

# PENN Township

Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania

## Perkinson Road Bridge Project Complete

After many months of delays because of weather and unforeseen circumstances, our bridge project on Perkinson Road is complete. Our Roadmaster Mark Strawser, Assistant Roadmaster Chad Brandt and the Road Crew with the assistance of Engineer Jason Snyder of GRS Design and other subcontractors have successfully built a bridge. Our crew had no experience with bridge construction but still conquered their concerns with the project and built a bridge to be proud of. The bridge

is wider than the original and will no longer need to be posted with weight restrictions. The Board of Supervisors approved the project to give our residents, businesses and school buses that use this route a bridge that will serve our community for many years to come. Township Manager, Julie Hartley, secured a grant from PennDOT called a Retro-Reimbursement Grant which means the project costs will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for eighty percent of the total bridge expenses. Because the Township built the bridge as the general contractor and supplied almost all the labor, a savings of over forty percent was realized over the usual cost of replacing a bridge of this span. So next time you are near Perkinson Road in Penn Township take a trip to see our new bridge.



*Throughout the project we had assistance from a local resident's pair of eyes to make sure everything went smoothly.*

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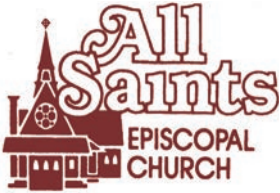
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The Selinsgrove Area Community Pool Board thanks The Friends of the Pool and all who contributed time and financial support to help ensure an enjoyable 2023 swim season! Please consider supporting these upcoming fundraisers that will benefit the pool.

New this Fall, VFW, Post #6631 located at 940 US-522, Selinsgrove, will host an afternoon of BINGO Sunday, October 1 to benefit the pool. Doors open at noon with BINGO running from 2 to 4:30pm. Tickets are \$10. for 20 games (1 book of 3 cards). Extra books are available including special sheets along with raffles, 50/50 games and a Chinese Auction. Auction donations are being accepted now. Contact Joscelyn Hackenberg at 570-541-2354 to make an auction donation or Sherri Hackenberg at 570-238-6958 to pre-order tickets. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Then join the fun at our Pumpkin Dash 5K fundraiser being held, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 14 at 9AM. The course, on Front Street, Isle of Que, is a flat, fast, shaded loop. The run/walk will be timed and prizes will be awarded for top female and male finishers. Registration is \$25 before Oct 14 and \$30 on race day. Race day registration will start at 7:30am. Participants who register by Oct 1 on line will receive a race t-shirt and goodie bag. Visit [SelinsgrovePool.org/events](http://SelinsgrovePool.org/events) for details and registration and like us on Facebook.

# PENN TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

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## ROAD MASTER

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## LEAF PICK UP

The road crew will start leaf collection November 2, 2023 and will continue through November 21st 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 21.

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.

## ELECTION DAY

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023



#### PENN 1

If you live on the south side of 522,  
you will vote at the Keystone Building  
Products Building

#### 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.*

## 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 pm.

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 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 28    Thursday January 4    Thursday 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.



## 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.



**Sunday, November 5, 2023**

**Don't Forget to Set your Clocks back!**

**WE NEED YOU**



**Auditors:** We need one. This is a paid position who meets on January 3th 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)

## WINTER REMINDER!

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



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

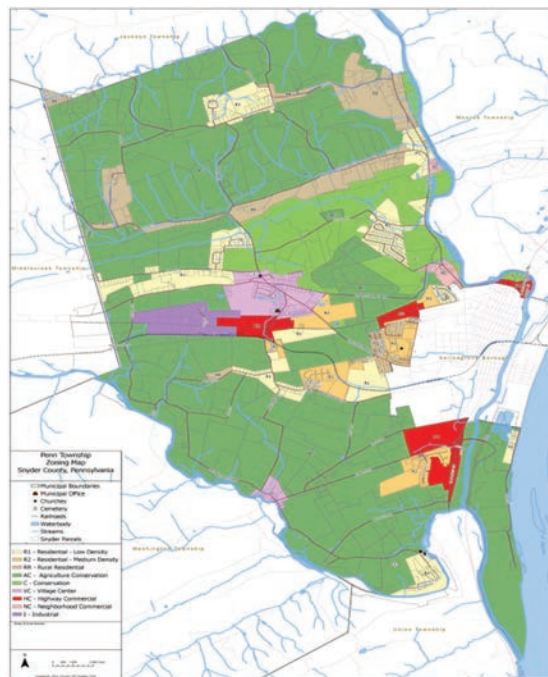
If you are planning any type of construction, call the township office to see what sort of permitting is required. Projects that are often started when permits have not yet been issued include pools, sheds and decks. Regardless of the shape or size, each does indeed require a phone call to the township 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 2022-01. 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 [penntwpmanger@ptd.net](mailto:penntwpmanger@ptd.net) and we will send you that information.



## 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.

## 2024 COMPOST SITE PERMITS

Starting November 1, 2023 our compost site will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and the first Saturday of the month with the hours of 7 am to 2 pm which are the winter hours. During warmer months the compost hours will be 7 am to 7:30 pm on the same days.

Reminder to purchase your 2024 Compost Permit starting January 2, 2024 at the Township office. The cost is \$20.00 for Penn Township Residents and \$100.00 for Penn Township Businesses.

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 dairy products;	NO plastic or metals;
NO treated or painted wood;	NO building construction waste;	NO cement, blocks, pavers or bricks
NO metal of any kind left in wood products	NO meat or fish bones;	NO weeds and weed seeds.
	NO fat, grease, lard or oils;	

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.

Surveillance cameras are in use.

## COMFORT STATION COMING THIS FALL

You may notice DB Construction trucks at East Snyder Park this fall, it is due to them being the successful bidder on our Comfort Station project as well as donating \$22,000 to the project through their generous donation of the electrical portion of the project.

“Over the past several years Everyone’s Playground has become a destination point for many not only from our immediate area but communities from other parts of PA and other states as well” Sue Bowersox said. “Dave and I have been involved in various ways with the development of the entire East Snyder Park and now, to have the opportunity to add another component to the value of the Playground, is something we wanted to do because it’s just the right thing to do. We view it as a noble cause and a labor of love and a way for us to give back for the benefit of others” she commented.



The Russell Foundation, established in 1999 by former star Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker, Andy Russell, and his wife, Cindy, agreed to support the overall concept of Everyone’s Playground with the comfort station being the final phase. “The goal is to raise \$175,000 and we now only need \$18,000 more in order to reach our fundraising objective” Mr. Russell said. “Of course, we’re hoping others will be inspired by the magnanimous donation of David and Sue and help raise the final \$18,000. No matter the amount every contribution is important and genuinely appreciated so all donations will help lead us to success” Russel noted.

Speaking on behalf of the local Russell Foundation volunteer Advisory Council, former PA State Representative Russ Fairchild, Vice Chair of the Council, said “... we are incredibly grateful for the generosity of D.B. Construction for their thoughtfulness and sensitivity for those who will use and benefit from Everyone’s Playground and the soon to be available comfort station. This new feature of the playground will further allow all visitors to enjoy the benefits of outdoor play and social interaction” Fairchild concluded.

After some budget hurdles were encountered, Fritz Heinemann and friends of the Andy Russell Foundation stepped up to raise additional funds to see the project come to fruition. Additional grant money was secured from DCNR and the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association helped get some additional funds to keep the project moving forward. With most of the finances secured, the township approved the construction of the Comfort Station.

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

For additional information about the Everyone’s Playground project, or to learn how you can make a donation, please contact the Selinsgrove office of the Andy Russell Charitable Foundation, Central PA Region @ 570-428-5411 or visit [everyonesplayground.com](http://everyonesplayground.com)

## RABBITTRANSIT SHARED RIDE TRAVEL TIPS

Cooler weather will soon be upon us, so how do you plan to travel and beat the chill? Whether you want to run errands, attend medical appointments, join recreational activities, or visit friends, there's an easy (and warm!) way to get there: Book a Shared Ride with rabbittransit.

Unlike a scheduled bus route that only operates in one area, Shared Ride (a.k.a. Paratransit) provides consolidated trips between travel origins and destinations during limited hours and specific areas.

All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. If you would like same-day service, you must make your reservation by 1:30 p.m. Otherwise, reservations must be made no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before your ride. Reservations may be made two weeks in advance. For trips on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, reservations must be submitted by 12 p.m. the Friday before. Visit [www.rabbittransit.org](http://www.rabbittransit.org) > Shared Ride > Reservations to schedule a reservation.

Here are some other tips for traveling with rabbittransit in cold or inclement weather conditions:

**Plan Ahead:** Extreme winter weather may cause delays in Shared Ride service, so please plan ahead and allow extra time for travel. This is especially important if you're making a new trip or one you are not completely familiar with. While ride times may vary, Shared Ride is a reliable and safe transportation option that can give you peace of mind when accessing life-sustaining services. If you need

to update or cancel a trip, call our Customer Service Center at 1-800-632-9063.

**Dress Warmly:** Remember to dress for winter conditions. Cold air may enter the vehicles during the loading and unloading process, especially on windy days.

**Step Carefully:** Bus floors and steps become slippery from snow & ice. Kick the snow from your shoes before stepping on board. Use the handrails and take your time.

**Stay Informed:** In case of inclement weather, rabbittransit may have delays. Sign up for rider alerts in your email or on your cell phone. Receive an email or text message about unexpected service changes.

If Shared Ride sounds like a fit for you, the first step is to submit an application to the program you'd like to participate in. Shared Ride programs vary from Senior Shared Ride to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), ADA Complementary Paratransit Program (ADA), or Paratransit Full Fare. Riders in select programs may be eligible for free fares. Easily apply online by visiting [www.rabbittransit.org](http://www.rabbittransit.org) > Shared Ride > How to apply.

For additional questions about Shared Ride services, call 1-800-632-9063. For more information, visit [www.rabbittransit.org/shared-ride/](http://www.rabbittransit.org/shared-ride/).



## RECYCLING PERMIT REMINDER

Please don't forget to purchase your 2024 Recycling Permit starting January 2, 2024 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 are 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 2:00 p.m. Only Residents and business owners with permits are allowed in the recycling center.

Surveillance Cameras are on site.

We will prosecute violators that don't have Permits!



## DH&L FIRE COMPANY



### DH&L Fire Company Fall, 2023 Selinsgrove Oktoberfest

The third annual Selinsgrove Oktoberfest will take place Saturday October 21, 2023 at DH&L Fire Company, 713 Bridge Street (next to Weis Markets) from noon to 5:00 pm.



This year's festivities include food trucks, beer, and live performances by...

The Badlees with special guests Dustin Douglas and the Electric Gentlemen

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [WWW.DHLFIRE.COM](http://WWW.DHLFIRE.COM) or scan the QR code today, and take advantage of Early Bird Ticket Sales.

### Sesquicentennial

2024 marks the 150th anniversary of DH&L Fire Company. Check out the website periodically for information about upcoming events and commemorative merchandise in honor of this historic event.

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