

Penn Township
Snyder County, Pennsylvania
228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove
570-374-4778
penntwp@ptd.net
www.penn-township.net

Fall/Winter 2020

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!!!



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.

Board of Supervisors

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Township Contact Info:

570-374-4778 - phone

570-374-4931 - fax

penntwp@ptd.net - email

Road Master

Mark Strawser– 374-4258

Township Website

www.penn-township.net

LEAF PICK UP

The road crew will start leaf collection November 2, 2020 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 Nov 2 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, 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.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

PENN 1

If you live on the south side or 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.

Penn Township Office and Shop will be closed that day to Business

**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:

- Monday, December 28
- Tuesday, January 5
- Tuesday, 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.

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 View Lane

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.

What Have we done for you Lately?

In 2020 The Following Road Projects Were Completed:

- Herman Road- Seal Coating
- Deerfield Ct.-Paving
- Creek Side Dr.- Paving
- Mulberry Ct.- Paving
- Beech Ct.- Paving
- Willow Ct.- Paving
- Sycamore Ct.- Paving
- Mountain Dr.-Paving
- Jackson Road- New Culvert



Reminder to purchase your 2021 Compost Permit starting January 1, 2021 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

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. 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 -(take to store)
- Fully functional electronics
- Linens, towels, blankets, bed sheets and curtains

To learn more about Community Aid go to 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 1, 2020
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

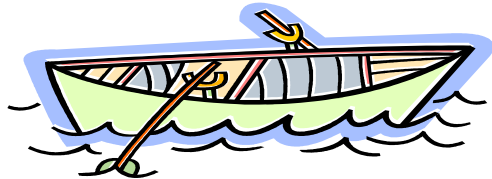
Penn Township continues to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), which requires the Township to be re-certified annually. Continued participation in this program allows business owners and all residents of Penn Township to purchase flood insurance at 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.



**Flood Hazard?
Check Before You Buy**

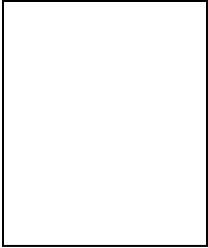
Most everyone knows that coastal properties are subject to flooding and wind damage from hurricanes. Flooding and other surface drainage problems can occur well away from the coast and other bodies of water. There are maps that show areas predicted to flood. To find out more about flood-prone area maps,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



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

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

We like to inform the Penn Township residents a new initiative at the East Snyder Park that we are endeavoring to accomplish. We are currently in the process of securing funds to construct a unisex handicapped accessible restroom beside the App VanNuys Pavilion. This project will not only serve our New all-inclusive playground but will supply necessary facilities to compliment the App VanNuys Pavilion. With this completed project, clients will no longer have to struggle with wheelchairs, crutches and walkers to access a restroom on the other side of park. We feel this project is a necessary addition to our facilities. If any resident would like to donate towards this project you can send

***Donations to:
Penn township
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Selinsgrove, PA 17870***

The Selinsgrove Area Community Pool Board, SARI, would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all who have contributed both time and financial support throughout the 52 years the pool has been open. The pool is a local treasure and relies on local support to keep the water flowing and the doors open each season. SARI is a volunteer board, non-profit 501 (C) (3) organization asking for continued support as the pool goes through a major renovation after the 2020 summer season.

The repair made in June 2020 was only a temporary patch to provide the community with an enjoyable outdoor space with so many other things closed or cancelled for the summer season. We will soon be announcing some fundraisers which will help obtain the necessary funding for the pool to be up and running 2021.

For Updates: Please Watch our:

Website: www.selinsgrovepool.org

Facebook– Selinsgrove Community Pool

Please Email: Selinsgrove-pool@gmail.com if you have further questions or would like to help in any way.

Fall & Winter Events in the Area

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

Late Shopper's Night

Downtown Selinsgrove

Saturday December 5, 2020

Santa 5 K Sprint

Stocking Decorating

Santa Pet Parade

Special Holiday Market

Downtown Selinsgrove

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.

Looking to help your community????

Volunteers are needed!

Eastern Snyder County Reginal Authority: 1 Vacancy

Penn Township Municipal Authority- 1 Vacancy

Sadly, we are losing Thomas Ferry at the end of 2020, who gave 17 years to our community. We would like to thank him for all his time and dedication he gave to Penn Township.

If interested in serving on one or more of these boards, please contact:

Penn Township Office -570-374-4778

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PRST STANDARD
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