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Office DEPOT.

Office Depot is Coming to Penn Township

From MATT MILLER, The Patriot-News
January 7, 2010

Florida-based Office Depot this morning announced that it will open a "combination facility" that will create more than 250 jobs in a recently-built warehouse near Interstate 81 in Penn Township, Cumberland County.

The firm will occupy half of a 1.2 million square-foot building along Route 233, and the center will serve the business supply firm's retail stores and commercial customers.

The Governor's Action Team, the Cumberland County Economic Development agency and township officials helped broker the deal.

Company official Kevin Peters said the site's location along I-81, a major transit artery for the Northeast, a "motivated" work force and relatively low real estate costs helped attract the firm to the site.

Anthony Amadure, county business development specialist, said Office Depot has an aggressive schedule for opening the center. Hiring will begin soon, he said, and the wages offered will be "extremely competitive."

Many of the employees for the center, 250 full-time hourly and 20 to 25 salaried workers, will be hired locally, Amadure said.

Melissa Perlman, Office Depot spokeswoman, said she didn't know how many new hires will be made. Four other company facilities in the Northeast are being closed to consolidate operations at the new site, she said, and employees from those operations are being offered chances to transfer.

Those interested in applying for jobs at the new center can do so at officedepot.com/jobs, she said

On Monday, January 11, Office Depot began a week-long Job Fair at the Penn Township Fire Company building to begin the staffing process for the new warehouse. There were a steady stream of applicants all day, and the representative from Office Depot stated that they will remain in Penn Township for an additional week, if necessary, in order to interview all who wish to apply. Applications will be accepted Monday—Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 am to noon on Saturday.

2010 Township Calendar

All meetings are held at the Township building, 1301 Centerville Road, Newville, PA at 7:00 pm unless otherwise stated.

February

- 1 Planning Commission Meeting
- 4 Park and Rec Board Meeting
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 15 President's Day
- 27 Fire Company Meat Raffle

March

- 1 Planning Commission Meeting
- 4 Park and Rec Board Meeting
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 13 Fire Company Meat Raffle
- 20 Fire Company Banquet

April

- 1 Park and Rec Board Meeting
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting
- 8 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 10 Fire Company Meat Raffle
- 14 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting
- 24 Fire Company Pot Pie Dinner

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

NO SPRING CLEANUP IN 2010

Due to lower than anticipated income for 2010, the Board of Supervisors have decided to reduce spending in several areas to enable the Township to perform core functions without increasing taxes. One of the items removed was the spring curbside pickup. The program may be rescheduled if additional funding becomes available.

Penn Township Personnel***Zoning Hearing Board***

Holbert Myers, Chair
 Todd Vogelsong, Vice-Chair
 Matthew Farkas
 Linwood Clippinger, Voting Alternate
 Richard Mislitsky, Solicitor

Planning Commission

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

Parks & Recreation Board

Daniel Mell, Chairman
 Pat Walker, Vice-Chairman
 Susan Whitesel, Secretary
 Evelyn Swartz

Fire Company Executive Officers

John Wardle - President 776-7266
 Tim Knepp, Sr. - Vice President
 Wayne Hockensmith - Treasurer
 Loretta Hair - Secretary
 Pat Sangialosi - Assistant Secretary
 Cindia Whistler - Financial Secretary
 John Wardle Jr - Chaplain

Fire Company Line Officers

Chris Alleman - Fire Chief - 226-0636
 Robert Kough, Jr. - Deputy Chief
 Jim Hair - Assistant Chief
 Doug Stum - Captain
 Ryan Finkey - Lieutenant
 Tim Knepp, Sr. - EMS Captain
 Westly Gingrich - EMS Lieutenant

Fire Company Auxiliary

Anna Group - President
 Evie Seiders - Vice President
 Mary Wert - Secretary
 Joyce Wardle - Assistant Secretary
 Marcia Leeds - Treasurer
 Kay Kann - Financial Secretary
 Cindia Whistler - Facility Contact
 Erma Dingle - Chaplain

Fire/Police Members

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

Emergency Management Coordinator

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

Codes Enforcement Officer

Fred Leeds
 Tim Knepp Sr - Assistant

Vacancy Board

J. Michael Ickes, Chair

Loan Grant Coordinator

Buck Shuller

Board of Supervisors**October 2009:**

- Granted a removal agreement to Clarence Spoerl to remove two buildings from his property.
- Approved Resolution 2009-007 to allow South Fairview First Church of God to install bathrooms in their new building.
- Approved the Penner sub-division plan.
- Approved Resolution 2009-006 Sewage Management Plan to require a 4-year rotation on septic tank pumping.
- Accepted the CMX Well Remediation proposal of \$1850.00 to determine the amount of contamination from petroleum there is in the well water around the former Centerville School property and develop an estimate for remediation.
- Appointed Supervisor Gary Martin as the WCCOG representative for the township.
- Approved a fee of \$7400.00 for the firm of Smith, Elliott, and Kearns to perform an outside audit of the township books before the new treasurer begins.
- Re-appointed Susan Whitesel to the Park and Rec Board.
- Approved Martha Sheaffer as Township Treasurer. The Board will review resumes for a new secretary.

November 2009:

- Re-appointed Matt Farkas to the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Appointed Tim Knepp as the Assistant Codes/Zoning Officer.
- Hired Tina McCommon as the part time secretary.
- Voted to stay with West Shore EMS.
- Tabled the Conditional Use hearing for Michael Greco.

December 2009:

- Approved and signed the Lauth/Key agreement for interior work on the warehouse for a new tenant.
- Completed the final negotiations with Carlisle partners for Office Depot to occupy 600,000 square feet of the warehouse. Carlisle Partners will pay \$.04 per square foot, 1/2 within thirty days and 1/2 no later than six months later.
- Approved Resolution 2009-009 to adopt the 2010 budget. Some items were cut in order to keep taxes at the current level.
- Approved the Cleason Zimmerman Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan.
- Approved the Whispering Hope individual wastewater disposal system.
- Approved the conditional use request of Thomas Owad, 1803 Walnut Bottom Road, to open a computer sales and repair business.
- Denied the conditional use request of Robert Henry to build a dwelling with an in-home business at the residence.

January 2010 Reorganization:

- Approved the following:
 - Gary Martin, Chairman
 - Ken Sheaffer, Vice-chairman
 - Pat Sangialosi, Secretary
 - Martha Sheaffer, Treasurer
 - Tina McCommon, Assistant Secretary
 - All appointed officials and committee persons, salaries, and fees (full listing in meeting minutes)

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



Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties

P.O. Box 1039, Carlisle, PA 17013-6039
 (717) 258-4806 (717) 258-1677 fax
www.dvscp.org

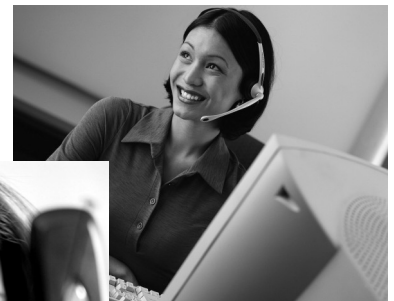
Contact: Deb Donahue, Executive Director
 Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties
 Phone: (717) 258-4806
 Email: exd@pa.net
 Website: <http://www.dvscp.org/>

Alternate Contact: Carla Maddox, Public Education Coordinator
 Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland & Perry Counties
 Phone: (717) 761-5599
 Email: cjmaddox@pa.net

Carlisle, PA – January 5, 2010

Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVS/CP) invites you to join us for our Annual Mardi Gras and Casino Event on Sunday afternoon, February 21, 2010, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Carlisle Country Club, 1242 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle. Heavy hors d'oeuvres (food stations) and cash bar begin at 2:00 p.m. Entertainment includes various casino games and video horse racing. A "chance auction" will end the fun afternoon. Tickets are \$45 per individual. Business casual attire. For additional information and to RSVP by February 12, please go directly to our website www.dvscp.org and click on events, or contact Carla at (717) 761-5599.

DVS/CP is a non-profit organization providing assistance to adult victims and their dependant children. Help is available to people in need of our services 24-hours a day, 7 days a week by calling our toll-free hotline number 1-900-852-2102. All DVS/CP services are free and confidential.



Planning Commission Minutes

The Planning Commission reviewed several subdivision plans in September and October. The following is a list of their findings:

- Recommended approval of the non-building sale of 14+ acres from Paul Okum to Edwin Feuchtenberger.
- Recommended approval of a conditional use hearing for Michael Greco regarding the purchase of 20 acres off of Southside drive for a house and a garage, the house for a computer repair business and the garage for a gunsmith shop.
- Recommended approval of a waiver on a sale of 1.9 acres of land by Robert and Cheryl Penner.

In a working session, the Commission discussed the requirements for home businesses and low-impact businesses. No decisions were made, but efforts are being made to define these businesses in further detail.

PROJECT UPDATES

Lebo Road Bridge

The GP-8 General Permit Registration for Temporary Road Closings, and the BWM-GP-11 General Permit Registration for Maintenance, Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation or Replacement of Water Obstructions and Enhancements have been submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for review. The anticipated schedule for the replacement of the bridge is to award the contract in late April and begin construction on June 15, 2010, with completion by the end of August.

Waste Hauling

The waste hauling contract with Interstate Waste Services is in place and all residents are reminded that proper waste disposal is the responsibility of each person to protect our environment. If anyone has a question or would like to sign up for curbside pickup or modify their contract, please call the Township Office during normal working hours.

Recycling



The recycling bins located at the township building have seen heavy traffic as local residents drop off their recyclable materials. Since the installation of the bins on August

30 approximately 17 tons of material have been recycled, reducing the amount of trash taken to the landfill and also requiring less raw materials for manufacture of new products. For 2009, western Cumberland County recycled a total of 386 tons of materials. According to the Cumberland County Solid Waste Authority, western Cumberland County saw an increase in recycling of 83% over 2008.

A list of acceptable recyclable items is available at the sign located at the entrance to the recycling bins and also on the Penn Township website. If you have questions concerning where to dispose motor oil and other automobile products; household products such as pesticides and fertilizers and pool chemicals; and large appliances and electronic devices please access the Cumberland County Recycling and Waste Authority on the web at <http://www.ccpa.net>. Click on Services, then Recycling & Waste Authority, then Cumberland FAQ's.



Fire Company News

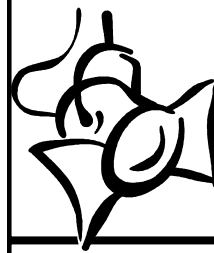
—John Wardle

Happy New Year!

Do you need a new smoke detector? We have received several smoke detectors from ABC27 News and a grant program. We would be happy to install one for you! Call the Fire Chief, Chris Alleman at 226-0636. Be sure to have an emergency escape plan in case a fire would ever occur, and please be careful with fire in your home over the winter months.

As we embark on a new year, would you consider joining the fire company? We have many positions available. Firefighters and emergency personnel are our first priorities as our goal is to protect lives and property within our community. We can also use assistance in fundraising and company operations. Being a completely volunteer company, we are proud to serve our community, but we could use your help.

Thank you for your support at our raffles, bingo, and annual fair! Details of our upcoming events are available on our website, www.penn townshipfire.org.



Employee Spotlight

Meet Tina McCommon



Our new Township Secretary has lived all her life in the Newville area. She is a graduate of Big Spring High School and lives with her husband on a farm near Bloersville. Tina has had 20 years of banking experience and six years of book-keeping and accounting work prior to joining the township as part time secretary.

In addition to her work for the township, she and her husband farm a total of 175 acres of hay as a cash crop. Tina says she lifts the bales of hay (not as much as she used to) and she can run the equipment! She mows and rakes, does the books for the business, and is learning how to bale the hay.

In her spare time, Tina likes to read, and says that Pat has supplied her with a year's worth of books!

Welcome, Tina!

MANDATORY SEPTIC TANK PUMP- ING/ACT 537

On January 24, 1966, the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act (Act 537, as amended) was enacted to correct existing sewage disposal problems and prevent future problems. To meet this objective, the Act requires proper planning in all types of sewage disposal situations. Local municipalities are largely responsible for administering the Act 537 sewage facilities program and are required to develop and implement comprehensive official plans that provide for the resolution of existing sewage disposal problems, provide for the future sewage disposal needs of new land development; and provide for future sewage disposal needs of the municipality.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the Penn Township ACT 537 Sewage Facilities Plan as the Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the Township. The Sewage Facilities Plan includes the following requirements:

INSPECTION: All subsurface waste disposal systems and/or alternative systems located within the Township shall be pumped out and inspected by the Township or its authorized agent every four (4) years. A copy of the inspection report shall be furnished to the homeowner.

OPERATION: The Township shall distribute to all existing and new members of the Management District, a copy of an abstract of pertinent information and regulations, including literature and publications discussing care and maintenance of septic tanks, aerobic units, waterless toilets and other subsurface waste disposal systems.

The Township has been divided into four (4) districts and the homeowners located in District one (1) will be required pump out their subsurface disposal systems during 2010. The homeowners located in District two (2) will pump out their systems in 2011, District three (3) will pump out in 2012, and District four (4) will pump out in 2013.

The complete Ordinance and the district map are available at the Municipal Building during normal working hours, and each homeowner will receive a letter informing them of the need to pump out their system during that calendar year.

Centerville Community Eagle Scout Project

Mike Sweger of Troop 185 is finalizing his Eagle Scout Project at Centerville Community Park, scheduled for spring of 2010 and will be selling trees to cover the expenses of the project. Trees available will be Red Maple and White Dogwood starter trees. The trees will cost \$15.00 each. Further information will be in April newsletter. To reserve your trees call 776-4637.



Road Master's Report

The road crew will be brush trimming, cold patching, and general road maintenance. The road crew asks that you watch out for snow plowing operations. They also want to remind you not to park on the township beth burns rights-of-way, streets or cul-de-sacs. If your cars get damaged in these areas due to snow plowing operations, the township is not responsible.

—Jeff Gillaugh

Find Your Name

The names of two Township residents, selected randomly from township records, are "hidden" out of context somewhere in this newsletter. Find your name and we will treat you to a \$20 gift certificate to Saylor's Market in Newville. If you find your name, claim the reward by stopping by the Township office before Feb 28, 2010. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.



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 2009 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 31st.

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1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241

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If you know of a Township resident who did not receive this newsletter, extra copies are available at the Township office.

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1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241
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Fax: (717) 486-3522

Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
Evening Hours by Appointment

Township Staff

Board of Supervisors

Gary Martin, Chairman
Ken Sheaffer, Vice-Chairman
Amos Seiders, Supervisor

Township Solicitor

Marcus McKnight, III

Township Engineer

John Shambaugh

Township Auditors

Charles Leeds, Chairman
Trina Manetta, Secretary
Stephen Custer

Township Tax Collector

Mable Stitt

Zoning Officer

Fred Leeds
Tim Knepp Sr—Asst

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Vincent Elbel
Edward Elbel, Assistant

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