



# PENN TIMES

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## LEBO ROAD BRIDGE

### Lebo Road Bridge

The Supervisors voted to award the contract to replace the existing bridge to J Beitz Enterprises, Inc of Mifflintown. J Beitz submitted the low bid of \$678,320. The anticipated schedule is to begin demolition of the existing bridge in June with completion by the end of August.

### 2010 Township Calendar

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

#### May

- 3 Planning Commission Meeting
- 6 Park and Rec Board Meeting
- 8 Fire Company Sportsmen's Raffle
- 13 Board of Supervisors Meeting

#### June

- 7 Planning Commission Meeting
- 3 Park and Rec Board Meeting
- 10 Board of Supervisors Meeting

#### July

- 1 Park and Rec Board Meeting
- 5 Planning Commission Meeting
- 8 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 14 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting

**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 is provided.



### 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  
Max Klein

#### *Fire Company Executive Officers*

John Wardle - President 776-7266  
Tim Knepp, Sr. - Vice President  
Wayne Hockensmith - Treasurer  
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  
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*

### **Board of Supervisors**

#### January 2010:

- Approved a contract with Dominion Energy for electrical service for the municipal building. Savings should be \$310.00 for the year.
- Approved a 180-day extension for the Lee Ulsh property clean up.
- Approved a modification to all applicable ordinances and resolutions to change all terms of the Zoning/Hearing Board and the Park and Rec Board to end on December 31 of the year of the end of their terms.
- Approved a reduction in members of the Park and Rec Board from 7 members to 5.
- Approved the resignation of John Wardle from the Park and Rec Board.
- Re-appointed Gary Cribbs and Kathy Shirey to the Planning Commission.
- Approved the burning of all 2002 non-permanent files.

#### February 2010:

- Appointed Dan Mell and Evelyn Swartz to the Park and Rec Board.
- Re-appointed Bert Myers to the Zoning/Hearing Board.
- Awarded the Citizen of the Year award to Kim Klinger for her work on the development and continued support of the township website.

#### March 2010:

- Awarded the contract for the construction of the Lebo Road bridge to J Beitz Enterprises, Inc for \$678,320.00. Construction is scheduled for completion on September 1, 2010.
- Tabled discussion of the On-lot Management Ordinance which would direct how the Township would monitor resident septic system maintenance.
- Approved changes to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Tabled a decision on groundwater testing.
- Approved a resolution for road classifications as an appendix to the Zoning ordinance.
- Approved new land development for Brewer.
- Approved new land development for South Fairview First Church of God.

The complete minutes of the Supervisors' Meetings are available, once they are approved, at the Township Building or on our NEW AND IMPROVED website, [www.penntwpcc.org](http://www.penntwpcc.org).

## KINGS GAP

Kings gap Environmental Education and Training Center consists of 1,454 acres of forest on South Mountain and is operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of State Parks. The entrance is on Pine Road, one mile east of the Huntsdale fish hatchery.

The grounds are open to the public year round from 8:00 AM to sunset. Sixteen miles of hiking trails connect with three main day use areas of the center: Pine Plantation Day Use Area, Pond Day Use Area and Mansion Day Use Area.

The Center provides a wide variety of educational services to teach about the natural world and critical environmental issues. A schedule of programs is available at the Center office, which is open from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM weekdays and weekends and evenings when a public program is scheduled, or by accessing the Kings Gap Environmental Education Center website.



## ABOUT SOUTH MOUNTAIN

South Mountain and the area that surrounds it was created millions of years ago when the land that was derived from volcanoes and covered by oceans buckled and rose. The South Mountain section is the northern end of the Blue Ridge mountains – a narrow mountain range extending through Virginia and Maryland into Pennsylvania. This is one of the largest intact forests between Harrisburg and Washington D.C. Bordering these public lands are significant, unprotected forest and wetland tracts of high natural value.

It is estimated that 80-85 percent of the water from the mountain recharges the streams, wells and underground aquifers of the Cumberland Valley. From the mountains flow many high quality-cold water fisheries like the Yellow Breeches and the world famous Letort Springs. At the toe slopes of the mountain are many vernal pools abundant with life that act as catch basins where water can seep back into the aquifer. The South Mountain offers an abundance of outdoor recreation facilities including the 85,000 acre Michaux State Forest: Caledonia, Pine Grove Furnace and Mont Alto state parks: and the Kings Gap Environmental Education Center.

## 6th Annual Randi's Race

On May 8, 2010, the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Randi's Race: A 5K Run/Walk for Hope and Courage** will be held at Adams Ricci Park in Enola. The 5K Run/Walk is in memory of Nancy Chavez's beloved daughter, Randi Lee Trimble, who was murdered by a hit man hired by Randi's husband in her own home in East Pennsboro Township on January 10, 2003. Born out of a tragedy and a mother's grief, **Randi's Race: A 5K Run/Walk for Hope and Courage** continues to grow and foster an increased awareness and support for victims of domestic violence.

Since its inception, Randi's Race has raised over \$148,000. The funds donated each year, whether through sponsorships, teams, and/or individual's support help victims of domestic violence reach safety. Last year DVS/CP served 1,134 victims. Funds support direct services such as the 24/7 manned hotline number for victims to call to reach emergency shelter, legal advocacy, and adult and youth counseling.

Nancy promotes **Randi's Race: A 5K Run/Walk for Hope and Courage** as a community event that has the potential to reach many individuals in our community to offer a better quality of life. Nancy's dedication to end domestic violence and empower victims to make better choices for themselves and their loved ones remains as a priority. Please join us and Senator Vance as our Honorary Chair in our support of ending Domestic Violence. Teams are encouraged.

For additional information, please log on to [www.dvscp.org](http://www.dvscp.org) and click events, or contact the Public Education office at (717) 761-5599

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

#### FOR THE PENN TOWNSHIP 150th ANNIVERSARY BOOK:

We are looking for information on the Social/Fraternal organizations that existed in Centerville in the early-to-mid 1900s. We know Robert Beecher that there was a P.O.S. of A. Lodge, another group called the American Volunteers, and possibly an IOOF Hall. We have some information on the P.O.S. of A., but very little on the American Volunteers, and none on the IOOF.

In addition, there was an Assembly of God Church on Ritner Highway from 1957 to 1972, but the cornerstone on the building says 1903. Does anyone know what church occupied the building from 1903 to 1957?

If you have information you can share, please call David Smith at 776-9675 or Linda Piekut at 486-5452.

Thanks for your help!

# PROJECT UPDATES

## 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 Thomas McCarty drop off their recyclable materials. Since the installation of the bins on August 30 approximately 31 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. 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.

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## Road Master Report

The township used 150 tons of salt this year compared to the 225 tons last year.

The road crew will be doing tree trimming—slow down and be aware of what's happening on the roads.

There will not be a lot of road repair due to the liquid fuel money being less this year. Once the Lebo Bridge is done, there may be money left over for road repair.

**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 May 31, 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:

<u>Size</u> <u>Year</u>	<u>Cost/Issue</u>	<u>C o s t /</u>
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50	\$175
¼ Page	\$100	\$350
½ 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 July issue is due by June 30th.

## 2009 Citizen of the Year Award

At the February 11, 2010 Board of Supervisors meeting, Kim Klinger was named Citizen of the Year for 2009.

Kim has been involved in the development and maintenance of the Township website since the beginning in 2004. She took the time from her schedule to attend the training classes in both the old and new website tools and was active in choosing the new website development company. She is still involved in maintaining the information on the website for the township.

The Supervisors appreciate all the time and effort that Kim has put into keeping the website updated so our residents are aware of the current events and changes in our township.



## FIRE COMPANY NEWS



### Dear Residents of Penn Township:

Welcome spring, after a long snowy winter. Please be careful with outdoor burning, this the season for brush and mountain fires. When burning it is a good idea to call county control to alert them. This way if someone calls a fire in we are aware. Please be sure to keep fires a safe distance from buildings.

Did you recently check your smoke detectors with the time change? Do you need a new one? We still have several smoke detectors from ABC 27 News and a grant program. We would be happy to install one for you, call the Fire Chief, Chris Alleman. Also, it is important to have an emergency escape plan in case a fire would ever occur.

A Big 100 years of Scouting event is planned for the weekend of May 14-16. Stop by we are expecting several hundred Boy and Cub Scouts. Food will be available for lunch on Saturday. Did you know the fire company is the sponsoring organization for both the Boy and Cub scouts of 185.

Would you like a ticket for the sportsman raffle on May 8th? Tickets can be purchased now.

**Thank you for your continued support at our raffles, bingo and annual fair.**

Yours in Service,

John Wardle—President

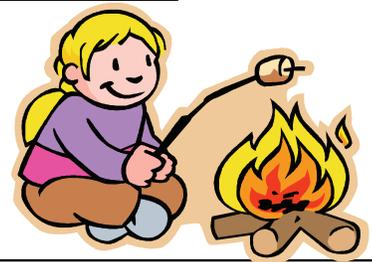
## 100th Anniversary Spring Camporee

The Boy Scouts of America will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary Spring Camporee May 14, 15, and 16, 2010 at Penn Township Fire Company Grounds, Cumberland County. (1 mile west of Kings Gap State Park) All Scouts and Scouters from each and every District are welcome. Show what your troop can do to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in Keystone Area Council.

This will be a fun filled weekend of scouting Skills, Fellowship and Scout Run Campfire for the whole council. Troops and Crew are invited to show the Council what you do best. Troops are asked to put displays, interactive presentations, or demonstrations that will be judged with awards presented at the campfire. Scouts can tour the event, participate in games and enjoy the day.

HIGH ADVENTURE	Hiking, camping, high adventure, canoeing, boating, climbing
PIONEERING	Built on site towers, bridges, etc
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	First-aid, safety, disaster readiness
100 YEARS OF SCOUTING	Any/all memorabilia dedicated to scouting, old uniforms, patches, skills
FUTURE OF SCOUTING	What will scouting look like in the future?
CRAFTS	Build it, display it, Teach others to do it !
FUN IN SCOUTING	Games and outdoor fun

For more information and registration, please visit [www.keystonebsa.org](http://www.keystonebsa.org).



### Eagle Scout Project

Mike Sweger of Troop 185 is finalizing his Eagle Scout Project at Centerville Community Park and will be selling trees to cover his expenses for the project. Trees for sale are 2' Red Maple (Acer) for \$15.00, 18" White Dogwood (Florida) for \$10.00 and 2' White Dogwood (Kousa) for \$15.00. To reserve your trees call 776-4637.

### CAN YOUR HOME BE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES??

There is a Township Ordinance that requires all homes to have the street number four inches high so that emergency vehicles can easily find your home. These street numbers are available for only \$10 from Bob Kough, 385-2179. This is not-for-profit, and Bob does this as a favor to the fire department.

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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.

### **Penn Township**

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Newville, PA 17241  
Phone: (717) 486-3104  
Fax: (717) 486-3522

**Office Hours:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
7:00 a.m. — 4:00 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

**Employee**

Ernie Beecher

**Sewage Enforcement Officer**

Vincent Elbel  
Edward Elbel, Assistant

**Township Secretary**

Tina McCommon  
Pat Sangialosi, Asst Sec  
Martha Sheaffer, Treasurer

**Road Master**

Jeff Gillaugh