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FLEETWOOD, PENNSYLVANIA

MARCH 2025



HONORING FLEETWOOD'S FINEST!

FRIENDS OF THE FLEETWOOD PARKS hosted the FLEETWOOD'S FINEST SPRING GALA to a sold-out crowd celebrating Fleetwood. Special guests included **Senator Judy Schwank**, **District Justice Gail Greth**, **Mayor Suzanne Pitella-Touch** and Borough Council Members **Mike Mayer** and **John Rothenberger**. The evening began with red carpet arrivals along with a cocktail hour and a welcome by FOFPP President **Patty Keeney**. Guests were treated to a overflowing food buffet and then the tributes began. A special tribute film on the creation of the Fleetwood Little League Field was shown and the three men - **Barney Dietrich**, **Ernie Fink** and **R. Joel Schaeffer** were treated to baseball songs by **Retired Sergeant Major Bob McDonald**. Bob was then joined by the Little League players **Toby Gilbert**, **Matthew Luckenbill** and **Nolan Wolfinger** who presented the Hometown Hero Award to Barney, Ernie and Joe. **Eric Luckenbill** also presented a permanent plaque that will be placed at the field saluting the three men. Senator Judy Schwank presented special Senate Citations to the men for their community service and receiving the Hometown Hero Award. And Patty Keeney presented a \$500.00 donation to Smith Field in honor of the three men.

THE FLEETWOOD CADILLAC AWARD tribute also included a tribute film honoring the fire company for over 100 years of service to the community. **Retired Sergeant Major Bob McDonald** sang a tribute to the firemen along with a photo montage. **Mayor Suzanne Pitella-Touch** thanked the men and women for their service as they all stood to receive the recognition. **Fire Chief John Manmiller** accepted the award on the company's behalf and gave a special shout out to **Dennis Keim** for his 50 years of service – receiving a standing ovation from the audience. **Senator Judy Schwank** also presented a special Senate Citation to the Fire Company and **Patty Keeney** also presented them with a \$500.00 donation. The evening ended with everyone taking to the dance floor and enjoying the night. It was a terrific night celebrating Fleetwood and the people that make it happen.

FLEETWOOD'S FINEST SPRING GALA

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE
MARCH 8, 2025



SPECIAL THANKS TO FLEETWOOD'S FINEST SPONSORS WHO MADE THE NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS!

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THANKS TO FLEETWOOD'S FINEST GALA COMMITTEE
Thanks to the following individuals, businesses and organizations for volunteering their efforts to make this new tradition a success.

Donna Fick
Jessica Galeassi – *Fleetwood Bank*
Patty Keeney – *Friends of Fleetwood Parks*
Connie Keller
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Mike Mayer - Borough Council/*Breakfast Brothers*
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William Strause – *Fleetwood Historical Society*
Belinda Stoudt – *Fleetwood Vol. Fire Co.*
Anita Tempesco – *ANITATrinket*

Special Thanks to Angela Cremer at *Fleetwood Bank* and Chris Young with the *Fleetwood Boro*

PARK EVENTS COMING IN 2025

Community Yard Sale

SAVE THE DATE! SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025
The summer park activities kick-off with the Annual Community Yard Sale on May 3rd! The event is from 8:00am to 2:00pm in the Fleetwood Park. You can rent a 10'x10' space for only \$10.00. There will be Breakfast and Lunch concessions available as well. The event is held rain or shine. To reserve your space, please email friendsoffleetwoodparks@gmail.com.

Sunday Summer Concert Series

Mark your calendar for the 2025 Sunday Summer Concert Series. Join us at the Fleetwood Park Stage for an evening of free musical concerts. The concession stand opens at 5pm with the concerts beginning at 6pm. Presented by the Fleetwood Rec Board in association with Friends of Fleetwood Parks.

- June 1 - **The Large Flowerheads**
- June 8 - **The Fabulous Greaseband**
- June 15 - **Frog Holler**
- June 22 - **Miss Laurie Ann & The Saddletones**
- June 29 - **The Three Amigos**
- July 6 - **The Black Ties**

All concerts begin at 6pm. Any updates regarding weather postponements or cancellations will be posted on the fleetwoodboro.com website.

FLEETWOOD COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Fleetwood Carnival Is Coming July 15-19, 2025
The Fleetwood Carnival is back for another year of entertainment and fun. There will be Nightly Entertainment & Cash Bingo. The Fireworks are slated for July 18 with a rain date of July 19. Follow us on Facebook at 'Fleetwood Community Carnival' to get all the latest updates!

FLEETWOOD BLUES FESTIVAL

The Fleetwood Blues Festival Is September 7, 2025
Friends of Fleetwood Parks presents the Fleetwood Blues Festival at the Evergreen Club on 415 Hartz Road in Fleetwood. Enjoy the Blues from 2pm to 6pm. Tickets are only \$10 at the Gate. 12 and Under free. Food and Beverages will be available. Featuring the **Dave Mell Blues Band**, **The Blue Cadillacs** and **Eddie Bluestone**. *No outside food or drinks allowed.*

BERKS FIDDLE FEST

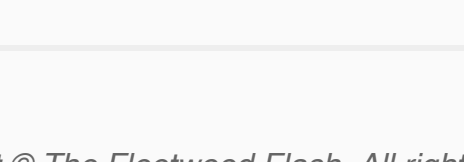
The Berks Fiddle Fest will be back at the Fleetwood Park on September 21 beginning at 9am! You can become a sponsor and supporter for the Berks Fiddle Fest. Just download the 2025 Sponsorship Package and join in on the fun! This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than the fun!

For additional information about the Berks Fiddle Fest – email berksfiddlefest@gmail.com as well as Facebook.

To have a friend sign-up for the monthly newsletter, just send the email address to: friendwood@icloud.com



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