. They should always be behind the curb line- on your lawn, driveway or sidewalk. Putting them in the street creates a public safety hazard. On this note, please be advised Penn Waste is also, according to specs of our contract, expected to place your containers behind the curb line after collection, never in the street. We are looking for cooperation from all parties on this matter, so please abide by this regulation.

For matters concerning collection of trash and recycling, please contact Penn Waste directly at 717-767-4456 or visit their website at: [www.pennwaste.com](http://www.pennwaste.com).



Following are the **rules & regulations** *you must abide by according to Jacobus Borough's 'Solid Waste Ordinance'*:

- Containers shall be set at the curb line of the street by 6:00 a.m. of the day of collection, but no earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day prior to the day of collection.
- Empty containers shall be removed from the curb on the day of collection after collection.
- Collection is 1X p/week, on Tuesday, for both refuse & recycling.
- 8 closed containers/bags may be placed curbside p/week with a maximum gross weight of 70 lbs., including the container.
- 1 large trash item p/week; *please contact Penn Waste if item is too large for a regular crew to handle.*
- No person shall place garbage, rubbish or other waste on a tract of real estate for collection other than what has originated on the tract of real estate.
- Violators may be cited and required to appear before the District Magistrate for failing to comply with Borough Ordinance.

For removal of refuse in excess of the contracted limits, you may privately contract with Penn Waste, Inc. for pick-up. Call 767-4456 for details.

Recycling is single-stream meaning items no longer need to be separated and may be mixed in one container.

*"What's Happening in Jacobus" continued..*

**Trick or Treat** night in Jacobus will be held on **Monday, October 31, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Residents please turn on your porch light if you are welcoming Trick or Treaters to your home.

Here are some tips from a flyer available at the Municipal Office from the York Area Regional Police Department: Parents & Guardians should make sure children carry a flashlight and wear light-colored, flame-retardant costumes decorated with retro-reflective tape or stickers. Always cross streets at intersections, traffic signals & crosswalks and walk, don't run. Drivers should be alert, reduce distractions inside the car, be very cautious when you pull in & out of driveways, alleys & at intersections, and ALWAYS be actively watching for children, especially in residential neighborhoods.

**Snow Alert**

When winter weather arrives, tune into these TV & Radio stations for snow emergency declarations and local closings, delays & cancellations: WGAL 8•Fox 43•ABC 27•WSBA 910 •WGTY 107.7. Whenever 1" to 2" of snow occur, snowplowing will begin in the Borough and a snow emergency may be declared.



Following are Rules & Regulations of Jacobus Borough which must be abided by when winter weather arrives:

According to Jacobus Borough Ordinance #1987-84; Section 235-1; Article III: **All vehicles must be removed from Borough streets upon declaration of a snow emergency.**

And, according to Jacobus Borough Ordinance #2007-1; Section 205; Article III: **Residents & Businesses shall, or cause to, remove and clear all snow and ice within 24 hrs. of the cessation of the precipitation. The area of clearance shall be no less than the width of the sidewalk, or 36", whichever is less.**

Section 205 also states: **No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow or ice on or immediately next to a fire hydrant or upon any sidewalk, roadway, or loading and unloading areas of a public transportation system.**

**Municipal Election**

The Municipal Election will take place on November 8, 2011. If you are a registered voter of Jacobus Borough, you will have the opportunity to vote for three Borough Council seats within your local government.

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and are located at Goodwill Fire Company #1, 1 South Main Street, Jacobus, PA.

Just moved to town? Have a change of name and/or address? Contact the York County Elections Office at: 717-771-9604 as soon as possible for information on how to transfer, or update, your voter registration information.



All are encouraged to exercise your right to vote. Your Vote **does** Count!!

**JACOBUS BOROUGH PARKS**

**Nature Park**

Christian Hansen of Boy Scout Troop #184; Indian Steps District, recently made improvements to the trail in Jacobus Borough's Nature Park for his Eagle Scout project.

The project consisted of installation of Nature Park signs, Erosion Control Trail Breaks and Trail Improvements at the Creekwood Drive entrance. Christian not only helped with the physical part of the project, but was responsible for planning, scheduling & coordinating the work.

Future plans for the Borough's Nature Park include maintenance & improvement to the foot bridge, construction of a covered picnic table and additional improvements connecting the trail to the York County Trail System in Wm. Kain park.

The Borough is looking for additional volunteers to coordinate and complete the projects stated above. Interested parties should contact the Municipal Office by phone at 717-428-1752 or email: [jacobusborough@verizon.net](mailto:jacobusborough@verizon.net).

Check out Christian's work and your community's nature park by planning a day hike. The park is located in "The Woods at Lake Redman" neighborhood. The park trail connects to the County trail system and visitors often see deer or other wildlife while enjoying their trek.

You may enter the trail at two locations:

- Between 113 & 117 E. Greenbriar Drive; Parking is available curbside
- From the parking lot at the bottom of E. Branch Drive, west of Creekwood Drive.

Christian is a resident from Ensminger Drive, Jacobus, PA, so if you know him, be sure to thank him for the work he did to benefit our community.



**Tot Lot Park**

In July 2011, at a cost of \$1,800.00, the walking path into the Tot Lot was paved. The improvement was done because of the constant wash-out of gravel from the path

during rainstorms. Gradually as the grass grows into the edge of the pavement the wash-outs should be totally eliminated.

Jacobus Borough would like to thank resident, John Coleman & his son, for their continued volunteerism at our community's Tot Lot, in the Wellington Hills neighborhood. Mr. Coleman & his son regularly shoveled the washed-out gravel back into the walking path when necessary, and continues to monitor the park for matters of concern and loose trash. If others are interested in helping the Borough to monitor the Tot Lot, or our other community parks, for matters of concern & light maintenance, please contact the Borough Municipal Office at 428-1752.



**Community Park**

Paving of an extension to the walking path at Jacobus Community Park was completed in June 2011, at a cost of \$1,200.00. The extension begins at School Street, west of the bleachers, and provides a connection from the walking path at the Dallastown Intermediate School to the walking path at the Community Park. This portion of the walking path is dedicated to 1st Lt. Daren M. Hidalgo, 2005 graduate of Dallastown Area Senior High School. 1st Lt. Hidalgo was killed in action early this year while serving in Afghanistan.

**Donation Opportunity**

In the past few years, several trees have been removed from Jacobus Community Park due to decay & disease. We are currently seeking recommendations from an arborist in selecting trees best suited for our community park and would like to plant some new trees in late Winter-early Spring of 2012. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of a tree, as a living tribute to someone who has touched your life, or for any other reason, please contact the Municipal Office by calling 717-428-1752 or by email at: [jacobusborough@verizon.net](mailto:jacobusborough@verizon.net), to leave your contact information. You will then be contacted when the Borough is ready to begin the purchase process.



The Mayor and Council of Jacobus Borough hope you enjoy the beautiful colors & rich bounties of Fall and wish you a warm, safe and fun-filled Autumn, Holiday & Winter Season!!



**LOCAL CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS/CLUBS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**Jacobus Lioness Club**

The Jacobus Area Lioness Club would like to invite prospective new members to an ice cream social on Wednesday, October 26th @ 7:00 p.m. The Lioness Club members are active in community services and projects as well as enjoying the friendships developed through club activities. Please call Kitty Miller at 428-2983 for more information.

Mary Scarda, President



**JLS Recreation Association**

Annual JLS Recreation Halloween Party

Saturday, October 29th

12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Goodwill Fire Co., 1 S. Main St., Jacobus

Please join us for entertainment, food and fun! Pumpkins and goody Bags will be handed out!

Annual New York Bus Trip

Saturday, November 5th

Leaves Loganville Fire Hall at 6:00 p.m.

\$40.00 per person

For more information call 717-428-3105

Alyssa Larson, JLS Board Member



**Salem Lutheran Church**

Greetings from Salem Lutheran Church in Jacobus, PA.! We look forward to welcoming all to our services & programs as listed below.

+ The Jacobus COMMUNITY Thanksgiving Service will be Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. around the fire pit, at the Grove Activity Building of Salem Lutheran Church; 99 York Road

+ Christmas Eve Candlelight worship will be at 7:30 P.M. and 10:30P.M.

+ Cub Scouts - Girl Scouts - Boy Scouts ALL MEET here! Phone 428-2811 for details.

+ Regular worship hours each Sunday are 8:00 A.M. and 10:15 A.M. - Join Us!



**The Village Library**

Summer Reading Club is over, the kids have

gone back to school and now it's time for the adults to have fun! Stop in the library and pick up your 5-Literacies BINGO card. Fill out the card by reading books and magazines and asking the staff to demonstrate an online service or two. For each completed square, you get a raffle ticket for the basket of the week. For each BINGO you win a prize! BINGO runs through November 12th

Christmas is coming and the first event of the holiday season is Christmastime in Loganville on November 19th. As always, the Friends of the Village Library will be at the Codorus Church of the Brethren with their Book Sale Bonanza, featuring hundreds of gently used books at unbeatable prices.

And don't forget all that the library has to offer: Baby Storytime (Mondays at 10:30), Pre-school Storytime (Wednesdays at 10:30), 2 Book Clubs, a Cooking Discussion group and a chance for your child to read to a dog. Plus books, magazines, audiobooks, and DVDs--and now ebooks as well. And all--with the exception of a \$2/week rental fee for DVDs--for free. You won't find a better bargain in all of Jacobus!

Rebecca Shives, Librarian; 717-428-1034



**Jacobus Lions Club**

THANK YOU COMMUNITY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE 2011 4th OF JULY "BLAST". The Jacobus 4th of July BLAST Event was a great success and in no small part due to the strong support from the Jacobus, Loganville, Springfield Township and other community residents who attended. The Jacobus Lions Club, Inc. organized the Event that included a children's parade, a salute to veterans and culminated in a fantastic fireworks show. The Jacobus Lions thank all citizens for their participation throughout the day. Thanks, also, to the For Sight Vision Center's participation in the "Beep Baseball" game, which allowed an opportunity to demonstrate that sight impaired people can be self sufficient and take an active role in many activities. Any profits resulting from this event will be returned to community needs supported by the Lions programs. The Jacobus Lions will again organize the

"BLAST" in 2012 and we will have another "Beep Baseball" game. See you in 2012.

If you are interested in learning more about the Lions Club, we meet at the Jacobus Ambulance Bldg. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. For more information about Lions Clubs International Association and the Jacobus Lions Club, contact John Swords at 428-2001 or John Parker at 428-3983.

Terry Hullman, President



**The Jacobus Leisure Time Club**

Jacobus Leisure Time Club meets the third Tuesday monthly at 1:00 P.M. at the Goodwill Fire Company, 1 S. Main St., unless otherwise specified. The meetings have a variety of speakers or entertainment, a business session and light refreshments. We also do a mystery trip in the fall and several local day trips to dinner theaters, sheows, etc., planned by the Travel Committee for those who wish to participate.

Janet Ferree, President



**Jacobus Lions Ambulance Club**

For nearly 60 years, Jacobus Lions Ambulance has been your emergency medical service provider.

Our growth over the years has shown through the advanced equipment and providers that now make up our organization.

Tax dollars comprise of less than 3.3% of our operating budget. Meaning, municipality support is less than 3.3% of what it costs to stay in operation. Ambulance service is not a free municipality service. We rely on community support and payment for services to maintain operations.

The 2012 Subscription Drive will begin the end of October. Please consider a donation with your subscription to allow us to continue to serve you.

Best Regards,

Jacobus Lions Ambulance Club





# Jacobus Borough's 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



Date: December 10, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Jacobus Community Park

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

JOIN in the singing of Christmas Carols and your favorite holiday songs. Enjoy refreshments of Cider, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Gingerbread, Cookies and more, while warming up around a crackling fire!!

BOYS and GIRLS!! Get your wish lists ready because Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck!!

ENTER the 'Guess the # of Lights' on the tree contest, 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, we are EXCITED to announce the "White Rose Chorus", local 'Barbershop Singers', are joining our event this year and will lead the carol singing.

PRIZES for the 'Exterior House Decorating' contest will be awarded to the winners by Mayor Gruendler.  
(See Below for more information)



## 'Exterior House Decorating' Contest

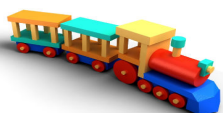
Jacobus Borough will be holding an 'Exterior House Decorating' Contest for all borough residents. No registration is required. If you would like to participate, all you have to do is make sure your decorations are turned on the week before the 'Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony'. The judges will be making their rounds and marking their score sheets from Monday, December 5th to Thursday, December 8th. 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winners will be announced Saturday at the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Each winner will receive a 'tree trophy' to place in their yard for the holidays and a gift certificate. You don't 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 Jacobus Borough Municipal Office @ 717-428-1752. Please Note: Judging is for Jacobus Borough residents only. The 'Tree Trophies' must be returned to the Municipal Office by January 15, 2012.



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

500,000 Lights  
Holiday Displays, Trains,  
Entertainment & food



**COUPON! COUPON! COUPON!**

**Jacobus Borough Week  
at the 28<sup>th</sup> edition of Christmas Magic –  
A Festival of Lights  
December 11 - 17, 2011  
Rocky Ridge County Park**

**Coupon is redeemable for Buy One,  
Get One Free Admission  
Maximum is 2 free regular admissions  
This coupon is valid only December 11 - 17, 2011  
Coupon is good for a one-time use only.**



York County Department of Parks and Recreation  
Proudly Presents...

**Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights**  
At Rocky Ridge County Park  
November 25 – December 31  
Closed December 24 and 25

Hours: Mon. – Fri., 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun, 5:00 – 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