

PENN TOWNSHIP SNYDER COUNTY, USA

September 2006

WHAT'S MY ADDRESS?

As we're sure you know by now, Snyder County GIS has worked with 911 Emergency Services and the US Post Office to insure that everyone has a street address. This will be easier for an emergency crew to find you in ...well, an emergency.

This was a long process that had several stages. First, there could not be two separate roads that had the same or similar name from the same post office, mainly Selinsgrove. The following are roads that had to change and the new names that replaced them:

W Chestnut Street—**Hower Street**

Hillside Drive—**Mountain Drive**

Elm Court—**Willow Court**

Hollow Road—**Fetter Road**

Creek Road—**Mulls Road**

Miller Road—**Miller Farm Road**

Church Road—**Gaugler Lane**

Middlecreek Road—

Middle Creek Road (two words)



Private lanes with two or more houses required a new name. They were chosen from suggestions of the property owners. And, the original residential name poll was completed in 2001. Any residence that has changed ownership since then may not have received a new number. Also, if you or anyone in your household did not fill out a verification card in 2001, you may not have received a new address.

If you live in a development, your house number has not changed. If you previously had an RR address and you have not been notified of a change, please contact Glenn Stuck at Snyder County GIS at 374-3824 to get your new address. No one in Snyder County should still have an RR address, and it is our understanding that the old addresses will be invalid effective March 2007. Although we have been able to change our records with most of the new addresses, some we have not received. Please look at the label on this newsletter. If we still have your old address, but you've received a new one, please let us know.

You need to remove the old address from your mailbox. Make sure the new address is clearly visible on both your mailbox and your house.

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[Flood Awareness And Protection](#)

Please refer to pages 4, 5, and 6 for information on how to prepare and protect yourself in case of a flood emergency.

RECYCLING IS MOVING

Beginning **November 11, 2006** Penn Township Recycling will be held to the rear of the Penn Township Building at 228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove and will continue to be held here on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:00AM until 12:00PM. The following items are accepted: Aluminum cans, tin cans, glass bottles and jars, #1 and #2 plas-

tic bottles, newspapers and magazines.

Occasionally, Snyder County holds a Recycling event for electronics, tires, etc. For information on these, or any other items, you can contact Deb Wolfe, Snyder County Recycling Coordinator at 374-5751, ext 115 for other options.

PERMITS REQUIRED

Penn Township issues Zoning Permits to ensure compliance with our Zoning Ordinance. Zoning Permits are required for, but not limited to new homes, new mobile homes, additions, decks, garages, sheds (including prefab), pools, or replacement of any of the above. You also need a Driveway Permit for a new driveway, but you do not need a permit to blacktop your existing driveway. You can contact the Township office at 374-4778 for more information or the fee schedule for Zoning Permits.



You may also need a Building Permit. In order to comply with the PA Statewide Uniform Construction Code, we have contracted with Central Keystone Council of Governments (COG) who has certified inspectors, trained to understand and enforce the code to assure compliance with the State Law. Building Permits are required for, but not limited to additions, garages, porches, decks, roofing, pools, guardrails and stairs, or the replacement of any of the above. Please contact Central Keystone COG at 1-877-457-9401 if you have any questions regarding Building Permits or visit their website at www.ckcog.com.

Penn Township also requires road-cut permits for new driveways or any cut into the roadway, and sign permits for any sign except temporary (political signs). For any type of fill or grading project, contact the Township office at 374-4778 or the Township Roadmaster at 374-4258 to determine if a permit is required.

PENN TOWNSHIP KEEPS GROWING

Penn Township has consistently been the fastest growing municipality in Snyder County. By 1939, there were 246 homes in the Township. This shows you how we've grown over the years.

1939	246 homes
1959	336 homes
1979	660 homes
1989	885 homes
1999	1267 homes
2005	1531 homes

There are several ongoing projects for new developments in the Township as well. Pheasant Ridge, joining Harris Estates with the Belmar Development, is currently under construction. A new Development is in the works for Fetter Road and one on Salem Road as well.

We would like to welcome all new residents and new businesses to Penn Township including St Pius X Catholic Church, and Wendt's Pork Palace!!



Tax Collector

Bethany Edmunds
PO Box 216
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374-4640
betc@ptd.net

Bethany has set hours at the Township Building to take payments. Please refer to your tax bill for dates and times.

New Signs Are Appearing!!

As you've probably noticed, the Penn Township road crew has erected new street and road signs throughout the Township. The new signs meet all new Penn Dot requirements, effective in 2010.

New speed limit signs have also been erected throughout the Township. The safety of our residents is always a top priority. Please drive carefully.

WINTER IS COMING

Another winter season will soon be here and that means snow and icy road conditions. Please drive carefully and remember to give yourself extra time to reach your destination. As always, our road crew will be out as soon as possible. For everyone's safety, please allow plenty of room between you and the snow plows.

Parking is banned on all Township roads during a snow storm and 48 hours after the snow fall begins. You need to find off street parking during snow events so the road crew can do their job.

Make sure your mailbox is ready for winter by making sure it is stable and securely fastened. The Township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes as a result of snow being thrown from the plow. Mailboxes are erected in the right-of-way by the resident and are the resident's responsibility.

RECREATION UPDATE

Congratulations and thank you's are in order to Penn Township and the hard work of the Penn Township Recreation Committee. Penn Township has been awarded a Community Conservation Partnership Program matching grant in the amount of \$160,000. This is in response to the application to DCNR by the Penn Township Supervisors in September 2005. The Supervisors also applied for and were granted two DCED grants. One for \$25,000 and one for \$30,000. You may notice there is some fill dirt being piled on the recreation fields. This is the start of an area to play horseshoes. The horseshoe pit area is being funded by Northway Industries of Middleburg and landscaped by Hawks Landscaping and Nursery of Selinsgrove. Added thanks to Pete and Cookie DeWire for the donation of the plants and the work they did planting the area around the

If you have any questions regarding snow removal on Township roadways, please contact the Township Roadmaster at 374-4258. The following roads are State Roads: Salem Road, Middle Creek Road, Clifford Road (south of Rt 522), Sassafras Street, Fair Oak Road, State School Road, Old Colony Road, SR 11&15, SR 35, SR 204, and SR 522. Penn Dot is responsible for all winter maintenance on those roads and you can contact them at 374-8123.

recreation sign. Thank these companies and their associates for their generosity. Pete DeWire has been appointed Project Manager by the Township to design, develop and oversee the project. Pete will be working directly with DCNR. We've also applied for and were granted a tax exempt status under Section 501C(3) of the Internal Revenue Code under the name East Snyder Regional Recreation Association. All contributions to the Association are now tax deductible. Currently the recreation committee is working on a logo and a marketing plan—many thanks to Kevin and Lori Cook for their expertise in this area and to the whole recreation committee for the hours they have donated to this project. (Continued on Page 8)

RIGHT-OF-WAYS

It is illegal to plant, construct, or erect anything in the right-of-way of a road, ie basketball hoops, fences, trees, etc. Please remember that the Township right-of-way does not end at the edge of the pavement. On most rural roads, the right-of-way is 16 1/2' from the center of the road. In developments, the right-of-way is 25' from the center of the road.

Tree trimming is done by the Township on an annual basis. This helps to allow our snow plow trucks as well as any emergency vehicles to pass. If you do not want the Township to trim your ornamental trees, please make sure there

are no limbs protruding into the right-of-way. If you have any questions, contact the Township Roadmaster at 374-4258 and he will visit the site and mark it for you.

The Township also grades the berms of the Township roads on an annual basis. This is done to maintain the integrity of the roadway. We must keep the water off the roads and in a drainage ditch area.

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DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

Election Day is November 7, 2006. The last date to register to vote for the 2006 Election was October 10, 2006, but you can register to vote for future elections anytime after November 8, 2006.

And Remember!

Penn Township now has two polling places. All residents that live south of Rt 522 will vote at Graysonview Assisted Living Facility. Residents who live north of Rt 522 will still vote at the Penn Township Municipal Building. If you have any questions, contact the Snyder County Commissioners office at 837-4208.

*Autumn is a second spring when
every leaf is a flower.*

Albert Camus

Recreation Fields Update (con't)

Penn Township resident Brian Harro has offered to 'build' a website for the park. We will get the word out when this is complete. Thank you Brian.

So that's our update..... The Recreation Committee meets at the Penn Township Building and is open to all residents including surrounding municipalities. Any person interested in volunteering their time to keep moving this project along would be greatly appreciated. If you want to get involved or be included, email penntwp@ptd.net or call the Township office for more information.

