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Hike and Bike Trail Dedication

On October 27, 2007, during the Community Day activities for Kim Hess, the new Hike and Bike Trail was dedicated to the residents of Penn Township and surrounding communities. Hosting the dedication ceremonies was Buck Shuller,

who was instrumental in obtaining the funding sources to make this trail a reality.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony were: Ken Sheaffer, and Clyde Barrick representing Penn Township; Sam Sangialosi representing Cooke Township; Anna Group representing the Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary; Vickie Wallick and George Rohrs representing Penn Township Park and Recreation Board; Chuck Rhodes from ABC Channel 27; County Commissioner Bruce Barclay and State Representative Will Gabig.



Key Logistics Park

At the November 8, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting Jim and Matt Clymer, representing Key Logistics Park, presented to Penn Township two checks, one in the amount of \$150,000.00 to be used for the extension of the sewer line to Centerville, and one in the amount of \$276,900.00 to be put into the township account to be disbursed as they see fit.

Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company

Pictured right: Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Amos Seiders presenting a check for \$200,000.00 to Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company Treasurer

Wayne Hockensmith. This check represents some of the money received from Key Logistics Park.

2008 Township Calendar

All times 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated. See Fire Company News (Pg. 5) for details on events.

February

- 4—Planning Commission Mtg
- 7—Park and Recreation Board Mtg
- 9—Fire Company Meat Raffle
- 13—Zoning Hearing Board Mtg
- 14—Board of Supervisors Mtg

March

- 1—Fire Company Meat Raffle
- 3—Planning Commission Mtg
- 6—Park and Recreation Board Mtg
- 12—Zoning Hearing Board Mtg
- 13—Board of Supervisors Mtg
- 22—Fire Company Egg Hunt

April

- 3—Park and Recreation Board Mtg
- 7—Planning Commission Mtg
- 9—Zoning Hearing Board Mtg
- 10—Board of Supervisors Mtg
- 12—Fire Company Meat Raffle
- 19—Fire Company Pot Pie Supper
- 26—Fire Company Sportsman's Raffle

SPRING CLEANUP: Will take place the weeks of June 2nd and 9th. Look in the April issue for more information!

NOTE: Fire Company BINGO is held every Friday night, 7:00 at the Fire Hall



Board of Supervisors

Penn Township Personnel

Zoning Hearing Board

Holbert Myers, Chair
Todd Vogelsong
Seth Shaffer
Matthew Farkas, Voting Alternate
Richard Mislitsky, Solicitor

Planning Commission

Fred Leeds - Chair
Ron Tritt - Vice-Chair
Marcia Leeds - Secretary
Jan Roberts
George Rohrs
Victor Barrick
Kathleen Shirey
Richard Mislitsky, Solicitor

Parks & Recreation Board

Ron Tritt, Chair
Bill Feuchtenberger, Vice-Chair
Vickie Wallick, Secretary
Jill Barrick
Buck Shuller
John Wardle
Susan Whitesel
George Rohrs, Voting Alternate

Fire Company Executive Officers

Ernie Beecher - President
Tim Knepp, Sr. - Vice President
Wayne Hockensmith - Treasurer
Loretta Hair - Secretary
Brenda Bowes - Assistant Secretary
Sally Miller - Financial Secretary
Fran Hair - Chaplain

Fire Company Line Officers

James Hair - Fire Chief - 226-4485
Robert Kough, Jr. - Deputy Chief
Chris Alleman - Assistant Chief
Kevin Enyeart - Captain
Dennis Shoff - Lieutenant
Tim Knepp, Sr. - EMS Captain
Westley Gingrich - EMS Lieutenant

Fire Company Auxiliary

Anna Group - President
Evie Seiders - Vice President
Mary Wert - Secretary
Joyce Wardle - Assistant Secretary
Romaine Sheaffer - Treasurer
Kay Kann - Financial Secretary
Erma Dingle - Facility Contact
Richard Kann - Chaplain

Fire/Police Members

Robert Kough, Sr., Captain
Bob Alleman, Lieutenant
Amos Seiders, Sergeant
Art Danner
Wayne Hockensmith
Jim Sheaffer
Ricky Stitt
Ira Wagner
John J. Wardle, Jr.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Robert Kough, Jr. - 226-6537
Ernie Beecher, Assistant

Codes Enforcement Officer

Fred Leeds
Ron Tritt, Assistant

Vacancy Board

J. Michael Ickes, Chair

The Board of Supervisors took the following actions at recent meetings:

October 2007

- Requested that the Solid Waste Authority work up cost figures to establish a temporary recycling site in the township.
- Approved a 45-day extension for the Cardwell plan.
- Approved a bond agreement with Key Logistics for the warehouse development on Centerville Road.
- Approved the low bid of Adams Water Well Drilling Company at \$10.50 per foot for casing, \$6.50 per foot for drilling, and \$45.00 for the drive shoe to drill a new well at the township building.
- Approved approximately \$1300.00 for the purchase of a Crack Sealer machine.
- Accepted the resignation of George Snyder from the Park and Rec Board and appointed Buck Shuller to the position.
- Approved the sending of a letter to residents who live in the gypsy moth spraying area to ask for their help in paying for spraying in the spring.

Conditional Use Hearing, October 2007: Granted a non-conforming use request from Daniel Mell, 1068 Centerville Road, to add a garage, bathroom, bedroom and office to his current residence which will extend into the setback area.

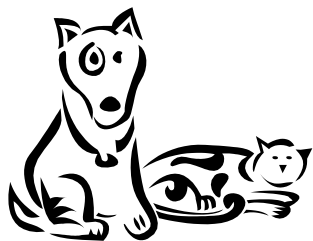
November 2007

- Representatives from Key Logistics presented the Supervisors with a check for \$150,000.00 for the Centerville Sewer project and another for \$276,900.00 for the Township general fund.
- Approved the Cardwell/Ketner subdivision plan.
- Approved \$1200.00 to repair one of the township trucks.
- Approved Resolution 2007-10 Worker's Comp for the Fire Company including gun raffles.
- Approved participation in the 2008 gypsy moth spraying program.
- Approved the hire of Galbraith Design on Kutz Road to design the new building on the site of the current Centerville School building.
- Accepted the resignation of Vickie Wallick from the Planning Commission and tabled the nomination of a replacement until all applications can be reviewed.
- Accepted the resignation of Gary Martin from the Zoning Hearing Board, and approved moving Seth Shafer from Voting Alternate to full member of the Board.
- Approved the move of \$50,000.00 from the general fund check from Key Logistics to the Centerville Sewer fund.

December 2007

- Approved Resolution 2007-11 Adoption of 2008 budget and setting the tax rates for 2008. Taxes will remain the same.
- Requested that the Township Engineer inspect the work at the Key Logistics warehouse and bill Key Logistics.

The complete minutes of the Supervisors' Meetings are available, weaver burkholder once they are approved, at the Township Building or on our website, www.pennntpcc.org.



DOG AND CAT INFORMATION

State: Owners of dogs and cats three months of age or older are required to have a current rabies vaccination. All dogs three months of age or older must be licensed which are issued by the County Treasurer. All dogs must be under control and must not be allowed to run at large. Dogs are personal property, and owners are responsible for damages caused by their dog. **It is illegal to abandon or attempt to abandon any dog.**

The Bureau of Dog Law is charged with enforcing licensing and control of dogs, investigating dog bites, seizing and detaining any dog seen running at large and funding counties and humane organizations to establish dog control facilities.

More information can be viewed on the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement page at www.agriculture.state.pa.us.

Contacts as of 6/7/07:

Acting Director, Bureau of Dog Law: Rickee Miller; 787-4833 or rickemiller@state.pa.us.

Dog Warden, Cumberland County (E), Donald E. Newman, 432-7192

Dog Warden, Cumberland County (W), John Briner, 582-7600

Animal Shelters and Rescue:

Canine Rescue of Central PA, Tel: 232-1644, or

www.cr.petfinder.com

Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter, Tel: 263-5791

Collie Rescue, Tel: 691-7213, or

RescueCol@aol.com or www.collie-rescue.org

Furrie Friends, Tel: 240-8600, or

www.furryfriendsnetwork.com

PAWS of PA Harrisburg, Tel: 957-8122 or

pawsofpa@aol.com or www.pawsofpa.org

Helen W. Krause Animal Foundation, Inc.,

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TIMES. THIS OBSTRUCTION MAKES IT
DIFFICULT TO PLOW SNOW.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Newsletter Advertising

The PENN TIMES is published quarterly (January, April, July, and October), and offers area businesses the opportunity to advertise their businesses to all of the residents of the township. Advertisements may be changed to fit the seasons. Seasonal businesses may choose to advertise in the issue that is closest to their peak season.

The following are the prices for advertising in the 2008 PENN TIMES:

Size	Cost/Issue	Cost/Year
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50	\$175
1/4 Page	\$100	\$350
1/2 Page	\$200	\$700
Full Page	\$400	\$1400

Contact the township office at 486-3104 to reserve your space. You must provide the camera-ready artwork.

Advertising for the April issue is due by March 31.



**Residential & Commercial
Environmental Services**

EnviroSpect of Cumberland Valley
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Lloyd@pa.net
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Magnet High School for the Arts

Holding Auditions in February and March.

The Capital Area School for the Arts is currently scheduling auditions for the 2008-2009 school year.

For more information: www.casa-arts.org
717-214-0593 rhoopes@caiu.org



EAGLE SCOUT PARK

Township residents are invited to check out the Eagle Scout

Park behind the Township Municipal Building. This park is being constructed by scouts who are working toward their Eagle Scout badge.



Class Of The Past

Depression, carnival and other old glass and some antiques. Located 2 miles off Route 233 South of Centerville. Hours by appointment.

486-5998 or 286-3756

Planning Commission

September

- George Rohrs developed a report on anti-idling that he will present to the Board of Supervisors.
- Recommended approval of Mt. Asbury Development Plan subject to revisions met to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer.
- Tabled the Ketner/Cardwell plan pending revisions.

October

Recommended approval of the Ketner/Cardwell plan pending receipt of the E&S Control Plan.

August

- Accepted the resignation of Vickie Wallick with regret.
- Recommended approval of Kathleen Shirey as a new member of the Planning Commission.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CENTERVILLE AREA RESIDENTS

The cistern at the school is now filled with 85,000 to 90,000 gallons of water. Please call your insurance companies to see if you are eligible for a rate reduction based on your location and the location of the cistern.

Fire Company News

2008 Calendar of Events

February 9	Meat Raffle - Doors Open 5pm, Meal 6pm, Raffle 7pm
March 1	Meat Raffle - Doors Open 5pm, Meal 6pm, Raffle 7pm
March 22	Egg Hunt - 10am
April 12	Meat Raffle - Doors Open 5pm, Meal 6pm, Raffle 7pm
April 19	Pot Pie Supper - 3:30pm - ???
April 26	Sportsman's Raffle (Advanced Tickets)
May 31	Beef & Ham Supper 3:30pm - ???
July 31, Aug. 1, 2	Annual Firemen's Festival
September 20	Pot Pie Supper - 3:30pm - ???
September 27	Sportsman's Raffle (Advanced Tickets)
October 3	Anniversary Bingo
November 8	Meat Raffle - Doors Open 5pm, Meal 6pm, Raffle 7pm
November 22	Meat Raffle - Doors Open 5pm, Meal 6pm, Raffle 7pm
December 20	Christmas Caroling 6pm
December 21	Santa Party & Open House 2pm - 4pm

The Officers & Members of the Penn Township Volunteer Fire Department would like to wish all the members of the Penn Township Community a Safe & Joyous New Year!

Thanks,
Jim Hair, Fire Chief



NOTICE TO PENN TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

VOTING POLLS HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY MOVED TO THE PENN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, 1750 PINE ROAD, NEWVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Attention: The Cumberland County Bureau of Elections is looking for individuals who are interested in working in the various polling places in Penn Township and throughout the County. The pay for working Election Day for is \$115.00, plus \$6.00 for training reimbursement for mileage to that training. If you are a registered voter and are interested, please call the Bureau of Elections at 240-6385.

About Penn TownshipSouth Fairview

(Continued from previous newsletter)...

In the 1920s, the Gulf Oil Company installed a hand pump and tank in Brushtown, however, that only lasted one year since there were only three automobiles in the village at that time. The fourth store in the village was owned by Carey Black. He also installed a gas pump, and it was also not successful. The store closed in 1934. Keck's Store, at the corner of Rt. 233 and Pine Road, was started in 1947 by Luther Keck. The original township building was located on the southeast corner of the intersection, and the main road, Old State Road (Rt. 233) was gravel.

The first blacksmith shop was located on the west side of the Old State Road. The owner is unknown. The second shop was located on what is now Leeds Road (then Milltown Road), about 1/4 mile east of Old State Road. It was owned by Isaac Black. The third shop was on Peach Orchard Road, about 1/2 mile west of the Old State Road. It was owned by Carey Black, along with the general store. In 1933 he moved his shop to the Old State Road, about .2 mile north of Peach Orchard Road. After closing the business he grew strawberries and broom corn and had a small broom shop. The fourth blacksmith shop was owned by George Martin and located just to the north of Isaac Black's shop along a small stream. He was also a dealer in scrap metal and hauled log wood to the people in the village. This business was closed in 1947 and became the site of C. G. Laughman's Auto Salvage.

The Brushtown cemetery is located on the east side of Rt. 233 just south of the Pine Road intersection. The oldest known burial is Harry J. Decker who died April 15, 1873. It is now owned and maintained by the South Fairview First Church of God.

There was a school in Brushtown on the west side of Rt. 233, about 100 yards south of the cemetery. The school was built of mountain stone and had a bell and tower. In 1924 Penn Township consolidated several of the one-room schools into the Centerville School, and the Brushtown school closed.

In the county survey of 1872 there were only 36 houses in the village, twenty-two of which were log. Rev. Kuhn identified 8 of those houses that were still standing when he wrote his book in 1986. Six of them can be identified today. The Kuhn home (below, top center) is possibly the oldest existing home in the village, having been built in 1848-1849 by John B. Kelly. In 1918, Dr. Guy Carleton Lee of Carlisle purchased 89 acres just south of Peach Orchard Road and west of Old State Road. He decided to build a large summer home of native mountain stone and timber. The stone had to be quarried and hauled in, logs had to be cut and prepared for the building, and the excavating was done by hand with pick and shovel. Many of the men of the village worked on the construction of the home. Just inside the main gate another stone home was built for the chauffeur, and a separate frame home for the cook. This was the first house in the village to have indoor plumbing and flush toilets. Lee tried to drill for water, but was not successful. He then built a large reservoir on top of the hill behind the



lodge and pumped water to the reservoir from the mountain stream at the bottom of the hill. When that failed, water was pumped from a large spring across the road at the South Fairview Rod and Gun Club.

Penn Township's depression economy received a welcome lift when A.F. Blessing bought the Lee home about 1934. Blessing was a highway guardrail contractor. Toward the end of the decade many of the young men, literally dozens, from area villages and farms worked on highway projects for Blessing in Pennsylvania and neighboring states.



Some older men were also taken on as foremen and machine operators. When he died in the late 1950s, the business was continued by his widow and his son, Bill, then sold. The Blessing home was at the edge of the mountain at South Fairview. It has been sold to the Methodist Church and is used as a Church Camp.

In the 1970s the Township Supervisors bought land which had been part of the Blessing property and erected a new municipal building.

Sources:

My Remembrance of Old Brushtown, Rev. John L. Kuhn, 1986
Brushtown's Old country Doctor, Rev. John L. Kuhn, 1986
Days of Yore in Cumberland Valley, Rev. John L. Kuhn, 1989
The Past Remembered, Rev. John L. Kuhn, 1993
Penn Township 125 Years, Robert J. Smith, 1985

The Kiner home on Centerville Road was built around 1930 as a dance hall for the village by the McGonigal brothers. Unfortunately, the McGonigal homestead across the road burned and the family had to move into the dance hall to live.

Looking for old pictures or stories of Irishtown or Cumminstown. Please contact the Township office at 486-3104 if you have information to share.

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