

# Penn Township

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Spring/Summer

## Keep Penn Township Beautiful

Add to the brown ugliness left behind from the cold and winter, how about all the litter and garbage lying along our Township roads and beyond! Who does this... and better question, why? While researching I found two reasons:

**Intentional littering** is a behavioral choice based on apathy, lack of social pressure to do the right thing, ignorance of the law and an absence of realistic penalties or consistent enforcement, or it is a social rebellion and a disregard of authority.

**Unintentional littering** can result from unsecured vehicle loads and overflowing trash containers and dumpsters.

Do you get frustrated driving in the Township seeing all the garbage just tossed from vehicles etc. I personally am embarrassed by what the sides of our roads look like. This is a reflection on each of us!

Research has shown that trash attracts trash and when a community is clean, it tends to stay clean. Conversely, if a community or area is littered or dumped on, then it sends a message that it is acceptable behavior.

Having said that...is there someone or some group interested in organizing a clean up? Or volunteers willing to participate in a clean-up?

Now is the perfect time to do clean up as the plants are bare, but any organized effort probably couldn't happen until much of the litter is covered by plant growth. If a person or group could get organized we could be prepared for future cleanups. But, in the mean time, could we each take a little time and work on making our township more beautiful.

While working on this story we found a program called "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful", whose mission is - to empower Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. It not only address prevention and cleanups but aims to stimulate and increase community involvement, which in turn increases the likelihood that cleaned areas will stay clean. We could define it a little more and call it "Keep Penn Township Beautiful"!

### **PICK UP PENNSYLVANIA**

Register a community improvement event from March 1 through May 31 and receive free trash bags, gloves, and safety vests provided by support from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and PennDOT, as supplies last. Events must be registered at [keepabeautiful.org](http://keepabeautiful.org) to receive free cleanup supplies. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Pennsylvania Waste Industries Association are sponsoring trash disposal, free of charge or at a reduced rate for registered program participants, at participating landfills from April 1 through April 30, with prior approval. Register at [keepabeautiful.org](http://keepabeautiful.org).

.....idea for a scout or senior project!

Happy Spring and Summer!



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**Road Master**

Mark Strawser- 374-4258

**Election Day**  
**Tuesday, May 17, 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.**

**2022 Pavilion Rentals - East Snyder Park**

Reservations are being accepted for 2022 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 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 reservation. This agreement is available on our website or office pickup. No reservation is official until you have contacted the township office, completed a User's Agreement and paid the fee. 570-374-4778

**“Like” Our Face Book Page for  
Penn Township to see latest updates through the  
year!**

## **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.

### **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 p.m.

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.**

### **REAL ESTATE, HYDRANT AND FIRE RELIEF 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. Fall 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.



**Perkinson Road Bridge** – A new two lane GRS bridge will be constructed on Perkinson Road to replace the deteriorating one lane bridge that spans Wolf Run. Construction is slated for mid-August and should take approximately two months.






### 2022 Road Projects

Bridge replacement on Perkinson Road

Paving Old 522 and Fetter Road

Sealcoating Fetter Road



**REMINDER - PERMITS ARE REQUIRED IN PENN TOWNSHIP  
zoning permits, building permits, road cut permits, driveway permits,  
amusement tax permits etc.**

The most often required permit in Penn Township is our zoning permit and we are often asked, “Why do I need a zoning permit?” Well, the general ‘line’ that covers most everything is...to promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare of our residents. To detail that statement a bit further, the fact that Penn Township has developed any ordinances over the past decades, shows the awareness of those in a leadership role, to look ahead to plan and develop, to assure safe, reliable and adequate water supply, prevent over crowding of land and travel congestion, preserve prime farmland and ag activities, provide housing of various types in appropriate locations, encourage smart growth practices that will promote high quality residential neighborhoods, preserve natural and scenic qualities, approve the appearance and function of Route 522, provide for low impact stormwater management in all new development etc. These are just some of the reasons that illustrate how the zoning ordinance can protect you, and, accommodate and guide the overall growth of Penn Township.

**So do you need a zoning permit?**

Zoning permits are required for any new construction or alteration of an existing structure. Typical projects that would need a zoning permit include, but are not limited to: additions, decks, porches, garages, patios, sheds, pools, all new homes (stick-built, modular, and mobile), agriculture buildings, and more.

**What information do you need to complete the zoning permit application?**

Zoning permit applications require various items depending on the specific project you are planning. For all projects you will need the size of the project, setbacks to the property line, and an overview drawing of your project, which should include dimensions and setbacks and any current buildings on your property. New home construction ...please read on.

**What if you are building a new home?**

For new homes a copy of the sewer and/or water permit if your new home will be connected to public water and/or sewer, or a copy of the septic permit if you will be out of public service area. Also, a set of your new home plans, a plot plan, a driveway permit issued by the township if your driveway will connect to a township road, or a copy of your highway occupancy permit - obtained from PennDOT if your driveway will connect to a state road.

For zoning questions call the Penn Township zoning officer at the township office 570-374-4778.

**Do you need a building permit?**

That’s one question Penn Twp employees cannot answer for you. The Central Keystone Council of Government (the COG), is the only office who can determine if a building permit is required.

It is your responsibility to contact the COG prior to construction to verify permit requirements. You can reach the COG at 877-457-9401.



The Recycling Center will be open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 2 pm and the first Saturday of the month from 7 am to 2 pm for Penn Township Residents and Businesses only by permit and the permit cost is \$20 a year for a resident and \$50 a year for a resident business.

Compost site permits are available at the Penn Township Office for \$5.00. They are for Penn Township Residents and Businesses only. The compost site is always open.



NO LITTERING



**PENN TOWNSHIP COMPOST  
SITE AREA.**

**Surveillance cameras  
ARE on site and WILL be  
used to prosecute illegal  
dumping and/or inappro-  
priate activity.**

**Please don't abuse this  
facility!**

**Random checks for  
permits are done on a  
regular basis**



The Friends of the Pool (FOP) extend **heartfelt thanks** to the **generous, community-minded citizens** of Selinsgrove and its surrounds for their sustained support of the community pool. Despite the ongoing difficulties of last year, folks contributed **over \$10,100 (the most ever)** to ensure a safe environment for our families. We hope the community support will continue in 2022. Thank you!

**Looking for a Summer Job:** Interested in Lifeguard or Front Desk—contact Carrie Briggs at [cbriggs914@gmail.com](mailto:cbriggs914@gmail.com) to get an application & details.

Facebook page:  
**Selinsgrove Community Pool**

## **DH&L EASTER OPEN HOUSE**

713 Bridge Street

**April 16, 2022**  
**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**FREE and OPEN to the Public**  
**Tours of Firehouse**  
**Displays of Fire Equipment**  
**Fire Truck Rides**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Visit by the Easter Bunny**



There will also be hamburgers and hot dogs for sale, photo opportunities for the whole family, and fire safety activity gift bags for the first **200 kids** in attendance. Bring the whole family for the fun activities, meet your volunteer firefighters, and stay for lunch.

We would also like to offer you the opportunity to sponsor an egg. The Easter egg hunt will include over 1,000 Easter eggs. You can sponsor as many eggs as you like for \$1 each. Whether you sponsor all 1,000 eggs or just a few, we will announce your sponsorship in every egg you buy and on the sponsor list in each gift bag. Your generous donation will be used to offset the cost of the event and the fire safety educational materials being given to the children. Simply send a check made payable in the amount of your choosing to **“DH&L Fire Co”** with **“Easter Egg”** in the memo line.

*In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.*

*~Mark Twain*



The Snyder County Coalition for Kids Presents...



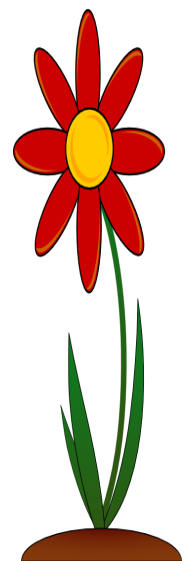
# The 10th Annual Snyder County Night Out

*Join us for an evening of free food & fun for all in Snyder County!*

**Aug. 9, 2022 4 -7 PM**  
**at East Snyder Park**  
★Rain date 8/10/22★

**Exhibitors & Sponsors:**  
**email [SnyderCoNightOut@hotmail.com](mailto:SnyderCoNightOut@hotmail.com)**  
**for information or to register!**

Visit @SCC4Kids on Facebook for more details!  
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# east snyder community garden

Located along University Ave. across from East Snyder Park.

The 2022 growing season is under way but there is still plenty of time to get your 30 X 30 plot and start your garden.

Call 570-374-1525 or visit the community garden website at [Escg.shutterfly.com](http://Escg.shutterfly.com)