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## ANNUAL FIREMAN'S FAIR AUGUST 2, 3, & 4, 2012



**Penn Township Volunteer  
Fire Company Grounds  
Pine Road**



**Hours 5:00 p.m.  
until ???  
Fireworks Saturday  
Night  
10:00 p.m.**

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**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  
 Deron Clark  
 Richard Mislitsky - Solicitor

***Parks & Recreation Board***

Max Klein - Chairman  
 Pat Walker - Vice-Chairman  
 Susan Whitesel - Secretary

***Fire Company Executive Officers***

John Wardle– President 776-7266  
 Julie Beecher – Vice President  
 Wayne Hockensmith – Treasurer  
 Pat Sangialosi - Secretary  
 Sally Miller -Assistant Secretary  
 Cindia Whistler– Financial Secretary  
 John Wardle Jr-Chaplain

***Fire Company Line Officers***

Robert Kough, Jr. – Fire Chief  
 Chris Alleman – Deputy Chief  
 Doug Stum - Assistant Chief  
 Ernie Beecher - Captain  
 Barry Shoff - Lieutenant  
 Tim Knepp, Sr. – EMS Captain  
 Joe Miller - EMS Lieutenant

***Fire Company Auxiliary***

Anna Group – President  
 Julie Beecher – Vice President  
 Mary Wert – Secretary  
 Joyce Wardle – Assistant Secretary  
 Marcia Leeds – Treasurer  
 Kay Kann – Financial Secretary  
 Cindia Whisler - Facility Contact  
 Erma Dingle - Chaplain

***Fire/Police Members***

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Dennis McGarry - Captain  | Ricky Stitt      |
| Jim Sheaffer - Lieutenant | Ron Tritt        |
| Leon Kitner               | Ira Wagner       |
| Art Danner                | John J Wardle Jr |
| Wayne Hockensmith         | Robert Kough, Sr |
| Robert Alleman            | Michael Young    |

***Fire Company Trustees***

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Ernie Beecher | Dennis McGarry |
| Denny Shoff   | John J Wardle  |
| Barry Shoff   |                |

***Emergency Management Coordinator***

Robert Kough, Jr. – 226-6537  
 Ernie Beecher - Deputy

***Codes Enforcement Officer***

Fred Leeds  
 Ken Lloyd—Assistant

***Vacancy Board***

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

***Loan Grant Coordinator***

Buck Shuller

**2012 Township Calendar**

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

**July**

- 5 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 11 Zoning Hearing Board
- 12 Planning Commission Meeting

**August**

- 2,3 &4 PTVFC Fireman's Fair
- 8 Zoning Hearing Board
- 9 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting
- 26 PTVFC Breakfast

**September**

- 6 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 8 PTVFC Potpie Supper
- 12 Zoning Hearing Board
- 13 Park & Recreation Committee
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 PTVFC Breakfast

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

**SOLICITATION ORDINANCE**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors have enacted an ordinance regulating persons who go door-to-door soliciting contributions or selling or attempting to sell goods and services. The Ordinance requires individuals to apply for a Solicitation Permit and to exhibit the permit when required by the person being solicited.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to the following individuals and organizations:

- A. Fund raising activities to benefit school sponsored organizations, churches, or other non-profit charitable and civic organizations.
- B. Persons delivering or distributing goods or services previously ordered or contracted for.
- C. Persons who solicit for an organization which has registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State under the Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, and produce proof of such current registration.
- D. Officers or employees of the Township, County, State or Federal Government, or any subdivision thereof, when on official business.
- E. Persons engaged in interstate commerce.

## Traveling? ‘Steer Clear’ of Road Crews, Emergency Responders

It’s that time of year again, and you know what that means: State and Township road crews will be out in full force, patching potholes and paving streets.

And while you may be tempted to speed past barricades and workers, here are some sobering statistics to keep in mind:

The Federal Highway Administration reports that more than 20,000 workers are injured in road construction work zones each year.

PennDOT says that in 2010, there were 1,886 vehicle crashes in work zones across Pennsylvania, including 110 on local roads. Four of the 23 resulting deaths were workers.

As one township official put it: “People need to slow down, pay attention to the speed limit and work area signs, and realize there are human beings there whose safety depends on the driver’s compliance with the work zone safety laws.”

But even the most conscientious drivers can be thrown for a loop when they see a change in the traffic pattern or encounter an accident — even on a rural road.

“Work zones and accident scenes create an unusual or unexpected event for motorists,” says Mark Hood, a senior traffic safety engineer with Pennoni Associates Inc., a civil engineering firm based in Philadelphia. “Any time you introduce that, your risk starts to increase. When you combine that with drivers who are inattentive or driving too fast and taking certain things for granted, you have a recipe for high risk.”

That’s why it’s a good idea to brush up on the rules of the road before jumping in the car this summer for picnics, vacations, and shopping trips.

### Make sure you ‘steer clear’

Pennsylvania has several statutes that are aimed at protecting road crews and motorists alike.

The commonwealth’s work zone safety laws, for instance, require drivers to turn on their headlights when entering posted work areas.

These laws also include stiff penalties for reckless drivers. Not only do they face a 15-day suspension of their driver’s license, but fines are also doubled for certain traffic violations, including speeding, driving under the influence, and failure to obey traffic devices. Also, anyone convicted of homicide by vehicle for a crash that occurs in an active work zone may receive up to five years of additional jail time.

In 2011 alone, 571 motorists had their license suspended for work-zone violations, PennDOT reports.

### Road Masters Report

South Side Drive has been widened. Beetem Hollow has been tarred and chipped.

We plan to install box culverts on South Side Drive and Leeds Roads. These roads will be closed during construction. Signs will be posted prior to the start of construction.

Crews will be out mowing over the summer. Please be careful when passing the mower.

Crews will also be out doing general road maintenance.

In addition to work zone safety laws, Pennsylvania has a Steer Clear Law. This statute, enacted in 2006, requires motorists to use caution at the scene of an emergency, a traffic stop, or a disabled vehicle being assisted by emergency responders.

The law requires drivers to move into the left lane when first responders are stopped on the right shoulder. If drivers cannot move over because of traffic or other conditions, the law requires them to reduce their speed.

Many drivers, however, are unfamiliar with the law. In fact, the Mason Dixon Polling and Research Company reports that although 49 states have enacted “steer clear” or “move over” laws, 71 percent of Americans did not know the statutes existed.

Pennsylvania’s Steer Clear Law applies any time an emergency vehicle has its lights flashing or where road crews or emergency personnel have set up flares, signs, or other traffic control devices.

Failure to move over or slow down can result in a summary offense that carries a fine of up to \$250. Fines are doubled for traffic Sharyn Brown violations that occur in construction zones. If a worker is injured during the violation, the driver could have his license suspended for 90 days.

In addition, when law enforcement isn’t present, Steer Clear allows road crews and emergency responders to report violations. Law enforcement can issue citations based on these reports.

More than 7,100 citations have been issued since Steer Clear went into effect in 2006.

### Be safe

The bottom line is, motorists must use caution when they see emergency responders, law enforcement, fire officials, emergency medical technicians, tow truck operators, highway workers, or any emergency vehicle along the road.

“After all, these professionals put their lives on the line to protect and serve the public every day,” Pennsylvania State Police Commissioner Frank Noonan says. “Slowing down or changing lanes to give road crews and first responders enough room to work safely is the least motorists can do in return.”

## GARBAGE COLLECTION REMINDER

### Acceptable Recyclables :

Newspapers/inserts, magazines, catalogs, junk mail/envelopes, office paper, corrugated cardboard (boxes are to be flattened), cereal boxes, soda boxes, tissue boxes, paperboard packaging, paper towel and toilet paper cores, telephone books, aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars, metal food cans, plastic bottles and containers labeled numbers 1-7. Specifically **excluded** are plastic bags and Styrofoam.

The homeowner is responsible for preventing litter. The recyclables are to be placed in the tote with heavy items on top. Recycling will be collected on the same day as your trash. Curbside recycling is mandatory.

### Bulk Item Pickup:

The contract also provides for one bulk item per week. **Interstate Waste Services must be notified if the bulk item cannot be handled by the truck driver.** (ex - refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and tires) The contact number for Interstate Waste Services is **(717) 423-5383 ext 2.**

**Acceptable Bulk Items:** appliances (Interstate Waste is responsible for removing the Freon), furniture, box springs, mattresses, bookshelves, tires without rims, carpets no longer than 9' x 12', etc. **The items must be able to be handled by two persons.** **Excluded** from the definition of bulk items are demolition materials, and pianos.

### Holiday Schedule :

**No** trash removal on July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. If your scheduled pickup day is on or after a holiday, your pick up day will be one day late for that week.

### Trash/Garbage:

Trash shall include all matter and materials which are discarded or rejected by the owners. Included are garbage, rubbish, trash and other refuse materials, but shall **exclude** human body waste, medical waster, hazardous waste, any debris or construction materials, dirt, rock, concrete, lead pipe, limbs, tree trunks, any vegetation, including grass clippings. All trash is to be placed in bags before being placed in the toter. The trash hauler is not responsible for cleaning up any trash that is not bagged and does not make it into the truck.

Any questions concerning any of the listed information may be directed to the township office.

Items that are not acceptable for recycling or bulk item pickup may be eligible for disposal at local businesses. A list of all participating recyclers is available at the Cumberland County Recycling and Waste Authority website:

**<http://www.ccpa.net/index.aspx?nid=2617>**

## SOUTH CENTRAL ALERT SYSTEM

The South Central Task Force (SCTF) and Cumberland County Department of Public Safety (DPS) are encouraging those who live and/or work in Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Perry, York, Lancaster or Lebanon County to register with the SCTF's new mass public notification system South Central Alert. This system will be utilized by emergency managers in the 8 counties listed above to alert citizens of urgent situations such as evacuation notices and instructions, shelter in place notifications or boil water advisories. This system is separate from notification systems that your local municipality or school district may use and WILL NOT be used to announce community events (fairs, parades), political messages or general weather statements. Notifications are made geographically, so that we can select the exact area affected by an emergency situation. All white page and yellow page listings for the 8 county region have already been entered into South Central Alert, but the system can do much more. Those registering can add up to 10 notification paths (cell phone, work phone, email, text messaging) and can register up to 5 locations (work, children's schools, family member's homes, etc.).

Registering is easy and can be done so by visiting <https://www.sctfpa.org/sc-alert/>. Individuals may also register by contacting Cumberland County DPS via email at [SCAlert@ccpa.net](mailto:SCAlert@ccpa.net) or by phone at 717-218-2913.

### Project Updates

**Key Logistics Park Warehouse** – The Panattoni warehouse is under construction at Key Logistics Park and is scheduled for occupancy in January 2013. The warehouse will be approximately 1,370,000 square feet and will employ up to 650 people when fully staffed.

**F & M Trust Bank** – The Board of Supervisors have approved a preliminary plan for development of the Mowery property Eli Burkholder located at the south-east corner of the intersection of Rt-11 and Rt-233.

**Housing Development** – The Board of Supervisors have approved the final plans for a housing development located on Hosfeld Road. The plan calls for up to 8 houses to be constructed.



Key Logistic Park Warehouse is under construction



## Board of Supervisors

### March 2012

- Adopted the LERTA Ordinance 2012-001
- Approved the the purchase of security cameras for the Township Building
- Approved the purchase of a sign for the Township Building
- Authorized to accept sealed bids for numerous items to be sold from the Township
- Approved advertizing for sale by sealed bid the 1992 Dodge pickup and the Snorklelift Aerial Platform

### April 2012

- Approved making the final occupancy permit for the new warehouse conditional upon the owners signing Developer's Agreement.
- Authorized Solicitor McKnight to add an addendum to the warehouse Developer's Agreement regarding the use of the emergency access.
- Adopted a resolution calling for reform to the Prevailing Wage Law
- Authorized the formation of an Agricultural Security Area Committee

### May 2011

- Approved Conditional Use for Martin and Lesa Wilkinson.
- Approved Agricultural Security Area application of Chad Bruce
- Approved sale of Dodge Pickup and Snorklelift Aerial Platform after opening bids
- Approved Peddling and Solicitation Ordinance 2012-002
- Approved advertising Speed Limit Ordinance for Hosfeld Road
- Approved Removal Agreement for Jonathan Bream
- Approved Resolution 2012-015 revising Township fee schedule
- Approved Road Materials bid.

## NEW ADDITIONS



The Township recently purchased a 2012 Ford F550, 4 WD, Super Cab dump truck and snow plow.

**Email Address Collection -**

The township is collecting email addresses to be able to efficiently deliver the quarterly newsletter and emergency information to our residents.

If you are interested in receiving information by email, please sign-up at

[www.penntwpcc.org](http://www.penntwpcc.org)

- **Community Information**
- **Newsletter**  
(sign up or cancellation of subscription)

Like us on Facebook for emergency alerts and information on road closures.



**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 2011 PENN TIMES:

| <u>Size</u>              | <u>Cost/Issue</u> | <u>Cost/Year</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 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 and for newsletter deadline.

**PENN TOWNSHIP SERVICES**

- \* **Photo copies** \$ .25 each
- \* **Faxing** \$1.00 first page— \$. 50 each additional page
- \* **Laminating** \$1.00 per item
- \* **Notary work** \$2.00 a seal (No DMV forms or titles)

The township will collect residential waste oil from vehicles

**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 Saylor’s Market before August 31, 2011. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.

**Rain Barrels**

**For Sale**

The Township has rain barrels to sell for \$25 each.

Please contact the Township during normal business hours to purchase.



**TOPSOIL FOR SALE**

The Township has topsoil for sale.

- Backhoe Bucket \$25.00 each
- Township Dump Truck Load \$120 delivered (delivery must be within the Township)
- Wood Chips Backhoe Bucket: \$30.00 delivered

Please contact the Township during normal business hours to purchase.

**Penn Township**  
**1301 Centerville Road**  
**Newville, PA 17241**

PRSRT STD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT #583

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

### **Penn Township**

**Address:**

1301 Centerville Road  
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.

### **Township Staff**

**Board of Supervisors**

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

**Township Engineer**

John Shambaugh

**Sewage Enforcement Officer**

Vincent Elbel  
Edward Elbel, Assistant

**Township Secretary**

Vicki Knepp  
Martha Sheaffer, Treasurer

**Township Tax Collector**

Mable Stitt

**Zoning Officer**

Fred Leeds  
Ken Lloyd, Asst

**Township Solicitor**

Marcus McKnight, III

**Road Master**

Jeff Gillaugh

**Employee**

Ernie Beecher

**Township Auditors**

Charles Leeds, Chairman  
Trina Manetta, Secretary  
Ron Tritt