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Annual Newsletter of the Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 • November 2023

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SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF SERVICE!

Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 is excited to announce its upcoming 100th Anniversary celebration, marking a century of dedication, volunteerism, and community service. All members of our community are invited to join us for a memorable afternoon filled with free food, refreshing drinks, live music and fun games and activities. This celebration is our way of expressing our gratitude to the community for your continuous support throughout the years.

Since its founding in 1924, Point Pleasant Fire Company has been dedicated to protecting the lives and property of the Point Pleasant community and its neighbors. This incredible milestone offers us an opportunity to reflect on the countless hours our dedicated all-volunteer firefighters have selflessly committed to safeguarding our community. Our 100th Anniversary celebration promises to be a great event, filled with fun activities for all ages.



The event will be held at the station on **September 14, 2024, from 12pm to 4pm**. Some highlights of the day will include fire truck rides and tours, tours of our new training building, hose play for the kids, smoke trailer demonstrations, a Medevac helicopter landing, and much more!!

Please save the date, mark your calendars, and **spread the word!** This event will be open to the public, and we encourage you to invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Together, let's create lasting memories as we commemorate a century of volunteerism. For further details and updates, visit our website www.engine41.com or follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We look forward to welcoming you all on this day of celebration!

If you or your business would like to be a sponsor of this event, please email president@engine41.com or call 215-297-5167.

Thank you for your continued support, and we can't wait to celebrate our 100th anniversary with you!



DEVELOP A FIRE ESCAPE PLAN WITH YOUR FAMILY AND PRACTICE IT REGULARLY SO EVERYONE KNOWS WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FIRE

MICHAEL NYARI - 2023 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

This year's 2023 honoree is Michael Nyari. Mike has been a dedicated member of the Point Pleasant Fire Company #1 for the past 6 years and is proud to serve the local community in which he lives.

Since joining in 2018, Mike has provided strong leadership skills and support to both the fire company and those served in the community. These attributes show through in Mike's willingness to educate and train current and new members of the firehouse. His leadership has encouraged younger members to work towards accomplishing their goals as well as providing the knowledge and experience necessary to become a strong firefighter. Mike is a member of the company's Dive Rescue team and is working with members to build a Swift Water team.

Mike was elected by his peers to his current position of Battalion Chief. Prior to this, Mike has held many other positions within the fire company including Captain, Lieutenant, and Communications Officer. Mike is also a dedicated member of several committees within the firehouse. He is the chair of the Future Apparatus Committee and a member of the 100th-Anniversary Committee, Bylaws Committee, and Membership Committee.

Mike's dedication to our community is clear, from high-angle rescues to marine rescues and fires. The Officers and Members of the Point Pleasant Fire Co. # 1 proudly recognize Michael Nyari as their 2023 Firefighter of the Year Recipient. Congratulations Mike and thank you for your ongoing leadership and commitment!



CHIEF'S CORNER – CAN WE FIND AND ACCESS YOUR HOME?

We share this message frequently in our newsletter, but that's because it's so important! There are two things you can do to make sure we can find you if you have an emergency at your home.

As much as everyone loves a decorative house number plate...pretty isn't always practical. Please make sure your house number is visible from the road coming from BOTH directions and is clearly visible at night! Most hardware stores sell green address signs with contrasting numbers (as pictured). Follow these guidelines:

- ✓ Numbers should be 4" in height and ideally should face the street. If your driveway is long, post your house number on both sides of the mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- ✓ Put the numbers under lighting and use numbers with a contrasting background so they are visible at night.
- ✓ Keep numbers visible by trimming back trees and bushes.
- ✓ Always use the 9-1-1 address for the property.



Second, rescue apparatus cannot access a driveway if the trees are hanging too low. It is important to ensure your driveway is accessible before you have an emergency. Please double check that trees and brush are maintained along your driveway. At a minimum, fire engines need a 12 foot wide and 13 foot high clearance. Low hanging wires can also be a hazard and restrict access. By law, all utility lines (electric, phone and internet) must be 14 feet 6 inches high or higher. If you have low hanging utility lines, PLEASE contact your service provider immediately. Thank you!

TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF FIRE AND MATCHES AND STORE MATCHES AND LIGHTERS OUT OF THEIR REACH

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE?

Many drivers may not know exactly what to do when they are approaching or being approached by an emergency vehicle. The rules of the road in Pennsylvania have changed to protect first responders. As of 2021, drivers need to move over or slow down when they see flashing lights, or face fines.

“Many drivers seem to think that moving over is just an optional courtesy when they see law enforcement or emergency vehicles pulled over on the side of the road,” Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Jessica Tobin told NBC10. “Emergency personnel can only do so much to keep themselves safe when they pull over on the side of the road. The rest of the responsibility falls on other motorists.”

The **Move Over Law** requires drivers to move into the left lane when approaching an emergency vehicle with lights flashing -- including police officers, fire fighters, EMS crews and tow truck drivers (or a disabled vehicle with proper indicators set up). If the driver cannot safely move into the outer lane on a highway or multilane road, then the driver needs to slow to 20 mph under the speed limit.

This law imposes two points for failing to merge or slow down in emergency response areas. Drivers will face a \$500 fine for their first offense and \$1,000 for their second. Three or more offenses result in a \$2,000 fine and a suspended license. Fines could reach as high as \$10,000 for drivers that seriously injure or kill an emergency responder or person near a disabled vehicle.

As your local volunteer fire company, we encourage everyone to please keep the safety of our members and all emergency responders in mind when on the road.



POINT PLEASANT FIRE CO. #1



100th Anniversary

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

»»	CAPTAIN	Name listed in the program.	\$150
»»	BATTALION	Name listed in the program and on 100th Anniversary T-Shirt.	\$300
»»	DEPUTY	Name listed in the program, on the 100th Anniversary T-Shirt, and banner.	\$500
»»	CHIEF	Name on 100th Anniversary banner and on the back of t-shirt, limited edition fire company gift, social media shoutout.	\$1,000+

To donate or for more information contact: 215-297-5167 / president@engine41.com



STAY OUT, STAY ALIVE
NEVER RE-ENTER A BURNING BUILDING FOR ANY REASON

TEST YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS MONTHLY AND REPLACE THE BATTERIES TWICE A YEAR



2024 FIRE COMPANY DOG CALENDAR

Once again Point Pleasant Fire Company will be selling our adorable Dog Calendars for 2024. The calendars will be available beginning in November 2023.

The calendar features our volunteers' lovable pups posing with fire company apparatus and equipment. Each month is overloaded with cuteness! These calendars make great holiday or birthday gifts, so don't miss your chance to grab one! The cost is \$20.00 per calendar with all proceeds going directly to the fire company.

You can purchase a calendar (or several!) by speaking with any of our volunteers, contacting the station at 215-297-5167, or visiting our website at www.engine41.com for local sale locations. For more information or to purchase a calendar, you can also contact us at president@engine41.com.



OUR FUND DRIVE

The annual newsletter fund drive is our primary fundraising effort within the three townships we serve. Over the past 25 years, the response rate to our newsletter fund drive has increased from around 10% to nearly 25%. As a guide, a good response rate to an annual appeal from a non-profit organization is around 10%.

We are extremely grateful for both the increasing response rate as well as the generous donations that we receive. This fund drive, the contributions from our neighbors, and our fundraising efforts allow us to maintain our operations and support the improvements needed to meet the changing fire and rescue needs of our community.

We are an IRS 501c3 non-profit organization, so we can directly accept matching gifts from your employer to enhance your tax-free contribution. Our IRS tax ID number is 23-6413644.



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