

DERRY BOROUGH NEWSLETTER



Photo of the Hobo Picnic courtesy of Maria Mejia Photography

Derry Railroad Days Rolls Through

The 34th annual Railroad Days Festival kicked off with the Hobo Picnic again this year, with record attendance resulting in a 1 hour sellout of the delectable delight and entree for the evening, Hobo Stew. This years' festivities and attendance were buoyed by the incorporation of Bigfoot, and other unexplained occurrences that seem to take place more often in our area, attributing to the nickname, "The Gateway to the Mysterious Chestnut Ridge." Vendors, participants, bands, and speakers alike leaned into the addition, drawing greater crowds and offering a more diverse experience. The Derry Railroad Days festival is a free community event sponsored by The Derry Railroad Days Inc, 501(c)(3) annually on the third weekend in September. For more information visit www.derryrailroaddays.com



Derry Color Guard and Marching Band in the Parade on Saturday

Business News

Below follows a message from Kendall, owner and operator at OAKS Western Beauty, which celebrated one year in business in Derry Borough:

✨ ONE ✨ Whole Year of Dedication, Determination, & Growth. I can't believe it's been a whole year since my first day opening, OAKS Western Beauty!

In this past year, I have lost clients, gained clients, and even built a loyal clientele, some of my clients actually became good friends of mine! I've also assembled a fantastic team of girls to work alongside me. Each of the girls I've brought on has her own unique personality and way of doing things, which has made coming to work so much easier and a lot more fun!



Holly Ferencuha Photography

Building relationships with each of my clients and team members is a priority for me, and it's definitely something I've improved upon this year. I can't thank you all enough. Without my wonderful team and my loyal "OAKS" clients, I wouldn't be where I am today. Thank you for trusting me with all your hair needs and for always coming back.

I guess time really does fly when you're having fun! Thank you again for your continued support. I appreciate each and every one of you! 🍷

Here's to one year and many more to come!
Love, Kendall ~your hairstylist & friend~

Railroad Days Recap



Bigfoot Statue Unveiled at Derry Railroad Days September 22



SPOOKY SEASON ARRIVES

DERRY BOROUGH TRICK OR TREAT

Saturday October 26 4 PM to 8 PM

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAPPENINGS

This year, Derry Area Historical Society has a lot of spooky plans for Halloween! Back by popular demand, DAHS member & local author, Ronald Murphy will be conducting “Haunted History” tours throughout Derry. Similar to last year, Ron will be leading tours through Derry Borough. In addition, he will be adding tours through the township this year as well. Each tour will feature stories of the people & places of Derry’s past.

The Derry Borough haunted history tours will start at Mossback Park Gazebo & will be on foot. Walking distance is about a quarter mile. Tours will take place October 11th & 12th at 6, 7:30, & 9 pm. The cost is \$16 for an adult & \$8 for a child. Tickets may be bought at www.DerryHistory.org.

The Derry Township haunted history tours, due to distance between stops, will be a guided van tour. The van will leave from the Mastrococco’s parking lot & travel into the township to some of Derry’s most historical & spooky locations. Township tour dates are October 18th & 19th at 6 pm & 8:30 pm. Van tours will last about 2 hours & are limited to 14 passengers per time slot. The cost is \$25 per ticket. Tickets may be purchased at www.DerryHistory.org.

For the kiddos, the historical society will be hosting an “old fashioned” Halloween kid’s party on October 18th from 6-8 pm at the Fulton House. The event is free & open to any child 8 and under. There will be treats, games, crafts, & a costume contest. This is an indoor event.

Finally, on November 3rd, the historical society will be hosting a talk on Derry’s Mortuary History & Historic Funeral Homes at the Fulton House. Local funeral directors, John McCabe & Matthew X. Merlin will be the featured speakers for this event. The event is free but reservations are required due to limited space. Please call 724-717-3187 or email derryareahistoricalsociety@gmail.com to reserve your spot.

HALLOWEEN HOOTENANNY

By popular demand, Derry Borough has partnered with the Friends of the Gem Theater to provide an event on halloween evening. All ages are invited to participate in a trick or treat trail at Derry Community Park (801 West Sixth Ave) starting at 5 PM. While there, treat yourself to music by DJ Bling and King Entertainments and partake in various yard games and children's activities. Come see Bigfoot and meet various community organizations. At dusk, we will have an introduction to the viewing of the documentary "Invasion on Chestnut Ridge" by Ron Murphy, with a brief Q+A to conclude. Bring a lawn chair or towel.

HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Also in collaboration with Friends of the Gem Theater, there will be a halloween decorating contest this year for residents of Derry Borough and special areas immediately outside of the borough limits. Please fill out a form if you are interested in participating - available online. Grand prize is a private party for the Derry Community Pool in 2025.

<https://forms.gle/kMFUQQ9PunXBdx5M9>



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