

Penn Township 228 Clifford Road Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Fall/Winter 2011



Recycling in Penn Township is about to change!

Penn Township will receive a chunk of a 2010 Act 101, Section 902 Recycling Grant awarded to Snyder County and earmarked to enhance the County's drop-off recycling programs. Penn, along with Middleburg area, Spring and Monroe Townships, Free-

How will this affect the residents of Penn Township?

The location of our site will move to the large parking area along side of the township building. Recycle bins will be set on a cement pad, enclosed on three sides with fencing for litter control. Lighting and camera devices will be added for security and safety.

Will the materials currently collected at Penn Township change?

Yes, but for the better! New items that will be accepted at completion of our improved site will include: paperboard, corrugated cardboard and junk mail. Look for details below describing these items.

Will Penn Township continue to accept all items we currently accept?

Yes, absolutely!

Will Troop 419 continue to help on the second Saturday of each month?

At this time Penn Township has no plans to change this arrangement.

Commissioner Peggy Chamberlain Roup and Debi Wolfe, Snyder County Recycling Coordinator were a huge part of making this happen. Let them know you appreciate their help when you see them.

Tabled below are three new materials to be collected at the improved Penn Township Recycling site, with descriptions and examples. You can start saving these new materials if you choose (we have), but we **can not** accept them until the site is complete. While you may begin to see construction of the cement pad, lights and fencing, it's looking like the whole project may not be completed until early some time next year. Take that into consideration if you choose to start saving these items.

ELECTION DAY
NOVEMBER 8, 2011

PENN 1 - 29 Graysonview Court

PENN 2 - 228 Clifford Road

Polls are open at 7 am until 8 pm

<i>Paperboard</i>	<i>Corrugated Cardboard</i>	<i>Junk Mail</i>
<p>Mistakenly referred to as "cardboard", paperboard is a thicker form of paper used in consumer packaging. Examples - cereal boxes, detergent packaging, shoe boxes, tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper rolls, beer/soda cases, cake mix and brownie boxes and all similar food packaging boxes.</p> <p>Any liner bags need to be removed.</p>	<p>Cardboard, a generic term for a heavy-duty paper. Corrugated fiberboard, a combination of paperboards, usually two flat liners and one inner fluted corrugated paper, often used for making corrugated boxes typically used in shipping and packaging. The key to identify corrugated is the fluting between layers.</p>	<p>Also known as advertising mail or direct mail. This includes advertising circulars, preapproved credit card apps and other commercial advertising material. Any envelopes and parts of any first class mail you receive that you would normally toss in the garbage.</p>

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Township Contact Info:

374-4778 - phone
 374-4931 - fax
 www.penn-township.net

**NEW VANPOOLS FORMING**

Do you travel 20 miles or more one way?
 Do you have a consistent work/study schedule?
 Are you willing to travel with 7-10 people?
 Do you want to save money on your commute?

From: Union/Snyder Counties

To: TO BE DETERMINED

Work/Study Days/Hours: TBD

USTA VANPOOL 1-877-877-9021

1610 Industrial Blvd Suite 700

Lewisburg, Pa. 17837



Union-Snyder Transportation Alliance (USTA) is pleased to announce the introduction of a new service for commuters, USTA's Vanpool Program. The Vanpool Program is designed to accommodate commuters who drive to a regular destination from a regular starting point on a regular basis to pool their individual commute into one vehicle. The project is intended to offer opportunities to individuals looking for mobility options that are environmentally friendly and reduce the cost of traveling to/from work. USTA anticipates that the individual commuter can save significant money and "wear and tear" on his car by pooling his or her resources into one vehicle with similarly minded commuters. The optimum number of commuters per van is 10-12. The cost of the van is divided between the riders and is based on mileage and the number of riders.

Most vanpoolers travel an average of 30 miles one way. Many vanpoolers travel 60 miles or more one way, depending on location. It is anticipated that vanpoolers from Union or Snyder County may have destinations that include Harrisburg or State College.

Two vans have been ordered from Rohrer Bus Sales, Inc. of Duncannon, Pennsylvania at a cost of \$31,610 each through a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Residents of Union or Snyder County interested in learning more about vanpooling are encouraged to call USTA at 1-877-877-9021, between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM and ask to speak with the vanpool coordinator.

USTA also provides transportation for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Shared-Ride Programs for older adults (age 65+) and Persons with Disabilities (age 18 -64), Department of Welfare's Medical Assistance Transportation Program, and MH/MR Transportation Programs. USTA is open to the general public at full-fare rates and provides rides for any trip purpose, including non-medical service.

For additional information call 1-877-877-9021.

Township Compost Site

Located on Gaugler Lane, across from Salem Church. Follow Gaugler Lane to the end and through the gate. **Only those people dropping items at the compost site are permitted in this area.**

This service is free to our residents, and is open 7 days a week, dawn to dusk. You can take your basic grass clippings, other lawn and garden waste, leaves, trees (including Christmas trees), shrub waste and branches.

There are signs indicating where the different items belong, do not mix the materials.

To generate quality mulch and compost there are some items that are absolutely not acceptable at this site. These items include:

- cat or dog waste
- meat or fish bones
- fat, grease, lard or oils
- dairy products
- plastic or metals
- weeds and weed seeds

There is a separate pile for those looking for a spot to put their ashes. Do not bring ashes to the Township building and do not mix any ashes with compost materials.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DELIVERY CONTAINERS BEHIND – TAKE YOUR GARBAGE BAGS, FLOWER POTS, ETC. WITH YOU.

Leaving these items behind is considered dumping and/or littering!

Legal action will be taken against offenders who take advantage and violate these guidelines.

Abuse of the site will ensure closure of the location to the public.

Mulch and especially compost take time to cure. We will get the word out when there will be anything, compost and/or mulch, ready for our residents. Feel free to call the office anytime, 374-4778, to check on availability.



LEAF PICKUP

Our road crew will be picking up leaves as soon as it becomes necessary. Place your leaves loose along , but not IN the roadway, no bags. Crews will make a few trips around the Township. You can call if your leaves have been ready for three or more days and no one has picked them up.



Complaint Policy

Penn Township welcomes your phone calls, letters and emails with issues or complaints that concern you. We have an official complaint policy which states if your concern is of a serious nature, **you must put the complaint in writing and sign it.** The Township will not release the name of the person filing any complaint whether written or verbal. Complaint forms are available at our office or may be downloaded from our website.

www.penn-township.net

BATTRAM PAVILION

Located in East Snyder Park

Reservations are being accepted for 2012.

Reservation fee for 2012 has increased to \$50.

A Users' Agreement is required at the time of reservation.

The agreement is available online or at the Township office. Please check the calendar online at www.penn-township.net for an idea of available dates, but remember no reservation is official until you've contacted the Township office and completed the Users' Agreement and paid the fee.

CITIZENS' RIGHT TO KNOW

Effective January 1, 2009

The Citizens' Right To Know Act provides anyone access to public information. To comply with the law, Penn Township uses a standardized request form which is available on our website at www.penn-township.net or at the Township office.

You can also access request forms at <http://openrecords.state.pa.us>

This site will explain the law, explain what open records are and what is not considered public record. Make sure when you file an 'RTK' request, you are seeking records and not just asking questions. The law allows the Township five days to respond to the request, whether to grant or deny the request or invoke a 30 day extension.

While you are entitled to look at the records, there would be a charge for any copies made.

PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

The PTMA office is NOT located in the Penn Township Building and NO sewer or water payments are accepted in our office or our drop box.

Payments are accepted at Northumberland National Bank on Lori Lane or in Weis Markets (at the Susquehanna Mall)

or by mail to:

PTMA

PO Box 155

Selinsgrove, PA 17870

If you have any questions call 374-8256.

September 2011 Flooding

As you know, our area has had more than its share with the recent flooding from Tropical Storm Lee. Many properties that never experienced flooding issues before had moderate to severe flooding this time.

In comparison, the Susquehanna River crested in Sunbury at 31.6' while in March of this year, it crested at 27.6'. The recent flooding has been compared to Hurricane Agnes in June of 1972, when the river crested at 35.8'. For those of us who remember Agnes, the damage and destruction were paralleled to what we've experienced recently. In fact, Tropical Storm Lee made second place on our list of historical crests.

- 1 - 35.80 ft on 06/1972 – aka Agnes
- 2 - 31.60 ft on 09/2011 - Tropical Storm Lee**
- 3 - 30.62 ft on 09/1975
- 4 - 30.44 ft on 09/2004
- 5 - 30.32 ft on 01/1996
- 6 - 27.60 ft on 03/2011**
- 7 - 27.52 ft on 03/1979
- 8 - 27.30 ft on 01/1943
- 9 - 27.20 ft on 04/1960
- 10 - 27.03 ft on 04/1993

**Flood Stages for
Susquehanna River
at Sunbury Gauge:**
Major Flood Stage – 34 ft
Moderate Flood Stage – 26 ft
Flood Stage – 24 ft
Action Stage – 20 ft

Selinsgrove Community Garden in Penn Township

Kick-off for the 2012 Season is slated for April 1, 2012. Applications for plots will be accepted as early as February 15, 2012.

In 2011, 90 (30x30) plots were rented. (\$10 each) The Cooperative Extension hopes to add more raised beds around the parking lot and lay out a grouping of smaller plots for people who do not want the larger size. Currently, there are two handicap plots with hopes of completing six for 2012.

New for the 2011 Garden season was the fencing, two water hydrants, compost bins and a lawnmower.

See our website for a complete and detailed list of the 'rules to garden by'. You can also contact the Township office or the Cooperative Extension at 966-8194.

www.penn-township.net

Flood Information

Penn Township continues to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), which requires the Township to be re-certified annually. Continued participation in this program allows business owners and all residents of Penn Township to purchase flood insurance at reduced premiums in recognition of the efforts made by the Township to lessen the impact of flooding. With our continued efforts, FEMA has designated Penn Township as a Class 8 municipality, allowing for 15% reduction on flood insurance to those in the floodplain and a 5% reduction for flood insurance for non-floodplain residents.

Any home in Penn Township can be covered by flood insurance, but don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance; there is a 30-day waiting period for coverage to take effect. Talk to your agent today.

As part of the CRS recertification, we send letters to local realtors, insurance agencies, and lenders. The letters make them aware that Penn Township participates in the CRS Program. Another part of the recertification involves making our community aware of flood hazards through letters to those living in the floodplain and repetitive loss areas. These letters inform residents on Flood Safety, Natural and Beneficial Functions of Floodplains, Flood Insurance w/ Mandatory Purchase Requirements and Federal Financial Aid, Property Protection and much more.

The complete "Flooding and You" information has been included at least once annually in our Township newsletter. If you need a copy of this, please call the Township Office or e-mail Brenda at bpenn township@yahoo.com

Penn Township continues to update the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our "need to call/evacuation" list in case of an emergency. Our Zoning Officer also enforces the Floodplain and Stormwater Management Ordinances. Contact our office for permit requirements for floodplain development. Our Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), along with the Penn Township road crew have over time, identified areas with chronic flooding and drainage problems and continue to work to improve these areas. You can help by keeping ditches and drainage areas on your property open and free of debris.

Call the Township Roadmaster at 374-4258 to report a problem with debris, fallen trees or anything else that would hinder water flow.



Penn Township Tax Collector
Ron Zeiders - PO Box 452 - Selinsgrove, PA 17870
374-8401

Call Ron with questions on your Real Estate, Per Capita, or Fire Hydrant Tax.

Mobile Homes

If you are moving a mobile home from Penn Township, you are required to purchase a Moving Permit from Ron. Cost is \$2.00

Selinsgrove Center Recycling Drop Off
State School Road
Monday thru Friday
8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Accepted Material:

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspapers
- Office Paper (any color)
- Telephone Books
- Pre-shredded paper (DO NOT MIX types or kinds)



Unaccepted Material:

- NO** glossy inserts from newspapers
- NO** wax covered corrugated cardboard
- NO** magazines
- NO** envelopes of any kind
- NO** card stock
- NO** pressed paper – soda cases, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc.

Unload materials onto the dock and alert employees you are there. The large garage door opens so you can move your material inside.
DO NOT LEAVE ANY MATERIAL ON THE DOCK.
 Sign the clipboard hanging inside the large door with “Penn Township Resident” and the approximate weight.
 Confidential document shredding service is available by appointment.
Pick up service available for a nominal fee.
Please call the Center for rate information - 372-5656

The Township can no longer accept CFL bulbs for recycling.
You can take your old CFL bulbs to Lowe’s
in Hummels Wharf for disposal.

Looking Ahead.....

While we may be carving our pumpkins and picking out costumes for Halloween, before we know it, we’ll be stuffing the Thanksgiving turkey and getting ready for the holidays. With that comes the dreaded....snow.

Snow Plows and Snow Removal - To avoid a fine or create a hazardous situation during a snow event, all vehicles must be removed from Township streets and roads. Do not shovel or plow snow from your driveway sidewalks back onto any road, whether it is a state or township road.

If you have a concern about a particular Township road, please contact the road crew at 374-4258. If you get the answering machine, leave a message with your name and number and all calls will be returned asap.

Mailboxes - Erected in the right-of-way as required. Be aware the Township is not responsible for any snow flying off the plow and damaging a mailbox.

And when the holidays are over.....

Christmas Tree Collection - Road crews will begin collection of trees on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 and continue through Friday, January 13, 2012. Remember all decorations, electric lights, tree stands, etc **MUST** be removed from trees or the road crews will not pick it up.

If like some, you keep you keep your Christmas tree up for an extended period of time and miss the collection, all residents are welcome to take their tree to the compost site between dawn and dusk everyday. Same rules apply - trees must be stripped of all decorations.

Clip and post for future reference.

Penn Township Recycling
2nd Saturday Every Month
8 AM – 12 NOON
What can I recycle at this site?

YES:

- #1 plastic bottles and jugs only - no lids
- #2 plastic bottles and jugs only - no lids
- newspaper
- magazines
- catalogs
- clear glass
- green glass
- brown glass
- blue glass
- tin cans w/ lids
- aluminum

NO:

- aerosol cans
 - paint buckets or cans
 - flower pots
 - prescription bottles
 - junk mail
 - dishes - glass or plastic
 - plastic drinking cups
 - pool chemical buckets or their lids
 - yogurt cups or their lids
 - cool whip containers or their lids
 - deli trays or their lids
 - 5-gallon buckets or their lids
 - baby wipe containers
 - oil jugs (contaminated)
 - antifreeze jugs (contaminated)
 - supermarket bags
 - lids from soda bottles
 - lids from water bottles
 - #5 plastics
 - #7 plastics
 - #4 plastics
 - propane bottles
- and no obscure plastic items that are not a jug or a bottle

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PERMITS ARE REQUIRED



Zoning Permits are required for any new construction, including additions, decks, porches, garages, patios, sheds, pools, all new homes (stick-built, mobile and modular), agriculture buildings, and more. Applications are available at the Supervisors office or on our website at www.penn-township.net. Information you will need: the size of project, setbacks to the property lines and an overview drawing of your project which will include dimensions and setbacks and any current buildings on your property. If you are constructing a new home, you will need a plot plan, a set of house plans, a driveway permit (issued by the Township if your driveway will be connected to a township road. We require a copy of a Highway Occupancy Permit you will obtain from Penn Dot if your driveway will be connected to a state road), copy of your sewer permit (if connecting to public sewer - for private sewer, we will need a copy of the permit you will obtain from Snyder County Sewage Code Enforcement) copy of your water permit (if connecting to public water). The cost of a zoning permit is calculated by the value of your project. \$20.00 for the first \$1,000 of value and \$3.00 for each \$1,000 of value thereafter. For example, your new garage will have a value of \$15,000. First \$1,000 = \$20. Remainder is \$14,000. $14 \times 3 = 42$. Add the original 20. $\$42 + \$20 = \$62$ permit. Also, since our permits start at \$20, even if your project is less than \$1000, your cost will still be \$20.00. For more information, call us at 374-4778.

All of these projects (with the exception of agriculture buildings and decks less than 30" in height) also require a Building Permit. The Township contracts with Central Keystone COG, Lewisburg, (NOT Seda-Cog) to issue Building Permits and perform the state-required inspections for these permits. For more information, contact them at 877-457-9401 or visit their website - www.ckcog.com