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2020 Updates to the Mount Joy Township Trash & Recycling Program

Mount Joy Township will be in a new trash hauler contract with the new year. The low bidder for the three-year contract that starts in 2020 is Penn Waste, who is our current hauler. Our existing routes and pickup days will remain as-is. Recycling bins and leaf/woody yard waste bags are still free for Township residents, and tag prices will remain the same. However, there are several changes that will become effective starting January 1, 2020:

- The annual service fee for trash and recycling services will now be \$280, billed semi-annually. This has increased from \$220/year due to rising hauling and disposal costs. Additionally, we are now required to pay \$60/ton for the handling of recyclables. There was previously no charge assessed by the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, but recent changes in the recycling markets have dramatically affected this.
- The \$10 annual pre-pay discount is still in effect but will be available only on a calendar year basis, starting with the upcoming billing cycle. Senior discounts will be aligned with the calendar year pre-pay system as well.
- Zeager Brothers is no longer accepting leaves and yard waste at their facility. Our trash hauler will continue to collect these materials in kraft bags on the designated pickup days.

This summer, Kristina Kirchner joined the Mount Joy Township staff as Receptionist and Trash & Recycling Program Coordinator. We are happy to have her with us after the retirement of Vicki Carroll, who spent many years in that role. Congratulations to Vicki and welcome aboard, Kristina!

By: Justin Evans, Twp. Manager

Continuing Progress Through 2020

2019 was a robust year for road projects and improvements to your Township parks (see our parks article on page 3 for more). We began reconstruction, repair, and storm sewer work on Prospect Road and Trail Road South in 2018. Those roads were overlaid with final paving this summer, completing over 2 miles of long-awaited roadway improvements.

Bridges have been a hot topic in our community recently. The Mill Road bridge that we share with Conewago Township has been closed due to structural damage since summer 2018. Design of the replacement bridge is underway, and we hope to begin construction in the second half of 2020. The County-owned Cloverleaf Road bridge replacement is also being designed at this time.

This fall, Bear Creek Road and Country Squire Road get much-needed widening and base repair by our Public Works Department. On top of that, a heavily-traveled section of Beverly Road was widened and reconstructed this summer (the pictures show the reclamation process and the new base pavement). You'll see these roads get their final paving in 2020 after the Bear Creek Road/Spring Road intersection is realigned. Stauffer Road will be repaved next year by Public Works as well. You'll see over 3 miles of Township roads paved in 2020 after receiving critical repairs this year.

2020 will bring about more reconstruction and repair work. Quarry Road and Trail Road North get significant attention from our crews ahead of 2021 paving. The largest impact will be seen on Harvest Road, which will undergo widening and reconstruction next year. This is a major project that has been a long time coming. To see the upcoming projects and the 5-year improvement plan, visit the "Roads" page at mtjoytwp.org.



Above: Beverly Road in progress Below: Beverly Road after



Mount Joy Township Boards

7:00 PM (Mount Joy Twp Meeting Room)



Board of Supervisors 3rd Monday

Gerald G. Cole- Chairman Debra E. Dupler- V. Chairman Lisa S. Heilner Gerald F. Becker David W. Sweigart III

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

Richard C. Gates - Chairman
Delmar Oberholtzer - V. Chairman
Kevin M. Baker - Secretary
Gerald F. Becker
John W. Dice
Michael G. Mckinne
Lisa S. Heilner

Park & Recreation 2nd Tuesday

Jeff Phillippe - Chairman John L. Felix Jr - V. Chairman Donald W. Bush - Secretary Karen Boyer William Duncan

Police Commission 4th Tuesday

Douglas Hottenstein - Chairman Debra E. Dupler - V. Chairman John E. Martin II 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
John O'Connell - Community Relations

E-town Regional Sewer Authority

2nd Tuesday 6:30 pm ERSA Building

Richard A. Erb - Chairman Allen Sollenberger - Secretary Roger Snyder - Asst. Secretary Kenneth Shaffer - Treasurer David W. Sweigart III - Asst. Treasurer John O'Connell - Member



Trick or Treat Thursday, October 31st, 6:00 - 8:00

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

- Carry a flashlight and wear reflective or bright colored clothing.
- Always examine Halloween treats before eating.
- Take extra care when crossing streets and use crosswalks if possible.
- Do not trick or treat alone. Always take a partner or buddy.
- Always have a form of identification handy in case of separation.
- · Wear well-fitting costumes and masks.
- Avoid poorly-lit homes and areas, and the homes of strangers.
- Make sure face paint or makeup is non-toxic.



A WORD FROM THE RHEEMS FIRE DEPARTMENT

The members of the Rheems Fire Department are working on the final details of the 100th Centennial Celebration to be held on May 16, 2020 at 3:00 PM. The days events will include food trucks, live music, fireworks, and our station and apparatus on display. The community is encouraged and invited to celebrate 100 years of serving the Rheems village along with surrounding areas. If you have any history, photos or stories to share, please contact us at number listed below.

In addition, we are happy to share the following dates for 2019/2020 community events. Autumn Fest will be held Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 4-6pm. The Holiday Fun Fest will be held Friday, December 13, 2019 from 6-8pm and our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held April 4, 2019 from 10 am to 12 Noon. We continue to hold Community Blood Drives along with Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank, so keep an eye on our website or Facebook page for future dates and times. You can find out more information about these events on our website at www.rheemsfire.com or you can locate us on Facebook.

Interested in volunteering? In addition to needing firefighters/junior firefighters, there are still needs for assistance in any areas that could include IT, accounting/finance, marketing, legal, community event planning, and more! Contact us at 717-367-1569 for more information!

The Rheems Fire Department is in the Village of Rheems in West Donegal Township, Northwestern Lancaster County. The Rheems Fire Department is 100% volunteer in every capacity.



Mount Joy Township no longer accepts CFL bulbs. J.B. Hostetter & Sons, Home Depot, and Lowe's accept them for disposal.

Play Ball!

Old Trolley Line Park on Beverly Road is shaping up nicely. After months of grooming and TLC, the Township's newest public park is becoming a baseball hotspot. We're proud to provide more recreational space for local youth and the community in general to use. If you're looking to access the Conewago Recreational Trail, please use the safe and convenient trailhead parking at Old Trolley Line Park instead of the dangerous lot on Hershey Road.

Our Public Works Department will continue their maintenance and improvement projects at Wolgemuth Park and Cove Outlook Park throughout the winter. The Township Parks and Recreation Board (meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month) will be developing a multi-year improvement plan this winter, and your input is wanted! Contact us or attend an upcoming Park & Rec Board meeting to get involved.



Milanof-Schock Library in Mount Joy

Adult "Make-it Mondays": 6-8 pm. the fourth Monday of the month (usually) a different craft will be offered each month. Most classes are free and limited in size, so early registration is suggested. Registration is a must by calling the Library or signing up at mslibrary.org

A Veterans-related program will be offered In November. Please visit the Library website for details

<u>Community Blood Drive</u>: at the Library: Saturday, December 14 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please bring a valid ID and eat within one hour of donating.

Monthly Clubs at the Library for Adults:

- Adult Game Night is the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm.
- Closely knit knitting group meets the second and fourth Mondays at 1:00 pm.
- Our Friends Group meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm.
- Needle-felting Friends Club meets the second Wednesday at 4:30 pm.
- The Joyful Stitchers Cross-stitch Club gathers on the third Saturday at 9:15 am.
- A "Classic" Book Discussion Group that gathers the third Monday at 10:30 am.
- A "Lit Lovers" Book Group that gathers the fourth Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm.
- A Writers' Circle gathers the fourth Monday at 6:00 PM

Holiday Hours: Thanksgiving: The Library Will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28

Christmas: The Library Will close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 25

New Year's: The Library Will close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1 2020

Election Day Bake Sale: Tuesday, November 5 from 7:00 am - 2:00 pm

EXTRAGIVE: Friday, November 22.

This year, donations made to the Library during the Extragive will go toward a new roof and gutters for the Library.

<u>Milanof-Schock Library's New Roof Campaign</u>: From our Director, Barbara Basile: "It's ugly up there! After numerous expensive repairs, the experts agree a new roof is the only way to go. Throughout the Library, we find water seeping into the building and dripping from the gutters, causing health and safety concerns for our visitors. Consider helping us stop the drops by filling our bucket with your generous donations. Every drop you give counts! A huge THANK YOU to the Rotary Club of Mount Joy and a private donor for kick-starting our new roof campaign!"

The Friends Annual Holiday Gift, Book & Bake Sale: Thursday, Nov. 21 from 10:00 am- 8:00 pm; Friday, Nov. 22 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Saturday, Nov. 23 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

<u>Summer Reading at the Library</u>: 788 kids completed Summer Reading forms this year! There were programs about Ben Franklin and Charles Lindbergh, families learned about alpacas and reptiles, our Lunch Bunch gang learned about occupations while visiting with members of the community, and there were a few programs to celebrate NASA's Moon Landing. The Library is definitely the place for families to be!

Reach for the Stars Benefit Auction 2019: Our annual benefit auction at the Gathering Place restaurant was a success!





WYW / LEAF Bags

- * Bags are available FREE at the Twp Office
- * Call for pick up of bags after hours. 367-8917
- * No grass clippings in bags ever.
- * Set out Rain or Shine -Limit 20 bags/bundles for WYW per pickup No limit for LEAF bags per pickup
- * Branches/shrubs bundled no longer than 4' - tied with twine
- * WYW picked up same day as trash!
- LEAVES picked up on designated Saturdays

2019 LEAF Pickups Saturdays:

November 2 & 16 December 7 & 14

2020 WYW Pickups

Picked up on your trash day.

April 6-7-8 * 20-21-22

May 4-5-6- * 18-19-20

June 1-2-3 * 15-16-17 * 29-30

July 1 * 13-14-15 * 27-28-29

August 10-11-12 * 24-25-26

September 8-9-10 * 21-22-23

October 5-6-7 * 19-20-21

ATTENTION - CHANGE TO NOVEMBER 30th LEAF PICKUP

November 30th Leaf Pickup has been pushed back to December 7th!

Recycle The BIG 4 Only!

1. Corrugated Cardboard



2. Metal Food & Beverage Cans



3. Plastic Bottles & Juas with Necks

4. Glass Jars & Bottles



Flatten boxes! Empty, rinse and remove lids!

It's OK to throw everything else away!



1 in 5 area homes are powered with trash!

LCSWMA will take ALL Household Hazard Waste

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

FAST- EASY-FREE DISPOSAL Lancaster Co Solid Waste Management Authority 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster



Recycle Newspapers Only

Lancaster City's Recycling Center

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



Corrugated Cardboard Dumpster



Please, do not contaminate our dumpster!

Corrugated Cardboard
Only Please

RECYCLE BINS

- * Bins given out FREE at the Township building
- * Bins belong to the Address not the Resident
- * Broken? Attach a note asking Penn Waste to take it as trash
- Call for same day, after hour, pickup of bins if you can't make it into our office by 4 pm

Humane League of Lancaster County

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

Mennonite Central Committee's Materials Center

517 W. Trout Run Road, Ephrata

Commercial, Industrial & Institutions

You are required by ordinance to recycle!

If you are not already recycling, contact your hauler to have recycling "toters" placed beside your dumpster! See page 4 for recycling guidelines.

Residents will no longer be able to take WYW & leaves to Zeager Brothers.

Our Trash hauler will continue to collect these materials in Kraft bags

on the designated pickup days.



Bright Red Drop Box

Please consider using our drop box for after hour drop off of Township permits, payments, etc.

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

Contact our office if you are not sure what tag you need. 717-367-8917 or kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org

White Goods & Tire Pickup

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Buy tags by: Thu. March 26
Curbside: Fri. March 27
Picked up: Sat. March 28

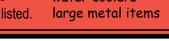
Tire Tag: \$1.50 (No tractor tires) Limit 10 tires per address (on or off the rims)

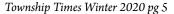
White Goods Tag: \$12.00 Includes, but not limited to items listed.

dryers
dishwashers
stoves
freezers
dehumidifiers
furnaces
treadmills
refrigerators
air conditioners
water heaters
water coolers

washers









8855 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown

Ph: 367-8481 8am-4pm www.nwrpd.org

For safe disposal of expired drugs: bring them to the address above!



PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

Keeping Children Safe

PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

- et or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you
- When you approach an intersection where a school but is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop sem. extended, you MUST STOP.
- You MUST STOP at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- You MUST WAIT until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop ann has been withdrawn before.
- . DO NOT MOVE until all the children have reached a place of salety.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- * These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing scopped school buses.



roadways with painted lines.







You MUST STOP on roadways with ridged/grooved

Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.

PUB 97 (7-18)

SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

PENALTIES

If you are convicted of violating Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

- ♦60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- Five (5) points on your driving record
- ♦\$250 Fine

Annually, more than 700 drivers are convicted for passing a stopped school bus with its red lights flashing.

SEPARATE ROADWAYS

Drivers may proceed on a highway with clearly defined dividing sections or physical barriers providing separate roadways. This only applies when the school bus is on the opposite side of the road.

If In Doubt, STOP!









Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.

For more information on Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law, including an minuted graphic demonstrating whe you must stop, visit were penned agon/safety and click on "Traffic Safety & Taiwer Topics" and show "School Bus Safety".



717-367-0355

Programs & Services Available

- Recreation
- Child Care
- Senior Center
- Community Center

GetintoGEARS.org







Holiday Parade Saturday, Dec 7 4 pm

2-Person Scramble

Golf Tournament Friday, Oct 4

8 am Dauphin Highlands **Golf Course**

Saturday, October 26 10 am-2 pm E-town Fairgrounds

Senior Center Basket (3) (3)

Saturday, September 21 2 pm GEARS Community Center

Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Nov 9 7 am - 1pm GEARS Community Center 717-367-7984

Kids Center

For ages 3-12

- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- Summer Camp
- Before & After School 717-367-0119

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SAVE THE DATE E-town Community Park Saturday, April 4



Call or go online for details

Elizabethtown Library

On August 10, the Library wrapped up our Summer Reading Program. This year 1,408 young readers participated!

Story times are back starting in September and will run through the second week of November. Baby Time is 9:15am on Wednesdays, followed by Toddler Time at 10:30am. Family Storytime is 10:30am on Thursdays. Please visit etownpubliclibrary.org for more info and to register.

Crazy 8s Math Club also returns this fall and will meet Tuesdays from 4:30pm – 5:30pm from September 10 – October 29. This afterschool math club is especially designed for students currently in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

Our adult book discussion group meets every 3rd Saturday at 9:15am in the first floor Turret Room.

The Library has resumed our school year hours and will be open Saturdays from 9am - 4pm, in addition to our year-round weekday hours of Monday noon - 8pm, Tuesday - Thursday 9am - 8pm, and Friday 9am - 1pm.

The Train Guys' Holiday Train Display returns in December, with a first public show on December 3 from 6pm – 8pm.

It's never too soon to start thinking about A Taste of Western Lancaster County! The 12th annual celebration of local food and fellowship is February 7, 2020. Tickets will go on sale via Eventbrite after Thanksgiving.

The ExtraOrdinary Give is coming up on November 22, 2019. This year the minimum gift has been lowered to \$10, so you can give extra to more of the organizations you care about! Starting at midnight on the 22nd through 11:59pm, your online gift will be stretched by the generous stretch pool made possible by the Lancaster County Community Foundation, Rodgers & Associates, the High Foundation, and others.

HOLIDAY TRAIN DISPLAYS AT ELIZABETHTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY & MASONIC VILLAGE

The model railroading display is designed to appeal to young and old. The display features 50 interactive push buttons and takes viewers back to the times when toy trains and Christmas were strongly linked. The display can be operated with new, reproduction and original trains featured. Visit: www.etownpubliclibrary.org for more information and updates.

The Masonic Villages & Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club is located in a dedicated building on the Masonic Village, Elizabethtown campus. This provides a year-round activity for the residents of the Village and the greater Elizabethtown Community.

For more information on the Club plus the schedule of Open Houses, please visit: www.mvemodelrrclub.com

Interested in more Elizabethtown Holiday Events, please visit: www.Christmastree-town.com

Northwest EMS Ambulance Funding

Northwest EMS thanks local residents for their generous donations to purchase an ambulance to replace one with high mileage and maintenance costs. The company also thanks the Mount Joy Township supervisors for pledging to increase donations to Northwest EMS over the next three annual budgets.

Some small, all-volunteer ambulance services in Pennsylvania are shutting their doors or offering less than 24-hour coverage. Northwest EMS also is feeling the financial crunch of low insurance and Medicare reimbursement, but it continues to serve residents thanks to donations, government grants, and its annual subscription drive.

You will soon receive a mailing from Northwest EMS for the annual subscription drive. Besides helping this non-profit company, our subscribers receive a discount if they need to use our ambulance service.

An emergency ambulance response costs more than \$1,000, so your savings as a subscriber can be significant. If an insurance company applies the ambulance bill to your deductible and does not reimburse Northwest EMS, the bill will be discounted 50 percent. Therefore, a \$1,000 bill becomes \$500.

This discount is available with a subscription payment of \$75 for a family, \$65 for a couple, or \$50 for a single person. See the mailer for full details.

Besides emergency medical care, Northwest EMS provides community services like CPR, Stop the Bleed, First Aid classes, Junior Academy for high school students, school visits, presentations to service clubs, and more.

If you have not received a subscription form by December 15, please call 361-8220, ext. 4, and ask for one.

Local Volunteer Fire Departments Need Your Support

Mount Joy Township is served by four volunteer fire departments: Elizabethtown, Mastersonville, Mount Joy, and Rheems. Fire protection is an essential public safety service for our community. The volunteers that perform these duties need your support. A great way to get involved is to become a volunteer in some capacity with your local department.

The other way is through financial support. Mount Joy Township currently employs a 0.4-mill Fire Protection Tax as part of your annual Real Estate Tax bill. This generates over \$340.000 of revenue for the operating and capital reserve contributions to the four fire departments. But this isn't enough. Seriously consider what these volunteers provide to you and your families when you receive the annual fund drive mailers and see fundraisers for the Elizabethtown, Mastersonville, Mount Joy, and Rheems fire departments. **Your Support is critical!**







Public Works Crew:

Mount Joy Township

8853 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown 8 AM - 4 PM

Phone: 717-367-8917 www.mtjoytwp.org

Twp Manager/Zoning: Justin Evans ext. 207 justin@mtjoytwp.org
Secretary/Asst Zoning: Patricia Bailey ext. 204 patricia@mtjoytwp.org
Recycling Coordinator: Kristina Kirchner ext. 200 kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org
Treasurer: Richard Forry ext. 208 rich@mtjoytwp.org

Assistant Treasurer: Sherri Minnich ext. 205 sherri@mtjoytwp.org
Code Officer: Dan Ford ext. 206 dan@mtjoytwp.org
Road Master: Ken Ebersole ext. 211 ken@mtjoytwp.org
Public Works Foreman: Robert Ansell

Sean Donato
Bryan Range Jr
Richard Wagner II
Clayton Fidler



Changes to Trash Pickup

Trash billed: December 1st Payment due: December 31st

Payments not in our office,

or dropbox, by 4pm Dec 31st

will be considered late.

Thanksgiving:

NO Change

<u>Christmas:</u>

Mon goes Mon Tues goes Tues Wed goes Thur

New Years:

Mon goes Mon Tues goes Tues Wed goes Thur

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday

Mount Joy Township Holidays

Thanksgiving closed: Nov 28 & 29 Christmas closed: Dec 25 & 26

New Years closed: Jan 1

leaf pickup moved to Dec 7th

Nov 30th