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NEIGHBORS IN A TIME OF CRISIS

Pandemic, questions about police tactics, nationwide protests: that's 2020 so far, and by the time of publication, we may have yet another upheaval (murder hornets, anyone?). The difficulties and dangers of the world have our attention, but what steps can we take to deal with crises like these in Newberry?

The best and most accessible answer is all around you. It is being a neighbor to those in your neighborhood.

Sounds too cliché? Too Mr. Rogers? Here's an explanation of how the "engine" of neighborliness works and some possible next steps that will not only improve Newberry but also make sure we are prepared for whatever crisis may come next.

NEIGHBORS ARE LOCAL

"Who is my neighbor?" is a famous question, asked by someone who was hoping to pick and choose his obligations, but we don't often get to choose our neighbors. Neighbors are local, those whose habits of life affect one another (for better or worse). We don't choose which people are our neighbors. We do, however, get to choose whether we will engage with them as neighbors.

During the height of the pandemic, in a different community, a garbage collector noticed that one of his clients hadn't put out her trash for a couple of weeks. He wasn't a friend, but he chose to engage as a neighbor – he knocked on the door. His client was elderly, confined to a wheelchair, and without any way to get food. The garbage collector found out what she needed (with some resistance) and bought her a pantry full of groceries. Because he drove by every week, he knew enough of her habits to know when something was wrong.

An old proverb states, "Better is a neighbor close by than a brother far away." Being local gives us as neighbors the edge on noticing when there's a problem and getting there guickly. We recognize the rhythms of our street, so we recognize when someone has skipped a beat.

NEIGHBORS ARE MONEY

Not cash, but what academics call "social capital." When we engage with one another as neighbors, we add value by sharing work, knowledge, and goods. The classic case is when we loan tools to

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one another, which is quicker and cheaper than buying the tool ourselves. In my family's short time in Newberry, we have shared temporary dumpsters with neighbors (sharing costs), done hobby "work" for our neighbors, exchanged baked goods, and learned construction techniques. In our corner of Newberry, what would have cost thousands of dollars over the last couple of years has instead cost nothing, while also building friendships.

But also consider the knowledge and experience that lives in the brains of the people who live all around you. We first met Mayor Slaughter on an AYSO soccer field, trying to train and govern six year old soccer players. We have found that the neighbors within a hundred yard radius of our house have inside knowledge on law enforcement, medical training, coaching baseball and soccer, gardening (and yes, we pick their brains), hunting, cooking, education, and forestry. While you can go to YouTube or Wikipedia to learn about some of these things, a conversation with a neighbor is more interactive, and those real conversations build a network of relationships as well.

NEIGHBORS ARE SAFETY

During the time of protests, one statement that came from both police and protesters is that police forces are being asked to do too much with too few resources. In our NCP conversations with Williamsport police officers, we were told, as well, how much the police force needs the help of the community and relies on community organizations. This help takes several forms:

- When neighbors know their neighbors, they are better able to resolve interpersonal problems without calling the police into the situation.
- They also can watch out for each other's safety, informally or through Neighborhood Watch programs, and can provide information to the police when necessary.
- Neighbors who volunteer their expertise to the neighborhood through community organizations (especially ones focused on things like mental health, youth sports, elder care, or education) reduce the number of

911 or police calls in an area. In fact, for every 10 extra community organizations, researchers found that the murder rate went down by 9%, the violent crime rate by 6%, and the property crime rate by 4%, according the *American Sociological Review*.

When we engage with our local neighbors on a regular basis – sharing life with them – not only does crime go down but also most problems get resolved before any police need to be called. This allows the police to focus on serious violations of the law instead of being called in perpetually as community psychologists, family counselors, mediators, social workers, and nannies.

STEPS FOR NEWBERRY

- Meet your neighbors. This is foundational. The summer is a great time to walk around in the evening, catch people outside, and introduce yourself.
- 2. Find a few opportunities to donate your skills to your neighbors. Gift-giving is one of the oldest rituals of human community. Pay it forward.
- 3. Find a community organization that you value and try to get involved. The Newberry Community Partnership is one, but there are many others. Every volunteer organization needs a continual influx of help and leadership to stay strong your community needs you. ~ Submitted by Joshua Hill

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Where: Dining room A, lower level at Divine Providence Hospital. Take Elevator B in main lobby to lower level, bear right and first door on left. (You can see Dining Room A from the elevator).

NOTE:

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James V. Brown Library News

For those of us who patronize the downtown library, they have instituted some changes to accommodate us. **As of July 6th:**

You will be able to browse the Library's collection, including the children's and teen area. Please note that all toys in the children's section, and much of the furniture in the Library have been removed to encourage physical distancing.

Passport services will be available by appointment only starting on July 13. Check our passport page for details.

Services expanded on June 15 will remain the same:

Public computers will be available for patron use. We have moved the public access computers for physical distancing.

All other help desk services will be available. Printing, scanning, copying, genealogy requests, stamps.

Holds Pick Up will continue to be available at Market Street. If you only need to pick up your holds, you may go directly to the Holds Pick Up desk which will now be located inside the Market Street door.

Fees for DVDs are back. And if you have fines, you can now clear your account at the help desk.

What is not changing:

You must wear a mask or other face covering to pick up holds or to come into the Library.

Books and other materials must be returned to the book drop. The ONLY book drop that is open is the one next to the Welch Wing door on Edwin Street.

Our hours are 9 AM to 6 PM, Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 2 PM on Saturday, closed on Sunday.

Continue to enter the Library through the Edwin Street door to the Welch Wing. You may exit through any other open door.

In order to provide a safe and healthy Library experience for you, we continue to clean and sanitize frequently. We have installed Plexiglass shields in front of all desks. We continue to quarantine returned materials for 72 hours.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation!! We look forward to seeing you soon. ~ Submitted by Robin Glossner





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• Pre-registration

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HEALTHY STEPS IN MOTION EXERCISE

FOR MATURE ADULTSTuesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am

Bible Study w/Local ClergyWednesdays 12:15 PM

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

Performed by Penn College Student Nurses 2nd Wednesday of the Month – call for details.

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ZUMBA GOLD......Wednesdays 4:30 to 5:30 PM

A Word from the WECCC

My, it seems like ages since I wrote my last article. Not that more time has passed between Spring and now, but perhaps more experience. We certainly took a left turn with our programs and services. I would like to use this article to highlight our current programs and services as we are going green with the Covid 19 response.



Main Office

Open Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00-2:00, Wed. 'til Noon

Clothes Closet & Thrift Shop

Open Mon-Fri 9:00-2:00, Wed evening 4:30-6:45, Sat 8:30-11:45, We are accepting donations

Diaper Program

Operating from Clothes Closet Wed evening and Sat morning

Soup Kitchen

Hopefully resuming in-house dining July 6. "To go" meals served Mon thru Fri 11:00-12:00

West End Food Bank

Operating the first 4 Thursdays of each month 12:00-3:00

Trike Preacher Chapel

Will resume as Soup Kitchen dining area opens

Williamsport Christian Mental Health Support Group

Resumed Tuesday June 16

Barely Moving

Open during main office hours

Mondays at Noon Bible Study

In our Community Room – this Summer we are finishing Romans and starting 1Corinthians

Northwest Optical Clinic

No longer in operation

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Operating as normal Wednesdays and Saturdays

Eldershare/CSFP

Continuing as normal the 3rd Wednesday of each month

Shoe Express

Operations to resume in August

If you would like more details on the operation of each individual program please go to our website http://westendchristiancenter.susumc.org and click on programs, or call us at 570-323-6297.

~ Submitted by Todd Penman, Executive Director



OUR HOME PAGE...

www.insidenewberry.org

We're on the World Wide Web! You can now find *insideNewberry* on the internet. Read current and past issues of the newsletter.

Team Effort

A group of volunteers from the Newberry Community Partnership (publisher of *insideNewberry*) got together to spruce up the landscape at the corner of Arch and Third Streets. The decorative brick work and shrubbery were beginning to disappear under the weeds where the Newberry Christmas tree stands over the holiday season. With various tools in hand, the greenthumbs showed up at 10am on May 30th and got to work. After about three hours and a few trips to get more mulch and an additional tool or two, the goal was accomplished.



Joshua Hill, Tabitha Hill and Mary Rucinski



Robbie Cross and Margaret Tupper



Michelle Frey and Margaret Tupper



Bob Woodley



Michelle Frey, Joshua Hill, Bob Woodley, Alannah Gabriel, Mary Rucinski, Robbie Cross, and Margaret Tupper



Mary Rucinski, Eric Tupper, Margaret Tupper, and Alannah Gabriel

NEW BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Variety Wholesale Shack

Although it's been "unofficially" open for awhile, Variety
Wholesale Shack, at 907
Arch Street, now has regular business hours for customers to come in, browse and buy. Variety

Wholesale Shack is the perfect name for this enterprise. Proprietor Scott Barger began the business in his kitchen, but when it grew to be inconvenient, i.e., people coming to the house late at night for a sleeve of ice-cream cones, Scott realized he needed a different plan. That's when he opened the Variety Wholesale Shack.

One step inside and you realize the variety of items on display. From skin moisturizer to electric gadgets, there's a lot to explore. Scott has another warehouse where overflow is stored, and uses to refill the store as needed. There isn't a lot of empty space on the shelves. You're bound to find things that you regularly buy elsewhere, but you'll probably pay less for it at Variety Wholesale Shack. You'll also discover items you didn't know you needed, all at prices competitive with, and often better than what you would expect at a major retailer.

Variety Wholesale Shack has a facebook page you can follow for the latest news about inventory. Scott says he gets two to three deliveries a week, so the store is almost constantly changing. For a minimum purchase, you can also get delivery. Stop and shop at Variety Wholesale Shack Monday through Saturday from 10 to 5. Scott and his sales assistant Daryl will be



Scott Barger, Owner of the Variety Wholesale Shack

happy to greet you at 907 Arch Street, by the Lady Liberty monument, in Newberry. ~ *Bob Woodley*



Bicycle Recycle Revamp

To keep our shop safe for volunteers and customers, Williamsport Bicycle Recycle is making a few changes. Until further notice, we will operate curbside, in front of our shop windows on Park and Rose streets, every Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm. To buy a bike, people can check out the window display models, and we will bring out a selection to

test drive. A bike stand and tools are available for simple repairs. To donate, people should check in with us before unloading.

Our first weeks went very well. Satisfied customers got bikes that fit them and were customized with locks, lights, and other accessories. Thinking of a new bike? Keep track of us at www.facebook.com/williamsportbicycle recycle







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West Branch Students **Keep Learning**

The students at West Branch School have been facing their 'new normal' without



missing a beat. Despite their worlds being turned upside down by the pandemic, teachers and students have been able to maintain their love for learning via remote lessons which began on March 16th. West Branch teachers have gone above and beyond to make sure their students had the supplies they needed at home to continue moving forward to learn together. New and exciting curricula has been developed for remote learning, their science fair projects moved to an online platform, and art and gym classes were taught by guest teachers! Our vision of Boundless Learning has sprung to life during these strange times and proved to serve our community well. In the face of adversity, our community has stayed together and become stronger through it all. ~ Submitted by Nicki Barr

The Williamsport Area Christian Mental Health Support Group has returned to face-to-face meetings. The schedule and location are as follows:

Mental Health

Support Group

We will meet at the West End Christian Community Center (WECCC) located at the corner of Diamond and 4th Streets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7pm, and at Sojourner Truth Ministries located at the corner of Center and High Streets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 12:30pm.

This support group is a space for Christ centered support, safety and healing for those in our community who experience mental health or emotional difficulties, either themselves or in their families. It is not mental health therapy but a ministry in which members seek to support each other during their time of need and to grow spiritually in their relationship with God. Call 607-432-4926 if you have any questions.

~ Submitted by Jerry Kabat



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Newberry Businesses Adapt to Quarantine, Work Toward Recovery

The recent quarantine posed challenges to everyone, but small businesses were especially vulnerable. In Newberry, our businesses have survived by adapting to the circumstances, but also through the support of the community. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, one in five small businesses nationwide report being just a few months from closing their doors for good ("Small Business Coronavirus Impact Poll"), so our local small businesses still need our support.

Different businesses faced different challenges during the quarantine. Our local sub shops, like Newberry Sub Shop and Miletos, ramped up their call-in, curbside, and delivery options. With many standard restaurants being closed, these (and other local) pick-up and delivery options kept good food on the menu for many, though the shops had to move more workers to the phones and delivery vehicles.

Just by keeping my ears open, I know our restaurants made new friends over the quarantine. I overheard one neighbor report that he only recently learned that our local sub shops make cheesesteaks that rival the classics from Philly, and now he's in danger of eating them too often!

Other businesses, like Equinox, faced a different set of complications. Shut down for a month, the outdoor gear manufacturer was only marked "essential" after it refocused itself on making masks and gowns, filling orders for customers from UPMC to Clyde Peeling's Reptile Land (yes, dino masks). To keep the sewing machines running, though, Equinox had to apply for the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program, a federal loan that one in three small businesses nationwide have applied to

receive.

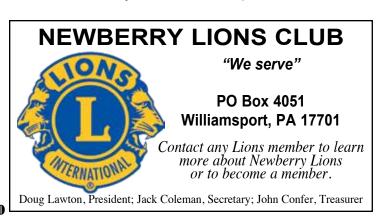
Our local funeral homes – Knight-Confer and Sanders Mortuary – also had to get creative with how to serve local families during the quarantine while still keeping safety precautions in mind. They adjusted many of the services they provided, working with the wishes of the family. Some services were done on a smaller scale for immediate family only, while some memorial services were postponed until larger gatherings could be allowed. Many families were not able to honor their loved ones as they had hoped, but even in a time of trouble, their loved ones were honored.

While some of our local mechanics, like Hill's Garage, kept some business going while taking the appropriate precautions, some of our local car dealerships had a much more difficult time. Triple A Motors, for example, was partially shut down, with the sales part of their business deemed "non-essential." Despite the economic slump that Triple A has felt all too keenly, the people there note that the people of our community came together in this time, and they say "Patriot spirit lives in our community!"

This sentiment is echoed by our neighbors at Diamond Square Market, who said that "the time of uncertainty and fear helped people to care about others around them."

A business roundup like this can cover only so many businesses, but it should encourage you to look up and down your streets and notice the hard-working, entrepreneurial spirit of your neighborhood small businesses. As we support one another through a difficult year, let's also support the businesses that are an essential part of our community. ~ Submitted by Joshua Hill





Hunter's Martial Arts - Warriors for Christ Dojo - NEW PROGRAMS

Hunter's Martial Arts located in the Lycoming Presbyterian Church Gym is proud to announce it's newest programs. Located at 825 Arch Street, the school just celebrated their third year anniversary. Headed up by Shihan Steve Hunter, 8th degree Black belt, this school emphasizes the improvement of not only the physical part of the student. but also the mental application and spiritual focus.

Teaching the style, Buke-ryu or Warrior Family Style, Hunter's program was created through his many years of martial arts training. It incorporates the following aspects of traditional martial arts: Karate, Aiki ju-jutsu, Okinawan weaponry and Japanese swordsmanship. "The martial arts is a life-study, not a sport. It focuses on the individual and enables them to develop many important life skills", said Hunter.

The school is now accepting new students on Tuesday & Thursday nights. Children's classes are from 6-7:00 PM and Teens and adults are from 7-8:00 PM. Their newest program will start in August on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 8-9:00 PM entitled "Christian Woman's Self Defense. This program will include practical application of Biblical studies as well as physical training and effective self defense. Registration is currently going on to fill this class and all



The instructors of Hunter's Martial Arts

interested people are to come to the church gym off of Funston Ave., Monday - Thursday from 6-8PM to register and receive information of what this class will involve. "It is TOO late to wish you knew self defense AFTER an attack on your life", says Shihan Hunter.

For more information, you can email Shihan Hunter directly at: **sthunter1314@comcast.net** or stop in to watch any class.





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MONDAY, JULY 27 – National Korean War

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AUGUST 2020

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7 – Purple Heart Day
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 – National Aviation

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21 – Senior Citizen's Day
WEDNESAY, AUGUST 26 – Women's Equality Day

SEPTEMBER 2020

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – Labor Day (Federal Holiday)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – Patriots Day

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – National Grandparent's Day

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 – September Equinox

OCTOBER 2020

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 – Columbus Day (Federal Holiday)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 - Halloween

NOVEMBER 2020

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends - Set Your Clocks BACK One Hour

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - Veterans Day

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – Thanksgiving Day (Federal Holiday)

DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – Train Expo, Woodward Fire Hall, 9A to 3 P

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 – Pearl Harbor Remberance Day)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day (Federal Holiday)