

# THE EVERGREEN

## Historic Pine Grove . . . Early Settlers Noted the Area's "Fine Stand of Pines"

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BOROUGH OF PINE GROVE, PA

February 2018

### Working Together, Pine Grove Continues to Progress

## Holding Line on Taxes; Constantly Improving

*"Never argue with stupid people, they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience." – Mark Twain.*

We're near the end of the winter season. In the not-too-distant future we can look forward to warmer temperatures and everything growing again.

I know most people complain about the cold and snowy winters, as do I at times. Many complain how hot it gets in the summer and then welcome the cooler temperatures of fall. I've lived in warm and snowless climates. That does have its benefits; but, I think I prefer having distinct seasons. The best way to



**WILL SHIFFER**  
Mayor

deal with the seasons is to make sure you have activities to do throughout the year.

Once again, I remind everyone to do your spring cleanup around your property. Everyone wants a nice place in which to live and to be proud of their town and surroundings. As I get around the county, I do get positive comments from people about Pine Grove. Certainly, there are always improvements that can be made and we're always looking for ways to make our town better.

### *Business advancements are impressive*

Speaking of improvements, I'm pleased to see the new feed mill getting back on track. Any time a citizen or a business is making improvements, it benefits all of us. Great job to the Lehr family and Matt Brandt's

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### Steady Borough Improvements Take Planning and Coordination

## Water Main Replacement, Paving Set to Get Underway

Contract work to replace the S. Tulpehocken Street water main will begin as soon as the weather breaks. The project entails excavating the main street from the traffic light at Pottsville Street south to the intersection with Rt. 895 and then replacing the main water line. New lateral lines to properties on both sides of the street will be installed from the main to the curb stops located in the sidewalk.



**TOM FICKINGER**  
Councilman

The trench will be filled and a pavement patching material laid to await the PennDOT repaving project that will finish the surface. PennDOT's work on Rt. 443 will start at the south end of the Borough

on S. Tulpehocken St., continue to the traffic light intersection, and then follow East Pottsville St. to just past Pine Grove Area High School. PennDOT is also responsible to install sidewalk ADA (American's with Disabilities Act) ramps at each crosswalk of the highway.

### *Water system expansion/improvements*

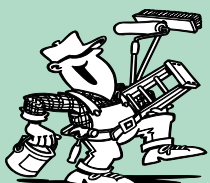
The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will conduct the pump-out test to determine the capacity of each of the two water wells drilled recently. Also to be checked is the draw-down effect on all adjacent private homeowner wells.

Piping to connect the two wells to a chlorine  
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## Pine Grove Mayor

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construction company on this new facility following the fire that destroyed the original.

The Original Italian Pizza restaurant renovated the old church on the corner of S. Tulpehocken and High streets and has made the move to this location.

Made in PGA, selling all things local, is now located in the previous Barto's store at 61 S. Tulpehocken.

Across the street at 62 S. Tulpehocken, we now have Ryan's Trophies that purchased and moved the previous R&J Trophies store from the traffic light intersection.

And, St. Peters United Church of Christ at 277 S. Tulpehocken recently bought the property adjacent and raised the house to provide additional parking.

We have great businesses in town. Before going elsewhere, think about supporting our local merchants first.

### *A favorite topic ... TAXES!*

If you remember your history lessons from school, the primary reason our forefathers declared independence from the King of England was because of taxation without representation put on the colonies.

Now we have representation, but at times it may not seem much better. Not to get too political here ... President Trump and Congress were able to get most of us a tax break from the federal government. But, other taxing authorities have increased the amount taken from us in taxes.

The county has raised taxes for each of the last two years and our school district raised taxes last year. Hopefully PGA can balance its budget this year without a tax increase.

This past year the county threw in an additional \$5 for auto registration to fix bridges. If you recall, a few years back under Governor Corbett, the state passed a tax that levied over a 3-year period on gasoline to specifically pay for roads and bridges.

Of all the states, Pennsylvania has the highest gasoline tax at 58.2 cents on every gallon. I suppose Schuylkill County just isn't getting the benefit from that state tax. I'm not against fixing roads and bridges and making sure they are safe, but it seems we're getting hammered twice for the same thing.



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# Message from the Pine Grove Mayor

When I was still teaching and working with the JROTC program at the high school, one part of the curriculum I taught the cadets/students was financial management. On the first page of the first lesson, the topic was learning and knowing the difference between "needs" and "wants." Needs are things like food, shelter, clothing, an auto to get to work; stuff to survive on. Wants are having a cell phone, \$100 sneakers, flat screen TV, eating out at restaurants.

Certainly, we must have taxes if we are to have the services we want and in many cases need. We definitely need good schools. We must have police services. Following a snow storm you want the roads cleared to allow travel. You want safe roads and bridges. We need a strong military. And, there are many more "needs" our tax dollars fund.

I would just like to see our taxing authorities think a little more when budgeting and take a hard look at needs vs. wants. The people who have the authority to raise our taxes are typically ones who can afford those increases without too much strain on the family budget.

As you all know, when buying a home, you never really own it. Even after all those mortgage payments to the bank and finally paying it off, you will still have to make the tax payments to your local municipality, school district and the county. I would like to see an exemption for property taxes to end after a set period of time. No one should ever lose their home because

the property taxes were so high and unaffordable.

Our Pine Grove Borough Council once again did a great job on our budget for this year. It is a very tight budget that has been scrutinized in great detail. All line items have been looked at on numerous occasions.

There are things I would have liked for the police department ... funds for additional officers and coverage. Our Police Chief and his officers do a great job. We just can't afford 24/7 coverage right now.

The streets and water department do a great job with what they have and some of their requests didn't get filled. Our office personnel work hard to maximize production in each of their areas of responsibility.

Considering all of this, once again the borough has held the line on not raising taxes. The last time the Borough raised taxes was in 2009. At some point, it will be necessary to raise property taxes again, but not this year. When taxes are not raised, I feel like this is a win for our taxpaying citizens.

### *Honor a veteran*

One last thing – this edition of *The Evergreen* presents information about the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, sponsored by the Pine Grove Lions Club and coordinated by Charlie Zimmerman. Consider honoring or remembering a veteran family member or friend with a banner.

– Will Shiffer, Mayor

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# Borough Streets & Water Report . . . by Tom Fickinger

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injection facility and to the Borough system will be located in the PennDOT highway right-of-way along Rt. 443. This will allow home and business owners in proximity to this pipeline to request connection to the municipal system.

Permits are in place to begin construction of the new 1.1 million gallon water tank located above the Pine Vista development. This tank will be a cylindrical glass-lined steel tank. It will be painted “sky blue,” screened by trees and surrounded by a fenced security area.

The plan will conceal view of the tank as much as possible. The gravity-fed system will not require motors or pumps. It should also be noted the complete system requires no pumps beyond the supply wells. All water is supplied by gravity from the existing holding tank.



## Supply line more than 60 years old

As a result of some land issues, it was discovered the main supply line from the wells to the current

storage tank was installed about 1955. The anticipated useful life of this critical supply line is now being determined.

As a future project, we have requested permit studies for a new replacement line to be installed in the PennDOT right-of-way along Rt. 125 from the existing wells in Echo Valley area to the existing storage tank in Ravine. Information about this project will be updated in future articles.

## A plan to upgrade sidewalks

Borough sidewalks belong to the property owner that fronts the walk. It is that property owner’s responsibility to maintain and repair the sidewalks.

In order for the Borough to improve the walks, a right-of-way would have to be filed for each parcel of land. Having to do this could possibly cost more than actually repairing the concrete walk. Instead, a proposal has been presented to the county and state grantors asking for a block grant that would reimburse a homeowner who would replace their sidewalks to the latest Borough standard.



## Downtown parking needs

Solutions need to be explored to tackle parking demands of both residents and shoppers in the downtown business district. The narrow street width on S. Tulphocken when vehicles are parked on both sides adds to the congestion and raises safety concerns. A number of residents have expressed these concerns and offered suggestions.

A two-level parking garage located somewhere near the center of town would ease the demand. Perhaps having a community parking area or garage with the elimination of parking on one side of the main street would solve both problems.

Problems demand solutions. We’ll be looking into community development grants to explore some of these issues.

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# Borough Services Update . . . And Events!

## Operation Hugs and Kisses

The 8th annual Benefit and Chinese Auction that is a major fundraiser for Operation Hugs & Kisses will be held Sat., April 7 at the Pine Grove Hose, Hook & Ladder #1 Fire Company at 1 Orchard Street.



Doors will open at 8 a.m. with the live auction beginning at 9 a.m.

A pre-bid opportunity for the Chinese Auction goods will be held Friday, April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. and will continue on Saturday. Food and beverages will be available both days.

Donations for the auction are still invited. Call 570-392-6425 or email [operationxoxo@yahoo.com](mailto:operationxoxo@yahoo.com) to make arrangements. Follow the organization on Facebook for updates and other information.

New members are eagerly welcomed. Monthly meetings are held at the Hugs & Kisses headquarters at 7 Mill Race St. on the first Monday beginning at 7 p.m.

## Community Band marks 114 years

Pine Grove Community Band, chartered in 1904, begins its 114th season. Rehearsals are held in the Band Hall located behind St. Peter's Lutheran Church, S. Tulpehocken St., on the first Sunday of each month

at 2 p.m. and the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Contact member Mark Lehr at 570-739-7247.

## Honor a veteran or service person

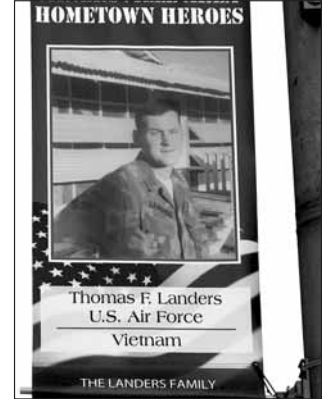
The Pine Grove Lions Club is proud to coordinate the Pine Grove Hometown Heroes Banner program. Each individual banner will be unique and will honor a soldier – active, living veteran, or deceased.

The banner will include the soldier's photo, branch of service, era of service and hometown. The Lions Club will take orders over the next few months, but the banners will be on a first come, first served basis and limited to the number of street electric poles available for their display.

This project is non-political and non-partisan, intended as a living memorial to those soldiers from our area who served or are serving our country. Each banner will be 24" wide and 48" high, displaying the sponsor name at the bottom.

The cost for each banner will be \$225 plus \$25

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(for the PPL charge per banner), a total cost of \$250. This includes the banner, attachment hardware and installation. The banners will be displayed throughout the town.

If you would like to sponsor a banner, contact any Pine Grove Lions Club member or call Charlie Zimmerman at 570-915-6951 or Tina Hippert at 570-345-3292 in advance. A photo release and other specifications may be necessary. Checks should be made payable to "Pine Grove Lions Club Hometown Heroes Program" and mailed c/o Charlie Zimmerman, 11 Sparrow Lane, Pine Grove, PA 17963.

Eras of service will comply with official Department of Defense dates as follows:

- WWI – April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
- WWII – December 7, 1941 - December 31, 1946
- Korea Conflict – June 27, 1950 - January 31, 1955
- Vietnam – February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
- Cold War – Sept. 2, 1945 - Dec. 26, 1991
- Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 - August 31, 1991
- Global War on Terror – Sept. 11, 2001 – Present

## Clear snow at fire hydrants

A reminder to residents ... during the remaining snowy winter weeks, please clear snow away from any fire hydrants near your home. The Borough crews are out clearing the streets and battling to keep water,



sewer, and drainage moving. In the event of a fire emergency, you want the fire fighters to be able to have quick access to their source of water. Help them out before the emergency occurs.

## Snow emergencies

When an official Snow Emergency is called in Pine Grove Borough, vehicles parked on streets designated as Snow Emergency Routes must be moved to allow for efficient and effective snow removal. Streets affected are East and West Mill, East Pottsville, Wood, North and South Tulpehocken, Orchard, and Snyder Avenue. Parking is available in the lot behind Borough Hall.



All residents should clear sidewalks and the area around fire hydrants.

## Recycling electronics

The Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 prohibits the disposal of desktop computers, laptop computers, monitors, peripherals, televisions, and hand-held electronic devices. Do not place with your household trash as your refuse collector and landfills will not accept these items.



The state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) urges you to do your part for the environment by recycling all unused electronic devices.

Unfortunately, the Schuylkill County Office of Solid Waste & Resource Management decided not to include these electronics in its annual Fall Cleanup. Please continue to store unwanted electronics until the next collection in the county.

Thanks to all residents helping to keep Pine Grove Borough a cleaner place and responsible in its waste and recycling efforts.

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## Think spring!

The Pine Grove Bicentennial Committee is looking forward to a beautiful spring season at Union Canal Veteran's Memorial Park.

Residents of Pine Grove and surrounding areas are invited to enjoy a walk around the canal, stop and eat lunch at one of the picnic tables, or simply sit and relax on one of the park benches. While at the park, be sure to stop at the Memorial Pavilion, which lists the names of those who purchased trees in honor and memory of loved ones.

While leashed pets are allowed at the park, pet owners are urged to clean up after their pet. We want to keep the park grounds healthy and safe for our children.

## Water bill payments

Quarterly water bill payments were due February 5. Additional payment due dates in 2018 are May 7, August 6, and November 5. After these dates, a late fee will be assessed.

## Pay by credit/debit

The Pine Grove Borough office now accepts credit/debit card payments, using MuniPAY, for water service. Customers are able to make payment online or at the borough office.

Payments accepted through MuniPAY will be Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, or e-check. Payments made in this way will be subject to service fees of 2.65% or \$3, whichever is greater for credit cards, and \$1.50 for e-check.

The Borough does not collect, receive or retain any portion of the service fees. The fees are charged by MuniPAY in order to provide this convenient service to you.

MuniPAY is audited on an annual basis by a company that is recognized as a Qualified Security Assessor by the PCI Security Standards.



## In case of emergency

The Borough uses its website [www.pinegrove-borough.org](http://www.pinegrove-borough.org) as a valuable tool to keep residents and property owners informed about the happenings of the Borough.

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fication is necessary, the Borough has partnered with Swiftreach Networks, Inc. as its Emergency Notification service provider.

Swift911 in its simplest form is a system that makes phone calls to specific people or areas in the event of an emergency or for sharing important information. All the calls you may receive will have the Caller ID of Pine Grove Borough.

If you are not receiving these calls, there is a form you can fill out right on the Borough website. Look for the tab "Swiftreach-Public Notification" or contact the Pine Grove Borough office for assistance to get registered. You can also complete the coupon shown here and return it to the Borough Office.



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# Pinegrove Historical Society Preserves the Past

## Stanhope School Restoration Continues in 2018

Spring is surely on its way. And, with the return of warmer weather, the restoration work to return the Stanhope one-room schoolhouse to its former appearance. When complete, this project will become a hands-on museum of early education for future generations to experience.

The Stanhope School Restoration Project of the Pinegrove Historical Society will begin its next phase of restoration work as spring 2018 arrives. This year's ambitious goals include completing the restoration of the coat rooms and windows, installing slate boards, floor restoration, completing exterior painting, re-pointing the foundation, tree removal, grass mowing, and parking lot construction.

Volunteer help is critically needed. Are you interested in a short term volunteer project for 2018? If so, please consider helping on the Stanhope School Project. Days and hours are flexible to fit your schedule. All



Restoration work will continue in the spring of 2018.

skill levels and ages are welcome.

Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award, Boy Scout Eagle Award, and high school community project students are encouraged to contact Linda Mills by email [lmillsg-so@aol.com](mailto:lmillsg-so@aol.com) or Tina Keefer at [tiki5977@verizon.net](mailto:tiki5977@verizon.net) to discuss available projects. Or call the historical society at 570-345-0157 and leave a message.

If you are unable to volunteer your time and skills, consider a monetary contribution to help cover the supplies the restoration volunteers will need. Checks can be made payable to "Pinegrove Historical Society" (please note "Stanhope School Project" in the memo area) and mail to the society at P.O. Box 65, Pine Grove, PA 17963

### *A glimpse of life in Stanhope School*

Following are samples of teacher instructions provided by the Elementary Schools of Schuylkill County in 1883 for use at the Stanhope School. These were for students, age six through nine, in what was

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Management of D Division – Length of exercises are to be from five to 15 minutes according to the subject. Teach one step at a time and have it well impressed on the mind of the pupil before you attempt to teach another. Recitations should be short, but frequent. Vary the exercises; keep the little ones interested and busy by requiring plenty of slate-work. Examine it closely and approve faithful effort. If directors consent, make school hours for pupils of this Division less than five or six hours. At this age, fresh air and plenty of exercise are most important.

**Oral Instruction** – Teach objectively. For beginners, have short conversational exercises on familiar objects. To pupils of this Division, give short daily lessons on one or more of the following topics:

- Names, common forms, colors, quantities, size, weight, and use of familiar objects
- Description of articles of food, drink, clothing, fuel, light, familiar tools, and household implements
- Plants, flowers, personal habits, conduct of life, and care of body and health.

**Language** – Correct common errors in conversation through oral description of familiar objects and pictures. Require statements and answers to questions in complete sentences. Correct faulty expressions. Memorize easy verses and maxims.

The subjects taught in D Division were reading, spelling, writing, drawing, and arithmetic. The teacher's manual provided specific instruction on how to teach these subjects.

**Writing** – Teach script writing from the first; discard printing altogether. Have pupils use long slate pencils; teach proper position and how to hold pencil. Rule a position on a portion of the blackboard as copybooks are ruled with double lines to indicate the height of letters. Prepare pupil slates in a similar manner by ruling one side permanently. Place writing on blackboard and have pupils copy on their slates.

For beginners, write words on board without connecting the letters. After pupils have acquired some ability in the formation of letters, teach them how to connect letters by having them copy words written on board with letters connected. Write new and difficult words, or portions of the reading lesson, on board for pupils to copy. Examine carefully, criticize, and mark slate work at every recitation.

**Arithmetic** – Oral and written without book. Teach counting, addition and subtraction. Use a numeral frame. Teach first with objects and afterward without them. Pass from the concrete to the abstract. Teach to write and read figures and small numbers. Use signs for plus, minus, equality, etc. Drill constantly in rapid and accurate reckoning.

– Linda Mills, Chair  
Stanhope School Project

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### News Submittals

Non-profit and community organizations within the Borough are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Melissa Dyer in the Borough offices, [pgborough@comcast.net](mailto:pgborough@comcast.net) or call 570-345-3555 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

### Advertising

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**LEROY BATES**  
Councilman

Here in Pine Grove, we work hard for things we deem important. For example, our fire departments work tirelessly to train, retrain and update proficiency so they, as a team, can combat fires. Our Water and Road Crew trains and works tirelessly to sustain and improve our infrastructure.

The point to make for all of us – any property or business owner, employee or resident – every one is a part of a much bigger “team” for the benefit of Pine Grove Borough and its surrounds. We each need to do our part to make our community look good, feel good and hopefully be a place that attracts visitors and new endeavors.

It’s our responsibility as property owners to maintain that property. The borough has Quality of Life ordinances dictating that grass be limited to a maximum height and it be cut regularly.

We’re required to clear our sidewalks of snow and

ice so the public has safe passage across our property. Snow improperly shoveled into the street rather than deposited in your yard creates unnecessary work for our street crews and safety concerns for motorists and pedestrians.

Prospective residents and visitors won’t find our community inviting if the walks are not cleared of snow and properties are poorly maintained. To those who allow grass clippings, weeds, and debris to collect in the street – this is simply not being community-minded. Teamwork! Let’s all pull in the same direction.

Grass, leaves and snow blown or pushed into the streets end up clogging drains or making a slippery mess. Clogged drains in turn don’t move the water underground as intended, making the cleanup more extensive for our limited road crew.

We’re all in this together. I encourage each person in our community to think more team-minded. Take care of our community like a team member, not an individual property owner.

Our positive actions can make a big impact on our community when we mow our grass, shovel our snow, and rake leaves, keeping all debris in our own yards for cleanup and proper disposal. Let’s use common sense, work together as a community, and make Pine Grove a beautiful and inviting place in which to live.

### R&J TOURS – 2018 HAPPENINGS

Call for Date – NYC Free Day.....	\$42
Call for Dates – Washington D.C. Free Day .....	\$46
Call for Dates – Gourmet Shopping.....	\$43
March 4 – Amazing Grace @ AMT.....	\$87
March 4, 8 -10 – Philadelphia Flower Show .....	call
March 14 – Death at the Garage Sale @ RDT.....	\$77
March 17 – St Patrick’s Day Parade.....	\$42
March 17 – Oak Ridge Boys @ AMT.....	\$75
March 30 – Murder at Mount Hope Mansion.....	\$80
April 4 – Mystery Tour .....	\$117
April 5 – Cherry Blossom Cruise .....	*\$126
April 7 – Legoland .....	\$38
April 7 – New York International Auto Show .....	\$56
April 10 – Sweet & Salty, Creamy & Crunchy.....	\$75
April 12 – Rainbow-Whose Wife is it Anyway.....	\$77
April 14 – Madagascar @ DAT .....	\$42
April 14 – Statue of Liberty & 9-11 Museum.....	*\$85
April 21 – Baltimore National Aquarium 2018 .....	*\$70
April 28 – Eastern State Penitentiary & Grim Serial Killers.....	*\$68
April 28 – Gettysburg Battlefield & Ghost Walk.....	\$91
May 3 – Songs of the Silver Screen .....	*\$78
May 5 – Grease @ DAT.....	*\$86
May 5 – Tapestry @ Hunterdon Hill.....	\$97
May 8 – Eric Kearns @ Penns Peak.....	\$59

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# PG Joint (Sewage) Treatment Authority

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The Pine Grove Joint Treatment Authority was formed in 1996, and in 2001 was given the ownership and operations of the wastewater treatment plant. A new wastewater treatment plant was constructed in 2005-2006.

The Joint Treatment Authority operates the plant located at 235 Suedberg Road with an Administrative Office located at 115 Mifflin Street, Pine Grove.

Customers having questions about their rates,

billing, and the requirements for metering should contact the authority in person or call 570-345-6433. Information can also be found on the website

[www.pinegrovejta.com](http://www.pinegrovejta.com)

## 2018 JTA Condensed Budget

### Revenue

Connection & Permit Fees.....	\$6,000
Escrow & Interest.....	\$28,359
Quarterly Billings.....	\$1,350,000
Late charges/Penalties.....	\$23,000
Septage Receiving.....	\$60,000
Transfer from Reserve for Lift Station #7.....	\$106,626
Services/Interest/Fees.....	\$42,602
	<b>\$1,616,587</b>

### Expenses

Debt Service.....	\$654,452
Payroll Fees/Employees/Board.....	\$285,000
Wastewater Treatment.....	\$198,500
Utilities.....	\$100,452
Capital & Special Projects.....	\$206,359
Professionals.....	\$80,424
Insurance.....	\$64,700
Subscription/Dues/Permits.....	\$9,400
Administrative.....	\$10,300
Postage & Advertising.....	\$7,000
	<b>\$1,616,587</b>



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