

# Penn Township

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Fall/Winter 2016-17

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## Help Wanted Seasonal Park Maintenance

Position to be advertised in February.  
Position would include but not limited to:

- \*Upkeep of the East Snyder Park, to include grass, fields and building and landscape care.
- \*Prep/Coordinate Activities
- \*Liaison between User's and Penn Township.

Hours to vary, 32 hrs. max during the height of the season.

Complete job description will be available at advertisement.



## Parking During a Weather Advisory Ordinance 2014-01

AN ORDINANCE OF PENN TOWNSHIP, SNYDER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, RESTRICTING PARKING AND PLACING PROPERTY ON OR ALONG TOWNSHIP ROADS DURING AND FOLLOWING ANY SNOWFALL OR WEATHER EMERGENCY.



WHEREAS, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors, in order to advance the welfare and safety of the residents of the Township and such other persons who use said streets and roads deems it necessary to adopt an Ordinance restricting parking and placing property on or along Township Roads during and following any snowfall or weather emergency. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, and it is ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Penn, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

**Section 1** - During and following any snowfall or weather emergency, which shall be defined hereinafter, it shall be unlawful for anyone to park a motor vehicle and/or place any property or objects on or along any Township Road.

A snowfall or weather emergency shall exist when:

a Winter Weather Advisory or Winter Storm Warning is issued by the National Weather Service for the County of Snyder, Pennsylvania and for a period of eight (8) hours after the cessation of the Advisory or Warning; or

The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and/or Township Roadmaster causes a declaration to be publicly announced by means of broadcasts on radio stations WKOK and/or Big Country, or as may be amended by resolution by the Board of Supervisors; and shall cause such declaration to be posted on the Township website. The declaration or posting shall state that a snowfall or weather emergency is in effect for the Township of Penn, Snyder County, Pennsylvania. No person shall park or place property on or along any Township Road. The notice shall also set forth how long the snowfall or weather emergency and restrictions shall be in place.

**Section 2** - No person shall shovel or place any snow or ice accumulation on a Township Road.

**Section 3** - This Ordinance shall be enforced by the Township Code Enforcement Officer, the Township Roadmaster and/or any police officer.

**Section 4** - Any person who violates this Ordinance shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars and costs of prosecution. In addition to the foregoing penalties, any vehicle or property found in violation of this section shall be subject to removal by the Township at the expense of the owner.

**Section 5** - This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after adoption and shall repeal any ordinances inconsistent herewith.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of Penn Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in public session duly assembled.

...Take a look to catch up and stay informed

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

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Isaac Ramer

**Township Contact Info:**

570-374-4778 - phone  
 pennntp@ptd.net - email

**Township Website**

www.penn-township.net

**PENN TOWNSHIP ROADS**

If you live on any of the roads listed below your road is maintained by Penn Township. If you ever have a road question or concern, call the Road Supervisor, Isaac Ramer at 570-374-4258 or 570-259-4613. No answer...leave a clear message with number, all calls will be returned.

- Airtower Road · Bake Oven Hill Road · Beaver Road · Beech Court · Belmar Avenue
- Breezewood Drive · Bridge Street · Burgess Avenue · Calvett Place · Calvin Drive · Clifford Road
- Creekside Drive · Crescent Avenue · Deerfield Court · Emily Lane · Fair Oak Road · Fairview Drive
- Farmhouse Lane · Fawn Drive · Fetter Road · Foxboro Road · Gaugler Lane · Graysonview Court
- Gregg Drive · Gregory Avenue · Hidden Valley Road · Hill End Road · Herman Road
- Horizon Drive · Hower Street · Ivy Court · \* Jackson Road · Kratzer Road · Kuster Road
- Lisalynn Road · Lorian Drive · Meadowview Drive · Miller Farm Road · Mountain Drive · Mulberry Court
- Mulls Road · Old 522 · Old Colony Road · Old 11 + 15 Road · \*\* Pawling Station Road
- Peachwood Drive · Perkinson Road · Pheasant Ave · Pine Brook Road · Pleasant Drive · Quarry Road
- Ridge View Road · S. Front Street · Salem Glenn Blvd. · Sand Hill Road · School House Lane
- Sheri Lane · \*\* Sportsman Drive · Sunset Drive · Swope Drive · Sycamore Court · Universal Road
- Walters Lane · Wedgewood Drive · Willow Court · Woodlynn Drive

\*Winter maintenance by Jackson Twp. 570-374-4643  
 \*\*Winter maintenance by Middlecreek Twp. 570-837-0491



**Road Conditions and Traffic Alerts**

Motorists can check conditions on more than 40,000 PA roadway miles by visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com). 511PA is free and available 24 hours a day. This site provides traffic delay warnings, weather forecasts, traffic speed information and access to more than 770 traffic cameras.



511PA is also available through a smart phone app for iPhone and Android devices, by calling 5-1-1, or by following regional Twitter alerts accessible on the 511PA website.

**Penn Township Road Data**

33.22 - road miles Penn Twp maintains  
28.02 - road miles in Penn Twp maintained by PennDOT  
 61.98 - total road miles in Penn Twp

Need to contact Penn DOT with a local state road issue call 570-372-9100.

**Transient Merchants**

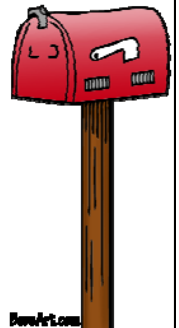
Someone knocking at your door? Did you know a Transient Merchant Permit is required in Penn Township? This would include but not limited to any person selling any goods, wares, services or merchandise door to door in Penn Township. The ordinance does not include: farmer selling produce, selling of donated wares for a charitable organization, an insurance company or agent, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, public and private school students, volunteer fireman or church members and these only when the sale of merchandise solely benefits their respective organization. A licensed transient merchant would have a permit approved by the township available for inspection. Please report any unlicensed merchant and any defining information such as name or company name and/or vehicle make, color or plate number to the state police or the township office. 570-374-4778.



**Mailboxes and Mailbox Posts**

Any installation within the right of way - including a mailbox/post - is placed there at the owner's risk. Posts should be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility that the weight of the plowed snow may simply break or push the post over.

**The Township will not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of plowed snow. In the event that your mailbox is hit by a plow blade, contact the Township Office at 570-374-4778.**



This is part of Penn Township's Snow and Ice Removal Plan. To see the complete document go to our website at [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net). On the home-page, left column, slide cursor over Roads, dropdown will appear with the Snow and Ice Removal Plan.

**What Have We Done For You Lately?**

*In 2016 the following road projects were completed:*

- Pinebrook Road a portion tar / chipped, a portion resurfaced
- Clifford Road resurfaced
- Herman Road culvert replacement at Fair Oak
- Herman Road under drainage replaced
- Perkinson Road portion resurfaced

**Who Voted in November '16**

There are 4324 residents in Penn Twp per 2010 census. Of these residents, 2427 are registered voters. The following is the voter breakdown for November 2016.

- Penn 1 - 1110 Registered Voters  
 820 Voted = 73.87% turnout
- Penn 2 - 1317 Registered Voters  
 983 Voted = 74.64% turnout

Most municipalities in Snyder County had 75% plus voter turnout.



# East Snyder Park

The park had a busy 2016. With 32 pavilion reservations, four weekend softball tournaments, two cross country races, a full Little League season, including District 13 LL playoffs for 9+10 year olds, high school and league softball season with tournaments, lacrosse season, three horseshoe tournaments, numerous visits by local daycares and preschools, a day of work and play by the Selinsgrove Area MS 6th graders and endless use by our residents and others. While water is off and restrooms are closed, feel free to visit the park over the winter. Trails and equipment are open.

The park continues to receive support from local businesses and foundations. Cash donations were received from The Mustard Seed, Northway Industries Fund, App Limited Foundation, John Family Foundation, Mifflinburg Bank and the Northumberland National Bank. With these monies swings and mulch were installed and an additional water fountain was purchased for installation in the girls softball area. B and R Lawn Service kept the Veteran's Memorial in great shape and Wreaths for Warriors has provided a wreath for the last two years and the flower pots in this area were filled by a mystery donor. Efforts are being made by the American Legion, Post 25, the VFW, Post 6631, both of Selinsgrove, and some local residents to name and include bricks at the Veteran's Memorial of all MIA and KIA vets from Snyder County. Also to replace current flag poles at this site. Replacement flags continued to be donated by Rep Fred Keller's office.

Other businesses, individuals and groups provided countless volunteer hours, materials and funds for the continued improvement of the park through 2015 and 2016 like, Mahantango Tire, Merck Foundation, Johnson Center for Civic Engagement, Kim Soper and Linda Dressler, AmeriCorps, Selinsgrove Area Community Foundation, Dave and Chris Gaugler, Eastern Industries, PTMA, Penn Fire Protection, DB Construction, Snyder County Probation, Lowes, SRS Electric, AmeriCorps, North Shore Railroad, Susquehanna RV, Leadership Susquehanna Valley, Graci's Flowers, Lonna Temple-Salter, M and T Charitable Foundation, Playworld Systems, Inc., Pat Nace, Community Aid, Ray Cerezo, Sarah Koch, Country Turf and Trail, Scott O'Brien, Wal-Mart, BJE Poultry, Weis Markets, Selinsgrove Boy Scout Troop 419, Sunbury Generation, LP, The United Way Day of Action, members of the Park Board and the Aucker Family who in memory of Clair Aucker provided funds to install two "buddy benches" in the spring, 2017. A favorite place to visit by Mr. Aucker.

*And, we would be remiss if we did not recognize the immeasurable volunteer hours Pete and Cookie DeWire continue to provide in the East Snyder Park. While they have remarked they will take a step back and enjoy some traveling and projects of their own...I guess we will believe it when we see it.*



## 2017 Pavilion Rentals - East Snyder Park

Reservations are being accepted for 2017 to hold a pavilion for your event. If not reserved, pavilions are open to all. Call the office 570-374-4778, email [penntwp@ptd.net](mailto:penntwp@ptd.net) or look on our online calendar to check the reservation schedule.

[www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net) - fee is \$50 to reserve

- Batram Pavilion #1 - nearest the horseshoe pits
- App VanNuys Pavilion #2 - behind Little League baseball field

A User's Agreement is required at the time of a reservation. This agreement is available on our website or office pick up.

No reservation is official until you have contacted the township office, completed a User's Agreement and paid the fee. 570-374-4778

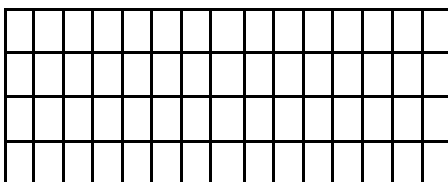


## Brick Sales for the Veteran Memorial

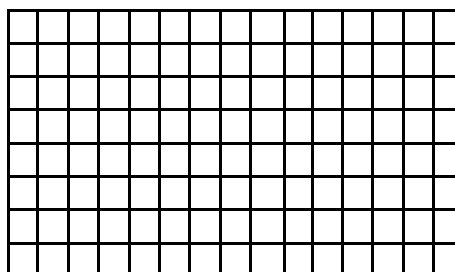


With 340 bricks and larger pavers in place, there is still plenty of room if you want to purchase a memorial brick to be placed in the Veteran's Memorial in the East Snyder Park. Order forms are available in the township office or on the township website at [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net). See Veteran's Memorial in left column of home page. Two sizes are available, either 4" x 8" or 8" x 8" as shown below. Bricks can be imprinted with 15 characters per line, including spaces, with either four or eight lines.

4" x 8" - \$50



8" x 8" - \$100



## Adopt a Flowerbed!

*While there are groups who help maintain the park there is always something to do to keep the park standing tall. You as an individual can volunteer. Even one hour a week will make a difference. The East Snyder Park has many plantings, trees and flowerbed areas. Do you want to take ownership for the care of something in the park? Contact the township office and we will designate your own personal space for you to care for.*

**374-4778**

***The 4th ANNUAL SNYDER COUNTY NIGHT OUT  
Was a .....HUGE SUCCESS!***

The 2016 event was held Tuesday, August 23 in the East Snyder Park and continues to grow. An estimated 5000 people were in attendance. Hosted by the Snyder County DA's office, Snyder County Coalition for Kids, our local police departments, PA State Police, the 911 Center and supported by Penn Township Supervisors and the Snyder County Commissioners.

*This event provides families with a safe atmosphere where kids of all ages can gather to meet and interact with these local services. Food, drink, games and countless fun and educational activities!*

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 22nd, 2017  
The date has been set and planning for the 5th annual Snyder County Night Out has begun.

**This event is FREE to all—Don't miss it!**



**East Snyder Community Garden  
Plots and Pollinators**



The East Snyder Community Garden had a successful 2016 growing season. 65 plots and five raised beds were rented and welcomed 14 new gardeners. As of this writing, gardeners have donated 881 pounds of produce to Martha's Table, Loaves and Fishes and Shepherd's Pie. Three gardeners attended the

Penn State Extension Summer Experience to learn more about gardening in general and pollinator gardens specifically. Hard work is being done to improve the pollinator garden plot within the East Snyder Community garden. One young gardener adopted a plot and planted sunflowers and zinnias for the insects and almost every gardener included flowers in their plot. The garden was home to more butterflies this season than ever before. It was a very dry season which led to higher water bills. The garden board has reviewed expenses and determined that it would be necessary to increase the fee for a 30' foot x 30' foot plot to \$20 for the 2017 growing season. The garden board had planned the 2017 seed exchange, February 18, 2017, 11 - 1 at the Rudy Gelnett Library (snow date 2/25/17) and other educational sessions to be held before the gardening season. These events are free and open to the public. The garden website is [escgpa.org](http://escgpa.org), here you can find information and registration forms for your 2017 garden.



***Community Aid Bin***

Community Aid has placed a bin at our Penn Township recycling site. Collections from this bin help to support the Community Aid Thrift Stores and Donation Centers. Our local Community Aid Thrift Store is located at 1076 N. Susquehanna Trail. Collections are used to raise funds for local organizations and create good paying jobs with onsite training and coaching for their employees; thus improving the quality of life for individuals and families in our communities.

Because Penn Township provides a location for a bin, we receive 4¢ per pound collected. All funds received are to be used for community benefit. Penn Township assigns the funds to be used in the East Snyder Park. Community Aid also provides grant opportunities. In 2015 Penn Township applied for a two-part grant.

Part 1 - to purchase and pay for the installation of EWF (Engineered Wood Fiber) or mulch under the play equipment in the East Snyder Park.

Part 2 - to help support the activities for Snyder County Night Out.

Both requests were granted, new mulch was purchased and installed in 2015 and the second part of the award was used toward a very successful, 2016 SCNO. The following is a list of items ACCEPTED at all Community Aid bins:

- All donations can be NEW or USED
- Any clothing
- Shoes, purses, wallets, belts, ties, wigs and hats
- Household items like pots and pans and other kitchenware
- Decorative items and knick knacks
- CD's, DVD's and video games
- Children's toys and stuffed animals
- Books, records, TV and movie memorabilia
- Artwork and other collectibles
- Small furniture items
- Fully functional electronics
- Linens, towels, blankets, bed sheets and curtains

No  
Glass  
In Bin  
Please



**Penn Township applied for and has just learned we have been awarded another grant to help support our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Snyder County Night Out.**

**Thank you Community Aid!**

**ARE PERMITS REQUIRED IN PENN TOWNSHIP... YES!**

If you are planning any type of construction call the township office to see what sort of permitting is required. Projects that are often started when permits have not yet been issued include pools, sheds and decks. Regardless of the shape or size, each does indeed require a phone call to the township office first to verify permitting.

If a contractor does the work for you...you still need a permit. I would question a contractor who does not discuss permitting with you.

**What Zone Do You Live In?**

Do you know which ZONING DISTRICT your property is located? Penn Township is comprised of nine (9) zoning districts. Each zone has slightly different regulations with regard to allowed uses and dimensional requirements. The regulations for each zone are included in the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance 2005-01. This is the "rulebook" used by our Zoning Officer when permitting projects. These zones are all mapped on our township zoning map. To get a general idea of the zoning district your property is located you can look at the Penn Township map on our website at [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net). Currently there is an article along with the zoning map on the home page or the "The Quick View" page of the township website.

If you want to confirm what zone you live in and the "rules" for your zone, e-mail Brenda at [bpenn township@yahoo.com](mailto:bpenn township@yahoo.com) and we will send you that information.

**Zoning Map Changes**

The PT Planning Commission is working on revising the Penn Township Zoning and the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances. Also to be considered are changes to the official zoning map. If you own land in Penn Township and have reason to request the Planning Commission review and recommend to Supervisors your property for possible rezoning, please prepare in writing the following: Property Owner Name and Address, Contact Information, Tax Map and Parcel Number (s), Explain reason a zone change is desired, Explain what zone you would like Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to consider.

***A request does not guarantee a zone change will be made. There are many things to consider before any change can be made to the official zoning map. The effect of any change should be a positive one for you, your neighbor and the entire township.***

**Ordinance 2015 – 02  
Outdoor Hydronic Heater Ordinance**

This ordinance was adopted for the prevention and control of air pollution from the use of outdoor hydronic heaters, also known as outdoor wood-fired furnaces, outdoor wood-burning appliances, or outdoor hydronic heaters. The ordinance defines the terms used, provides for regulations, exceptions, enforcement orders, responsibility of owners and operators, penalties, unlawful conduct, public nuisances and validity. A complete copy of the ordinance can be e-mailed, mailed or retrieved from the township website. E-mail Benda for your copy at [bpenn township@yahoo.com](mailto:bpenn township@yahoo.com) or check our website at:

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



**A PERMIT IS  
NEEDED FOR  
OUTDOOR  
HEATERS  
\*\*\*\*\***

**Always a question, always an issue, who needs a permit and why.**

Penn Township has Zoning Ordinance 2005-01, these numbers 2005-01 mean this specific ordinance has been in place since 2005. Penn Township has had a zoning ordinance in place, on again off again, and with many revisions back through the 1960's. The current ordinance is the guidebook with the rules (laws) the township has authority to enforce thru its agents. Within this ordinance are the answers to who and why for permit requirements. The following sections are taken directly from the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance 2005-01 and may help explain why and when permits are required:

**SECTION 1102 ZONING PERMITS**

**Purpose:** To determine compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance. No person shall erect, alter or convert any structure or building, or part thereof, nor alter the use of any land, until the Zoning Officer has issued a Zoning Permit. In reading this section one could understand it to mean...if I want to erect, alter or convert ANY structure or building I may need a permit. But, what is considered a structure? The following definition is from the same zoning ordinance:

**SECTION 301 – PENN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE – DEFINITIONS**

**Structure:** Any man-made object having an ascertainable stationary location on or in land or water, whether or not affixed to the land.

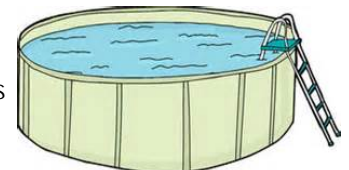
So, after reading all of the above just to be sure...as a resident of Penn Township, **AND** regardless of whether you own or are renting, you should just contact the Township office or the zoning officer to verify permitting requirements.

**POOLS, POOLS, POOLS...**

Considering a pool next season?

To clarify which/why swimming pools are required to obtain a zoning permit, in the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance, (**complete ordinance on the township website [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net)**) under Section 1102, titled Zoning Permits, letter (A) Purpose...no person shall erect, alter or convert any structure or building until a permit is issued.

To further explain the which/why...see the definition of Structure and Swimming Pool, Private in Section 301, Definitions, of same ordinance. These definitions clearly define when a permit is required but the swimming pool definition, included below, is most clear to answer the questions that continue to arise.



**Swimming Pool, Private**

A private swimming pool, but not including farm ponds or lakes, as regulated in this Ordinance shall be any pool, be it permanently installed or temporarily erected upon the ground or a platform, and not located within an enclosed building. Swimming pools shall be considered structures and shall be subject to all the regulations and set back rules that apply to any structure in the Township. Small inflatable pools or structures that contain water no more than 1-1/2 feet deep at any point shall not be regulated. A temporarily erected pool would not require a permit every year the pool is reinstalled as long as size and location remain the same.

The Penn Township Planning Commission also reviewed the pool and pool permit issue. **Planning did also recommend a temporarily erected pool would not require a permit every year the pool is reinstalled as long as the size and placement (location) remain the same.**

**PENN TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER**

Ray Cerezo - 570-374-0624

Please contact Ray before you start your project or call the township office with questions.

## Penn Township Recycle Center

The contract with our hauler, LCRMS (Lycoming County Resource Management Service) expired 12.31.2016. The hauler is not renewing our contract as written. Previously this hauler pulled all the materials from our site for FREE.

The value of the materials collected covered the expense to pull our bins.

Over time the value and the markets for recyclables have fallen. The hauler has made the business decision to no longer pull our loads for free.

Now what? Using our 2015 numbers, Penn Township had 271 tons of materials collected from the bins at our site, which required 188 pulls. At the 2017 rate proposed by LCRMS, of \$130 per pull, that would cost Penn Township @ \$24,440.

Our numbers are not in yet for 2016, but seeing the growth of our recycling program you could assume we have had more pulls and more tonnage than 2015.



A fee to haul materials is not just a Penn Township issue. Freeburg Boro, Spring and Franklin Townships are dealing with the same issue, as we all had a similar contract. Other municipalities have different contracts, with different numbers of free pulls, but from what I am learning, no one will be getting future pulls for free.

When Penn Township received DCED funding to improve and expand our recycling program in 2012, we had certain requirements to meet like expanding our hours and educating our residents. Much effort has gone into our recycling site and continually providing information to all. I think all in Penn Township can be proud of our site and hopefully realize the benefits and the good they and this site are doing.

Penn Township has become the go to site by many, as we are convenient, provide unlimited accessibility and accept a large array of materials. This was previously easy for Penn, as there was no excessive expense. The recent turn of events changed all this.

At a recent meeting with county commissioners, our Representatives Keller and Schlegel-Culver, local haulers, municipal representatives and recycling coordinators, the situation was reviewed and many options were discussed. We all left the meeting with no real solution and Penn Township facing a \$25K expense to haul away recyclables that don't all belong to Penn Township. At the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 21, 2016 the decision was formally made to close the Penn Township site to all non residents.

Penn Township started the process of closing our site to non Penn Township residents on Thursday, December 22nd, 2016. The blockades were installed to limit access. *Closed to Non Residents* signs were posted. An email was sent to the surrounding municipalities and the county commissioners of this decision. Within an hour this office heard from the county with an offer to financially help Penn Twp if we were to remain open as we were previously.

Penn Township has made the decision to keep our site "Open as Usual" for 2017 and we will see how it goes.

## Our continued challenge will be to get "quality loads".

How do we get "quality loads"? By recycling only the acceptable materials for this site, **regardless of what other sites are accepting** and by **condensing the material as best we can**. Our pulls will be on an "as needed" basis.

Penn Township will control when our bins get pulled. We will want the bins jam packed with no wasted space. Wasted space costs money and every pull costs this township \$130.

See the ***Do Your Part*** article in the next column for ways to do this.

***Styrofoam® - What to do with it?***

*See page 7*



## Do Your Part....

Each of us could put forth a little more effort and a whole lot more common sense to get a larger return for money spent. Here are some simple and basic things you can do so we get the most weight per square yard in our bins. Each is a simple explanation of how condensing the material you bring will help immensely.

1. Flattening plastics...even somewhat will make a difference. We are not asking you run your bottles and jugs through a press, a simple press with your foot will do the trick and stick the lid back on if you can. This will save yards of space!
2. Break down all boxes, large or small, it's that simple! Picture the empty and wasted space by just a few boxes going in the bins that are not broken down. **SPACE COST MONEY!**
3. Tin cans nicely fit inside each other and by placing the flaps inside the cans these to become somewhat contained.
4. Read the signs and only recycle materials we collect that are clean and dry, otherwise you are wasting space and breaking the rules.

## Our Compost Site Is Open

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in an effort to reduce the amount of yard waste being disposed of at landfills, **prohibits landfills from accepting yard waste for disposal!** Yard waste materials are defined as tree trimmings, shrubbery, and any other organic landscape vegetation. These items along with leaves and grass clippings can be taken to our compost site on Gaugler Lane.

The site is located on township land at the end of Gaugler Lane (across from Salem Church); there is a green road sign indicating the "compost site", with a directional arrow. 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 area is monitored with surveillance cameras and abuse could cause this site to close.



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

\* There are signs indicating where the different materials belong, do not mix the materials unless indicated.

Use this compost site to put the things you might be depositing in a pile in your backyard, or your neighbor's field, or adding it to your weekly garbage pick up, which costs you money and is prohibited by DEP.

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

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR DELIVERY CONTAINERS BEHIND – PLEASE DUMP YOUR COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS ON INDICATED PILES AND TAKE YOUR GARBAGE BAGS, FLOWER POTS, ETC. WITH YOU.**

**Wood and Coal ashes are accepted at the compost site.  
NO HOT ASHES!**

***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.

## **Happy New Year!**

***Certain electronics CAN NOT be disposed  
of in your garbage!***

As of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Under Act 108, (covered devices) i.e. electronic devices, televisions, computer monitors, and computer peripherals can no longer be disposed of in PA landfills or other solid waste facilities. The law also requires manufacturers of covered devices to provide for the collection, transportation, and recycling of these items through one-day events, permanent collection programs, or mail-back options. Some retailers also accept electronics for recycling either at no charge or in exchange for rebates or coupons. Some provide free shipping and others partners with some local stores where you can take your unwanted items and receive credit. There are places for all the electronics listed above and more. Check out the following websites.

- www.gazelle.com
- www.buymytronics.com
- www.nextworth.com

For larger electronics like televisions, computers, monitors and computer related items check with the following:

<p><b>Best Buy</b> Monroe Market Place 570-372-2630</p>	<p>electronic devices, computers, printers, keyboards, speakers and peripherals. <b>NO monitors or televisions.</b></p>
<p><b>Goodwill Donation Center</b> Shamokin Dam 570-743-0041</p>	<p>Computer and computer related items including monitors, small household electronics, working or not <b>NO Televisions</b></p>
<p><b>Sunbury Transfer Station</b> 462 S Fourth St 570-286-9025</p>	<p>computer monitors, copiers and TV's - \$8 other electronics - \$2</p>
<p><b>UNICOR</b> Col John Kelly Road 570-522-7092</p>	<p>call to make arrangements for drop off or the township office for directions or more info</p>
<p><b>McGive (McPush)</b> Lewisburg 570-524-6894</p>	<p><b>GENTLY USED</b> computers, monitors, keyboards, and cables (items refurbished for the needy)</p>
<p><b>HandUP Recycling</b> 275 Mahoning Street Milton 570-742-3600</p>	<p>Electronics, metals, paint, batteries + more Console TV's - \$5 <b>STYROFOAM®</b></p>

**Styrofoam®**

HandUP Recycling in Milton now takes Styrofoam®! While this may not be the most convenient location it is much closer than Harrisburg. We have inquired with SC Recycling Coordinator of the possibility to provide a local location that could collect Styrofoam® and then be transported to Milton. But, for now we do have the option to get it to Milton rather than in the landfill.

***Hard to Recycle Items***

Over time we have created a flyer of **HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS**. While some of these **HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS** may be identified in other articles in this newsletter...to see the complete document go to our website at [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net), in the left column of the home page, hover mouse over "Recycling in Penn", this will open up other headings, click on the tab titled

**HARD TO RECYCLE ITEMS**

The flyer describes many materials not accepted here at our recycling site but places where you can take them.

***Worn Towels and Blankets***

If you have towels and blankets that are worn and you don't know what to do with them...don't throw them out, donate them to **Companion Animal Hospital**, 335 Route 35 (near the Speedway). These are a useful item for animal cleanup and care. Like cookies and milk, pets and towels just seem to go together! Call the animal hospital if you have a donation or questions at 570-374-2247



***HandUP Recycling***

275 Mahoning St., Milton, PA

A nonprofit organization providing vital assistance programs to families in our community, while offering job training for CareerLink workers.

570-742-3600  
Mon Tues Thurs Fri - 8am - 4pm  
Closed Wednesday  
Saturday 9am - 1pm



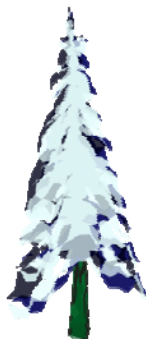
HandUP accepts in any condition the following items: • household appliances like washers, dryers, fridge, water heaters, A/C units • Car Batteries • Junk Cars • Any Scrap Metal like shelves, desks, farm scrap, metal pipe, filing cabinets, cooking grills, lawn mowers, aluminum siding etc • **NEW** - now taking Styrofoam® • Electronics like cell phones and computer towers • Useable paint

**Call with further questions - 570-742-3600**

***Leaf and Christmas Tree Collections***

*We are working on a collection schedule that is somewhat uniform and planned. It was better this year but still a few bugs to work out.*

*Of course weather is always a determining factor and can wreck any plan. Collections of leaves or trees will be posted on the website at [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net).... and certainly you can call the office if you can't check our website at 570-374-4778.*



### Penn Township Recycling Site

228 Clifford Road

This site is a huge benefit to our residents and the surrounding area. Look at the totals in the tables below to see the increase in the volume of materials recycled in Penn Township.

Penn Township Building Recycling Site Tonnage				
	2012	2013	2014	2015
clear glass	6.21	17.21	19.53	22.84
brown glass	2.66	11.39	12.73	22.01
green/bl glass	1.03	6.70	8.11	8.69
steel -tin cans	1.78	6.68	7.05	9.07
#1 + #2 plastic	6.53	19.62	24.09	30.59
newsprint	24.49	51.33	51.30	44.09
magazines	11.95	31.13	32.03	33.84
cardboard	8.11	60.05	75.38	100.74
curbside SS*	new service provided			14.27
<b>total tonnage*</b>	<b>62.76 T</b>	<b>204.11 T</b>	<b>230.22 T</b>	<b>286.14 T</b>

Selinsgrove Center Site Tonnage				
	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cardboard	12.79	13.49	10.86	10.95
office paper	3.11	2.81	2.66	2.96
<b>total tonnage*</b>	<b>15.9 T</b>	<b>16.30 T</b>	<b>13.52 T</b>	<b>13.91 T</b>

\*SS - Single Stream

\*picture all this tonnage sitting in a landfill.

*Kudos and high fives to our businesses and residents who make the effort to recycle at the Penn Township recycling site.*

### REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES

**Ron Zeiders**  
**Penn Township Tax Collector**  
**PO Box 452**  
**Selinsgrove, PA 17870**  
**570-374-8401**

Tax collection office hours are provided here in the township building on a limited, but scheduled basis. These dates are always printed on your tax bill. **Note: The township office staff cannot accept your taxes!**

...If you move, let the tax collector or the tax assessment office know to keep rolls accurate.

...Purchasing a mobile home? Verify all taxes are up to date, taxes are a lien and follow a mobile home.

...If you are mailing your taxes include a self addressed stamped envelope for a receipt.

...Have a tax payment question, call Mr. Zeiders at 570-374-8401.

#### Collector Hours in the Penn Township Building:

**April 17, 2017**  
 9 - 11am and 5 - 6:30pm

**April 20, 2017**  
 9 - 11am and 5 - 6:30pm

**April 21, 2017**  
 9 - 11am

**April 25, 2017**  
 9 - 11am and 5 - 6:30pm

**April 27, 2017**  
 9 - 11am and 5 - 6:30pm

### Selinsgrove Center Recycling Site

State School Road

In the "old" laundry building if you are familiar with that.

**Anyone** may drop off accepted recyclable materials Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM at no cost.

Use the area at the cement loading dock with the recycling sign. The site is closed holidays and assistance is available.

#### Accepted Material:

- Corrugated Cardboard (minimal amount of tape/staples permitted)
- Newspapers including inserts
- Office Paper (any color)
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Telephone books
- Pre-shredded paper (*SORTED-DO NOT MIX TYPES/KINDS*)

#### Unaccepted Material:

- Wax covered corrugated cardboard (mainly used for fresh fruit/vegetables)
- Magazines
- Envelopes of any kind
- Card stock
- Pressed Paper (soda cases, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, etc)

**Confidential document shredding** service is available w/ industrial cross-cut machine and a locked secure storage area for all confidential material if it can't be immediately shredded.

A pick up service is available for a nominal fee. Please call for rate information - 570-372-5656

*Please separate all like items into individual bags/boxes and ensure all trash is removed.*

### Feral / Stray Cats

PA PETS (Prevent Excess Through Sterilization) - 205 E 5th Street, Bloomsburg has dedicated their energies toward solving the problem of pet overpopulation. PA PETS has a program which is directed toward spaying and neutering strays, barn and feral cats. Please go to <http://www.pennsylvaniapets.org/> - here there are applications for spaying and neutering of feral and stray cats through this program. High volume sterilization is a necessary step for communities in order for them to control the pet overpopulation. Clinics are held in Bloomsburg, Danville and Selinsgrove. Don't wait to apply...where and when is determined by the number of applicants, typically these happen in the spring. Rates are reduced for low income families and general fees are less than vet fees.

#### Another option -

Shelter providers are overwhelmed by the number of homeless animals. Beckoning Cat Project (BCP) is a 501(c)3 non-profit to help address the problem of cat overpopulation. BCP's goal is to also provide educational outreach, coordination of services, and a comprehensive neuter-spay program that reaches all feral and stray cats in our neighborhoods.

After a year of piloting low-cost neuter-spay days at various locations, BCP opened a full-time neuter-spay clinic for cats in Williamsport. As of October 2016, BCP has spayed or neutered over 10,000 cats since opening in January of 2014.

What is TNR? Trap, Neuter and Return.

Beckoning Cat Project is registering colony caregivers to expand the TNR program. Contact the Beckoning Cat Project by phone at 570-505-1473 or by e-mail [clinic@beckoningcatproject.org](mailto:clinic@beckoningcatproject.org).

find out what a colony caregiver is and how this is a start to help in the humane reduction of feral / stray cats.

Website - [beckoningcatproject.org](http://beckoningcatproject.org)







### Flood Hazard? Check Before You Buy

Most everyone knows that coastal properties are subject to flooding and wind damage from hurricanes. Flooding and other surface drainage problems can occur well away from the coast and other bodies of water. There are maps that show areas predicted to flood. To find out more about flood-prone area

maps, check with the CRS (Community Rating System) Coordinator for Penn Township, Snyder County. If you're looking at any property, it's a good idea to check out the possible flood hazard before you buy. Here's why:

- The force of moving water can destroy a building.
- Slow-moving floodwaters can knock people off their feet or float a car.
- Even standing water can float a building, collapse basement walls, or buckle a concrete floor.
- Water-soaked contents, such as carpeting, clothing, upholstered furniture, and mattresses, may have to be thrown away after a flood.
- Some items, such as photographs and heirlooms, may never be restored to their original condition.
- Floodwaters are not clean: floods carry mud, farm chemicals, road oil, and other noxious substances that cause health hazards.
- Flooded buildings breed mold and other problems if they are not quickly and properly repaired.
- The impact of a flood—cleaning up, making repairs, and the personal losses—can cause great stress to you, your family, and your finances.

**Floodplain Regulations** - Penn Township regulates construction and development in the floodplain to lessen the risk that buildings will be damaged from flooding. Land filling and similar projects are prohibited in certain areas. Houses in the floodplain substantially damaged by fire, flood, or any other cause must be elevated to or above the regulatory flood level when they are repaired. More information can be obtained from the CRS Coordinator or the Zoning Officer in the Penn Township office.

**Flood Protection** - A building can be protected from most flood hazards, sometimes at a relatively low cost. New buildings and additions can be elevated above flood levels. Existing buildings can be protected from shallow floodwaters by re-grading, adding berms or floodwalls, but do check for permitting requirements. There are other retrofitting techniques that can help protect a building from surface or subsurface water.

**Flood Insurance** - Homeowners insurance usually does not include coverage for a flood. One of the best protective measures is a flood insurance policy under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which can be purchased through any licensed property insurance agent. If the building is located in a floodplain, flood insurance will be required by most federally backed mortgage lenders. Ask an insurance agent how much a flood insurance policy would cost.



### Map Alert – Floodplain Residents

FEMA recently remapped most of the country using 100-year flood projections. Having done this, some homes are now designated in flood zones despite never or rarely experiencing any flooding. If homes have mortgages you will be required to now carry flood insurance.

#### Your Property has been Redrawn Into A Flood Zone Now What?

If your home has been drawn into a flood zone and you believe it to be in error, you can appeal the decision by calling 1-877-FEMA-MAP or visiting the FEMA website at [fema.gov/information-homeowners](http://fema.gov/information-homeowners). In order to appeal your home's placement in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), you must show that the lowest adjacent grade, or the lowest ground touching the structure, is at or above the Base Flood Elevation, the level to which water is expected to rise in the 100-year flood projection FEMA uses to designate SFHAs. It is the homeowners' responsibility to provide this information to FEMA in written form, but there is no charge to the consumer for a Letter of Map Amendment. However, you will likely need to hire a professional to determine whether the Lowest Adjacent Grade is above the Base Flood Elevation.

For homeowners who may have been redrawn into flood plains, or whose property is only partially in a flood plain, surplus lines policies\* may offer significant savings. For homeowners whose properties fall well within flood plains or pose a high risk of flooding, the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) may be the only option. For more info on insurance and types see the box below and page 10 of this newsletter.

Homeowners and Renters can look at a "One Stop Shop" webpage on flood insurance options by going to: [www.insurance.pa.gov](http://www.insurance.pa.gov) then click on the "Flood" icon under Coverage.

\*Insurance policy written by a surplus line agent, means by an agent not licensed in Pennsylvania.

### PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY

public sewer and water authority

The PTMA office is **NOT** located in the Penn Township Municipal building. We **cannot** accept your sewer or water payments in our Township office.

Payments are accepted at Northumberland National Bank on Lori Lane or by mail at:

**PTMA**  
**PO Box 155**  
**Selinsgrove, PA 17870**



The PTMA Board meets the first Thursday of each month 7:00 PM at 2595 US 522. Office at Keystone Building. Meetings are open to the public.

**Need more information**  
**call Susan at 570-374-8256.**

## Flood Insurance

If you currently purchase flood insurance or own a property in an area susceptible to flooding and have heard reports flood insurance rates will or did skyrocket, please read the following article. These are all things that could affect insurance rates, so keep in mind as you read... Is the property you insure or are considering purchasing or insuring, a primary or secondary residence? Have you let your previous flood insurance lapse? Has your property or the property you are considering been repeatedly flooded?

- In 1968, Congress created the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Since most homeowners' insurance policies did not cover flood, property owners who experienced a flood were often unable to rebuild.
- So, the NFIP was designed to incorporate community adoption of minimum standards for new construction and development to reduce future risk of flood damage.
- Pre-existing homes and businesses, however, could remain as they were. Owners of pre-existing properties were eligible for insurance at lower, subsidized rates that did not reflect the property's true flood risk. This "Grandfathering" approach prevented rate increases for existing properties even as the flood risk in their area increased.
- After 45 plus years, flood risks continue and the costs and consequences of flooding are increasing dramatically.

So, along comes the Biggert Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 which calls on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to change the way the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is run. Key provisions of the legislation would require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates impact policyholders. The changes would increase rates for some – but not all -- policyholders over time.

At the conclusion of 2011, as congress passed Biggert-Waters, the NFIP cumulative debt was over \$17 billion. A core principle of Biggert-Waters was to change the NFIP premiums to match actuarial risk-based premiums that better reflected the expected losses and real risk of flooding. These changes included removing discounts to many policies which were being sold below actual actuarial risk targets and eliminating "grandfathering" of older rates.

However, in January 2014, the United States Senate passed the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA). This bill changed the process used to alter subsidized premiums and reinstated grandfathering of lower rates; effectively delaying the increases in flood insurance premiums to obtain risk-based premiums under Biggert-Waters and spreading the cost of the lost premiums over all of the remaining policy holders. The National Flood Insurance Program was \$24 billion in debt at the beginning of 2014 as a result of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Sandy. The passage of the HFIAA has concerned insurance and environmental observers that the delay in implementation of actuarial rates will leave taxpayers exposed to additional losses.

Homeowners and Renters can look at a "One Stop Shop" webpage on flood insurance options by going to:  
[www.insurance.pa.gov](http://www.insurance.pa.gov)

As of April 1, 2015, every National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) policy includes an annual surcharge required by the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act of 2014 (HFIAA). The amount of the surcharge depends on the use of the insured building and the type of policy form insuring the building, regardless of its flood zone designation.

### Two Important points:

- If your insured property is your primary residence and is located in the SFHA (Special Flood hazard Area), you will be able to keep your subsidized rates unless or until:  
*The property is sold;*  
*The policy lapses;*  
*You suffer severe, repeated, flood losses;*  
*or a new policy is purchased*

- What you can do now to lower insurance costs?
  1. *Talk to your insurance agent about your options.*
  2. *An Elevation Certificate may be needed to determine your correct rate.*
  3. *Higher deductibles might lower your premium.*
  4. *Consider incorporating flood mitigation into your remodel or rebuild. Consider adding vents to your foundation or using breakaway walls.*

### Having said all that...

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 and an audit every five years.

Participation in the NFIP is based on an agreement between local communities and the federal government that states that if a community will adopt and enforce a floodplain management ordinance (done) to reduce future flood risks to new construction in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA), the federal government will make flood insurance available within the community as a financial protection against flood losses.

The intent is to reduce future flood damage through community floodplain management ordinances and provide protection for property owners against potential losses through an insurance mechanism that requires a premium to be paid for the protection. The NFIP is meant to be self-supporting, though in 2003 the GAO (Government Accountability Office) found that repetitive-loss properties cost the taxpayer about \$200 million annually. Congress originally intended that operating expenses and flood insurance claims be paid for through the premiums collected for flood insurance policies.



The NFIP borrows from the U.S. Treasury for times when losses are heavy, and these loans are paid back with interest. As noted above... The National Flood Insurance Program was \$24 billion in debt at the beginning of 2014.

But, our continued participation in this program allows our business owners and residents of Penn Township to purchase flood insurance at reduced premiums in recognition of the efforts made by the Township to hopefully lessen the impact of flooding.

The following definitions will help with some of the terms used:

**Floodplain** - Any land area susceptible to being inundated by flood waters from any source. A Flood Insurance Rate Map identifies most, but not necessarily all, of a community's floodplain as the Special Flood Hazard Area.

**Floodproofing** - Protective measures added or incorporated in a building not elevated above the base flood elevation to prevent or minimize flood damage.

**Dry floodproofing** - designs are meant to keep water from entering a building.

**Wet floodproofing** - measures allow flood waters to enter or pass through a house.

**Natural floodplain** - The function of a natural or relatively undisturbed floodplain can temper flooding as they can retain flood waters, reduce erosion and sedimentation, and mitigate the effects of storm surges. Other beneficial functions include maintenance of water quality, recharge of groundwater, and provision of fish and wildlife habitat.

**Repetitive loss property** - A property for which two or more National Flood Insurance Program losses of at least \$1,000 each have been paid within any 10-year rolling period since 1978.

**Retrofitting** - Modifications made to an existing building or nearby grounds to protect it from flood damage. Retrofitting techniques include elevation, dry and wet floodproofing, and protection from sewer backup.

**Substantial damage** - Damage of any origin sustained by a building whereby the cost of restoring the building to its before-damage condition would equal or exceed 50% of the market value of the building before the damage occurred.

**Substantial improvement** - Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement to a building, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50% of the market value of the building before the start of construction of the improvement.

With our continued efforts, FEMA has designated Penn Township as a Class 7 municipality, allowing for 15% reduction on flood insurance to those in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). 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 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.

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.

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 flood zone your property is or is not located in? Call or stop by the Township office to look at the floodplain map.**

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. To qualify for the NFIP, a community adopts 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. Today, over 21,600 communities in 56 states and territories participate in the NFIP.

**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 now on our website. If you need a copy of this, please call the Township Office or e-mail Brenda at bpenntownship@yahoo.com**

Penn Township annually updates the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our "need to call / evacuate" 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 to report a problem with debris, fallen trees or anything else that would hinder water flow. 570-374-4258**



### ***Penn Township Lowers Flood Insurance Premiums***

FEMA published a press release in 2013 noting the efforts of Penn Township in the NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program). Below is that printing.

**Release date:** September 12, 2013  
**Release Number:** R3-13-19

**PHILADELPHIA, Pa.** – Residents of Penn Township in Snyder County, Pennsylvania have received a reduction in their flood insurance premiums through increase of various floodplain management measures encouraged by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) oversees the NFIP, which administers a program called the Community Rating System (CRS). The CRS is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed minimum NFIP requirements. The program includes 10 different class rating levels based on the number and type of activities voluntarily initiated by the participating community. Each level corresponds to a percentage discount on National Flood Insurance policy premiums within the municipality.

As a member of the Community Rating System, Penn Township is within an elite group of 24 Pennsylvania municipalities that have received this recognition. With the continued steps taken by Penn Township to protect its citizens and increase its resiliency, it has moved from a Class 8 to a Class 7 Community Rating System community. The Township is one of only four communities in the Commonwealth that have achieved this rating. The Class 7 rating qualifies National Flood Insurance Program policy holders in the Township an average of \$103 savings on their annual premium. In total, the upgrade in class rating level accounts for a total savings of over \$4,000 annually for citizens of Penn Township.

Under the CRS, local officials are asked to meet three goals: (1) reduce flood losses; (2) facilitate accurate insurance rating; and (3) promote the awareness of flood insurance. Communities can earn a CRS rating by submitting an application explaining the projects they have in place or development. Once the information is verified and approved, FEMA provides flood insurance premium discounts through the NFIP. The amount of a property owner's policy discount is based on the community's CRS rating.

For each Class that a community moves up to, it provides its residents with an additional 5% reduction in their flood insurance premiums up to the 45% reduction that a Class 1 community receives. As a Class 7 community, Penn Township enables its residents to receive a 15% reduction on their flood insurance premiums.

For information about flood insurance, property owners should contact their insurance agent, visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov), or call the NFIP's toll-free information line at 800-427-4661.

### ***Evacuation Assistance***

If you or someone you know may need special notification or physical assistance in the event of an emergency evacuation please contact the township office at 570-374-4778 or our local 911 center non emergency number at 570-372-0826.



### ***FLOODING AND YOU***

For more **FLOODING AND YOU** info go to [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov). Also every past issue of the Penn Township newsletter contains lots of information on how you can protect your home from flooding. Go to our township website [www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net), click on Newsletters and review useful flood information in our past issues.

# **A Blessed, Happy and Healthy 2017**

## **To our Penn Township residents!**

PENN TOWNSHIP  
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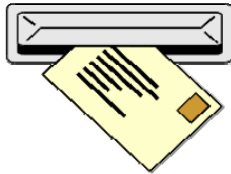
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Fall/Winter 2016-17

RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED

**OFFICE CLOSED?**

You can drop your zoning permit applications, pavilion rentals, extra chocolate bars, etc into the black box beside our front door. This drop box is **NOT** for your taxes or water/sewer payments. Payments will not get to the appropriate people.



**STAY UP-TO-DATE AND CATCH UP ON OLD NEWS  
ON THE PENN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE at  
[www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net)**

Here you can find current events, collection start and stops for leaves and trees, township calendar, public advertisements, meeting dates, ordinances, print applications and read past issues of the township newsletter dating back to 2010. Nothing for 2015 and 2016, but we are back at it and you can expect a newsletter twice a year as before. Click on NEWSLETTERS in the left column of the website home page. You could read about:

1. The Selingsgrove Nature Trail in Penn Township, do you know where it's located, have you walked it or seen the recent improvements? see summer 2010
2. The #1 Complaint to the Township office? see summer 2010
3. Extensive issue on the history of East Snyder Park and the users thereof. see spring/summer 2012
4. Do you know about our historic Herman School or want to see minutes from a 1908 township meeting? See 2013
5. Any idea where the duck and whale came from in the play area in East Snyder Park? see fall/winter 2013
6. Storm drains and drop boxes...how are YOU affected by what goes in these drains and boxes? see spring/summer and the fall/winter 2014
7. Ever wonder why all the Cool Whip® cans are lying along our roads? see fall/winter 2014

**Each of these articles and others within these newsletters provide useful information to all Penn Township residents. Read and Learn!**



Did we make a couple mistakes... probably so, to that we say this!

**The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything. - Theodore Roosevelt**

**Smile**

**...you are on camera!**

Penn Township has surveillance cameras located throughout...

**East Snyder Park,  
the Township Building,  
Recycle Area and our  
Compost Site**



...for our protection and yours.