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Bring Photo ID to Vote in November

Pennsylvania's voter ID law is in effect for this November's election, so make sure you bring a photo ID with you to the polls.

The new law is intended to detect and deter voter fraud, and helps preserve the integrity of every vote by making sure all votes cast by those legally entitled to this right count as they should, and are not diluted by illegally cast ballots.

Acceptable photo IDs for voting include:

- Pennsylvania drivers' licenses and non-driver photo IDs
- Military IDs
- U.S. Passports
- Pennsylvania college and university IDs
- Employee IDs from the federal and state government, Pennsylvania counties and municipalities
- IDs issued by Pennsylvania nursing homes, personal care homes and assisted living facilities

All IDs must contain an expiration date and be current, with the exception of drivers' licenses and non-driver photo IDs which may be used for voting purposes up to 12 months past their expiration dates.

If you do not have an acceptable photo ID, you may be able to get one free of charge for voting purposes at a PennDOT Driver License Center.

For more information visit www.VotePa.com or call 1-877-VOTESPA (868-3772).



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Penn Township Personnel

Zoning Hearing Board

Holbert Myers - Chair
Todd Vogelsson - 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

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.

October

- 4 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 10 Zoning Hearing Board
- 11 Park & Recreation Committee
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 27 PTVFC Soup & Sandwich Sale
- 27 PTVFC Community Halloween Party
- 28 PTVFC Breakfast

November

- 1 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 8 Park & Recreation Committee
- 10 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 14 Zoning Hearing Board
- 17 PTVFC Holiday Bazaar
- 19 Planning Commission Meeting
- 25 PTVFC Breakfast

December

- 6 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 8 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 12 Zoning Hearing Board
- 13 Park & Recreation Committee
- 15 PTVFC Breakfast with Santa
- 16 PTVFC Santa Open House
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting

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



Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company News

Thank You

The Penn Township Volunteer Fire Co. would like to thank you for the community support at our Fireman's Fair. We know that the community is a vital part of our future.

National Fire Prevention Week is October 7—13. Have you:

- Checked your smoke detectors and changed the batteries?
- Practiced a safety evacuation plan?
- Cleaned your chimney?

Remember to be careful with fireplaces and wood stoves.

The Fire Company is here to help you. We have answered over 300 calls this year.

We need your help, please consider becoming a member of your Fire Company. For more information, I can be reached at 717-385-9401.

John Wardle, President

PENN TWP FIRE CO. AUXILIARY SOUP SALE

OCTOBER 27, 2012

**Ham Bean and Beef Vegetable Soup by the
Quart
\$4.50 per Quart (containers will be provided)**

**Soup will be available to be picked up at 12:00
PM (Noon)**

**ADVANCED ORDERS ARE STRONGLY
SUGGESTED**

Order by calling 717-776-3089 or 717-249-4667

Please order by October 19, 2012

Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday, November 17th
8:00 AM—2:00 PM
Penn Township Fire House
1750 Pine Road, Huntsdale**

**Food Stand for Breakfast and Lunch available
from Penn Township Fire Company**

Some spaces still available.

**For information please call Joyce
at 717-776-7339**



Are You Prepared For A Medical Emergency?

Do you have a current and legible list of medical histories and medications for all family members? If you don't, you should.

Keep this information handy for emergency responders. A good location is on the refrigerator.

If any family member has a "living will" or "advanced medical directives" EMS providers must be presented with the paper in order to comply with the patient's wishes.

If you have any questions regarding this or other emergency medical issues, contact Tim Knepp, EMS Chief at 717-503-8656.

Fireplace and Home Fire Safety

More than one third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary or supplemental heat sources in their homes. Unfortunately, many people are unaware of the fire risks when heating with wood and solid fuels.

Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes. All home heating systems require regular maintenance to function safely and efficiently.

The following fire safety steps can keep those home fires safely burning:

KEEP FIREPLACES AND WOOD STOVES CLEAN

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of flammable materials
- Leave glass doors open when burning – Close glass doors when fire is out
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures
- Keep air inlets to wood stoves open
- Use fire resistant materials on walls around wood stoves

HOW TO BUY FIREWOOD

Rising fuel and electrical prices have motivated more homeowners to use wood-burning fireplaces and stoves to supplement their home heating systems. While most firewood dealers are honest, the spike in demand creates an opportunity for vendors that take advantage of unsuspecting homeowners.

Follow this advice to make sure you get your money's worth:

REQUEST THE RIGHT WOOD

- Hardwoods such as maple, oak and cherry burn longer and cleaner than softwoods like pine, aspen and poplar. Softwoods also tend to create more creosote buildup in the chimney.
- All firewood should be seasoned for at least six months.

GET WHAT YOU PAY FOR

- A full cord is a unit of cut wood that measures 128 cu-

SAFELY BURN FUELS

- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire
- Use only seasoned hardwoods
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke
- Never burn cardboard, trash or debris in your fireplace or wood stove
- Never leave a fireplace unattended
- Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home

PROTECT THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME

- Stack firewood outside at least 30 feet away from your home
- Keep roofs clear of leaves, pine needles and other debris
- Cover chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester
- Remove branches hanging above the chimney, flue or vents
- Extend all vent pipes at least 3 feet above the roof

PROTECT THE INSIDE OF YOUR HOME

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year.
- Provide proper venting systems for all heating equipment

Fire safety is your responsibility – FIRE STOPS WITH YOU!

bic feet, or a stack roughly 4 feet high X 8 feet long X 4 feet wide.

- A face cord is 4 feet high X 8 feet long and as deep as the individual logs
- Be home when the vendor delivers the wood and have the vendor identify in writing the type of wood you're getting
- To prevent termites and other insects from invading your home, stack the wood away from any structure, preferably in a sunny, exposed spot. You can use a plastic tarp to keep the top layer dry

OBTAIN A RECEIPT

- The bill of sale should include the vendor's contact Shane Zinn information, sale date, the type and quantity of wood, and the purchase price

REMEMBER, ANYONE WITH A PICKUP TRUCK AND A CHAINSAW CAN CALL HIMSELF A FIREWOOD DEALER

Outdoor Wood-Fired Boiler

Operators of Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers (OWB) may only burn the following fuels:

1. Clean wood
2. Wood Pellets made from clean wood
3. Home heating oil, natural gas, or propane that complies with all applicable sulfur limits and is used as a starter or supplemental fuel for dual-fired OWB.
4. Other types of fuel approved in writing by DEP upon receipt of a written request.

An OWB shall not be used as a waste incinerator. During the entire period of use, every owner of an OWB shall have a current contract with a licensed solid waste hauler and shall use its services for disposal of household trash, unless exempted by the Board of Supervisors.

Only the Name Has Changed

Interstate Waste Service is now Advanced Disposal.

While the name of the company who services your waste and recycling needs has changed, rest assured that your service levels Tracy Black and schedules will remain the same, your drivers are still there to serve you, and that the combined Interstate Waste / Advanced Disposal team is committed to providing quality service on which you can depend.

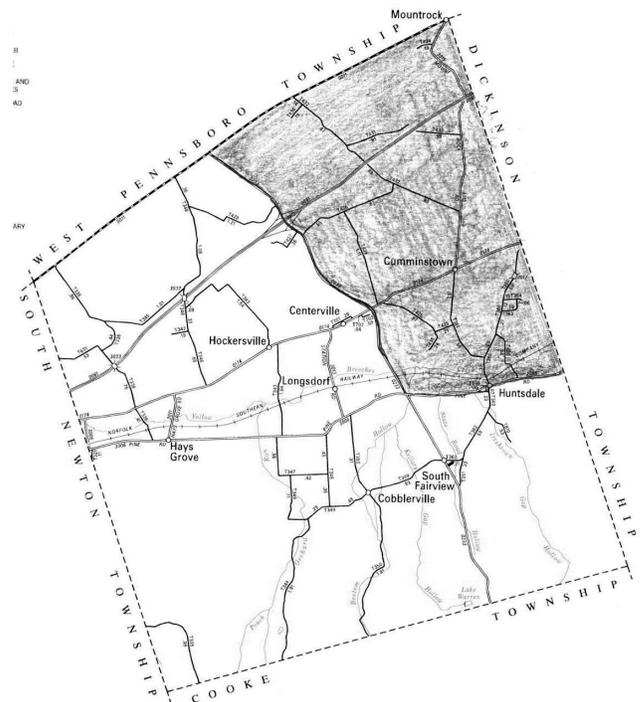
Advanced Disposal is dedicated to preserving the environment and ensuring that all our operations are conducted in a manner that follows all local, state and federal laws in regards to environmental protection. Our goal is greater than simply collecting and transporting solid waste from your location to a permitted landfill or recycling facility. Instead, we strive to leave your community and place of business a cleaner, more pleasing place to live and work.

Septic Pumping Reminder

If you received a reminder card that your septic pumping and inspection is due in 2012, it must be completed by December 31, 2012.

The area shaded in gray on the map below is due to be pumped in 2012.

If you have any questions about septic pumping and inspection please contact the Township Office.



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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Board of Supervisors

June 2012

- Approved the Clelan Final Subdivision Plan
- Waived Zoning Permit fee for the new Township sign

July 2012

- Approved 90 day extension for Pennington Ridge Final Subdivision Plan to get Developer's Agreement worked out
- Approved Resolution to submit Keeseman Septic Module to DEP
- Approved Subdivision Plans for Verus Warehouse being built in West Pennsboro Township
- Approved Removal Agreement for Lebo property
- Authorized sending letter to PennDOT District 8 requesting the installation of rumble strips on Route 233 at its intersection with Route 174
- Authorized sending letter to Representative Bloom requesting his assistance in petitioning PennDOT for rumble strips
- Adopted a Resolution to support Cumberland County Commissioners in their lawsuit objecting to the new Redistricting Map
- Approved Conditional Use for Terri Ann Taylor
- Special meeting to open and award the bid for the new Township salt storage facility

August 2012

- Approved Ordinance 2012-3 setting the speed limit on Hosfeld Road at 25 MPH
- Approved sending up to 8 individuals to the Cumberland County Association of Township Officials Convention.

PROJECT UPDATES

A contract has been awarded to A & K Pole Buildings in the amount of \$119,905.00 to construct a 4 bay salt and cinder storage building. Construction has begun and should be completed by the end of October

F & M Trust Bank has received a Highway Occupancy Permit from PennDOT for construction of a Branch Office at the corner of Rt. 11 and Rt. 233

Security cameras have been installed at the Township Municipal Building by Danatech

Road Masters Report

Cold weather is coming. We will be getting ready for snow plowing in the next months.

Roadside mowing is almost done for the year, however, Township staff will still be trimming trees. We will be doing some patching, tarring and chipping as well. Please watch for workers.

During the construction of the new salt shed the scrap metal pile will be temporarily moved. There will be a sign indicating where to dump your scrap metal. Please be careful on the Township building property during the construction period.

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

- **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 2012 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 November 30, 2012 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

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US POSTAGE
PAID
CARLISLE, PA
PERMIT NO. 485

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

Township Tax Collector

Mable Stitt

Zoning Officer

Fred Leeds
Ken Lloyd, Asst

Township Treasurer

Martha Sheaffer

Road Master

Jeff Gillaugh

Township Auditors

Charles Leeds, Chairman
Trina Manetta, Secretary
Ron Tritt

Township Solicitor

Marcus McKnight, III

Employee

Ernie Beecher