

Public invited to Shavertown Fire Dept.'s birthday bash

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SHAVERTOWN - The Shavertown Fire Department will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on Sat., Aug. 12. "We're putting on a big block party," said Jerry Paxton, fire department president. "We're going to have a parade at 12 p.m. that will travel up the Memorial Highway from Old Main Street to Franklin Street."

The section of Main Street right in front of the fire hall will be blocked off during the day's activities. "We're going to have lots of booths for food and games set up in that block," said Paxton. "We'll open them up right after the parade."

A special memorial ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. in front of the fire hall. "Senator Charles Lemmond and Representative Phyllis Mundy will be present at the ceremony," said Paxton. "In addition to some other things we have planned for the service, we will hand out one very special award. We want to keep that as a surprise, though," he added.

Committee members for the event are Paxton, Kathy Hospoder and Ricky Taddei. "We've been working on the details since the spring, but we've really had a big push over the last two months," Paxton explained. "The three of us are the committee co-chairpersons, but we've had lots of help from many other people," he said. "We have about 35 active firefighters and most of them are involved in one way or another."

Fire Chief Gary Beisel agreed - planning the celebration has been a group effort. "We have the three main committees," Beisel said. "But there are others working on each of those committees. We've had a lot of help getting it all set up."

The food and game booths, which will be closed during the ceremonies, will be staffed by firefighters and the Ladies Auxiliary. "We'll have games for the children like a basketball shoot, a lippy-pop tree and a duck pond. We'll also have a Big Six Wheel," said Paxton. "The Ladies Auxiliary will have a white elephant booth and we're going to have a bake sale and raffle. Hillside Farms ice cream truck will also be there."

Some other special activities

are also scheduled for the big day. "We're going to have bag pipe music and a demonstration of the bag pipes," said Beisel. "We've also made arrangements with Nu York Productions to have a deejay spinning records from 7 to 11 p.m."

The Shavertown Fire Department dates back to 1925 when a meeting was first held to discuss its formation. "On May 9, 1925, Jacob Rau was elected as the first president and Albert Bush became the first fire chief," Paxton said.

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"The biggest fire we ever had was when the Back Mountain Lumber and Coal Company burned in 1961," said Chief Beisel, who served in that capacity for 19 years. "The fire company then made a deal with Granville Sowden, owner of the lumber company. They needed a wedge of our property to square up their new building with the road. In exchange for the land, and to thank the fire department for its work during the fire, Mr. Sowden built a new fire house. That's why the brick-face matches on these two buildings," said Beisel.

Shavertown is a volunteer fire department. Volunteers are always needed and not just for fire fighting.

There are many other duties and responsibilities required to keep a volunteer fire department in operation. Recruiting new fire fighters and fundraising are ongoing activities. If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, just call your local fire department. They'll be glad to hear from you.



Back Mt. Legacy proudly represented Eastern PA at the tournament. Coaches Jim Covert, left, with a special haircut for the occasion, and Mark Puffenberger, led the effort.

Legacy in top half of Region 1

Back Mountain Legacy U-12 girls soccer team participated in the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Region 1 playoffs, held at the University of Rhode Island, Kingston. Legacy was one of 16 teams that made it to the tournament, representing states and regions from Virginia to Maine. There are four regions nationwide.

Legacy beat Rhode Island and Western New York before falling to Maryland, finishing sixth out of the 16 teams.



Ready to play, from left: Traci Ragukas, J.J. Jimison, Julia Covert, Michelle (Elmo) Iveson.



J.J. Jimison put her foot into one during the competition.



A car wash helped pay the way to Rhode Island. From left: Loren Roderick, J.J. Jimison, Aimee Bono, Lauren Jimison.

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