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# WINTER 2019

### **Mount Joy Township in 2019**

With cooperation from Mother Nature, 2019 is poised to be another significant year for road improvements. N. Plum Street and nearly one mile of Prospect Road were reconstructed in 2018, and Cassell Road received its final paving after a two-year restoration project. Despite rain storms and soggy ground, Public Works began a major storm sewer installation on Trail Road S to improve drainage conditions. Road widening on Prospect Road and Trail Road S will be followed up next year with repaving. The Mill Road bridge was seriously damaged this year and is currently closed, but plans are in place with Conewago Township to have it replaced.

2019 will be "Year One" for several multi-year projects. The Bear Creek Road/Spring Road intersection will be reconfigured to be safer, and both of those roads will be widened. Beverly Road, between Koser Road and Hershey Road, will be widened and reconstructed. Country Squire Road will also be widened and have stormwater cross pipes replaced. All of these roads will have final paving done in 2020. Last, but certainly not least, we will begin rehabilitation of Harvest Road with drainage improvements while the pipeline crews finish their work. Harvest Road is planned for reconstruction in 2020 and paving overlay in 2021.

Be on the lookout for a new Township website in 2019! One of our key goals is to redesign our website (<a href="www.mtjoytwp.org">www.mtjoytwp.org</a>) as a more useful resource for residents and businesses. Plans like the 5-year Road Improvement Plan, applications, and notifications of upcoming events will be readily available and better organized.

Justin Evans-Township Manager



<u>Above:</u> Newly reconstructed N. Plum Street <u>Below</u>: Storm sewer discharge to local creek



### **Know Where It Flows**

Severe storms and flooding, both far and wide, were in the public eye this summer. The need to improve local water quality becomes more apparent with stormwater impacts on our minds. Mount Joy Township is responsible for the water that passes through its storm sewers and drainage pipes, meaning that any pollutants in the runoff are the responsibility of the public. This makes prevention the most effective way to reduce the risk of pollutants entering local waterways.

Roadside storm drains typically collect runoff and convey it to drainage swales or underground pipes; where it goes from there is important to know. Sometimes it is infiltrated back into the water table, but most runoff ends up draining to surface waters like streams, creeks, and rivers. The Susquehanna River is the major recipient of Lancaster County's stormwater.

Pollutants like automobile fluids and household chemicals that reach the storm sewer system are considered illicit discharges. Believe it or not, materials that may seem harmless like grass clippings, mud, and chlorinated pool water are also illicit discharges to our stormwater infrastructure. The Township – residents and property owners – is ultimately responsible for what comes out of drainage pipes and swales. Here are some simple things you can do to help prevent pollution in our local waterways:

- \* Never dump liquid waste products into storm drains.
- \* Store chemicals away from storm drains.
- \* Use good practices when managing grass clippings, woody yard waste, pet waste and septic systems.





# Mount Joy Township Boards 7:00 PM

(Mount Joy Twp Meeting Room)



### Board of Supervisors 3rd Monday

David W. Sweigart III- Chairman Gerald G. Cole- V. Chairman

Lisa S. Heilner

Gerald F. Becker

Debra E. Dupler

### Zoning Hearing Board 1st Wednesday

Thomas N. Campbell - Chairman James E. Hershey - V. Chairman

Gregory R. Hitz, Sr. - Secretary Robert F. Newton, Jr. - Alternate

### Planning Commission 4th Monday

Lisa S. Heilner - Chairman

Richard C. Gates - V. Chairman

Delmar Oberholtzer- Secretary

Gerald F. Becker

John W. Dice

Michael G. Mckinne

Kevin M. Baker

#### Park & Recreation 3rd Tuesday

Jeff Phillippe - Chairman

Donald W. Bush - Secretary

Karen Boyer

John L. Felix, Jr.

William Duncan

#### Police Commission 4th Tuesday

Lisa S. Heilner- Chairman

Douglas Hottenstein - V. Chairman

Debra E. Dupler

David W. Sweigart III

Eric W. Kreider

#### E-town Area Water Authority

2nd Monday 6:30 pm EAWA Building

C. Dale Treese - Chairman

Keith Murphy - V. Chairman

Richard Sheidy - Treasurer

Charles A. Brewer - Assistant Treasurer

Jeff McCloud - Secretary

Richard A. Erb - Assistant Secretary

David T. Lewis - Community Relations

### E-town Regional Sewer Authority

2nd Tuesday 7:00 pm

W. Donegal Twp Building

David T. Lewis - Chairman

Richard A. Erb - V. Chairman

P. Allen Sollenberger - Secretary

Roger Snyder - Asst. Secretary

Ken Shaffer - Treasurer

David W. Sweigart III - Asst. Treasurer

### **Attention Landlords**

Notify the Township when new tenants move into your rental property! An updated registration form must be filled out for new tenants. A packet about the trash program will be sent to the new tenant. If the tenant is responsible for the trash bill, please make sure you get it to them within a week of receiving it in the mail.

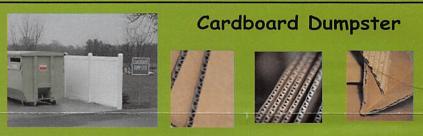


### Big Red Drop Box

Anything to be dropped off for Mount Joy Township can be placed in the drop box, permits, payments, rental forms, etc. It is emptied every weekday morning. USE THE RED DROP BOX ONLY!

### Old Trolley Line Park - A Work in Progress

Even though the playing fields at Old Trolley Line Park are not ready for use, please feel free to stroll the paths of our new park and use our parking areas, just please stay off of the ball fields.



# Corrugated Cardboard ONLY

NO - softboard, such as food boxes, of any kind

NO - empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls

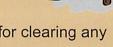
NO - papers, newspapers, junkmail, etc

Please do not contaminate our dumpster!

Remember!!! Corrugated Cardboard ONLY!!!!!!!

### Wintertime Reminders

- 1. Never throw shoveled snow into the road.
- 2. Keep all drainage ditches and storm drains clear of leaves and/or debris.



- 3. Mount Joy Township is not responsible for clearing any part of your driveway, at any time.
- 4. Remove all vehicles from Township roads so our crews can plow curb to curb.
- 5. Sidewalks and fire hydrants must be cleared within 24 hours after a snow or ice event.
- 6. Remove basketball nets from roads for ease of plowing.
- 7. Plowing priorities are as follows: main arteries first, then secondary roads, followed by developments.
- 8. Lastly, please be patient, our crews will do their best to get your road plowed as quickly as possible.

# Milanof-Schock Library in Mount Joy

Did you know Library Cards are FREE? Yup...free! Sign-ups are easy with proof of a local address, and it only takes a few minutes! PORK BBQ FUNDRAISER – Harvey's BBQ - \$10 meal includes: Juicy Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, & Dessert. Sponsored by Nolt Electric; this fundraiser will be held October 26th. Tickets are available at the Library.

THE FRIENDS GIFT, BOOK & BAKE SALE – Annual Holiday Sale at the Library November 15<sup>th</sup> -10am-8pm; November 16<sup>th</sup> -10am-5pm; November 17<sup>th</sup> -9am-4pm. The Friends will offer: Fine Regiftables; Locally Hand-Crafted Items; Doll Clothing, Furniture; Christmas Decor; Holiday Books; Baked Goods; Free Punch & Cookies. All proceeds benefit the library!

<u>THE EXTRAGIVE</u> – The Library will be participating in the EXTRAGIVE again this year, and we hope we can count on your support of Milanof-Schock Library. Make sure to mark your calendars – Friday, November 16th for this 24-hours of giving! Make sure to find us on Facebook and Instagram or call us at 717-653-1510!

# GIVE

### Recycling Crisis in the US - Lancaster County - Mount Joy Township

By now, you've heard that recycling has changed in Lancaster County. Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) asks residents to only place the "Big 4" in their recycling bins: 1) corrugated cardboard, 2) plastic bottles and jugs with a neck, 3) metal food and beverage cans, and 4) glass bottles and jars. We are not the only community impacted by these changes; the "recycling crisis" has created significant challenges for recycling programs across the US.

For years, well-meaning, "wishful recyclers" have incorrectly believed that most things are recyclable. In part, this misconception grew from the waste industry's desire to facilitate a convenient process for recyclers. The message was: "Put it all in your bin; we'll sort it later." Unfortunately, this turned problematic when contamination levels increased. Contamination is when people place materials in the recycling bin that do not belong; the largest importer of recyclable materials from the U.S., China, said "no more!"

China was the largest consumer of recyclable materials generated in the US. Growing frustrated by high contamination in imported recycling bales, China announced in summer 2017 that they would enforce a crackdown on imported waste and their intent to ban most recyclable materials. They also announced a new quality standard prohibiting contamination from the rate of 5% to .5%, which was significantly more stringent. The hits kept coming; in July 2018 China announced their plan to ban all imported recycled commodities by the end of 2018.

Unfortunately, the US does not have enough domestic demand for recyclable materials to replace the volume China previously bought, leaving the market saturated with more recyclable material than our country can use. Remember, something can only be recycled if there is a demand for that material, by a manufacturer, to be turned into a new product.

This big shift in the market caused significant ripple effects, including lost revenues, higher processing and capital costs for material recovery facilities, higher transportation costs, fewer outlets for materials and increased stockpiling issues. We are now in a financial crisis and it is imperative we fix the contamination problem to make recycling sustainable.

LCSWMA believes the solution is three-fold: 1) simplicity, 2) consistency, 3) and awareness. They are simplifying the recycling process by asking people to only place the "Big 4" in their recycling bin, and standardizing the message by working with municipalities, haulers and business partners to all follow the same guidelines across the county.

This is a huge shift for all of us, and change will not come overnight. But if we work together, perhaps recycling can be better than it was before. Let's "Recycle Right "Mount Joy Township!



# Please Note Increase: As anticipated, with the changes

to recycling, there will also be changes to the cost of trash removal. After much consideration, the Township has set forth the following cost for Trash/Recycling for 2019. The semi-annual bill will be in the amount of \$110, which equates to \$220 per year. Residents who have been on our program since 2007 have seen our bills reduced over the course of the past 11 years as follows.

2007 through 2009 = \$108 2010 through 2014 = \$99

2015 through 2018 = \$90

We will continue to offer the \$10 yearly discount (\$210) and Seniors over the age of 75 will pay \$110 for an entire year.

Mount Joy Township Doors Are Opened at 7:30 am & Closed at 4:00 pm PLEASE Do Not leave items outside the doors to the building!



# **NEVER PLACE HHW CURBSIDE**

Household Hazard Waste includes: Televisions - Computers - Laptops - Monitors

Printers - Keyboards - Mouse



DVD & VCR players - Photo & Video Cameras - Batteries - Paint - Thinners - Turpentine - All Chemicals Household Cleaners - Fire Extinguishers - Ballasts - Flourescent Bulbs - Cooking & Frying Oils Thermostats - Thermometers - Lawn Treatments - Gasoline - Kerosene - Propane - Auto Fluids

Deliver all Household Hazardous Waste to the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority facility located at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster. Follow the signs for HHW; they will unload the items from your vehicle. It's that EASY!

For a full list of items accepted at HHW, go to LCSWMA.org or call 717-397-9968

Broken Recycle Bin? Simply put a note on it asking Penn Waste to take it as TRASH!

# White Goods & Tire Collection

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Buy tags by: Thu. March 21
Curbside: Fri. March 22
Picked up: Sat. March 23

Tire Tag: \$1.50 (No tractor tires) Limit 10 tires per address (on or off the rims)

White Goods Tag: \$12.00 Includes, but not limited to items listed.

washers
dryers
dishwashers
stoves
freezers
dehumidifiers
furnaces
treadmills
refrigerators
air conditioners
water heaters
water coolers
large metal items

# Recycle "Newspapers Only" at:

Lancaster City's Recycling Center

850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster Hours: M-F 8am - 5pm, Sat 8am - Noon

Mennonite Central Committee Materials Resource Center

517 W. Trout Run Road, Ephrata

**Humane League of Lancaster County** 

2195 Lincoln Hwy East, Lancaster Open every day 9am - 5pm



### **Street Light Out?**

Retrieve all 10 numbers and the N or S from the pole and report it to PPL at 1-888-220-9991 x 4

# Missed Stops

Penn Waste, by ordinance, may start collections at 5 am. If your trash and/or recycling is not out when their trucks come through, you are not considered a "missed" stop; Penn Waste is not required to come back for items that were not out when they went through.

Customers should also not assume items will be picked up the same time each week. For any given reason, the driver could run your route differently and you could miss your pickup that week. To avoid this issue, make sure all items are placed curbside the night before your pickup day.

# TRASH TAGS

Yellow \$1.25 Extra bags (over the 3 bag limit)

Red \$4.00 Oversized (items over 30 lbs)
White \$12.00 White Goods (Appliances)

Blue \$1.50 Tires (10 tires per address-on or off rims)
(No tractor trailer or tractor tires)

Items not properly tagged will not be picked up.

Tags can only be purchased at the Township office. Or, send an order, with payment, and we'll mail them to you.

Call our office if you are not sure what tag you need.

717-367-8917



# WYW / Leaf Bags

- 1. Bags are available FREE at the Twp Office 8am 4pm
- 2. Can pre-arrange pick up of bags after hours, call 367-8917
- Never place grass clippings in WYW bags.
- 4. Set out Rain or Shine limit of 20 bags/bundles per pickup
- 5. Branches/shrubs bundled no longer than 4' tied with twine
- 6. WYW is picked up the same day as your trash!

# WYW & Leaf Pickups Over?

# Did you know?

You can take leftover
WYW & Leaves to
Zeager Brothers
located 2 miles North of
Elizabethtown Boro.
They will take it for free.
Do not use Kraft Bags
from the Twp to drop off
items at Zeagers!

### 2018 Leaf Pickups

Saturdays November: 3rd and 17th December: 1st and 15th



### 2019 WYW Pickups

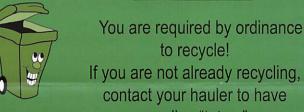
April 8-9-10 \*22-23-24
May 6-7-8- \* 20-21-22
June 3-4-5 \* 17-18-19
July 1-2-3 \* 15-16-17 \* 29-30-31
August 12-13-14 \* 26-27-28
September 19-10-11 \* 23-24-25
October 7-8-9 \* 21-22-23
Picked up on your trash day.

### **RECYCLE BINS**

- \* Bins given FREE at the Township building
- \* Bins belong to the Address not Resident
- \* Broken? Attach a note asking Penn Waste to take it as trash
- \* Pre-arrange a same day, after hour, pickup of a bin if you cannot make it during our work hours

Questions: call 367-8917

# Commercial, Industrial & Institutions



recycling "toters"
placed beside your dumpster!
See page 3 for all the items Mount Joy
Township recycles.

### Job well done!

The shred-it event held on September 22nd was a huge success.

Donations totaled approximately \$360 and over 30 boxes of food for the food bank AND 6,460 lbs of paper was shredded.



# Thar She Blows!

When the weather forecast is calling for a windy day, please do not place your recycling out for pick-up.

To avoid recycling all over the neighborhood, keep it for the next week; there is no limit to how much recycling you can put out per week.

# Alternative Recycle Containers

Using a recepticle
other than our
recycling bin? Come
into our office for a
FREE "Penn Waste"
sticker, or two, to place
on your container to
guarantee pick up of
your recycling.

### **SNOWSTORM COMING?**

Containers & bags on top of snowpiles make it impossible for the snowplows to plow from curb to curb.

When in doubt, DON'T put it out!

Penn Waste will pick up double
the following week.

Pickup could be delayed due to bad conditions; always check our FB page or website.





# Charles Caleb Colton True friendship is like sound health: the value of it is seldom known until it is lost.



#### 8855 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown

Ph: 367-8481 Fax: 367-3382 8am-4pm Please note our change of address!

### Don't Be A Victim

SECURE YOUR VEHICLE The majority of car break-ins involve cars parked in the owner's driveway and are unlocked. No matter where you park, ALWAYS close your windows and sunroof and lock your doors.

**REMOVE ALL VALUABLES FROM SIGHT** GPS units, IPods, phones, laptops and cash are tempting invitations for thieves. Secure valuables in the trunk or take them with you. Do not do this at your destination; the thieves could be watching from afar.

Visible, loose change and gift cards are also popular items with thieves. Even if you're making a guick trip to the gym, coffee shop, local store or gas station, all valuables should be secured in the trunk or removed from the car.

**PARKING** When parking at home, if possible, park in the garage or close to the house. The outside area should be well lit or have a motion light in the area of your cars. Always lock all doors and windows and remove valuables; remember to remove all keys and garage door openers to prevent access to your home. When parking in public, if possible, park in a well-lit, highly visible area. During holidays or when retail shopping, lock packages and purchased items in the trunk. If you are going to continue shopping, you could move your car to a different location in case a thief is watching the area.

IF A CAR BREAK-IN HAS OCCURRED Call 911; DO NOT touch the car or contents. An officer will view the scene, have the vehicle dusted for fingerprints and photograph, if possible. Provide serial numbers, descriptions and photos of any electronics or high value items.



### HELP SOLVE CRIMES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

NWRPD is asking residents and businesses to assist the police with investigations and catching criminals. We are attempting to create a video camera user contact list. We are aware many residents and businesses have installed video cameras; these cameras may be gathering information on public roadways and streets. If you have a video camera that collects images outside in the public eye we would like your assistance. It is important for us, while conducting investigations, to see if there is any video camera coverage of the area in question. We will not publish your identity or release your videos; we would only contact you if a crime occurred in front of your home or business to see if your camera(s) caught the criminal act in progress. If it is determined your video would help, you would be contacted to review your recording for any footage that may help. Police departments throughout the country are developing these contact lists due to the increasing use of surveillance cameras by the public. If you are willing to help, please email Detective Frank Ember at FEmber@NWRPD.org, or call him at 717-367-3382, Ext 111, with the location of your cameras and the person to contact if an incident occurs in your area.

# GEARS

717-367-0355 **Programs & Services Available** 

- Recreation
- **Child Care**
- **Senior Center**
- **Community Center** GetintoGEARS.org











Saturday, April 13, 2019 E-town Community Park

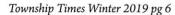
Call or go on line for details

### Kids Center 717-367-0119



- \* Preschool
- \* Summer Camp
- \* Kindergarten \* Before & After School

For ages 3 thru 12



### **Northwest EMS**

Donations were made to the Northwest EMS fundraising campaign to purchase ballistic vests for their crew members.



Above: NWRP Association donated \$500, pictured L to R: Edna Kline, NWEMS operations manager; Scott Kingsboro, NWEMS executive director; Officer Charles Tobias, Officer Ken Whitebread, Sergeant Mike Bryant & Officer Carl Bergmark



Above: NWRP Commmission donated \$1,000, pictured L to R: Edna Kline, NWEMS operations manager; Scott Kingsboro, NWEMS executive director; Mark Mayberry, NWRPD Chief; Police Commission members: David Sweigart, Lisa Heilner, Douglas Hottenstein & Eric Kreider

For safe disposal, take expired drugs to:

Northwest Regional Police 8855 Elizabethtown Road Elizabethtown



For safe disposal, take unused, or unwanted, ammunition to a State Police location, or a local gun club or shooting range.

Always call ahead to make arrangements for drop-off.

### **Mastersonville Fire Department**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Saturday, November 10th: Annual Pig Roast & Bake Sale 2:00 pm until sold out - Carry out only \* Cost \$12.00

Monday, January 14th 6:30 - 8:30 pm Saturday, January 19th 9:00 - 11:00 am Firefighters!

Learn Hands Only CPR & how to "Stop the Bleed" Bring the family to learn these life saving skills!

Spring Openhouse: Date to be announced

Come join us; we can't wait to show off our ultimately functional, new fire station. Watch for the announcement!



REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS - because seconds count!

Pick up an order form at the Fire House: 2121 Meadow View Road, Manheim or at the Mount Joy Township Office: 8853 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown

Cost is \$15.00 per sign

**VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!** 

Call us at 717-665-5192 or chief@mastersonvillefire.com

# Elizabethtown College

Wednesday, November 7th 7:30 pm

A conversation with Ibithaj Muhammad, Olympic medalist fencer. Hear her story of how she overcame racism and the pressures of becoming the first Muslim American woman to compete in hijab in a sport. Leffler Chapel & Performance Center (tickets required)

Winter Break: December 15 - January 13, 2019

Spring Break: March 1 - 10, 2019 Ware Lecture: April 11, 2019 7:30 pm

Silkroad Ensemble: (founded by Yo-Yo Ma) The musicians of Silkroad Ensemble represent dozens of nationalities and artistic traditions from Spain & Japan to Syria & the United States. The ensemble performs throughtout the world and has recorded 6 albums. Its Grammy Award-winning album, Sing Me Home, was developed and recorded with the 2016 documentary feature The Music of Strangers from Oscar-winning director Morgan Neville. Leffler Chapel & Performance Center (tickets required)

Call 717-367-4757 or email lecturetickets@etown.edu

### **RHEEMS Fire Department**

The Rheems Fire Department continues to plan their 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial in 2020. They are looking for any old photos, stories or memorabilia that anyone may wish to contribute to their "story." Please reach out to <u>wfaust@rheemsfire.com</u> with any information you may be willing to share.

The Fire Department is happy to announce the following dates for our upcoming public events.

Autumn Fest will be held Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 4-6pm.

Holiday Fun Fest will be held Friday, December 7, 2018 from 6-8pm

Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 13, 2019 from 10 am to 12 Noon (Rain/Snow date is 4/20/19).

Find out more about these events on our website at www.rheemsfire.com or on Facebook.

Interested in volunteering? In addition to needing firefighters/junior firefighters, we are in need of assistance in areas such as IT, accounting/finance, marketing, legal, community event planning, and more!

The Rheems Fire Department is located in the Village of Rheems in West Donegal Township, Northwestern Lancaster County. We are staffed 100% by volunteers. Contact us at 717-367-1569 for more information!



Mount Joy Township 8853 Elizabethtown Road Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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Falling for Winter....

# Mount Joy Township

8853 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown 8 AM - 4 PM

Phone: 717-367-8917 Fax: 717-367-9208



Twp Manager/Zoning: Justin Evans Secretary/Asst Zoning: Patricia Bailey Recycling Coordinator: Vicki Carroll Treasurer: Richard Forry

Assistant Treasurer: Sherri Minnich Code Enforcement: Bryan Ressler Park Superintendent: Road Master: Public Works Foreman: Public Works Crew:

Bob Carroll Ken Ebersole Anton Persson Bryan Range Jr Sean Donato

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Trash billed: Dec. 1st Payment due: Dec. 31st

Payments not in our office, or dropbox, by 4pm December 31st will be considered late.

# Changes to Trash Pickup

### Christmas:

Mon goes Mon Tues goes Wed Wed goes Thur

### New Years Day:

Mon goes Mon Tues goes Wed Wed goes Thur

# Mount Joy Township Holidays

Thanksgiving closed: Nov. 22 & 23 Christmas closed: Dec. 24 & 25

Jan. 1 New Years closed:

**Turn Clocks Back November** 4th



