

# Penn Township

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## East Snyder Park 2013 Happenings

How about the new modern restrooms...they are complete. These were a long time in coming at the park but so worth the wait. This restroom project was made possible thanks to the generous donation from **Dora Battram and the late Ken Battram's Northway Industries Fund**, a huge cash donation from **Mr. Jerry Soper, Penn Township** for sewer and water materials and labor, **Fairchild Brothers Inc.** - manhole cover with aluminum hatch and **Dave Bowersox** and his **DB Construction crew** the general contractor. Dave and crew who continue to go over and above what is required, put storage closets in the restrooms, donated the doors for such, extended the sidewalk by the 2 to 5 year-old playset, wrapped the protective screens with aluminum siding, donated two hose bibs, plus a third to go to the new boulder playset. All this above and beyond what Dave was contracted and paid to do. People giving to this project did not stop there; **Dr. James and Judy Weidmeir** donated all the beautiful tile and labor for the inside of the restrooms. Take a look if you haven't seen it...it is beautiful. **Lowes Home Improvement** came back with more giving and provided the restroom fixtures, and **Keystone Building Products** supplied the three outside doors.

A storage area/concession stand was incorporated into the back of the restrooms. **Dave Bowersox**...again, built shelves, donated a refrigerator, a concrete pad, and installed cabinets that were donated by **Pete and Cookie DeWire**. **Beth and Jeff Kapsar** donated sealer for the floors, the **Selinsgrove Area Lacrosse Club** purchased paint and **Heister House** provided a door for the inside storage room. **Pete DeWire** went to work again getting the painting done with the help of members from the **Selinsgrove Area Lacrosse Club**. The restrooms were completed with additional donations from **L/B Water Service, Inc.** (cash), **East Snyder Regional Recreation Assoc.**, the park board, (cash), and **The Mustard Seed**, (cash).

Another addition to East Snyder Park this year is the 2 to 5 year-old playset where Duck and Whale now reside. (Who are Duck and Whale? Read story below!) The 2 to 5 year-old playset made possible by **Kevin Cook** and **Playworld Systems, Inc.**, of Lewisburg. This generous donation from **Playworld** included delivery, a **Playworld crew** on site to 'build' the set, and the amazing rubberized surface that is perfect for the 2 to 5 age group! Unbelievable generosity!

**See the story of Duck and Whale below and the continuation of the East Snyder Park 2013 Happenings on page 7....**

### The Story of Duck and Whale

Things appear at the park for all to enjoy, case in point for this story, the duck and the whale. These two have taken up residence in the new 2 to 5 year-old playground area. They are very cool and very retro... but do you wonder where they came from and how they turned up in the East Snyder Park. The following story will introduce you to several people who truly do take a special interest in the park and continue to give their time and resources for the benefit of others.

Duck and Whale were discarded in a dumpster at a worksite in White Haven, PA. Thankfully, Chad Bogush (brother to Steve) was there to rescue them. Chad took Duck and Whale home with intentions of erecting them for his own children. While his intent was good...he ended up giving them to his brother Steve who sits on the park board. Steve decided he would donate them to the park but thought they could be 'freshened' up a bit. Onward Duck and Whale, to the home of Rodney Ries, here they were prepped, repainted and restored to their original grandeur.

Rodney then took them to Kunkle Brothers who finished them with a clear coat. In the meantime, Dave Bowersox made arrangements with Keller Auto Body to sand blast and paint the bases. Dave augured holes for the foundation, poured the concrete and installed the anchor bolts in the new location and new home for Duck and Whale. Playworld Systems Inc. stepped up again...brought the new 'rides' up to safety code and provided stainless steel bolts to mount them. Playworld Systems Inc. also educated us in the fact that not all children like the 'spring' motion, so Mr. Whale is stationary. Installation was completed by Pete DeWire and Fred Ulrich, who have spent countless volunteer hours in the park.



What do  
*Albert Heimbach,*  
*parapets and*  
*East Snyder Park*  
*have in common?*

*See page 7*  
*for details.*

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 www.penn-township.net

**Help Wanted**  
**Penn Township Planning  
 Commission Member**

- Volunteer Position
- Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month, 7pm
- Position approved by the Supervisors

Our planning commission is a citizen's advisory committee that helps to guide land use at the municipal level. No formal training or requirements needed to serve. The role of the planning commission is crucial in developing recommendations for implementing change in land use and to promote responsible and sustainable land use practices. The planning commission reviews all subdivision and land development submissions. If you want to get involved in the development and future of Penn Township call our office at 570-374-4778 or e-mail penntwp@ptd.net.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

The Board of Supervisors meet on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00PM at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road. If you have a topic you wish to discuss with the Supervisors at the meeting, you can speak under public comment on the agenda, or you can call the Township office at (570)374-4778 to add your name to the agenda. If you speak under public comment, your time to speak could be limited.

The Planning Commission - see description above.

The Zoning Hearing Board meets as needed to review zoning variance requests. The zoning hearings are advertised with the date and time and the property to which a variance may be granted, along with the reason for the variance request.

**All meetings are open to the public.**

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
 MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

(sewer and water)

The PTMA office is **NOT** located in the Penn Township building. We **cannot** accept their payments.

Payments are accepted at Northumberland National Bank on Lori Lane, Weis Markets (at the Susquehanna Mall) or by mail to:  
 PTMA  
 PO Box 155  
 Selinsgrove, PA 17870

The PTMA Board meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00PM at 2595 US 522 inside Keystone Building Products.

Meetings are open to the public. For more information, call Susan at (570)374-8256.



**Election Day  
 Tuesday, November 5, 2013**

**PENN 1**

If you live on the south side or Graysonview side of 522, you will vote at the Graysonview Assisted Living Facility  
 29 Graysonview Court

**PENN 2**

If you live on the north side or Selinsgrove Center side of 522, you will vote at the Penn Township Building  
 228 Clifford Road

Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm.



**REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES**

Need information, contact Ron Zeiders. Mr. Zeiders is available at the Township building to collect your taxes as noted on your tax bills.

Please note: The Township office cannot accept your taxes.

In order to receive a receipt if you are mailing your taxes, include a self addressed stamped envelope, and Mr. Zeiders will send your receipt. For more details on Per Capita Tax, see page 3.

**Ron Zeiders**  
 PO Box 452  
 Selinsgrove, PA 17870  
 570-374-8401



**TOWNSHIP COMPOST SITE**

Located at the end of Gaugler Lane, across from Salem Lutheran 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 all, 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, branches and unpainted or untreated wood. There are signs indicating where the different items belong.

**Thanks...  
but NO thanks for these unwanted and illegally dumped items at your compost site that will equal CLOSURE!  
cinder blocks  
mattress  
shingles**

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

- cat or dog waste
- building construction 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. home with you! Leaving these items behind is the same as illegal dumping and/or littering!**

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

**Uh-Oh....**

We have opened the compost site as a free service provided to our area. We would like to continue this practice as we have had such positive feedback. All-terrain vehicles have been reported in this area as well as other inappropriate conduct.



If you see any illegal behavior at the compost site please contact the PA State Police, the Township office or dial 911.

**The continuation of these illegal acts could force closure of the compost site.**

**SNYDER COUNTY LAND DOCUMENTS**

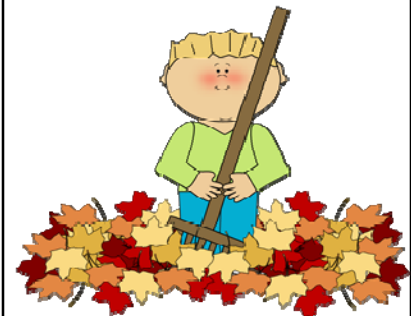
The Snyder County Register and Recorder's office is offering computer access to land documents. According to county officials, visitors can search, view and print documents online by subscribing to the Landex website at [www.landex.com](http://www.landex.com)

**LEAVES**

The road crew has started leaf collection and will continue through mid to late November depending on the weather. If snow arrives the leaf collection equipment must come off to take care of the roads. So, get your leaves ready and get them to the curb. To the curb...not in the road, not back along your house. Our road crew will not enter onto your property to collect your leaves.

Leaves only...no sticks, brush or rocks that will damage our equipment. No bagged leaves, we will leave them behind.

If you have had your leaves ready for 2-3 days and the crew has not been by please call the office. Once the equipment comes off and we are done...we are done! Get your leaves ready now! You are always welcome to take your leaves to the compost site yourself. Again, do not leave bags there.



**LICENSE YOUR DOG - IT'S THE LAW!**

All dogs three months or older must be licensed by Jan. 1 of each year. Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs. An annual license is \$8.45 and a lifetime license is \$51.45. If the animal is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.45 and lifetime is \$31.45. Discounts are available to older adults and people with disabilities. The small license fee helps the millions of dogs in the state by funding the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Enforcement Office.

Dog licenses are available from the Snyder County Treasurer at 570-837-4221 or by logging on to the following site you can **apply, pay and print** a temporary license and the metal tag will arrive in 2-3 days.  
[www.licenseyourdogPA.com](http://www.licenseyourdogPA.com)

This website covers: licensing, PA Dog Laws, submitting tips, Dog Law Enforcement Office and lots more.

**SNYDER COUNTY DOG WARDEN - KENNETH SNYDER - 570-350-7381**

**PER CAPITA TAX**

A per capita tax is a flat rate tax levied upon each adult within the taxing district. Adult meaning any person 18 years of age and older including students who may reside in college housing but their permanent address is in Penn Twp. The tax has no connection with employment, income, voting rights or any other factor except residence within the community and levied equally on all.

Penn Township itself has no per capita tax but residents do receive two per capita tax bills each year:

- one levied by Snyder County in the spring - (\$5)
- one levied by the Sel. Area SD in the fall - (\$10)

If you are 18 or older and have not received a per capita tax bill you should contact the Snyder County Assessment Office at 570-837-4315 or e-mail [assessment@snydercounty.org](mailto:assessment@snydercounty.org).



### WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Our road crew will be out there again, responding to any winter maintenance events appropriately. This could include plowing and applying anti-skid material, or a combination of both, to Township roads as necessary. If you have any concerns about a particular Township road, please call the Roadmaster at (570)374-4258. Please be patient and take into consideration the time it takes to cover the entire Township.

To avoid a fine or create a hazardous situation during a snow event, all vehicles must be removed from Township streets and roads. Clearing the streets of all vehicles will allow for safe and efficient clearing of the snow. Do not shovel or plow snow from your driveway back onto any road whether it is a state or township road.



*This creates dangerous situations and is not allowed.*

**For any questions regarding state roads, contact PennDOT at (570) 372-9100.**

### ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

In the United States, we discard 30 million computers each year and 100 million phones. Only approximately 25% of these items are being recycled. The rest are laying in landfills or being incinerated.

**As of January 24, 2013, the 'Covered Device Recycling Act' went into effect. This means that it is illegal to dispose of 'covered devices' in the trash.**

What is a covered device? Any and all desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals, televisions, and any components of such devices.

None of these may be disposed in Pennsylvania with municipal waste...meaning your weekly garbage pickup.

Electronic components contain contaminants such as lead, cadmium, beryllium, mercury and brominated flame retardants.

Where can you recycle your electronics?

Goodwill – computers 570-743-0041

Best Buy – TV's up to 32"

UNICOR Electronics Recycling – 2400 Robert Miller Drive, Lewisburg, 570-522-7604 (all electronics and more)

### EMAIL ALERTS

Occasionally, the Township office sends out emails with news updates and the latest happenings in the Township. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact us at penntwp@ptd.net or bpenntownship@yahoo.com or call us at (570)374-4778. If you are already on our list, you need to do nothing unless you desire a change. As always, we do not share our email lists. All information is confidential.



### SNYDER COUNTY NIGHT OUT In East Snyder Park

The first annual Snyder County Night Out held Tuesday, August 27, 2013 was a bigger success than we could have hoped.

An estimated 2000 Snyder County residents attended the 5pm to dusk event. The night was four hours of total summer fun with lots of safety education stuck right in there!

Thanks to the many area service organizations who participated, the donations from local businesses, the amazing number of volunteers who prepped the park, those who worked at the event, and a special thanks to Mike Piecuch, Snyder County District Attorney, the driving force behind the event.

See you next year!

### What is it an Elevation Certificate?

An Elevation Certificate certifies the height of the lowest floor of an existing structure and documents compliance with a communities Flood Plain Management ordinance. The height is certified relative to the Base Flood Elevation of the property on which the structure is built. The computed elevation to which floodwater is anticipated to rise during the base flood. Two important elements of completing an elevation certificate are the terms Base Flood and Base Flood Elevation.

Base Flood - flood having a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. The regulatory standard also referred to as the "100-year flood." The base flood is the national standard used by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and all Federal agencies for the purposes of requiring the purchase of flood insurance and regulating new development.

Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) are shown on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) and also known as the "100-year flood elevation" and is itself set relative to sea-level.

The BFE is the regulatory requirement for the elevation or floodproofing of structures. The relationship between the BFE and a structure's elevation determines the flood insurance premium.

### Where do I obtain an Elevation Certificate for the property I'm buying?

An Elevation Certificate is typically prepared by a licensed surveyor. Before commissioning this work, however, there are a few places to look to see if one has already been completed for your property:

1. Ask the seller if he/she has a copy of an Elevation Certificate for the property.
2. The local township or borough office where the property is located may have copies of any elevation certificates issued in conjunction with the construction or renovation of the home.
3. Your realtor may be able to track down an Elevation Certificate previously prepared for the property and its structures.
4. If the home was last sold within the last seven years, prior closing attorney may have it on file.
5. The current holder of the mortgage may have obtained a copy of an Elevation Certificate for the property when the mortgage originated.



NOVEMBER 3, 2013

Don't forget to set your clocks back!  
And remember...this is a great time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.



## FLOOD INSURANCE

**Do you need it? Do you have it?**

**How and what does Penn Township do to educate and help to reduce premium costs?**

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 residents of Penn Township to purchase flood insurance at reduced premiums. That means, flood insurance premium rates can be discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk resulting from the community actions meeting the goals of the CRS.

A recent letter to Penn Township from The Department of Homeland Security and FEMA identifies Penn Township as moving to a Class 7 community, up from our previous Class 8 designation. The floodplain management activities implemented by the Township qualify residents for 15% discount (previously 10%) of the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas on or after May 1, 2013.

**What is a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA)?** - a land area that is at high risk for flooding or floodplains. These areas are shown on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). A home located within a SFHA has a 26 percent chance of suffering flood damage during the term of a 30-year mortgage.

Note - SFHA's are in the zones with the letter A and V on our Penn Township Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). A 5% reduction in flood insurance is available for residents outside the SFHA.

**What is a Preferred Risk flood insurance policy?**

The NFIP's Preferred Risk Policy, or PRP, offers low-cost flood insurance to owners and tenants of eligible residential and non-residential buildings located in moderate to low-risk areas. These policies could cover building and contents or contents only.

Note - Preferred Risk Policies, applicable in Zones B, C, and X on our community Flood Insurance Rate Map **are not** eligible for the CRS discount, while Standard Rated Policies are limited to a 10% discount.

**Determining Risk**

To identify a community's flood risk, FEMA conducts a Flood Insurance Study. The study includes statistical data for river flow, storm tides, hydrologic/hydraulic analyses, and rainfall and topographic surveys. FEMA uses this data to create the flood hazard maps that outline your community's different flood risk areas.

Floodplains and areas subject to coastal storm surge are shown as high-risk areas or Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). Some parts of floodplains may experience frequent flooding while others are only affected by severe storms. However, areas directly outside of these high-risk areas may also find themselves at considerable risk

What is a FIRM or Flood Insurance Rate Map? A FIRM map is the official map of a community, on which FEMA has defined both the Special Flood Hazard Areas and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. Most FIRMs include detailed floodplain mapping for some or all of a community's floodplains.

**Understanding Your Area**

Changing weather patterns, erosion, and development can affect floodplain boundaries. FEMA has updated and modernized the [Flood Insurance Rate Maps \(FIRMS\)](#). These digital flood hazard maps provide an official depiction of flood hazards for each community and for properties located within it.

FEMA has published almost 100,000 individual Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). To see a FIRM Map for your area search on the web - FEMA FIRM Maps or stop by the Penn Township office to take a look.

The Township recognizes that floodplains could change over time, driven by natural and manmade changes. Good floodplain management acknowledges this, and includes thinking about how floodplains might look in the future under different scenarios like increased impervious surfaces, new fill in floodways, rising sea levels, changes in natural functions, and other factors.

*If you skin comes in contact with floodwater, make sure to wash it with plenty of soap and clean water because the contents of flood waters are unknown.*

Although the premium reduction attracts interest in the CRS, the most important benefits are the enhanced public safety, reduction in damage to property and public infrastructure, avoidance of economic disruption and losses, reduction in human suffering, and protection of the environment.

**Want to know what zone your property is located in? Call or stop by the Township office to look at the floodplain map.**

In order for you to be covered by a flood insurance policy (for a structure and/or its contents), a property must be in a community that participates in the NFIP. Your Penn Township has adopted and enforces a floodplain management ordinance to regulate development in flood hazard areas. The objective of the ordinance is to minimize the potential for flood damage to future development.

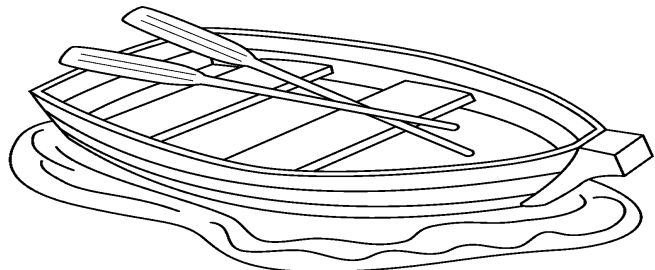
**Any home in Penn Township can be covered by flood insurance, but don't wait for the next flood to buy insurance; there is a 30-day waiting period for coverage to take effect. Talk to your agent today.**

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 flood plain 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 and is on our website. If you need a copy of this, please go to the website or e-mail Brenda at bpenntownship@yahoo.com**

Penn Township annually updates the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our "need to call/evacuation" list in case of an emergency. Our Zoning Officer also enforces the Flood Plain 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 (570) 374-4258 to report a problem with debris, fallen trees or anything else that would hinder water flow.**



### WHAT CICADAS?

After all the hype and report after report (including our Penn Township newsletter, spring '13) of... 'Any day now, billions of cicadas with bulging red eyes will crawl out of the earth after 17 years underground and overrun the East Coast.' We are please to inform you the Cicadas never arrived, at least not enough to note, if any, in our Penn Township. Not to say there were none on the east coast there were just none in Penn Twp.

So while reviewing our newsletter from the spring '13 and deciding what to include this fall we needed to do a little research as to why our Penn Township cicadas did not emerge.

There are six species of periodical cicadas, three with a 17-year cycle and three with a 13-year cycle. The 17-year cicadas are generally northern, (that would include our Penn Township) and the 13-year cicadas are Midwest and southern with some overlap. In fact, both life-cycle types may occur in the same forest, but most likely not in Snyder County, PA.

Each "brood" is designated by a Roman numeral. The numerals I through XVII are assigned to the 17-year broods, and XVIII through XXX to the 13-year broods. The numbering of the 17-year broods began with the 1893 brood which was designated as Brood I. In 1909, Brood XVII appeared, and in 1910, Brood I appeared again. There are at least 13 broods of 17-year cicadas and five broods of 13-year cicadas.



In Pennsylvania separate broods are present during eight different years in different geographic areas in PA. All of the broods in Pennsylvania require 17 years to reach maturity. Several of these broods are very small. Brood X, known as the "great eastern brood," is a large brood with heavy concentrations found in the eastern half of the state from late May through June during the years they emerge.

So the information found that would include Snyder, and a couple of our neighboring counties like Union, Northumberland, Mifflin and Montour indicate that Brood X (the great eastern brood) may emerge in 2021 having last emerged here in 2004. A brood XIV affecting the same counties noted above in 2025, having last emerged here in 2008. Both broods are a 17-year brood.

As noted above the 13-year broods are mostly a Midwest and southern brood meaning, Virginia through Georgia and as far west as Arkansas. There are three existing 13-year broods each covering their own distinct areas.

So seems we could be safe from the 'hum' of the cicada depending on the Brood until 2021 or 2025.

**The following permits are required in Penn Township:**

- Zoning
- Building
- Driveway
- Roadcut
- Sewer and water

Please contact our office at 570-374-4778 before you start any construction.

**The following permits are also required:**

- Transient Merchant
- Fireworks
- Amusement Tax Permits

### CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas tree pick up will begin the week after Christmas and will continue through the third week of January. Trees should be placed along but not in the road, and must be free of lights and decorations. No bags or tree stands. If you want, you may take your tree to the compost site yourself, but the same rules apply. No lights, decorations, bags or tree stands.



### EAST SNYDER COMMUNITY GARDEN

Wow, 64 gardeners rented garden space in 2013 using 81 (30' by 30') plots and two raised beds. Gardeners donated over 189 lbs of produce to the Fish & Loaves at the St Paul's United Church of Christ and 454 lbs of produce to Martha's Table. The 2013 growing season was extended due to the beautiful weather. The amazing weather and no frost created an abundance allowing gardeners to share their harvest with friends and family members.

The Club had several work parties this summer with volunteers from the community churches, adult probation, Susquehanna University freshmen, Middlecreek Valley Antique Tractor Assoc and fellow gardeners. Middle Creek Valley Antique Tractor Assoc. actually planted oats which they harvested to thresh at their fall show in August. More volunteers are always welcome.

The club is working on more wheelchair accessible raised beds, additional water faucets were added, and a pollinator garden was planted with hopes to expand it in 2014. The Board hosted two hot dog/covered dish meals at the garden.

Another seed and plant exchange will be planned for 2014 and the Selinsgrove Library is working to establish a seed catalog for the community to have access to donated seeds.

A new 2013-2014 Board was elected and the following officers are in place: Lynn Bressler, Deb Hackenberg, Arden Miller, Anna Peterson, Brian Shaffer, Roy Swazey, and Jennyfer Varner.

Be alert for spring signups for your plot reservation. If a 30' X 30' plot is too much space and is holding you back from obtaining space in the community garden... ask about a half or even quarter size plot.

**Need to contact the East Snyder Community Garden Club or want to get on their e-mail list - [escgpa@gmail.com](mailto:escgpa@gmail.com)**

### TRICK-OR-TREAT

Penn Township does not establish hours for 'Trick or Treating'.

We suggest you follow Selinsgrove Borough's hours which are

October 31st from 6:00PM til 8:00PM.

Don't forget to leave your porch light on if you wish to hand out treats for the children.



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**Playworld Systems Inc.'s** giving did not stop there...oh no, they also donated the rocks, boulders and logs that have become a great play area and outdoor classroom with a water feature! **T Ross Brothers** supplied a boom and a heavy duty trailer at a reduced rate to pickup and deliver these boulders in a short time frame. I mentioned the boom and heavy duty trailer, this boulder set is very heavy with pieces ranging in weight from one ton up to 5 tons!

And of course during the construction of the restroom, installation of sewer and water, multiple playsets being put in and all the other projects happening at the park **Fred Ulrich, Penn Township Supervisor**, was always on site lending a hand and use of his equipment as needed.

Others who contributed or played a part in the enhancements at the park this year would include: **Northumberland National Bank** who donated a beautiful park bench. This bench is sitting along the restrooms near the 2 to 5 playset. **William Moyer, Penn Township Supervisor** - cash donation, **Salem Consulting and Sales Inc.** consulting and surveying, **Snyder County's Treatment Court Program** - cash donation, **Steve Bogush, Express Lube** - windows, **PTMA** - sewer and water connection, **Sunbury Motors and Tom Mertz** - shed delivery to the new Little League Field with the help of **Matt Slivinski** and **Lowe's Home Improvement, AmeriCorps** who came and helped with cleanup of a demo project and grounds work, **Selinsgrove Area Youth Football League** - upgraded their building and provided cash for seeding of football field, **Penn Township** - additional paving of ramp and drainage areas, **Susquehanna University freshmen** - weeding and other grounds work, **Selinsgrove Girls Area Softball League** - purchased and installed a new building for storage and concession, **April Metzger, other 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and the SAMS 6<sup>th</sup> grade student body** - this group provided 2 hours of grounds work in return for 2 hours of play, **Dave Bowersox and Pete DeWire** - refurbished and installed scoreboard to Steffen Field, and **Rep. Fred Keller** - flags for the park.

And last but certainly not least...**Pete and Cookie DeWire** with their constant push for improvement at the park. **Pete and Cookie** are our Energizer bunnies, they just keep going and going, doing for others and never asking for much in return...except to encourage others to pitch in and give a little as well. Most definitely the East Snyder Park would not be where it is today without the generosity of the community and the innumerable volunteer hours of **Pete and Cookie DeWire**.

**WHAT IS A PARAPET?**

**How does that fit into East Snyder Park?**

The definition of a parapet is a low wall or railing to protect the edge of a platform, roof, or bridge —called also *parapet wall*.

The seven concrete bridge parapets that line the DeWire Little League Field parking lot at the storm water pond have a story to tell on their own. New parapets were constructed as part of the safety update at the Camel Back Bridge back in 2010. Pete DeWire talked to the contractor's foreman and asked what they were doing with the parapets being removed. The foreman noted they were given to the Albert Heimbach farm. Pete being friends with Mr. Heimbach, went to him and asked if he might be willing to donate seven of them to the East Snyder Park and Mr. Heimbach agreed. Pete prepared the site and Dave Bowersox of DB Construction, one of the parks newest and bestest of friends, used his equipment to load, move and install the parapets on November 16, 2010. Adding these parapets to the park is an attractive and functional way to keep the parking lot orderly, prevent people from entering into the stormwater pond and a way to keep a piece of the history of the Camel Back Bridge forever. *Thanks Pete for having the foresight to see the parapets still have a long, useful, happy future in our park!*

**Adopt a Flower Bed**

There are about 15 flower beds within the East Snyder Park each varying in size. The park and recreation board is looking for individuals or groups who would be willing to take responsibility for the upkeep of a designated bed or even a section of a larger one.

It would take approximately one hour per week to keep your flower bed in shape from spring thru fall. This would be a great opportunity to give back to the community, put your gardening skills to work and add a touch of YOU to the East Snyder Park!



Call or e-mail the township office if you are interested and we can get you introduced to your flower bed!  
570-374-4778 or penntwp@ptd.net

**FYI - 2013 East Snyder Park by the numbers.**

- 25 reserved events at Battram Pavilion**
- 8 registered sports leagues and countless hours of game play.**

**Found**

**Two blankets were found in the East Snyder Park after the Snyder County Night Out held Tuesday, August 27, 2013  
Call Penn Twp to claim - 570-374-4778**



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Autumn/Winter 2013/2014

2013 HOLIDAY PARADE  
Welcome Santa at the  
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