

2014-15 Events Calendar

For more info on any Fire Co. event, call **717-392-0112**

Sat. Aug. 30 **Chicken BBQ** 10:30 am
 Sep. 5, 6, 7 **Run, Ride, Soar**
 5K Race, BIH Half Marathon,
 Bike & Balloon Race, Rotary
 Bicycle Ride, Hot Air Balloon
 Launch
www.bihhalf.com

Sat. Feb. 21 **Chicken Pot Pie Dinner**
 2015 10:30 am

Sat. May 23 **Chicken BBQ** 10:30 am
 2015

Thurs. Jun 25 **Preview, Food & Auction**
 2015 4-8 pm

Fri. June 26 **Lancaster County Carriage
 & Antique Auction** 8 am
www.birdinhandauction.com

Got Blood?

Blood Drive @ BIHFC

**Wednesday
 October 8** 2:00-7:00 pm

(No appointment necessary. Just show up!)

Hosting a Meeting or Party? Stay Close to Home & Rent Here!



Capacity: Seats 100 theater style or at tables

Handicapped-accessibility: Entire facility,
 including parking spaces and restrooms, no steps

Kitchenette: Counter space, refrigerator with
 freezer, coffee station, sink & outlets for crockpots,
 ideal staging area for caterers

Technology: Sound system, video projector &
 screen, Internet access

Parking: 25 level spaces close to the building &
 horse tie rails

Types of Rentals: One-time event or weekly/
 monthly rental

Cost: Meeting room is \$175 for 8 hours. Kitchen
 is rented on a case-by-case basis (requires food
 safety certified person on site for entire event.)

Contact: Stephen or Johnny Stoltzfus
 717-468-0883

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: Local Businesses are Generous with Food Donations

We are appreciative of the local businesses that support us by donating food for our fundraising meals. This is a creative way to involve more people in the ongoing mission of our Fire Company. We enjoy working together with these businesses to raise finances to keep quality fire protection in our community.

**CHICKEN POT PIE
 DINNER**
 Saturday AFTER
 Presidents' Day

Weavertown Coach - chicks

Lancaster Ag Products - feed for the chickens

Lester Lapp Family - raising the chickens

David Petersheim & Leroy Miller Families - chicken processing

Oasis - butter, deep freeze & storage of chicken

Gideon Stoltzfus - potatoes

Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop - dinner rolls, dough supplies

Four Seasons Produce - fresh produce

Turkey Hill Dairy - generous discount on drinks & ice cream

CHICKEN BBQ
 Memorial Day Saturday
 & Labor Day Saturday

**CARRIAGE AUCTION
 FOOD TENT &
 HAYSTACK DINNER**
 Last Thursday & Friday
 in June

Bird-in-Hand Bake Shop - dinner rolls

Turkey Hill Dairy - generous discount on drinks & ice cream

E.K. Bare & Sons - potato chips

Stoltzfus Meats & Deli - chili, apple maple sausage grillers
 for breakfast sandwiches

Four Seasons Produce - fresh fruit & vegetables

Oasis - organic cheese and cottage cheese, milk for the homemade
 ice cream and fresh dairy products

Miller's Smorgasbord - pulled pork

E.K. Bare & Sons - potato chips

JM Lapp Plumbing - bottled water

Turkey Hill - generous discount on drinks & ice cream

Ettline Foods - pizza and pasta

Shady Lane Curtains - chicken barbecue

Stoltzfus Meats & Deli - hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage

JM Lapp Plumbing - bottled water

Good N Plenty - whoopie pies

Bird-in-Hand Bakery & Cafe - cookies & whoopie pies

Kauffman's Fruit Farm - cold storage throughout year,
 refrigerator trucks for events, generous discount on cake supplies,
 meats/cheeses/rolls for sandwiches served at large fires to crews

****Please know that we did our best to include all major food sponsors in this listing. However, if we inadvertently
 missed someone, contact Paul Fisher 717.380.1109 and we will include you in our next newsletter.**

We encourage local people to patronize these businesses and thank them for their support of
 the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company. By their generosity, they are making a difference in our local
 community.

We also honor and thank the volunteers from our community who are very generous with
 their time. They serve by baking pies, whoopie pies and cakes; working shifts in the food
 tent; serving guests and clearing tables; preparing food and barbecuing chicken; manning the
 kitchen; washing dishes and cleaning up; and making sure that those who attend our dinners are
 comfortable and well fed.

It takes a team of workers and contributors to make our fundraising dinners successful!

Pedestrians: Stop, Look & Listen

Children learn by doing, so make a game out of these scenarios with your family by setting up a pretend road in your
 home or yard. Repetition is key to making these points second nature, so practicing over and over is a good thing!

- Always **walk on the sidewalk**. If there is no sidewalk,
 walk off the road facing traffic (on the LEFT) so that you
 can see any cars that are heading your direction.

- Cross the street only at intersections or marked
 crosswalks. Always **stop, look, and listen**.

- If there is a car parked where you are crossing**, look
 to see if there is a driver in the car. Carefully walk to the
 edge of the car and then **stop, look, and listen**.

- While crossing, continue to look for cars. Always
 walk across the street. Do not run.



Poster Drawing Contest!

Drawings are welcome from all ages (toddler through adult!)

Draw a picture showing YOU following one of the above road
 rules. Send it to the Fire Company and the firefighters will choose
 their favorites! The winning drawings will be made into posters
 and the artists (that's you!) will receive a special prize.

HINTS: Try drawing in pencil,
 then tracing with a thin black
 marker. Then add color with
 markers, colored pencils, or
 crayons. Your paper should be
 at least 8.5" x 11."

Mail drawings to:
 Bird-in-Hand Fire Company
 c/o Safe Stan
 313 Enterprise Dr.
 Bird-in-Hand PA 17505

A New Home for Our Old Tanker

After 24 years of faithful service, the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company sold the 1990 Tanker
 to the Vermontville Fire Department in Vermontville, Michigan, a town 30 miles
 southwest of Lansing. The tanker was so well maintained over the years that the Fire
 Company was able to recoup one-third of its original 1990 purchase price.

On July 26 the tanker was driven 600 miles to its new home in Michigan. There the
 Fire Department will shorten the front bumper so that it fits into their fire station. They
 plan to use it as a nurse tanker for the next 10-20 years. One of the last times it was
 used by Hand-in-Hand was at the July 12 fire at the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn.



Vermontville's old tanker,
 which was made from
 an airport fuel truck, was
 replaced in July with our
 1990 Tanker.



Children's Corner



HAND-IN-HAND



Fall 2014

& neighbor-to-neighbor

A Newsletter of the Hand-in-Hand Fire Company • Supporting Each Other, Growing Together

Running, Food & Fun Benefits Fire Company!

@ Smucker Homestead 2727 Old Phila. Pike, Bird-in-Hand
www.BIHHalf.com

Friday, September 5

4-8 pm **AMISH PIZZA & PASTA PARTY**
 All-you-can-eat spaghetti & Amish pizza
 meal. Everyone is welcome (community
 members, athletes & spectators!). Served
 by Fire Co. volunteers @ starting line tent.
 Adult: \$11 Kids 4-12: \$4 Under 4: FREE

5:45 **HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCH**

6:15 **KIDS FUN RUN**
 Must pre-register. Open up to race day.

6:30 **5K RUN**
 Almost full! Must pre-register. 5K presented by:
BANK OF Bird-in-Hand

7:30-9 **BONFIRE & S'MORES PARTY**
 FREE for everyone!
 Features Christopher McDougall.

Saturday, September 6

7:15 am **HOT AIR BALLOON LAUNCH**

7:30 am **HALF MARATHON**
 Sold out! - 1,700 runners registered

10-12 pm **FIRE COMPANY/COMMUNITY PICNIC**
 Everyone is welcome • Food is provided /
 donations accepted

5:45 pm **BIKE & BALLOON RACE**

Be a part of the race, without leaving home!

If you live along the race route, runners greatly
 appreciate cheering, encouraging posters, a misting
 hose, or a little entertainment. Show your community
 spirit and do something that suits you or if you're short
 on ideas, contact Fire Company Chaplain **Stanley Shrock**
717.587.6284.

All proceeds benefit the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company



As part of a firefighter scavenger hunt training, Jacob Stoltzfus,
 Mike Burkholder & Dave Lane find a FDC (fire department
 connection) for a building's sprinkler system.



Hi, I'm Bob.
 Can I be a
 firefighter?

Follow Bob White Through Training

Meet "Bob White," a Bird-in-Hand native son, who is 14 years old. Even
 though people of all ages are needed in our organization and joining the
 Fire Company as an adult is definitely an option, we will follow Bob
 through his training to become an active firefighter at Hand-in-Hand.

Childhood	Bob's family has always been active in the Fire Company. He has helped with fundraising dinners, the Carriage Auction, and the Half Marathon and as a very little boy, has fallen asleep at meetings he attended with his parents.
Age 14-15	He begins to attend trainings, but does not respond to fire calls. The company trainings are twice a month on the third Tuesday and fourth Monday.
Age 16-17	This is a special step! Bob is ready to train as a Junior Firefighter. He responds to fires, but does no interior firefighting, plus there are some equipment restrictions for him.
Age 18	Upon turning 18, Bob can be voted in as firefighter if he has been training for at least six months and completed the required checklist.



During training, these firefighters are connecting
 hard sleeve to draft water out of a creek.

THIS WEEKEND! SAT. AUG. 30

Chicken BBQ 10:30-6:30pm
 @ Bird-in-Hand Fire Co.

All-you-can-eat buffet in the dining room (BBQ chicken, baked potatoes, cole-
 slaw, potato salad, chips, pickles, rolls & apple butter, beverages, cake & ice cream)





BIHFC Mission Statement

Approved by Board of Directors 10/27/09

We are compassionate volunteers trained to serve our community by preventing and resolving emergencies within our capabilities. We draw on the character and convictions of all who are willing to serve, using the resources provided by our community while always promoting an atmosphere that encourages our citizens to help their neighbors.

BIHFC Vision Statement

Approved by General Membership 9/2010

To continue our mission into the future, we will instill our core values of trust, stability, and integrity into the organization. We will also:

1. Invite people to participate in all aspects of the organization and provide a structure for them to use their individual talents, skills, and abilities to the betterment of our organization and the community.
2. Maintain an environment that invites people to express their ideas.
3. Promote an open forum to ensure innovation and new ideas, and to understand technology and adopt it when justified.
4. Identify and prepare for changes well ahead of when they will occur.
5. Operate the company using responsible financial management that provides resources for responders today and into the future.

2014 Officers

Chief Lonnie Kauffman
Deputy Chief Steve Petersheim
Assistant Chief Lyndon Beiler
Fire Police Captain Norm Decker
President Tim Hoerner
Vice President Paul Fisher
Recording Secretary Lavelle Beiler
Treasurer Ivan Stoltzfus
Financial Secretary Sam King
Trustees Dan S. Fisher,
..... Doug Glick, Aaron Fisher
Board Members at Large Dan J. Fisher,
..... Reuben Stoltzfus, Don Boyer
Chaplain Stanley Shrock

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Junior Firefighter Training

Bob has a set of guidelines to follow that have been developed for the Junior Firefighters at Bird-in-Hand. They are very basic, but also very important to give him a solid foundation. In this step of his training he is learning to...

- don turnout gear properly till it becomes second nature
- locate equipment on apparatus
- maintain self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) & change cylinders
- set up lighting properly
- pack hose on apparatus properly so that it deploys quickly
- understand the accountability system and the importance of working together as a team under the direction of an officer.



Active Firefighter Training

As an able-bodied 18-year-old Bob steps beyond the basics and begins advanced training. He will always have the opportunity of continuing basic required training as well as participating in trainings with other companies and classes at the Lancaster County Public Safety Training Center.

The company trainings that Bob attends along with 10-30 other firefighters include lots of hands-on learning. They are organized by Lyndon Beiler, Training Officer, and taught by Hand-in-Hand officers who have expertise in certain areas of firefighting.



After passing all 14 of these steps, Bob is recommended to Chief Lonnie Kauffman. The Chief surveys all officers and then takes Bob's name to the Board of Directors. They in turn present his name to the general members who vote.

Congratulations to Bob! He has been approved as an active firefighter! One more required training that Bob will have to take within a year of his approval is HAZMAT (hazardous materials) certification.

Since Hand-in-Hand highly recommends advanced training in areas such as knots and rigging, map books, preplans for commercial buildings, rapid intervention team operations, and four modules of essentials and more levels of NIMS, Bob can continue to fine tune his firefighting skills as he serves his community.

Financial Support is Vital

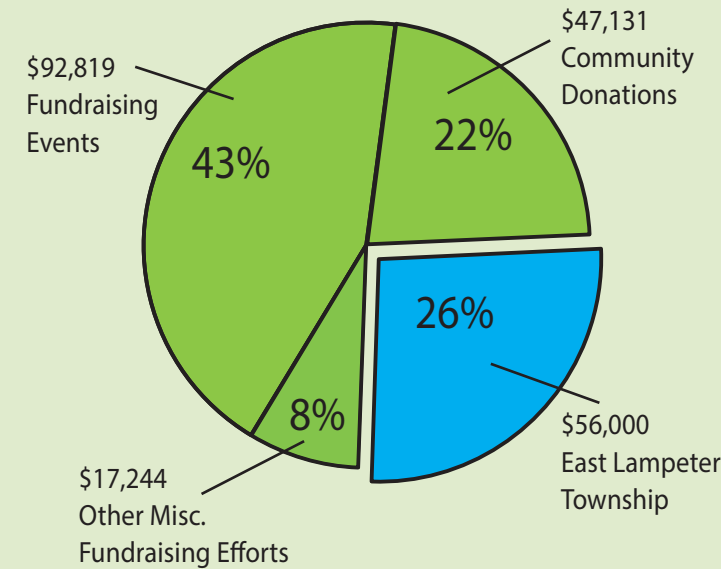
Did you know that over 70% of the general funding of our 100% volunteer fire company comes from your donations and support of our fundraising efforts?

At Bird-in-Hand we have a long tradition of relying on our local residents and businesses for the financial support needed to remain a vibrant and active volunteer fire company. Over the years their involvement has provided the great creativity and teamwork needed to successfully protect our growing community.

We feel that this broad-based community involvement benefits our area in many ways. First, it minimizes the tax burden for all of us. Second, it keeps us accountable and in tune with what our community expects from their fire company. Third, it allows us to engage the many talented individuals and businesses in our first due area and provides lots of volunteer opportunities for everyone. And finally, we believe it strengthens the fabric of our community as neighbors work with neighbors, hand-in-hand for a common cause.

Thank you for your tremendous support of the Fire Company!

A Community Supported Volunteer Company



*All figures are from 2013

A Note From the Chief...

Written by Chief Lonnie Kauffman

Many people think of their local fire company as somewhat glamorous. Flashing lights, sirens, shiny red fire trucks, and expensive equipment all contribute to this perception. While this is positive, the roots of a successful fire company go much deeper and are anchored in teamwork and a desire to help our neighbors.

On July 12, we responded to a local motel for a fire that had gotten a good headstart and was threatening the entire building. The fire had spread to the roof and was fed by a south wind, and as is typical for an exterior fire, was moving quite quickly.

Many hours of training paid off in this situation. Knowing **what** to do and **how** to do it was important: putting foam solution on the visible

fire; reading the smoke to determine the seat of the fire; searching the building for civilians unable to get out; ventilating the building to prevent more smoke damage; managing the dozens of firefighters who responded; and setting up a high gallonage water supply.

The teamwork we saw that day is not just present among Bird-in-Hand fire crews – it is also regional. Bird-in-Hand was assisted by well-trained crews from Ronks, Witmer, Lafayette, Gordonville, Intercourse, and others. Several dozen firefighters from our communities carried out these firefighting skills together that day to bring a positive conclusion to a negative event.



Volunteer OPPORTUNITIES @ Hand-in-Hand Fire Company

Delivery Driver for Dinners

Time Commitment: 2.5 hrs.

Equipment: car (no van necessary!) & valid drivers license

Details: Time slots are 10:30am-Noon and 3:30-5pm. Insulated food carriers are provided and delivery is within a 4-mile radius.

Contact: Paul Fisher **717-380-1109**



Building Electrical Wiring, Radios, Computer Equipment/Systems

Do you have interest and knowledge of maintaining and improving computer equipment/systems, radios, or building electrical wiring? We have a variety of systems needing attention and could really use your help. Call for details!

Contact: Tim Hoerner **717-291-1687** or timhoerner@comcast.net

Town Cleanup is a Strong Bird-in-Hand Tradition



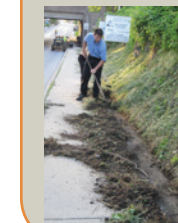
The annual Town Cleanup Day in Bird-in-Hand was held on Saturday, May 31. The crews typically start at 6 am when traffic is not heavy. When there is a good turnout, the project takes 1½ hours.



Nineteen workers and two fire police were on hand in 2014. This is an event where young and old work together. Ages ranged from 13 to 68. Two crews worked on the south and north sides of the Old Philadelphia Pike.



The starting place is at the Fire Hall and the crews work their way through town to Maple Avenue. They make sure the railroad underpass, stairways, and sidewalks are clean for another year and enjoy coffee and doughnuts at the Fire Hall when they are finished.



Town Cleanup Day was started as a Boy Scout's project with a few community people helping him. The first year three dump truck loads were hauled away because, except for six inches at the edge, the sidewalks were covered with grass and weeds. The cleanup was a big part of the preparation for the 250th Anniversary of Bird-in-Hand in 1984.

Help Needed to Replace Town Sign

Dan Fisher Sr. and John Smucker are spearheading an effort to replace the missing Keystone Marker at the west end of town. The tradition of using the blue and gold keystone to mark the entrance to towns, rivers, and trails is unique to Pennsylvania. They are called "gateway guardians" and are considered a remarkable treasure in our state.

The goal is to raise the required \$1,000 to replace the marker. Please send your contributions to Keystone Marker Trust, c/o Bird-in-Hand Corporation, 2727 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505. **Checks should be made out to Keystone Marker Trust.** Thank you for your help!



(left) Your donations are needed to help replace the Keystone Marker on this empty pole west of Bird-in-Hand. (right) This Bird-in-Hand sign is featured on the Keystone Marker Trust's website along with other unique town names.



Dinner Help - ages 12 - 102 !

Time Commitment: 4-6 hours per event

Details: There are many roles available including serving, bussing tables, dishwashing, food prep, setup/cleanup, greeting guests, and answering phones during an event. If you can help at just one event, we'd love to have you!

If interested in volunteering at a dinner, please call the Fire Hall **717-392-0112** & leave a message with your contact info. Someone will call you back!



Bake Cakes @ Fire Hall

Time Commitment: 4-6 hours

Details: Mix up & bake cakes at the fire hall kitchen, let cool, then come back to spread the icing. Gather a few friends and make a morning of it. Or, do it alone and enjoy the peace and quiet!

Contact: Judy Kauffman
717-768-3210

