



# PENN TIMES

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## TRASH COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS

### Recycling Requirements

Advanced Disposal does single stream recycling. What that means to you is; all recycling may be placed in the green recycling bin. You do not need to separate it. If you have more recycling than will fit in your bin it may be placed in a white or clear plastic bag and placed adjacent to your recycling bin. You may request an additional recycling bin if necessary. Please allow space between your trash and your recycling, do not sit the recycling against your toter, trash can or trash bags.

Materials that can be recycled

- All plastics numbered 1 through 7
- All glass, with the exception of light bulbs
- All newspapers, magazines, junk mail and phone books.
- All metal and aluminum cans
- Aerosol cans
- Paperboard, including paper bags
- Tin foil, including tin pie plates
- All plastic bottles, including milk jugs
- All cardboard boxes, please be sure to flatten the box

No Styrofoam, CorningWare, plastic bags or trash, no plate glass, including mirrors

### Trash Requirements

- ALL trash must be bagged
- No yard waste of any kind, including grass clippings
- No construction materials
- No dead animals
- No unbagged animal waste
- NO ASHES OF ANY KIND!

All trash must be placed in the toter, extra bags sitting outside of the toter will not be picked up.

### Bulk Items

You are allowed one bulk item per week. You must call the trash office at (717) 532-7685 no later than the close of business on the Thursday before pick up. Any tires must be off their rims. All bulk will be collected the same

day as your trash. Bulk pickup does not include extra bags of trash.

Change in State law prohibits Advanced Disposal from picking up electronics any more. This includes televisions and all computer equipment.

Newville Borough has established an electronics recycling program. Electronic items computers, monitors, keyboards and laptops are now accepted daily at the Newville Public Works Complex, 99 Cove Avenue. On the last Saturday of each month from 8AM to 12 Noon residents may also dispose of electronic items. Currently, the borough is working with Southampton Township to process the electronic items through a licensed recycler. The borough will continue to offer an electronics recycling program provided that the recycling facility continues to accept these items at no cost to the borough, and participants do not abuse the program by discarding other items. More information on this program can be found at [www.newvilleborough.com](http://www.newvilleborough.com).

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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***

Dan Ries— Co- Chair  
Max Klein – Co-Chair  
Marcia Leeds - Secretary  
Victor Barrick  
Kathy Hughes  
Gary Cribbs

***Parks & Recreation Board***

Pat Walker - Chairman  
Susan Whitesel - Secretary

***Fire Company Executive Officers***

John Wardle– President 776-7266  
Tim Knepp, Sr. – 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***

- Captain	Ricky Stitt
Jim Sheaffer - Lieutenant	Ron Tritt
Leon Kitner	Ira Wagner
Art Danner	John J Wardle Jr
Wayne Hockensmith	Robert Alleman
Steve Cohick	John Ickes

***Fire Company Trustees***

Tim Knepp, Sr.	Dennis McGarry
Denny Shoff	John J Wardle
Barry Shoff	

***Emergency Management Coordinator***

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

***Codes Enforcement Officer***

Tim Knepp, Sr.

***Vacancy Board***

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

***Loan Grant Coordinator***

Buck Shuller

**2013 Township Calendar**

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

**October**

- 3 Park & Recreation Committee
- 5 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 9 Zoning Hearing Board
- 10 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 13 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 26 PTVFC Soup Sale
- 27 PTVFC Breakfast

**November**

- 7 Park & Recreation Committee
- 9 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 13 Zoning Hearing Board
- 14 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 16 PTVFC Holiday Bazaar
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 PTVFC Breakfast

**December**

- 5 Park & Recreation Committee
- 11 Zoning Hearing Board
- 12 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 14 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 16 Planning Commission Meeting
- 21 PTVFC Breakfast with Santa
- 22 PTVFC Santa Party

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

**Trick or Treat**

**Penn Township Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM.**

**Newville Halloween Parade is Monday, October 28,**



## Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company News

### Volunteers needed to help with the Fire Company's Emergency Medical service.

We are looking for people of all ages to assist in helping your neighbors in their time of need. We do not have an ambulance and our service responds in a vehicle equipped with the same equipment as the ambulance. We provide Gerald Parson immediate care until the arrival of the ambulance. We do not go to the hospital and would return to service immediately. Therefore most calls are of a short duration.

Paramedics, EMT's, First Responders preferred for actual caregivers but others with a minimum of CPR can be of help with on scene paper work and assisting with equipment.

We can assist with the cost of training to certification once you are a member. Applicants would have to join the fire company, a process that takes at least 30 days.

If interested or even mildly interested please call EMS Chief Tim Knepp 717-503-8656 and we will have a chat.

There is a nip in the air and soon the wood stoves will be fired up. Here are a few tips to keep you safe.

1. Check your smoke detectors. If you don't have any the Fire Department will supply you for free.
2. Have your chimney cleaned and inspected.
3. DO NOT discard your ashes in any combustible container. They should be placed outside in a metal container.

### PENN TWP FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY SOUP SALE

OCTOBER 26, 2013

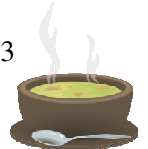
Ham Bean and Beef Vegetable Soup by the Quart

\$4.50 per quart (containers will be provided)

Soup will be available to be picked up between 12:00 PM  
(Noon) and 1:00 PM

Advanced Orders Are Strongly Suggested  
Order by Calling 717-776-3089 or 717-249-4667

Please Order by October 11, 2013



The Fire Department's main water tanker (a unit almost 30 years old) has failed and needs to be replaced. This expense was not budgeted for and has placed a financial burden on the company. We have let a contract for the construction of a new tanker at the cost of \$196,000. If you have not yet responded to your mailing request for donation, please do so. And of course should you wish to make a separate donation to help with this expense please do so. With the township being without municipal water supply this is a critical piece of fire equipment and had to be replaced.

### Holiday Bazaar



Saturday, November 16th  
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

For information please call Joyce at 717-776-7339

Some Spaces Still Available

## Board of Supervisors

### September 2012

- Approved final land development and subdivision plans 3 T F&M Trust
- Approved Resolution to Establish Procedures for Procurement of Professional Services for the Municipal Pension Trust
- Approved purchase of a “new” used wood chipper
- Approved Developers’ Agreement for Pennington Ridge Development
- Approved replacement of the windows in the Township Building

### October 2012

- Adopted Ordinance 2012-4 establishing a Local Services Tax and Repealing the Township Real Estate Tax
- Approved Removal Agreement for the Sweger property

### November 2012

- Approved 2013 Budget that had been advertised and posted at the Township Building for review
- Approved a donation to the Cumberland County Historical Society. Without their help we would not have been able to have our 150th Anniversary

### December 2012

- Set the date of January 7, 2013 for the Reorganization Meeting and January Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Approved renewal of the Website Maintenance Agreement
- Approved the addition of Julie Beecher to the Township Health Insurance Plan

### January 2013

- Approved the replacement of the defective security cameras for the walking trail at the fire station
- Approved joining the PSATS Township Legal Defense Partnership

### February 2013

- Approved Mell Subdivision on Hosfeld Road
- Approved West Subdivision
- Adopted Resolution 2013-007 Leeds Septic Module
- Adopted Resolution 2018-008 Ahrens Septic Module
- Adopted Resolution 2013-009 Establishing Trash Reinstatement Fee
- Approved the recommendation of the Fire Chief to establish the ALS service in Shippensburg as primary for the Township

### March 2013

- Adopted Ordinance 2013-001 Amendment to Penn Township Zoning Ordinance
- Adopted Ordinance 2013-002 Amending and Modifying the Zoning Map
- Approved Verus Water Tower Subdivision
- Approved Leeds Subdivision
- Approved bid for Leeds Road & South Side Drive Culvert Replacement

### April 2013

- Approved the COG Road material bid
- Approved Paul Group as part-time road crew

### May 2013

- Approved Hank Donovan, Jr. as part-time road crew
- Appointed Paul Seiders as Assistant Zoning/Codes Officer

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- Approved request from South Newton Township for Fire Police assistance at several events
- Accepted invitation to join Big Spring Economic Council

**June 2013**

- Approved Direct Deposit for employee payroll
- Approved permit for mobile home at 183 Smith Road
- Approved 6 month extension for mobile home at 747 Mt. Rock Road
- Adopted Resolution 2013-010 regarding Prevailing Wage Reform

**July 2013**

- Adopted Resolutions 2013-011 and 2013-012 permitting the Secretary to destroy documents according to the Schedule established by The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Adopted Ordinance 2013-003 Storm Water Management
- Approved septic isolation distance waiver for 2635 Walnut Bottom Road
- Approved extension of the conditional use for 1137 Centerville Road

**August 2013**

- Adopted Resolution 2013-013 Seven Year Review of Agricultural Security Area
- Adopted Ordinance 2013-004 Amendments to Zoning
- Approved Hosfeld Road Easement
- Approved sending up to 8 employees to Cumberland County Association of Township Officials Convention
- Approved septic isolation distance waiver for 86 Beetem Hollow Road

**September 2013**

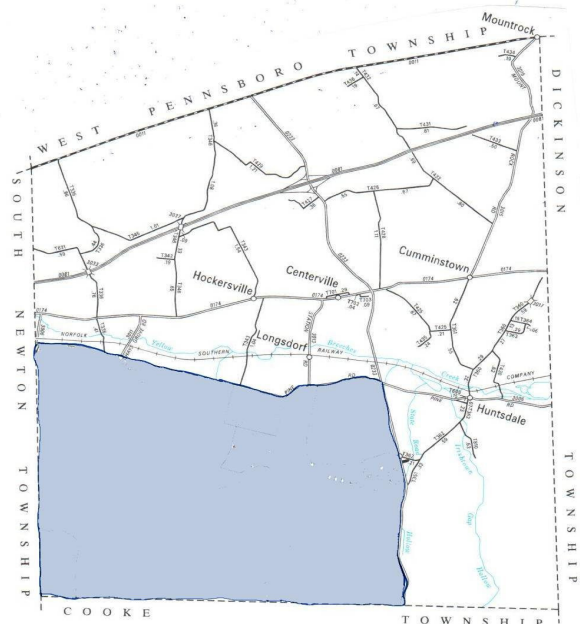
- Conditional approval for revised roadway plan for 950 Centerville Road
- Approved purchase of additional security system for Township building
- Approved elimination of Township Per Capita Tax

## **Project Updates**

- New, energy efficient windows have been installed in the Township Building.
- The new salt shed is finished and in use
- Township staff have voluntarily assisted in the removal of 9,005 tires on a property in the Township
- New Township Sign
- Culverts on Leeds Road and South Side Drive have been replaced
- Low Maintenance, energy efficient outdoor lights have been installed at the DJ's Office
- A Township resident has donated and installed a monitor in the meeting room for use at meetings

## **DISTRICT 4 MANDATORY SEPTIC PUMPING**

Postcards were mailed for those residents who live in the fourth district of the mandatory septic pumping. A complete list of qualified pumpers for the Township is available at the Township Building. Residents who live in the grayed Matthew Sweger area on the map below will have until December 31, 2013 to have their septic tanks pumped.



**November 5, 2013  
is Election Day**

**Don't forget to vote.**

## Key Safety Tips at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings

In the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train about every 3 hours.

### Warning Signs and Devices

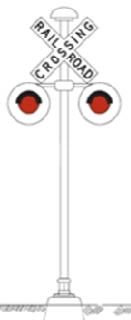
Do you know the signs? Warning signs and devices tell drivers and pedestrians that the road crosses train tracks ahead



**Advanced Warning Sign** – This is usually the first sign you see when approaching a highway-rail grade crossing. Slow down, look and listen! Be prepared to stop if a train is approaching.

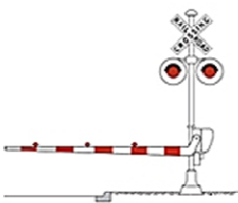


**Pavement Markings** – An RXR and a Stop Line may be painted on a paved road approaching a crossing. Stay behind the Stop Line while waiting for a train to pass. No Stop Line? Wait at least 15 feet from the nearest rail.



**Crossbuck Sign** – This sign tells drivers to YIELD if a train is approaching. At multiple tracks, the number will be shown. Watch for another train coming from either direction on any track.

**Warning Signs and Devices** – You must STOP when these signals begin to flash and may not proceed until it is safe to do so.



**Gates and Flashing Red Lights** – If you see flashing lights or a lowering gate, it means a train is approaching. Do not proceed until the gates go completely up and the lights go off. It is illegal to go around lowered gates.

### Tips for Staying Safe Around Tracks & Trains

- **Look Both Ways!** Always expect a train. Trains can run on any track, at any time, in either direc-

tion. After a train passes, look both ways before proceeding.

- **Don't Get Stuck on the Track!** Before you cross, be sure there is room on the other side to completely clear the tracks. Trains overhang the tracks by at least 3 feet on each side. For safety, leave at least 15 feet between the rear of your vehicle and the nearest rail. Do not shift gears while crossing.
- **Get Out! Get Away!** If your vehicle stalls at a crossing, get everyone out and far away immediately, even if you do not see a train. Call the emergency notification number posted on or near the crossing or notify local law enforcement.
- **If You See a Train Coming, Wait!** Don't be tempted to try to beat a train. An approaching train may be closer and traveling faster than it appears.
- **Trains Cannot Stop Quickly!** The average freight train traveling 55 miles per hour takes a mile or more to stop. That's 18 football fields. If the locomotive operator can see you, it's too late to stop the train.
- **Watch For Vehicles That Must Stop at Railroad Crossings.** Most states require school buses, commercial buses and trucks carrying hazardous materials to stop at every highway-rail grade crossing.
- **If You See A Problem at a Crossing** – Report any problem – stalled vehicle on the tracks, damaged sign, obstructed view, signal malfunction – to the railroad immediately. Call the emergency number on or near the crossing, notify the Township, or call local law enforcement.

It takes approximately 25 seconds from the time the gates drop until a train is at an intersection. This may vary slightly depending upon train speed and load. Trains have the right-of-way 100% of the time. An optical illusion makes trains appear to be farther away and moving slower than they really are. Train speed limit is 50 miles per hour. Freight trains do not travel at fixed times. Always expect a train.

You can find additional information at [www.oliofpa.org](http://www.oliofpa.org).

**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.



**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 accept residential waste oil from vehicles**

All services offered during normal business hours

**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.**

**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.

**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.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Penn Township Board of Supervisors is looking for residents to serve on either the Planning Commission or the Park & Recreation Committee. Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month and Park & Rec meets on the first Thursday every month.

If you are interested in serving on either of these committees, please contact the Township Secretary at 486-3104 or speak with a supervisors.

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

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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:**

After November 4, 2013  
Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

March 11—November 4, 2013  
Monday—Thursday  
7:00 AM.4:00 PM

**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**

Tim Knepp, Sr.,  
Paul Seiders, Assistant

**Township Treasurer**

Martha Sheaffer

**Road Master**

Jeff Gillaugh

**Township Solicitor**

Marcus McKnight, III

**Employee**

Ernie Beecher

**Township Auditors**

Charles Leeds, Chairman  
Trina Manetta, Secretary  
Ron Tritt