

# Penn Township

228 Clifford Road  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

Useful Information for all Penn Township Residents

Spring/Summer 2012

## EAST SNYDER PARK.....RECREATION FOR ALL

In 1983 Penn Township acquired a 9.3 acre tract of land along University Avenue. Who could've known this was the beginnings of the East Snyder Park. See the insert to the right of an article from the Daily Item around this time. As the article notes, even prior to the Township purchase this area was being facilitated by the community. In the early 70's, the men's slow pitch softball league built and played their games on what is now known as Steffen Field. This in tribute to one of the originals - Chester B. "Jack" Steffen, Jr. This field continues to be used for softball and the participation has grown to the point an additional softball field was added in the back to accommodate the needs of the local leagues.

The original Little League field has been a constant right along with the softball fields. This field has come a long way since the original construction and is now named DeWire Field. The field was named to honor Pete and Cookie DeWire. The DeWires have donated countless ideas, hours and equipment use to help with the development and upkeep of our park with lots of special attention to the Little League baseball field.

Penn Township purchased the adjoining 30.2 acres in 1997, this too was additional surplus land owned by the Commonwealth of PA.

Groups have come together over the years and continued to utilize the area. In the early 2000's a corn maze even appeared.

Fast forward to about 2005 and the wheels really started to turn. The Township placed an ad looking for Township residents who wanted to be part of a "rec committee". This committee would work with the Township, its residents and the surrounding communities to further develop this area. There were about 8-10 residents who showed up consistently and put much effort into the project. In fact, this is the group who coined the name for the park and the current logo.

In 2006 Penn Township was awarded a \$160,000 matching grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program (CCPP) administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Being awarded a matching grant is only half the battle, but a great start to get the ball rolling. If you have ever been involved with grant money you'll understand. Plans and phases of development changed many times over the course of development. Along with private donations other monies were awarded to the Township since 2006, from Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (CSCF) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). (cont'd pg 5)

### Helfrick seeks to transfer land to Penn

Harrisburg – State Sen. Edward W. Helfrick, R-27, has introduced legislation to transfer 9.33 acres of state-owned land to Penn Township for half the fair market value.

The land is on the grounds of the Selinsgrove Center Farm. The township supervisors already use the land for a community baseball diamond, Helfrick noted.

Helfrick said this bill would simply confirm a legal property transaction to those people who are already making use of it. He added that he did not know of any opposition to the plan and hoped for favorable action by the full senate.

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*“Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.”*

— Dr. Seuss

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**TAX RECEIPTS**

Keeping receipts for taxes paid are the responsibility of the taxpayer. Our office, according to tax code, does receive the stamped receipts of taxes paid at the end of each tax year. Our tax collector does not keep these at his office. So yes, we do have a copy of your tax receipt, BUT locating your tax receipt is not the quickest thing to do. While our collector has come up with a great system for filing these bills and has simplified the search, it is still time spent by the employees searching for something you as a taxpayer are responsible for on your own. We can continue to locate your copies here, but in the future there may be a charge for each receipt needed.

A great question was posed by a resident. She noted she never sees her tax bill since her taxes are escrowed. If your taxes are escrowed and paid by your financial institution, depending on your taxing authority, you may never see a tax bill. Our tax collector has suggested this:

Escrowed taxes are generally paid by the banks during the discount period so to get a receipt for your spring taxes in the FIRST WEEK OF MAY send a self addressed stamped envelope to the collector along with a note requesting a copy of your paid spring taxes. Do the same for your fall taxes in the FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER.

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



**MAY IS NATIONAL MOVING MONTH  
 AND NATIONAL HAMBURGER MONTH**

**PENN TOWNSHIP ROADCREW**

The Penn Township road crew is out and about this spring fixing potholes, grading roads and performing general road maintenance as well as the work they do at East Snyder Park, such as mowing, cleaning the restrooms (well, somebody has to!) and recycling/garbage removal.

**Grading** - Why does the Township grade roads? The water needs to be able to run off the edges of the road and not lay on the road. Besides causing ice issues in the winter time, excess water ponding on the roads can cause hydroplaning and can eventually damage the roads.

**Tree Trimming** - Periodically, the road crew trims trees in the right-of-way. This is done for safety issues. There must be enough room for the snow removal equipment to plow and cinder the roads throughout the winter months. Generally, the right-of-way on a roadway is 25 feet from the centerline of the road in both directions, totaling 50 feet. If you wish to have the trees on your property trimmed at your own expense, please feel free to do so, however, remember that any trees not trimmed that create a unsafe situation may be cut back by our roadcrew per our requirements.

**Road Work** - Please be considerate when approaching our crew as they are working on the roads. Remember, they have a job to do. If the road is closed, find an alternate route.

**Street Signs** - They are an important part of providing safety to our residents. Believe it or not, this is a big concern for the Township. Street signs disappear on a regular basis. Whether as a result of a childish prank, or some other nefarious reason, lack of street signs can become a matter of life or death if an ambulance cannot find a particular street or road because there is no sign. If you see anyone unlawfully taking or stealing a street sign or any road sign, please contact the state police at 374-8145.

If you have any questions concerning the right-of-way on your property or any other questions pertaining to roads or the road crew, contact the Penn Township Roadmaster at 374-4258.

**2012 Primary Election**

4/24/2012	Penn#1	Penn#2	Total
<b>Registered Voters</b>	879	1071	1950
<b>Registered Dems</b>	270	393	663
<b>Registered Reps</b>	609	678	1287
<b>Dem. Ballots Cast</b>	61	81	142
<b>Rep. Ballots Cast</b>	187	173	360
<b>Voter Turnout</b>	28%	26%	27%
<b>Voter Turnout Dem</b>	23%	21%	22%
<b>Voter Turnout Rep</b>	31%	24%	28%

**Selinsgrove Community Garden  
in Penn Township**

The 2012 Season started the beginning of April and is off to a great start. Due to state budget cuts, this is the last year in which the Cooperative Extension office will be in charge of the gardens. By 2013, a Board will be formed which will set rules, fees, etc. Hopefully, we will have more information available by the printing of our fall newsletter. If you are interested in helping to save the gardens, contact Scott Hornberger at horn64@ptd.net or 570-541-2584. You can also contact Scott for an application if you are interested in renting a garden plot this year. Applications are also available on the Township's website.

[www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net)

**VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE**

The Voter Registration Office (in the Snyder County Courthouse) is responsible for maintaining and updating approximately 21,000 active and inactive registered voters in Snyder County. All change of address, name, or party affiliation are recorded and maintained. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older on or by the day of the next election, who has been a citizen of the United States at least one month, and who has been a resident of the state of Pennsylvania in Snyder County for at least thirty (30) days may register to vote in Snyder County.

**2012 GENERAL ELECTION  
November 6, 2012**

**Polls open at 7:00AM and close at 8:00PM.**

Penn Township has 2 polling locations. Penn 1 is located at the Graysonview Assisted Living Facility at 29 Graysonview Court. If you live on the south side of US 522, or the Graysonview side, you will vote here. Penn 2 is located at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road. If you live on the north side of US 522, or the Township Building side, you will vote here.

**SEE THE BACK PAGE FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE FALL ELECTION!**

**IF YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE.....**

If you're not registered to vote, it's so easy

- Stop at the Township office for a voter registration form
- Call Snyder County Elections at 837-4207 or stop by the Snyder County Courthouse
- [www.snydercounty.org](http://www.snydercounty.org) Look for the Voter Registration and Elections link on the left
- go to [www.votespa.com](http://www.votespa.com) - this site can tell you everything you ever needed to know about elections

If you are not sure if you are registered or have not voted for as long as five years, call 837-4207 and they can tell you if you are still on the rolls. Registration for any election closes 30 days prior to the election.

**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 Township office or on our website at [www.penn-township.net](http://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 connecting to a township road. We require a copy of a Highway Occupancy Permit (HOP) obtained from Penn Dot if connecting to a state road. A copy of your sewer permit, whether private or public and a 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 x 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 Council of Governments (COG), Lewisburg, (NOT Seda-Cog) to issue Building Permits and perform the state-required inspections for these permits. For more information, contact their office at 877-457-9401 or visit their website - [www.ckcog.com](http://www.ckcog.com)

# EAST SNYDER PARK

## BOCCE IN THE PARK

Interested? Contact Arden Miller at 374-5369. Arden would happily set up a league, work with youth groups, etc, to teach the game.

The bocce courts are open to the public. Bring your own equipment.

### Simple Bocce Ball Rules

A regulation bocce court is 76 feet long and 10 feet wide.

**Divide** players into two teams of one, two or four players each.

**Have** a player from the starting team stand behind the foul line (which is ten feet from the throwing end of the court) and throw the small ball, or 'pallina', toward the opposite end of the playing surface.

**Let** the player then throw one of the larger balls, or 'boccia', trying to get it as close to the pallina as possible without touching it.

**Have** players from the opposing team take turns throwing their balls until one of the balls stops closer to the pallina than the starting player's ball. If they fail to do so, the starting team tries to outdo its first attempt.

**Let** the starting players take their second turn if the opposing team gets closer to the pallina than the starting team without using all of their balls.

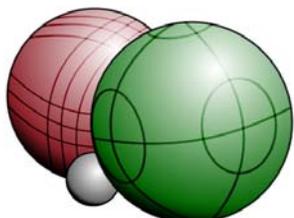
**Continue** in this fashion until all eight balls have been thrown. The team with the closest ball gets one point for each of its balls that are closer to the pallina than the other team's closest ball.

**Keep** in mind that if the two teams' closest balls are an equal distance from the pallina, no points are awarded.

**End** the frame after all eight balls have been thrown and appropriate points have been awarded. The scoring team begins the next frame. If no team previously scored, the team that threw the pallina last begins the next frame.

**Play** as many frames as necessary until one team has a total score of 16 points.

\***Players** may use their balls to knock the other team's balls away from the pallina, or to knock the pallina closer to their team's balls.



## EAST SNYDER PARK ORDINANCES

Due to reports of inappropriate/illegal activity at the park 'after hours' and to make the park a fun and safe place for everyone, the Supervisors have passed the following Ordinances:

**Ordinance 11-02** prohibiting alcohol and tobacco products. This includes wine, beer, cigarettes, cigars and smokeless tobacco such as chewing tobacco.

**Ordinance 12-04** which closes the park from dusk until dawn. If you have an activity that will have to take place after dark, special written permission from the Supervisors will be required.

**Ordinance 11-03** prohibits hunting on any Township property. This includes the area surrounding the park as well as the compost site and any other Township property.

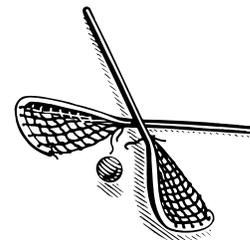
**While dogs (and pets in general) are allowed in the park, they are NOT allowed on the playing fields. You are responsible for cleaning up after your pet. Remember, children play in these areas.**

## SELINGROVE AREA LACROSSE CLUB

This club is open to all students, male and female, grades 9 through 12, in the Selinsgrove Area High School. All homes games are played on the new lacrosse/football field in the East Snyder Park. There is a men's and a women's team. The guys are in their 11<sup>th</sup> year and the ladies in their 5<sup>th</sup> year.

To see more about this program and all those who help sponsor the sport take a look at the Club's website at [www.sealslacrosse.com](http://www.sealslacrosse.com).

Need more information contact Tim at 850-9911.



## BATTRAM PAVILION

Open to the general public but may be reserved. To reserve a date for your event, call the Township Office at 374-4778 to check availability. A \$50 non-refundable fee payable to Penn Township is required to hold your reservation. A User's Agreement is also required. This agreement can be found on the Township website at [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net), or call our office at 374-4778, we would happily mail or e-mail one to you. Or just stop by the office and pick one up.

## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Interested, contact Brad Longacre  
(570)743-0080 or [shaker1318@verizon.net](mailto:shaker1318@verizon.net)



This Snyder County Girls Softball League has 8U, 10U, 12U & 14U age groups. Games and tournaments are played at the East Snyder Park.

Practices start in April with the season running through mid-July. There is a regular game schedule for each age division and a tournament for all league teams for each age division.

## SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY HORSESHOE CLUB

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Club will teach and help you improve your game.

Open to men, women and youth. Let's go girls - don't be shy!

FYI - there were 5 women in the doubles leagues last year.

Women, youth and men 70 and up throw from 30'.

Singles League and Doubles League - scheduling allows you to play both leagues if you choose.

*Singles League* - Tuesday nights starting at 7pm and usually have at least two sessions a season. Play three 50 shoe games a night with a count for all format with an 80% handicap.

*Doubles League* - Thursday nights also starting at 7pm. Number of games each night will be determined by the number of teams signed up. Club plays 30 point games with a cancellation format.

The fee is \$20 for the year. Leagues start May 1st and May 3rd and will run into August.

Interested? Contact Rick 374-3845 or Jim 837-3789



## WANTED:

**PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS FOR PROJECT IN EAST SNYDER PARK. ALL SIZES AND COLORS. CLEAN PLEASE! REMEMBER PLASTIC ONLY! CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PENN TOWNSHIP OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS OR LEAVE ON THE FRONT PORCH.**

## EAST SNYDER PARK



One of the most community oriented and impressive additions to East Snyder Park to date would have to be the play set. Also known as “the orange playground” to many of kids who play there.

On Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007, nearly 300 volunteers worked throughout the day to erect the play set. While looking back over the list of donors and donations it was truly amazing to be reminded of the generosity of this community and our neighbors. To refresh all our minds, to follow are the names of some of the remarkable donors who were generous enough to help make that day happen.

*T-Ross Brothers, Salem RV Center, Hawk's Landscaping, Professional Building Systems, SRS Electric, Sunbury Broadcasting Systems, TTC Rental, KFC, Dunkin' Donuts, Order of Eastern Star, Sire Advertising, Larson Design Group, Papa John's Pizza, Giant Food Stores, Amato's Pizza, CA Reed Party Supplies, KAL Insurance, Lowes, Ira Middleswarth and Sons, Ultimate Express Carwash, Quikrete, Boy Scout Troop #444, Kellogg's, ASP Services, The Mustard Seed, Union/Snyder Senior Olympics, Selinsgrove Area Youth Foundation, PA Chapter of Zeta Pi, Susquehanna University, Northway Industries, Penn Township, State Representative Fairchild's office, Graysonview Ladies, and numerous local individuals.*

While building of the play set was an amazing event. It will ever be hard to recapture the kindness and generosity of the late C. Kenneth Battram. Ken loved pitching horseshoes and one of his visions was to provide a regulation horseshoe pitching facility locally. Penn Township got to know Ken because he participated on our recreation committee and worked with us to help plan what the park is today. This includes the horseshoe pitching court with lighting and the pavilion. Ken founded Northway Industries in 1966 and before Ken's death in 2010 he established the Northway Fund, a corporate advised fund at the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation (CSCF). Under the advisement of Northway, the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, along with personal funds from the Battram family, the horseshoe area and the pavilion were built. Ken's dream was realized and our community has benefited. Ken was a model for all of us. He is greatly missed.

So through 2007-2010 along with the playset and horseshoe pits, we saw a real concession stand built for Little League baseball. The generosity of Professional Building Systems (the building itself), ASP Services, Inc (steel siding and roofing), Northway Industries, (cabinets to finish the interior) and the services of T. Ross Brothers (crane to lift the building into place) and Overhead Door (the wonderful rollup doors). Of course, countless man hours by volunteers to actually put all these pieces together to create the concession stand Little League has today. Located beside the concession stand is a storage shed which was also constructed of materials donated by Lowe's and ASP Services, Inc. Again, countless man hours were donated to complete this project.

Also during this time the bridge and pergola with seating was constructed over the outlet of the wetland area. Susquehanna University, Wal-Mart and Lowe's Home Improvement get the “assist” with this project. SU donated the steel beams needed to cross the wetland outlet and provided freshman students to help with the planting of approximately 800 perennials donated by Wal-Mart. Then along comes Lowes Home Improvement with all the materials and their company's volunteers who provided man hours to construct this wonderful asset to the park. This structure provides a great vantage point to overlook “Cookie's Garden”, the wetland area with native plants, birdhouses, and one of the latest features, the pollination garden, created by Pete and Cookie DeWire. The educational value of this wetland and garden area is a jewel for our local area. We are just entering into one of the most beautiful times of the year. If you have not taken a trip to this area of the park, please do so. We think you will find it pretty amazing.

Ballfield #4 was recently completed with fencing added and will be mainly utilized by Little League, with Penn Township Little League Auxiliary contributing toward the cost of the fencing.

Two bocce ball courts with seating were built with funds donated by Steve Varias of KFC, in memory of his father Harry Varias. The courts are open to all and are also utilized by a local club (see bocce ball club info in this newsletter) and the Union-Snyder Agency on Aging, Inc. The Agency has held the Senior Olympic Games in East Snyder Park for years. Bocce ball has always been a scheduled event in the Senior games, but until recently they didn't have a real court. The kindness and generosity of others has provided a great location to help promote fitness in older adults. The Agency in return makes donations to East Snyder Park for hosting their Senior Olympics. See additional information about bocce ball including contact information on page 4 of this newsletter.

Also completed was the combination lacrosse (LAX) - midget football field. This is a fantastic use of real estate with the area getting a workout in the spring with both boys and girls home LAX games. While Selinsgrove LAX is only recognized by the school district as a club sport due to funding, this has not stopped this sport. The boy's team has been around for 10+ years and the girls are in the 5th year. LAX is a growing sport and if you're looking for a fast paced physical contest, check out a boy's game. We challenge you to keep your eye on the ball! While the girls' games may not be quite as fast or as physical, they can come pretty close at times. Due to delay in publishing this newsletter, the LAX season has ended for the year, but do check their website at [www.sealslacrosse.com](http://www.sealslacrosse.com).

When late summer and fall roll around, the Snyder County Midget Football teams will use our park. Team practices they will be spread throughout the park because there are so many young kids involved in this program. The goal posts that were generously donated by Mark Johnson and ASP Services, Inc have been installed recently.

Of course there are the walking trails, a benefit to those who enjoy getting out for a little exercise. The trails provide nice access to different areas of the park and are tied into the Graysonview neighborhood allowing easy entry for residents who want to visit the park. Our neighbors in the Graysonview community continue to participate in events at the park and the Graysonview Homeowners' Association has made monetary donations to the park. The Selinsgrove High School track team has even been spotted using the trail.

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### PENN TOWNSHIP RECYCLING IS CHANGING!

Some small changes are taking effect now and other bigger and better changes for residents probably by July.

**Small change:** Plastic lids are now being accepted on all your #1 and #2 bottles and jugs. Changes made in the manufacturing of the liners in lids of soda and water bottles, etc., have made these lids acceptable. Starting **NOW** any #1 or #2 bottle or jug you bring to recycle can have the lid. Our suggestion is you rinse the container, flatten it down and put the lid right back on. This will keep the container flattened and saves yards of space.

**Big Change:** As noted in the last newsletter, Penn Township will be accepting new items and the hours of operation will be expanded. After completion of our new site, see site plan on page 7, you will be able to bring your recyclables Monday thru Friday during office hours and still have the assistance of Boy Scout Troop 419 on the second Saturday of each month.

New items to be collected will include corrugated cardboard, chipboard (pasteboard) and junk mail. What is corrugated and what is chipboard.....

Simple definition of **Corrugated Cardboard (CC)** is thicker paper with a fluted piece of paper between two flat liner boards. This construction results in a thicker, more durable product that is widely used for shipping. We will have a separate bin for only **Corrugated Cardboard**. CC must be clean, dry and broke down or flattened. There will be a "slot" that you will need to feed the CC into.

Did you know corrugated cardboard can be recycled approximately 7 times until the fibers degrade into sludge waste?

**Chipboard** and '**junk mail**' - two more new materials that will be accepted here. These items will be comingled so there is no need for separate containers at home, just toss it all together. So start a collection bin or box today and watch your curb-side pick up slowly shrink.

**Chipboard** items include: beer and soda cases, cereal boxes and any similar dry food packages, packaging from computer software and games, and toilet paper and paper towel rolls. Nearly everything brought home from a store contains some amount of chipboard.

**Junk mail** – anything arriving in your mailbox (envelopes, even with the windows and the enclosures, ads and flyers)

**ONE EXCEPTION** - no mailers lined with bubble wrap or other plastic cushioning. Plastic is a contaminate to the paper recycling process and can ruin a whole batch.

You will truly be amazed once you start saving these items at how much you reduce your garbage pick up at the curb and possibly reduce the cost to have your garbage picked up. By consistently recycling all the materials our Township accepts, our family went from 3 bags per week to one. For our house that equals a savings of \$14.50 per month, \$174.00 over the year, for our garbage collection with two less bags per week or 104 bags per year **NOT** going into the landfill.

Important things to remember to make recycling a success - the following things will always be a **NO!**

- \* **NO** waxed cardboard – not recyclable and should be reused or disposed of.
- \* **NO** ice cream or frozen food packaging can be accepted. These are all wax coated and will contaminate.
- \* **NO** mailers lined with bubble wrap or other plastic cushioning. Plastic is a contaminate.
- \* **NO** wet or dirty paper materials
- \* **NO** Pizza Boxes - Many people assume that pizza boxes are recyclable. In fact, most boxes have recycling symbols on them and are traditionally made from corrugated cardboard. They are, in and of themselves, recyclable.

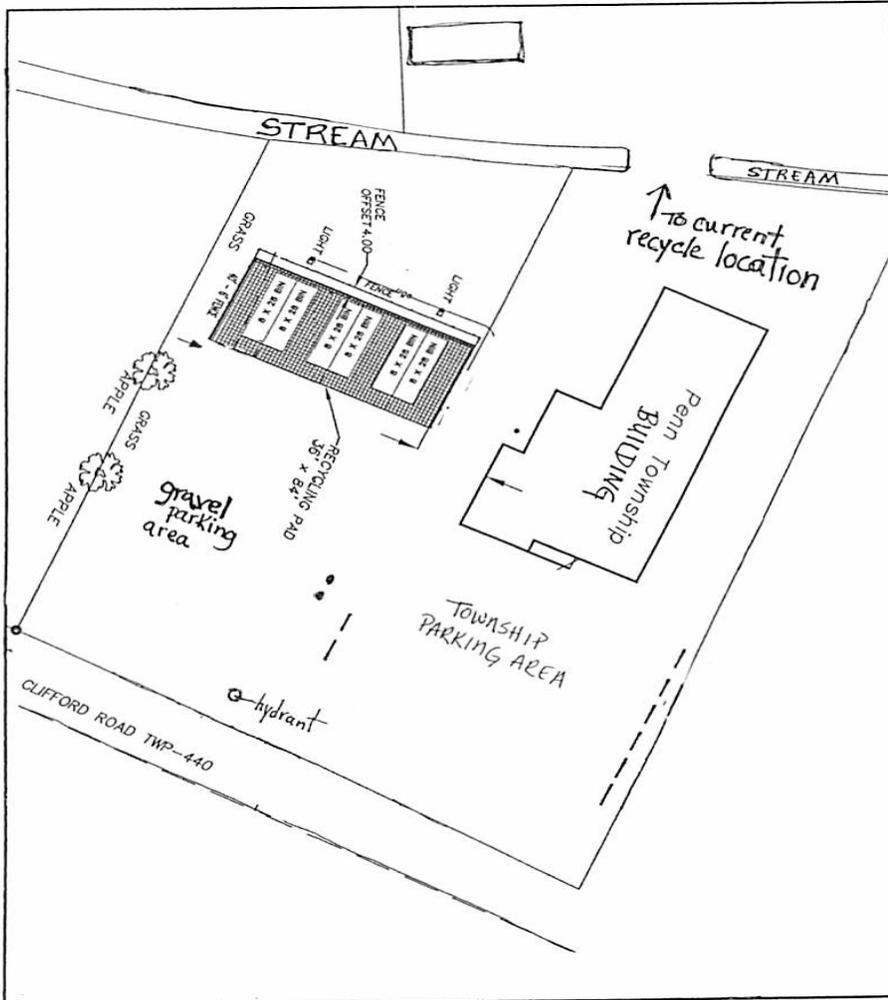
**However**, what makes parts of them non-recyclable is the hot, tasty treat that comes inside them, specifically, the grease and cheese from pizza that soil the cardboard.

Pizza boxes or any paper that is stained with grease or food, are not recyclable – unless you remove the tainted portions. Food is one of the worst contaminants in the paper recycling process. Grease and oil are not as big of a problem for plastic, metal and glass, as those materials are recycled using a heat process. But when paper products, like cardboard, are recycled, they are mixed with water and turned into a slurry. Since we all know water and oil don't mix, the issue is clear. Grease from pizza boxes causes oil to form at the top of the slurry, and paper fibers cannot separate from oils during the pulping process. Essentially, this contaminant causes the entire batch to be ruined. This is the reason that other food related items are non-recyclable like used paper plates, napkins, paper towels, etc.

Many people admit trying to "sneak" their pizza boxes in with cardboard boxes and such. In reality, this does more harm than good as the contaminated cardboard could ruin the whole recycling batch.

**This new recycle site will be under 24 video surveillance.**

**Violators engaging in the misuse of this site will be prosecuted and bins will be locked.**



### NEW RECYCLING SITE

**When our new site opens, you can add these items to your 'yes' list:**

**Chipboard** and "junk mail" will be new materials accepted here. These items will be comingled so there is no need for separate containers at home, just toss it all together. So start collecting today.

**Chipboard** items include: beer and soda cases, cereal boxes and any similar dry food packages, packaging from computer software and games, toilet paper and paper towel rolls, nearly everything brought home from a store contains some amount of chipboard.

**Junk mail** – anything arriving in your mailbox (envelopes, even with the windows, and the enclosures, ads and flyers) NO bubble mailers



### REDUCE...REUSE...RECYCLE

We've all heard the familiar phrase; reduce, reuse, recycle. For many of us, recycling is a habit to which we have grown accustomed. It makes sense to find ways to reuse and recycle items so that they stay out of landfills and last as long as possible. But what about reducing the amount of waste of which you dispose in the first place?

A new word being used in the recycling area - precycling, meaning the proactive approach to the 'reduce' portion of the previously noted, well-known saying, reduce, reuse, recycle. Precycling is the practice of consuming, while keeping waste reduction in mind. In other words, it takes into account the amount of waste a product will produce before purchasing and choosing the product with the smaller impact. Think of it as preventative medicine for the landfills. A couple simple precycling measures your family could easily start might include:

- \* Reusable water bottles - approx. 250,000 water bottles are thrown out every hour
- \* Buy in bulk to reduce packaging.
- \* Bring and try to remember you have the reusable shopping bags in the car...before you are at checkout.

Remembering to precycle is the first step in reducing waste, recyclable or not. Keep it in mind when shopping for groceries or gifts. And allow the reduction in waste to make space within your personal life. Because reducing the waste coming and going from our home simplifies our life and reduces the clutter in our own minds as well.

The Environmental Protection Agency suggest in 2010 Americans generated over 250 million tons of waste. That's approximately 2460 lbs of waste per person living in your home. Though recycling trends are on the upswing, there is something to be said for avoiding waste to begin with. While recycling is a crucial piece of the sustainability puzzle, it also requires time, energy and resources. By **precycling**, you are finding ways to avoid unnecessary waste so that you will be contributing less material that gets recycled or tossed out.

Clip and post for future reference.

**Penn Township Recycling  
(Currently)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Every Month  
8 AM – 12 NOON**

**What can I recycle at this site?**

**YES:**

- #1 plastic bottles and jugs only **now with lids**
- #2 plastic bottles and jugs only **now with 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 (**coming soon**)
- 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
- antifreeze jugs
- supermarket bags
- #5 plastics
- #7 plastics
- #4 plastics
- propane bottles and
- no obscure plastic items that are not a jug or a bottle

**When the new site opens, add these materials to your 'yes' list:**

- Corrugated cardboard**
- Chipboard (pressed board)**
- Junk mail**

**Township Compost Site**

Located at the end of 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 items that are absolutely not acceptable at this site and include:**

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

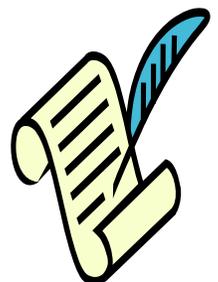
Also not acceptable are your delivery containers. Please take your garbage bags, flower pots, etc., with you. *Leaving these items behind is the same as illegal dumping and/or littering!*

**Wood and coal ashes: A separate pile for these ashes. Do not bring ashes to the Township building and do not mix any ashes with compost materials.**

**Currently, there is compost and coarse mulch available.**

Want to write an article for our newsletter? We are looking for township-related stories, tidbits of history, a drawing or sketch of your favorite place in our Township or anything you would find interesting to share. Here are the rules: all ages may submit, but you must be a resident of Penn Township. We would love to see our Township through the eyes of a child, long-time resident or anyone who wants to provide a story. Submissions should be received at the Township office by September 30, 2012 for inclusion in our fall newsletter. Inclusions will always depend on available space and could be held over for a future newsletter. Mail your submissions to  
228 Clifford Road,  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

The Township holds the right to review, edit for space, or reject any or all submissions.



**EAST SNYDER PARK (cont'd)**

We've developed approximately 22 of the 40 acres and continue to get ideas and hear conversation of things people would like to see or what they think we need. Some of these ideas include: a basketball court, another pavilion, another scoreboard, a small water feature to play in on the hot days, and play equipment geared toward the 2-5 year age range. Anything is truly a possibility. If you are able to help make any of these happen, please contact the Penn Township office or one of the ESRRRA (East Snyder Regional Recreation Association) board members. Members are listed below. As you read the preceding paragraph, you were probably saying to yourself, "what about running water and flush toilets?" Yes, that's the number one request and the best news is - they're coming! Best guess estimate for completion will be by the end of 2012 at a cost of about 110K to construct the building and bring the sewer and water to that area. Again, the generosity of our community can and will be seen in the construction of the restrooms. This project will be managed by the park board, a.k.a. ESSRA, this Board has already lined up numerous contributions including another generous donation by The Northway Fund. Construction projected to start in June, but of course as with anything, it will depend on complete funding, permitting and volunteer coordination. The park board members are hard at work trying to pull this all together. Let your appreciation be known when you see these board members or the donors listed to date. Resident participation with this Board is always welcomed. Contact the Township or a Board member to get involved.

**EAST SNYDER REGIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Don Harnum, President
- Beth Kapsar, Treasurer
- Pete DeWire, Project Manager
- Malcolm Fleming
- Jim Taylor
- Bruce Teats
- Tim Laubscher
- Scott Kerstetter
- Jon Payne
- Bradley Longacre
- April Metzger

**EAST SNYDER PARK - RESTROOM PROJECT Contributions to Date**

- Northway Fund via the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation
- Lowe's Home Improvement
- Larson Design Group
- Selinsgrove Area Lacrosse
- Bill and Donna Moyer
- Keystone Building Products
- East Snyder Park Board
- L/B Water
- Steve Bogush
- Salem Consultants
- DB Construction
- Harold Heintzelman
- Penn Township



**PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

The PTMA office is NOT located in the Penn Township Building.  
 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.

**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 10% 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 [bpenntownship@yahoo.com](mailto:bpenntownship@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 prone to 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. Drop boxes are for water collections - not your grass clippings or other debris.

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228 CLIFFORD ROAD  
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**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

**PHOTO ID REQUIRED FOR NOVEMBER 2012 ELECTION**

**ALL voters will be required to show a photo ID before voting at a polling place.**

All photo IDs **MUST** be current and contain an expiration date, unless noted otherwise. Acceptable IDs include:

1. Photo IDs issued by the US Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:
  - Pennsylvania driver's license or non-driver's license photo ID (IDs are valid for voting purposes 12 months after expiration date)
  - Valid US passport (not expired)
  - US military ID - active duty and retired military (a military or veteran's ID must designate an expiration date or designate that the expiration date is indefinite). Military dependents' ID must contain an expiration date.
2. Employee photo ID issued by Federal, PA, County or Municipal government (not expired)
3. Photo ID cards from an accredited public or private Pennsylvania college or university (not expired)
4. Photo ID cards issued by a Pennsylvania care facility, including long term care facilities, assisted living residences or personal care homes (not expired)

If you do not have one of these IDs and require one for voting purposes, you may be entitled to get one **FREE OF CHARGE** at a PennDOT Driver License Center. To find the Driver License Center nearest you, and learn what identification and residency documentation you will need to get a photo ID, or for more information, visit [www.VotesPA.com](http://www.VotesPA.com) or call 1-877-VotesPA (1-877-868-3772). You can also learn how to vote if you have a religious exemption to having your photograph taken.

**NO ONE** legally entitled to vote will be denied the right to do so. If you do not have a photo ID or are indigent and unable to obtain one without payment of a fee, you may cast a provisional ballot, and will have six days to provide your photo ID and/or an affirmation to your county elections office to have your ballot count.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints, you can contact PA Representative Fred Keller, 85th Legislative District at 570-837-0052. his office is located at 343 Chestnut Street, Suite 1, Mifflinburg, PA 17844. (e-mail - [fkeller@pahousegop.com](mailto:fkeller@pahousegop.com))