

# PENN Township

Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania

## CIES/OVR Students Help Maintain East Snyder Park for Third Year

This is the third summer in a row that CIES (Community Integrated Employment Services) a division of SUNCOM and OVR (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation), which offers employment services for people with disabilities, has sent a group of young people to work at Penn Township. Most of the work that they perform is helping us to maintain East Snyder Park at 875 University Avenue. You will find this industrious group pulling weeds, picking up trash, painting benches, tables, sheds and other maintenance items. They have been a great asset to our township. A special shout out to the whole team which includes Crissi Walter, Zinah Husam, Kimberly Herb, Wendy Harris, Holly Zimmerman and Students Tucker, Addison, Jazmyne and Tiffany.

The students were asked what they thought about their experiences such as: what have you liked most about My Work, what experiences have you liked with working for Penn Township at the park, and what have you gained from having a job, besides a paycheck. Their responses are as follows:

"I most enjoyed the people I worked with. I enjoyed painting things around the park and I gained a good work ethic from having a job."

"What I experienced working at this job is learning that it is easier to pull weeds while the ground is wet. I have gained learning how working and having a job is different than being in school or just doing chores around the house. I have experienced that maintaining a friendship is a lot harder during work. What I liked most about My Work is that everyone is working together while having fun!"

"I like painting trash cans and bleachers and working. I liked working with my friends. We worked as a Team!"

"So far, I really like that we've learned to work together, and the experience I've gotten from this. I liked when we paint most things and when we stop for the occasional picture or two. I've gained lots of experience, in and out of work. It shows that I don't want a job outside."

Penn Township greatly appreciates the My Work program and the help it provides to help us maintain and keep East Snyder Park beautiful. We hope to work jointly with CIES/OVR for many years to come by offering our community as a training ground for these motivated and industrious future employees.



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penntwp@ptd.net – email

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## 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 East Snyder Regional Recreation Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at East Snyder Park, weather permitting, or at the Municipal Building Board Room.

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.**

## LEAF PICK UP

The road crew will start leaf collection November 3, 2025 and will continue through November 26, 2025 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. 3 to Nov 26.**

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. You are always welcome to take your leaves to the compost site yourself, if you have a permit. Again, do not leave bags there.



## GENERAL ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

### PENN 1 Polling Location

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

### PENN 2 Polling Location

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 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:

**Tuesday, December 30**

**Tuesday, January 6**

No tree bags, no lights, no decorations or tree stands, plus no Artificial Trees!

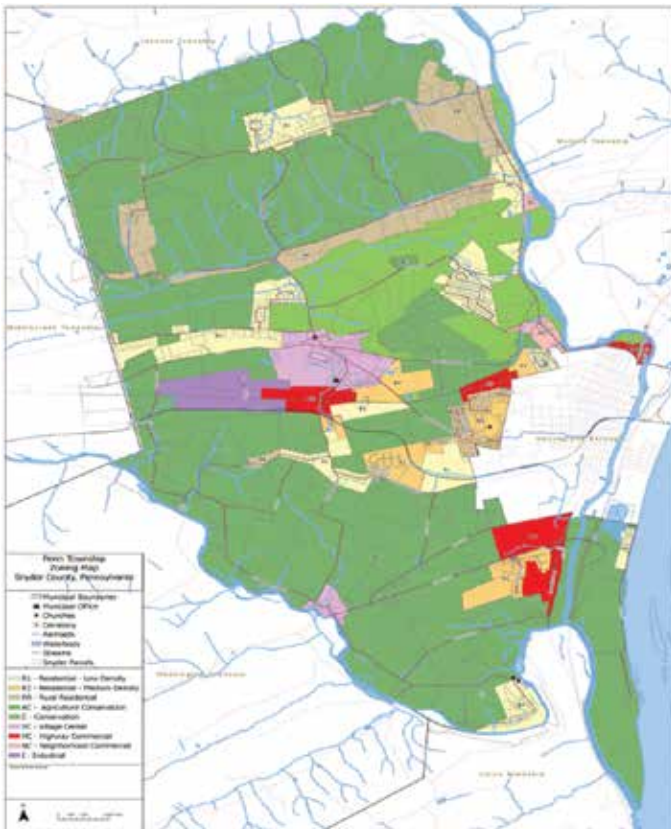
If you decide to enjoy your Christmas tree a bit longer than most and miss the collection period, please feel free to take your tree and any leaves still hanging around to the compost site if you have a permit. All biodegradable material is turned into mulch and compost and is free to permit holders.

# NOVEMBER 2, 2025

## DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK!



## 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.

## 2026 COMPOST SITE PERMITS

Reminder to renew your 2026 Compost Permit key cards at the Township office. The cost is \$20.00 for Penn Township Residents and \$1,000.00 for Penn Township Businesses. If businesses outside of the township do work for a resident a one-day dump fee card can be purchased for \$50.00.

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

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 available seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

Only people dropping items at compost site are permitted in this area.

Surveillance cameras are in use.

## RECYCLING REMINDER

Please don't forget to purchase your 2026 Recycling Permit at the Township Office, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 for Penn Township Residents and \$50.00 for Penn Township Businesses. The hours of recycling are Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the First Saturday of the Month from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 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!

## WINTER REMINDER!

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

## 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.







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## 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.

## SELINGSGROVE AREA COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL'S PUMPKIN DASH 5K

The Selingsgrove Area Community Pool Board thanks The Friends of the Pool and all who contributed time and financial support to help ensure an enjoyable 2025 swim season!

Please consider supporting our upcoming Pumpkin Dash 5k fundraisers that will benefit our pool. Join the fun at our 5K run/walk fundraiser being held, rain or shine, on Saturday, October 25 at 9AM. The course on Front Street, Isle of Que, is a flat, fast, shaded loop. The run/walk will be timed. The top female and male finisher will win a choice of a 2026 Family Pool Membership or \$100. A \$20 gift card will be awarded for the fastest female and male by age groups: 15 and under, 16-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69 and 70+. Registration before Oct 4 (on line at the pool's webpage) is \$30 and participants will receive the race, a T-shirt and a Drawstring back pack. On the day of the race, cost is \$35 and participants will only receive the race. Race day registration will start at 7:30am. Visit [SelingsgrovePool.org/events](http://SelingsgrovePool.org/events) for details and registration and like us on Facebook.



## TOWNSHIP OFFICE CLOSED?

You can drop your zoning permit applications, pavilion rentals, etc. into the black box beside our front door. This drop box is NOT for your taxes or water/sewer payments. They will not get to the appropriate people. We do, however, accept chocolate bars for the office.



## RABBITTRANSIT SHARED RIDE TRAVEL TIPS

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



## SEWAGE CODE ENFORCEMENT

Dan Page and Polly Graybill are the Twp. Sewage Enforcement Officers (SEO) for Penn Township. An SEO issues septic permits, inspects septic systems, and reviews properties when a complaint is received about a private septic system. You can contact Dan at 800-639-3641. If your home is connected to a public sewer system, you receive a quarterly bill from PTMA, and do not have a septic system.



## TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN



Those of us that drive, have at one point or another in their driving experience, come across a road closure or two. As the driver approaches the road closed signs and barricades, not expecting to see them, the driver has a decision to make. The driver may think, well that sign is not applicable to me, and choose to drive around the sign and continue on. The driver may come to another set of road closed signs or barricades and again, decide that is not applicable to me, and drive around the second set of barricades.

The driver now comes up to the hazard. This could be a flooded roadway, a tree down across the roadway, broken pole and power lines in the road or another type hazard. Some drivers may still choose to try and maneuver the hazard to continue their trip on the road, since this is the only way they know to get to their destination. The driver then gets the vehicle stuck or places themselves in danger and calls 911 for assistance. The emergency responders then

have to arrive and place themselves in danger to help the stranded motorists who thought they could get through the hazard. Once the driver, and possibly passengers, are rescued, the motorist who choose to ignore the signs and make an attempt to drive through the hazard, had limited sanctions that could be assessed against them. Prior to September 2012, the above situation would have been a \$25 fine plus court costs for all the danger they placed themselves in, their passengers in and also the danger they created for the emergency responders. The responders could not even get reimbursed for costs and time they had to endure for being put into a situation, that never should have occurred, if the driver had obeyed the signs. The \$25 dollar fine, plus court costs, was not much of a deterrent to stop people from this dangerous, but very common practice. These situations finally caused the lawmakers of Pennsylvania to do something to prohibit those motorists from ignoring the signs and trying to drive through or past road hazards.

The new law now has some teeth with stiffer fines and greater penalties. In the above-mentioned situation, if the driver ignores the signs, drives around and then requires emergency responder assistance, the fine is between \$250 and \$500, plus you receive two points on your license, plus you must pay for any costs incurred by the emergency responders to assist you out of the situation. It's just not worth the risk to yourself, passengers or emergency responders for failing to obey the signs. The law also allows officers to cite for those motorists who disobey the signs, drive up to the hazard, but then decide to turn around and drive back. The fine for just not obeying the signs, is up to \$250, plus two points. As you can see, these situations can be serious or deadly and is why the fines and penalties are severe.

The bottom line, if you are driving down the road and come across the road closed sign, follow the detour or go another route you are familiar with. It is also important to keep a map book or GPS unit in your vehicle for those unexpected times when you may have to detour. Those signs are not there to aggravate you or trick you, the road closed signs mean just that, THE ROAD IS CLOSED. That means for all motorists, including you. If you happen to live on the closed section of road, proceed with caution to get to your home. If the road hazard is before your home, TURN AROUND, and go another way. If the PD stops you, they will check your license to confirm that you live on the road, and just trying to get home. If you are stopped and don't live on the road, expect to pay a stiff fine and receive a two-point sanction for the dis-obedience to the signs. Please for everyone's safety, including yours and ours, OBEY THE ROAD CLOSED SIGNS, THIS MEANS YOU!



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