

Jermyn Borough News

440 JEFFERSON AVENUE JERMYN PA

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Good Things to Know



PENNSYLVANIA LAW

Did you know Pennsylvania defines an e-bike as a “pedalcycle with electric assist”, meaning it must have operable pedals, a motor of 750 watts or less, and a motor-assisted speed capped at 20 mph? Bikes exceeding these limits may be classified as motor-driven cycles, requiring registration, licensing, and insurance. There are age and helmet requirements with the minimum age of sixteen

years of age to operate on public roads. **Did you know** Jermyn has rules too? Be sure to take time to review the new Recreational Motorized Vehicles and Electric Bicycles Ordinance on our Borough website to learn more!

Safety TIP: Helmets are recommended for all ages, be visible, wear proper protective gear, control your speed and enjoy the ride!

TRAFFIC STUDY UPDATE

Staff with the PA Department of Transportation conducted a preliminary review to prepare for a traffic count study at the intersection of SR 1032 and Washington Avenue. Based on their initial assessment, the decision was to defer collecting traffic counts until school was back in session. This reasoning is due to the increased traffic as the data collected would provide a true realistic view to determine if changes are truly necessary. The recommendation was to wait a couple weeks after school began for traffic patterns to get settled (people adjusting commute times to avoid buses, parent drop offs, etc.). At this time, we are currently waiting for the study results, stay tuned for more...

What's NEW

NEW Jermyn Police Vehicle

The replacement of the 2015 police vehicle has arrived! Keep an eye out for the Jermyn Police Department's NEW #58 out and about on patrol.



Message Center Arrived!

On September 23rd the NEW Park and Recreation Message Center was installed. When visiting the park, swing by to check out upcoming events and Community updates announcements!

Code Enforcement Officer

It's Official! Jermyn borough now has a CODE Enforcement Officer, Joe Unis.

Welcome to Jermyn, Joe! Did you know a Code Officer inspects properties, investigates complaints, and enforces local building, zoning, housing, and safety codes to ensure community compliance? How is this done? Joe works with property owners to correct problems and enforce building codes by giving citations, warnings, noncompliance notices and possible fines when necessary.



John Jermyn Mayor Stone Replacement

Have you noticed the large crack in the John Jermyn Mayor dedication stone in front of the borough building? **Good news** — it's been replaced! No sneak peek here. Stop by the borough building and check out the brand-new stone in person.

Things to Know

Steam Town Marathon - Traffic Advisory for Jermyn

The Steam Town Marathon will pass through the Borough of Jermyn on Saturday, October 10th. Residents should expect traffic delays and temporary road closures throughout the morning.

Route Through Jermyn:

- Enters town on Washington Avenue from Mayfield
- Left onto Bridge Street
- Left onto Delaware Avenue
- Right onto the trail

The first runners typically arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Traffic will be stopped at times to allow runners to pass safely. Please plan your travel accordingly and use alternate routes when possible.

Neighborhood Notification Communication System

Did you know we send targeted messages via text, phone call, or email? Sign up for Rapid Cast. Complete the form and choose your notification option by visiting our website and click on form to stay in the know.

Winter Weather is Coming..

Here are some helpful reminders to help get us through any storm.

- Please remember and adhere to alternate parking rules. Notification reminders are sent via our Rapid Cast system for large storms. However, it is helpful to follow during any storm that calls for Tony to bring out the plow truck.
- Don't forget our firefighters. If you live near a hydrant, please consider taking some time to shovel out a three-foot section around each hydrant. It could make a huge difference in the event of a fire in your area.

Why did the snowman go to the doctor? He was getting chills.



- Always dress in layers, wear a warm hat, and keep your hands in your pockets or gloves to avoid frostbite.

We hope this newsletter is helpful. Let us know by visiting Jermynpa.com -- Click "Contact us" to submit a Citizens Request.

Thank you

Jermyn Department of Public Works DPW

MEET TONY “AJ” FUGA



Tony is the driving force behind the repair, maintenance, and beautification of Jermyn Borough. Every day, he puts in the hard work that keeps our streets safe, our parks welcoming, and our community looking its best. His dedication shows in every project he touches, and Jermyn is better because of the pride he brings to his work. We are grateful for all he does to keep our borough running smoothly and looking beautiful.

We couldn't ask for someone more committed to our community!

THANK YOU!

Don't forget...

Jermyn Borough has a Merchandise Store.

T-shirts with Lorelai's Davis's winning design featured on our 250th Birthday Celebration of America are available for purchase through the Borough website.



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Thank you

Upcoming Events



SPOOKY IN THE PARK

October 24th at Callahan Park, from 1pm - 4pm: We're creating a fun, family-friendly Halloween celebration and we want our entire community to be part of it! Residents are encouraged to participate too! Set up a table or booth, decorate it, dress up and hand out treats. You don't have to be a business to join the fun! Let's fill Callahan Park with businesses, organizations, residents, costumes, candy and LOTS of Halloween FUN! Interested in participating? Contact the JJR Committee by visiting Jermynpa.com Click "Contact us" to submit a "Participate" Citizens Request via our Borough website page

ROASTBEEF DINNER



St. James St. George will host thier next **famously delicious Roast Beef Dinner** on Saturday, November 7th, 2026, from noon to 4:00 pm, with take outs only. Don't miss out!

The cost is \$15.00

JERMYN TO OBSERVE VETERANS DAY



Jermyn's 21st Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on November 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans World War I Park, Bridge Street, Jermyn. The William J. Griffiths American Legion Post #465 will present the Veteran Ceremony with Commander Fred Jones as master of ceremonies. Mr. Kevin Collins, Marine Veteran, will be guest speaker. Christine McGreachie, guest soloist, and the Lakeland School District Band directed by John Kear will provide patriotic music for the ceremony. Immediately following the ceremony, a light luncheon will be provided and sponsored by the Jermyn Shade Tree Commission, Jermyn Events Committee, and American Legion in the St. James/St. George Episcopal Church Caines Hall. All are welcome at the ceremony and free luncheon.

Upcoming Events continued...



HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING & MOVIE



The JJR Committee is thrilled to host a magical **Holiday Tree Lighting on November 28th at 6 PM at the Jermyn Borough Building** — and the fun doesn't stop there! Right after the tree lights up the night, we're bringing a holiday favorite to the big screen: ❤️🎬 "THE GRINCH" — a perfect way to jump into the season with family, friends, and plenty of laughs. And yes... 🍿 **FREE POPCORN**, as always! Stay tuned for more festive details by following our Jermyn Borough Facebook page — you won't want to miss what's coming next!



JERMYN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEKEND –2ND WEEKEND IN DECEMBER

Join Us December 12th & 13th! 🎄 **Jermyn's 14th Annual Christmas Light Parade kicks off on Saturday, December 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** with the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. This year's theme is "**A Little Bit of Country.**" The parade begins at Washington Ave & Rushbrook St, travels down Washington Ave to Gibson St, then onto Madison and Bacon St, ending at the Crystal Fire Company for light refreshments. Participants should assemble at Jermyn Supply / Rushbrook–Chestnut area at 5:30 p.m. To join the parade, contact Chairperson of the Light Parade, Robyn Smith at 570-876-0610 or the Borough Office by December 1st. Sponsored by the Jermyn Shade Tree Commission and Crystal Fire Company. Come celebrate the Christmas season — march in the parade or cheer from the sidewalk!



JERMYN'S 32ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY CONCERT

Join us Sunday, December 13th at 2:00 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 520 Washington Ave for a festive afternoon sponsored by the Jermyn Events Committee. Enjoy performances by our community chorus, local soloists, and musicians — all guaranteed to lift your Christmas spirit. Plus, a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the end of the concert! Light refreshments will follow. To participate as a singer or musician, contact Chairman Bruce Smallacombe by November 1st. Free admission — all are welcome!

SUMMERTIME HIGHLIGHTS

In the warmth of the sun, every moment becomes a memory!

July— America's 250th Birthday

Jermyn celebrated America's 250th Birthday with a day full of patriotic pride, live entertainment, delicious food, local vendors, family fun, and our community parade. We are incredibly blessed to live in a community that shows up, supports one another, and makes events like this possible. This celebration was a success because of YOU. We captured many wonderful moments with lots of photos shared on our Jermyn Borough Facebook page. Be sure to check them out.

CONGRATULATIONS to our INCREDIBLE Parade Winners!

Most Patriotic — The Historical Society, Bruce Smallacombe

Most Patriotic Youth — Zoey Newberry

2nd in Show — Dave Meholic

Youth Community Spirit — Carson Anuszewski

Community Spirit — Brian Rosar

Most Creative — Rachel Gyelvai

Best Bicycle — Chism Mitchel

Most Unique — PQ

Best Float — The McDermotts

Best Scooter — Jack

Antique Car — Jim Lyons

From all of us on the Jermyn 250th Committee,
thank you for making history with us.



Do you have photos from the 250th Birthday Celebration of America? — We would love to see them!



Follow the Jermyn Borough Facebook page for community photos and event specific details.

To Our Amazing Community!



THANK YOU



TO OUR SPONSORS, DONORS & VOLUNTEERS! Your generosity strengthens our community and helps us continue making a difference. We are deeply grateful for your support!

Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture

and Our Commissioners:

Bill Gaughan • Chris Chermak • Thom Welby

Alexanders	Elizabeth Tigue Nails	Salted Pixie
Artisan Fire Department	Falcons Nest	Styles from Above
Battenberg Furniture	Frank Kulick – Jermyn	Taylor Mat LAUNDROMAT
Beer Chicx	George Palicar	The Honesdale National Bank
Beer Guy Pizza- Carbondale	Get it Right TAPE	The Joneses
Big Chief Beverage	Jermyn Supply	The Snipes
Bottlers	Jermyn Historical Society	The Wannabes
Brian Wilken – Honesdale	Joann Wilson – Jermyn	Weis Markets
Bruce Smallacomb - Jermyn	J.P Mascaro & Sons	Waynes Restaurant
Buds Bar	Longworth's Family Restaurant	Zak's Bakery
Butcher's Wife	Machiesky Construction	
Calm by Intention	Pete & Reenies	
Colin Striefsky	Rapid Pallet Corporation	
Community Bank	Reeves Porta Jon	
Convenient Food Mart -Jermyn	Riverview Winery	
Convenient Food Mart- Simpson	Roba's	
Convenient Food Mart Beer Store Simpson	Ron Sabasstionelli – Archbald	
Crystal Hose Fire Department	Rosaliano's on the River	
	Salty Barber	



Our Committee Members & Volunteers

Abigail Davis	Frank Kulick	Jermyn Police Department
Joann Wilson	Jeff Morcom	Mayfield Police Department
Bruce Smalacomb	Deana Vaverchak	Archbald Police Department
Dave Flynn	Tony Fuga	Chris Cook
Ashley Wilson	Paul Chorba	Stacey Cook
Bambi Wilson	Doug Bowman	BobbiAnn Davis
Kaite Hosie	Irene Biondo	Donnie Davis
Ann Boylan	Ellen Mclean	

JERMYN, PENNSYLVANIA



Birthplace of First Aid • Hometown of Our Hearts

Together, we thrive! Thank you for being the heart of our community.



MOVIES IN THE PARK

We invited everyone to mark their calendars for our **Movies in the Park at Callahan Park**, where there was LOTS of lawn chairs, blankets, and plenty of community spirit for two evenings of movies and hometown fun!

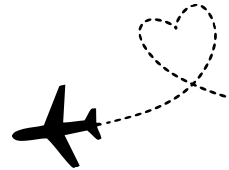
Movie Features:

August 15th: A League of Their Own

September 12th: The Land of Sometimes

It was a great turnout, the community had a wonderful time. Tasty Scoops was there with ice cream available for purchase, and the popcorn was absolutely delicious! **A very special thank-you** to our sponsor **The Honesdale National Bank** for supporting these community celebrations and helping make them possible! Thank you to our volunteers and the community for helping us spread the word and making these events such a success. 🙏

PIZZA, PLANES and PRESIDENT IN THE PARK



SEEKING YOUTH community members to join the fun. We are fully committed to hosting this event! The Pizza in the Park event, was postponed due to a lower number of registrations than expected.

Event Details: Guest Speaker: Council President, come meet the leader making decisions that shape OUR community followed by pizza for lunch, and an old-fashioned paper airplane contest with prizes for farthest throw!!

New date announcement: We were going to host this in the Fall(inside) the Borough building BUT, outside is MORE FUN!

This event is POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING we will announce as soon as the new date is locked in.

What happens next: Your registration: If you already signed up, your spot is automatically saved for the new date.

Spread the word: Once the new date is announced, please invite your friends so we can get a great crowd together!

Community Spirit



THANK YOU



Some families don't just live in a community—
they help make it a better place. ❤️

Meet the Wilsons — a true Jermyn treasure!

If there's a community event happening,
chances are the Wilson family is already
there, pitching in, lifting spirits, and making
the day brighter for everyone. Their
generosity, kindness, and enthusiasm are felt
in every corner of our town.

We are so incredibly grateful to have them in
our community and even more grateful to
have them by our side at our community
events.



Stu, Bambi and Ashley,

PHEW, many times you “saved the day”!
Your kindness, generosity, and
willingness to always jump in does not
go unnoticed.

We are sincerely grateful for their
dedication and proud to have them as an
essential part of our community.



THANK YOU!

Together, we thrive! Thank you for being the heart of our community.

Celebrating 100 Remarkable Years:

Happy Birthday Irene Kaufmann

What a Day in Jermyn! Sunday, August 9th wasn't just another Sunday in the Borough of Jermyn — it was a once-in-a-lifetime celebration! Our community came together in a big way to honor Irene Kaufmann's 100th Birthday, a milestone that shines as brightly as she does.

The Jermyn Methodist Church hosted a joyful open house filled with family, friends, neighbors, and well-wishers who gathered to celebrate Irene's incredible century of life, love, and legacy. Adding to the excitement, Mayor Stacey Cook marked this historic occasion with an official proclamation, declaring August 9, 2026 as "Irene Kaufmann Day" in the Borough of Jermyn — a tribute befitting a woman who has touched so many lives.

Happy 100th Birthday, Irene Kaufmann!





Get Involved

We are seeking interested members to assist in helping make Jermyn even better!
Our **Planning Commission Group** is seeking NEW MEMBERS.

Did you know the Jermyn Planning Commission is a group that reviews subdivisions, construction setbacks and other building concerns. This Commission functions as a liaison between the Planning Zoning Board, Zoning Officer and Council in planning development for the borough. This group may be asked to give their opinion several times a year on various issues that may occur. A Code Book is followed in offering viewpoints .

Present Board Members:

- John Frankosy
- Charlie A. Battenburg

If interested, please contact the Jermyn Borough at Phone: 570.876.0610 during normal office hours to learn more.

Council Meetings

Join us every **third**

Thursday of each month,

at **7pm** at the Borough
building located in the
Council Chambers



Council

- Frank Kulick, President
- Chris Cook, Vice President
- Jeff Morcom, Member
- Carl Tomaine, Member
- Doug Bowman, Member
- Kevin Napoli, Member
- Bobbie Ann Davis, Member

Mayor

Stacey A. Cook

Borough Solicitor

Attorney Brendan Fitzgerald

Borough Secretary

Shannon Lee

****Help shape our next issue! Have a story idea, a local resident we should spotlight, or an upcoming event? Let us know** 😊