

Penn Township  
Snyder County, Pennsylvania  
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Fall/Winter 2022



## Everyone's Playground Comfort Station Construction Expected in 2023

After Everyone's Playground was finished and guests started to enjoy the facilities, we discovered something was missing. Our current comfort facilities were uphill and on the other side of the park which caused a lot of effort to get wheelchairs and walkers to the location. Everyone's Playground is a specially designed playground that accommodates those with special needs, other disabilities, cognitive challenges, as well as typical individuals.

After discovering the need, we once again partnered with Fritz Heine-mann and friends of the Andy Russell Foundation to help raise funds to see the project come to fruition. A grant was secured from DCNR with the help of Shannon Rudy, SEDA COG for \$58,403 and the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association, under the leadership of Pete DeWire, helped get their contributors on board with the project. With the finances secured, the township is planning to bid the project this winter with the hopes of construction in the early spring of 2023.

We hope this project will enhance all of our guests visiting the all-inclusive playground known as Everyone's Playground, this coming spring and into the future.

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**Road Master**

Mark Strawser- 374-4258

**LEAF PICK UP**

The road crew will start leaf collection October 31, 2022 and will continue through November 25th 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 Oct 31 to Nov 25th.

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, 6:00 PM 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 at 6:30

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 8, 2022**

**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:

- Thursday December 29
- Thursday January 5
- Thursday January 12



**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.**

## WE NEED YOU!

Auditors: We need two. This is a paid position who meets on January 4<sup>th</sup> and then weekly for a few hours in the evening until finished.

ESRRA Members: We need three. They meet monthly to help make decisions regarding the East Snyder Park. (You do not need to be a resident for this position)

Planning Commission: We need three. They meet bi-monthly to steer the direction of the development and ordinances within the township. (Stipend available)

Zoning Hearing Board: We need two. They meet on an as needed basis to hear zoning variances. (Stipend available)

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

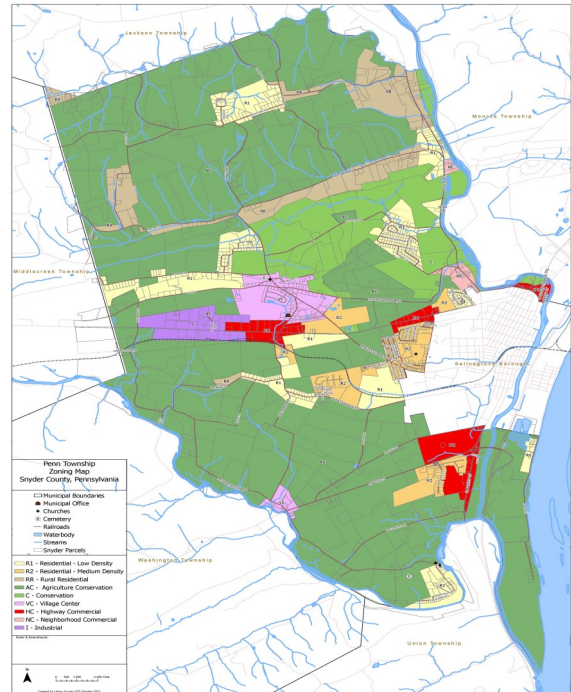
If you are planning any type of construction call the township office to see what sort of permitting is required. Projects that are often started when permits have not yet been issued include pools, sheds and decks. Regardless of the shape or size, each does indeed require a phone call to the township 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 Julie at [penntwpmanager@ptd.net](mailto:penntwpmanager@ptd.net) and we will send you that information.



November 6, 2022

Don't Forget to

Set your Clocks back !

**Reminder to purchase your 2023 Compost Permit starting January 1, 2023 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**



Our Annual Dash and Splash 5K Run / Walk on the Isle of Que will be held Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. This event will start at the boat launch and run to the south end of the Isle of Que and back again to the starting point. We are simply asking that if you travel on Front St. during this time frame, please use extra caution as there will be 50 to 200 runners and walkers occupying the roadway. Thank you for being courteous.

Visit [selinsgrovepool.org](http://selinsgrovepool.org) or Facebook @selinsgrovepool for registration info. Questions or want to volunteer? Email [info@selinsgrovepool.org](mailto:info@selinsgrovepool.org).

### Recycling Reminder

Please don't forget to purchase your 2023 Recycling Permit starting January 1, 2023 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.

### ***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.***

### *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 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of Penn Township, Snyder County, Pennsylvania, in public session duly assembled.

## Happy — and Safe — Holidays

Ghosts and goblins aren't the only things that can be scary as Halloween kicks off the holiday season. From fire hazards to online scams, following these tips can help you stay safe during the eventful time of year between Halloween and New Year's.



- Rather than a candle, consider lighting up your jack-o'-lantern with a small, battery-operated flameless one. If you do illuminate it with a traditional candle, remember to blow it out before going to bed or leaving home.
- Only use nonflammable decorations indoors.
- Whether you're making holiday cookies or the Thanksgiving turkey, practice [cooking safety](#) to avoid fires at home. Stay alert in the kitchen and turn off the stove when you leave the kitchen.
- Water your Christmas tree regularly. Dry branches are a fire hazard. Turn off the tree's lights overnight or when you're not home.
- Place your menorah on a sturdy, non-flammable surface out of the reach of small children and pets. Never leave lit candles unattended.
- When you shop online for holiday gifts, be cautious and avoid scams by shopping with trusted retailers. Be on the lookout for emails that seem too good to be true. Don't click on links!
- Learn the weather and climate risks for the area to which you're traveling.
- Be sure to consider how COVID-19 may affect your holiday plans. Learn about the latest [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) guidance on Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) and get [county-specific updates](#) on COVID-19 levels.

For more information on holiday safety, visit Ready.gov's [Holiday Safety Social Media Toolkit](#). You will find tips, graphics, and other content for promoting holiday safety and preparedness. Have a wonderful holiday season!



***The Selinsgrove Halloween Parade will be held on Tuesday October 18th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. (Rain date will be Wednesday October 19th)***

***The SAES Trunk - or - Treat will be held on Saturday October 22nd, 2022 at 6:00 pm.***

***Brookdale Grayson View will be holding their annual Halloween Drive Thru Event on Saturday October 22nd at 6:30 pm. (Rain date will be Thursday October 26th, at 6:30 pm)***



DH & L Fire Company is having their annual WINTERFEST 2022 on Saturday December 3rd, 2022 at 6:00 pm. This is an over 21 event.

FLYNTLOCK | Kris & the Trainwrecks | Frank Wicher Band | Jaded Acoustic Duo

Visit DH & L's Facebook page for more information!!





