

Penn Township  
Snyder County, Pennsylvania  
228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove  
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www.penn-township.net

Fall/Winter 2019

## Christmas Tree Pick Up

The Road crew will be picking up trees on the

Following days:

Monday, December 30

Friday, January 3

Wednesday, January 8



no tree bags, no lights, no decorations or tree stands!

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. All biodegradable material is turned into mulch and compost and is free to all.

## TRICK-OR-TREAT

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

We suggest you follow

Selinsgrove Borough's hours which are  
October 31st from 6:00PM til 8:00PM.

Don't forget to leave your porch light on !



## AUDITORS WANTED

The Township is working to fill two vacated Township Auditor positions. If you are a resident in Penn Township and might be interested, contact the office at 570-374-4778 .

**NO  
PARKING**  
DURING AND  
8 HRS AFTER  
A WEATHER  
ADVISORY  
ORDINANCE #2014-01

## 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.

**Board of Supervisors**

Jon Payne, Chairman  
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**Township Solicitor**

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**Township Auditors**

William Orren

Ross Chrisman

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**Township Contact Info:**

570-374-4778 - phone

570-374-4931 - fax

penntwp@ptd.net - email

**Township Website**

[Penn-township.net](http://Penn-township.net)

**LEAF PICK UP**

The road crew will start leaf collection November 4, 2019 and will continue through November 29th 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 for

Mon & Tues North of 522. Thurs & Fri South of 522. from Nov 4 to Nov 29th.

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. Again, do not leave bags there..

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

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

The Planning Commission - see description above.- 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.**

**PENN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

(sewer and water)

The PTMA office is **NOT** located in the Penn Township building.

We **cannot** accept your sewer or water payments at the township office.

PTMA  
PO Box 155  
Selinsgrove, PA 17870

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

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

**Election Day  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

**PENN 1**

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

**PENN 2**

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

Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm.



**REAL ESTATE AND PER CAPITA TAXES**

**Ron Zeiders, Tax Collector**

PO Box 452

Selinsgrove, PA 17870

570-374-8401

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.

## Penn Township Compost Site is in need of Input and Suggestions

Our Compost site has become a larger expense to the Township each year it is open. We would like your help with a possible solution to reducing these expenses.

Following are some of the issues that increase our costs:

- 1) Illegal dumping of materials that are not allowed ( the township has to gather these up which means extra labor costs and dispose of them properly in the township dumpster which also equals an additional expense)
- 2) Professional landscapers/contractors use the compost site ( the township has to grind these extra materials with no fees to defer the cost)
- 3) The compost site is open to everyone not just Penn Township residents ( this means more materials to grind and equals more cost)

These are our challenges. Now it is your turn. What would you do to curtail the expenses of keeping the compost site open? Let us know by email at [penntwp@ptd.net](mailto:penntwp@ptd.net) or phoning our office at 570-374-4778.

### 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, Mark Strawser 570-374-4258

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

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  
 Rudy 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  
 Valley Veiw LN

## ***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.

### ***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.

### ***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.**

### What Have we done for you Lately?

In 2019 The Following Road Projects Were Completed:

- Sand Hill Road- Paving, Line Painting and Shoulders
- Gaugler Lane- Seal Coating
- Beaver Road- Seal Coating
- Kratzer Road- Seal Coating
- Ridge View Road- Seal Coating
- South Front Street- Drainage Project
- North Herman Road- Drainage Project



***The 7th ANNUAL SNYDER COUNTY NIGHT OUT  
Was a .....HUGE SUCCESS!***

The 2019 event was held Wednesday, August 14 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 11th 2020 and Rain date is August 12th 2020 has been set and planning for the 8th annual

Snyder County Night Out has begun.

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



**Always a question....Which States Have "Leash Laws?"** Only two states really address the issue of leashes for dogs on a state-wide basis. **Michigan and Pennsylvania**, and perhaps in a less than clear manner, mandate that owners restrain their dogs on leashes when the dogs are not on their owners' property. Many have questioned whether Pennsylvania's law is truly a "leash law" in the traditional sense. Pennsylvania's law appears direct, stating that it is unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to fail to keep at all times such dog either confined within the premises of the owner or firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured. [3 P.S. § 459-305](#). Dogs engaged in training or lawful hunting are exempted from this requirement. If an owner disregards the law, he or she may be found negligent in a civil suit where the dog being off-leash caused harm to another. Some municipalities have local ordinances requiring the leashing of dogs, although Penn Township does not, but would suggest the best way to control your dog is with a leash. Remember, dogs are personal property. You are responsible for any damage caused by your dog.

### ***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.

Part 1 – to help support the activities for Snyder County Night Out.

- 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



To learn more about Community Aid go to [communityaid.net](http://communityaid.net)

### **Advertising Ads**

If you are interested in advertising in our news letter please give us a call at the Penn Twp Office at 570-374-4778 for more Information

**NOVEMBER 3, 2019**

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



### Flood Information

Penn Township continues to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), which requires the Township to be re-certified annually. Continued participation in this program allows business owners and all residents of Penn Township to purchase flood insurance at reduced premiums in recognition of the efforts made by the Township to lessen the impact of flooding. With our continued efforts, FEMA has designated Penn Township as a Class 8 municipality, allowing for 10 % reduction on flood insurance to those in the floodplain and a 5% reduction for flood insurance for non-floodplain residents.

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 floodplain 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. If you need a copy of this, please call the Township Office or e-mail Julie at Penntwpmanager@ptd.net

Penn Township continues to update the names, addresses, and phone numbers of our "need to call/evacuation" list in case of an emergency. Our Zoning Officer also enforces the Floodplain 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.



**ATTENTION Penn Township Residents!!!** There is \$\$\$ available for caregivers of outside cats (feral) to pay to have them spayed/neutered and given their vaccines. You will have to trap them and take to either Danville SPCA or Beckoning Cat Project in Williamsport. All you have to do is complete an application which is available at the township building office. Know that 1 female cat can easily have 12 kittens a year so it multiplies quite quickly. PLEASE stop the breeding!!!! Please SPREAD the word, Spring will be here before we know it and you will be sorry that you didn't take advantage of this.

Those of you with unfixed Pet cats who need financial help?? [www.sunpets.org](http://www.sunpets.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.



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RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED



### Halloween Word Search

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Brew    Candy    Broomstick  
Cider    Cobweb    Coffin  
Costumes    Ghost    Haunted  
Parade    Goblin    Pumpkin  
Scarecrow    Scary    Spider  
Treats    Tricks    Witch



2019 HOLIDAY  
PARADE  
Welcome Santa at the  
Susquehanna Valley Mall  
on  
Saturday, November  
23rd at 9:00AM.