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Fall/Winter 2021



Everyone's Playground News !

"Thank you for building my playground" a young special needs youngster said to Cindy Russell, who, along with her husband, former star linebacker for the Pittsburgh Steelers Andy Russell, were the inspiration for the development of Everyone's Playground located at the East Penn Township recreation complex located at 875 University Avenue, Selinsgrove. A specifically designed and constructed safe space play facility for those with special needs, cognitive challenges, or other disabilities the Playground, opened in 2019, has become an extraordinarily popular recreation resource for area residents as well as a destination point for families traveling throughout the Susquehanna Valley community.

Everyone's Playground is a 15 piece modern play system the provides youngsters of all abilities to engage in fun individual or face to face interactions and physical activity. Kelly Flock Byrne, the mother of Nola Byrne, born with spastic triple cerebral, on a recent visit to the Playground commented "Literally from the ground up, it is designed to make sure individuals, regardless of level of ability, can play and be active. The smooth surfacing, adaptive equipment, and bright colors provide a physical and sensory experience that is typically inaccessible for children like Nola. Often we are unable to take Nola places because they just aren't accessible. It's difficult for her to watch other kids play, while she has to sit and not participate. Everyone's Playground put children on an even playing field. Differences in ability fade away for a bit and they can just be kids."

With the successful establishment of Everyone's Playground the final phase of the project will be the addition of an ADA Compliant Comfort-Changing Station/Rest Room that will accommodate two individuals and their caregivers while insuring privacy for each. Specifically designed for those with special needs, physical difficulties or cognitive challenges, the Comfort Station will provide the latest in personal needs equipment in an ADA mandated sanitary environment.

Every consideration was given to the safety and convenience of the user in a friendly and home-like surrounding. The Comfort Station is within steps of Everyone's Playground, a picnic pavilion, fresh drinking water, and comfortable "Buddy Benches" snuggled among a grove of beautiful shade trees. The Comfort Station is equally family friendly and enhances the ambiance of Everyone's Playground and as such offers a pleasant, safe, daily inspected hygienic facility.

An \$80,000 fund drive is currently underway to raise money necessary for construction of the Comfort Station. All contributions are tax deductible and may be sent to the Andy Russell Charitable Foundation, 71 Peach Tree Road, Selinsgrove, PA, 17870. Donations may also be made through a GoFundMe account which can be found by visiting the Playground website: everyonesplayground.com

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Mark Strawser- 374-4258

LEAF PICK UP

The road crew will start leaf collection November 1, 2021 and will continue through November 23th depending on the weather. 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.

The route is

Mon & Tues North of 522. Thurs & Fri South of 522. from Nov 1 to Nov 23th.

Leaves only...no sticks, brush, dog feces 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. Get your leaves ready now! You are always welcome to take your leaves to the compost site yourself, if you have a permit.. Again, do not leave bags there..

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Supervisors meet on the first Wednesday of each month, 7:00 PM (presently) 6:00 PM (starting in 2022) 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.- Meet on Fourth Monday

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.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

PENN 1

If you live on the south side of 522, you will vote at the Keystone Building Products Building (Changed due to safety of residents due to covid-19)

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**

Ron Zeiders, Tax Collector
PO Box 452

Selinsgrove, PA 17870

570-898-4250

Our collector provides hours here in the township building. The dates are always printed on your tax bills. Spring hours here in the township building will be announced at a later date and will also be printed on your bills when they arrive. Please call Ron or the township office if you have questions.

Please note: The Township office cannot accept your taxes.

If you are mailing your taxes and would like to receive a receipt, include a self addressed stamped envelope and Mr. Zeiders will send your receipt.

Christmas Tree Pick Up

The Road crew will be picking up trees on the

Following days:

Tuesday, December 28
 Tuesday, January 4
 Tuesday, January 11



no tree bags, no lights, no decorations or tree stands, Plus no Artificial Trees!

If you decide to enjoy your Christmas tree a bit longer than most and miss the collection period, please feel free to take your tree and any leaves still hanging around to the compost site. If you have a permit. All biodegradable material is turned into mulch and compost and is free to permit holders.

The Township is working to fill three vacated positions, Township Auditor, Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission Board. If you are a Resident of Penn Township and might be interested, contact the office at 570-374-4778 for more information .

Communication is Key:

Penn Township strives to make the township a more beautiful and safe place to live. We try to make certain that everyone in the township knows what is going on and are able to be involved. There are resources you can use to stay updated on what is happening in the township. We have a township web page, www.penn-township.net which we update regularly. On the website you can download permits , applications for park rentals and get information on meetings etc. We also have a FACEBOOK page ! We strive to make sure you have the latest news and events occurring. Whether it's Fire Co, Boy Scouts and Everyone's Playground News etc. and there are two newsletters a year. We will try to include everything so you don't miss a thing!

P.S. If there is something YOU want to see in our newsletter, website, or Facebook let us know!!!

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. 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 Julie at penntwpmanager@ptd.net and we will send you that information.

Zoning Map Changes

The PT Planning Commission is working on revising the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance. 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.

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.

November 7, 2021



Don't Forget to

Set your Clocks back !

Reminder to purchase your 2022 Compost Permit starting January 1, 2022 at the Township office.

The Penn Township compost site is located at the end of Gaugler Lane, across from Salem Lutheran Church. 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. Be sure to leave your items in the correct locations.

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

- **NO** cat or dog waste;
- **NO** treated or painted wood;
- **NO** dairy products;
- **NO** building construction waste;
- **NO** meat or fish bones;
- **NO** fat, grease, lard or oils;
- **NO** plastic or metals;
- **NO** weeds and weed seeds.

PENN TOWNSHIP COMPOST SITE
area.
Surveillance cameras ARE on site and WILL be used to prosecute illegal dumping
Please don't abuse this facility!

Delivery containers are also not accepted. Please take your garbage bags, flower pots, and any other transport containers home with you!

Leaving these items is the same as illegal dumping and/or littering!

A separate pile is available for wood and coal ashes.

This service is only for permit holders, and open 7 days a week, dawn to dusk.

Only people dropping items at compost site are permitted in this area



Selinsgrove Area Community Pool Board sends heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed time and financial support to help ensure an enjoyable 2021 swim season.

The board continues to implement its multi-phase improvement project. After various renovations, Selinsgrove Sting Rays Summer Swim Team hosted its practices and competitive swim meets at the pool in June and July. In addition, student artists from START organization volunteered to design and paint three new outdoor murals. A new diving board is slated for installation this fall along with the resurfacing of the pool's floor and walls.

Fundraising is underway to add a new, interactive and fully accessible splash pad. Our Painted Block Fundraiser invites individuals and businesses to personalize entry wall blocks with names or logos. Sponsorship levels at \$100, \$200, \$400 and \$600 are available, though space is limited. To show your support for the pool contact Janet Pauling via email: JSTENGL19@gmail.com or phone: (570) 850-1310 to secure your block(s).

Our Annual Dash and Splash 5K Run / Walk on the Isle of Que will be held Saturday, October 16th at 9am. Visit selinsgrovepool.org or Facebook @selinsgrovepool for registration info. Questions or want to volunteer? Email info@selinsgrovepool.org.

Recycling Reminder

Please don't forget to purchase your 2022 Recycling Permit starting January 1, 2022 at the Township Office, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 for Penn Township Residents and 50.00 for Penn Township Businesses. The hours of recycling is Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and the First Saturday of the Month from 7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Only Residents and business owners with permits are allowed in the recycling center.

Surveillance Camera's are on site.

We will prosecute violators that don't have Permits!

Winter News!

Please keep trees trimmed back from roads so when the plow trucks plow they don't damage windshields.

Hand Up Recycling
262 Willow St., Milton, PA
info@handupfoundation.org

570-742-3000

Mon Tues Thurs Fri - 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Closed Wednesday

Saturday 9am – 1pm

Hand UP accepts in any condition the following items **for a minimal fee**: • household appliances like washers, dryers, fridge, water heaters, A/C units, computer monitors, vacuums, etc.

ITEMS for FREE: • Car Batteries • Any Scrap Metal like shelves, desks, farm scrap, metal pipe, filing cabinets, lawn mowers, aluminum siding etc. • **NEW** - now taking Styrofoam® • Electronics like cell phones and computer towers

Call with further questions - 570-742-3000

Parking During 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 Road Master 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 5th day of February, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of Penn Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in public session duly assembled.

PTMA PAYMENT OPTION CHANGE

Due to new banking procedures at the Northumberland National Bank (NNB), PTMA will no longer accept water and sewer bill payments made at the NNB starting the 3rd Quarter 2020 water and sewer billing cycle. Please remember that PTMA does **not** accept water and sewer bill payments at the PTMA office, the Penn Township Supervisors' office or in the Penn Township Supervisors' lock box. **All payments must be MAILED to: PTMA, P.O. Box 155, Selinsgrove, PA 17870** and be made in the form of a check, money order or certified check. For security reasons, cash is **not** accepted. To ensure that your payment is correctly applied to your PTMA account, please be sure to enclose your bar-coded stub located at the bottom of your invoice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

PTMA WATER SYSTEM & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Penn Township Municipal Authority will be doing routine maintenance on the PTMA Water System throughout the months of October and November. While the fire hydrants are being flushed and the water valves are being exercised, you may experience temporary low water pressure and discoloration of water, which will subside after you clear your water lines by running cold water in all faucets. **Water will be safe to drink at all times throughout this time period.**

While doing your end of summer property maintenance, we ask that you trim your trees, bushes or shrubs located near your water meter touch pad; as, it has become very difficult for the PTMA Water Operators to read some of our customer's water meters due to overgrown trees, bushes and shrubs. A water meter touch pad is a black oval plastic pad attached to the exterior of the building, which allows PTMA operators to read the water meter without entering the home or business. **PTMA operators must be able to easily access all water meter touch pads.** Please be sure that the water meter touch pad, located on the exterior of your home or business, is easily accessible and clear of bushes, shrubs or debris.

East Snyder Regional Recreation Association-News !

Josh Tirpak & Dan Lehman earned their Eagle Scout award (Boy Scout Troop 419) By working on the Veterans Memorial & refurbishing the bleachers. We presently have another Scout Zac Smith painting & assembling buddy benches for Everyone's Playground for an Eagle Scout award. This is the 6th Eagle Scout award the DeWire's have worked on at the East Snyder Park. The Township would like to give Congratulations to all the Boy Scouts that earned their Eagle Scout Award , Plus the current Boy Scouts that are helping to earn their Eagle Scout Award.

SELINGROVE OKTOBERFEST

HOSTED BY DH&L FIRE COMPANY

OCTOBER 16, 2021 • NOON - 5PM

DH&L FIRE STATION, 713 BRIDGE STREET, SELINGROVE



**GENTLEMAN
EAST**



**DUSTIN
DOUGLAS &
THE ELECTRIC
GENTLEMEN**



**NATE MYERS
& THE ACES**

TICKETS ON SALE AT:

**KELLER'S BEER DISTRIBUTOR (CASH ONLY) OR
BROWNPAPERTICKETS.COM (CREDIT/DEBIT CARD)**

\$50 TICKET INCLUDES:

All Day Admission, Beer & Wine, Oktoberfest Beer Mug &
\$10 in Vouchers for Food

\$30 DESIGNATED DRIVER TICKETS INCLUDE:

All Day Admission, \$10 in Vouchers for Food

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Red and green are the colors of Christmas. Lots of delicious fruits and vegetables are also red and green. Can you find them all? Unscramble each of the clue words. Then copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number. Then color the page.

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