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ANNUAL FIREMAN'S FAIR

August 6, 7 & 8, 2015

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
Linwood Clippinger
Joan Fordham—Voting Alternate
Richard Mislitsky - Solicitor

Planning Commission

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

Fire Company Executive Officers

John Wardle— President 776-7266
Gary Martin – Vice President
Wayne Hockensmith – Treasurer
Pat Sangialosi - Secretary
Sally Miller -Assistant Secretary
Cindia Whistler– Financial Secretary
John Wardle Jr-Chaplain
Cindia Whistler—Facility Contact

Fire Company Line Officers

Robert Kough, Jr. – Fire Chief
Chris Alleman – Deputy Chief
Doug Stum - Assistant Chief
Ryan Finkey - Captain
Tyler Wardle—Lieutenant
Tim Knepp, Sr. – EMS Captain
Joe Miller - EMS Lieutenant

Fire Company Auxiliary

Mary Wert – President
Evie Seiders – Vice President
Sandy Morrison – Secretary
Joyce Wardle – Assistant Secretary
Marcia Leeds – Treasurer
Kay Kann – Financial Secretary

Fire/Police Members

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

Fire Company Trustees

Jim Sheaffer	Sean Conaway
Denny Shoff	John J Wardle
Tim Knepp	

Emergency Management Coordinator

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

Vacancy Board

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

Loan Grant Coordinator

Buck Shuller

2015 Township Calendar

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

July

- 8 Zoning Hearing Board
- 9 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting

August

- 6-8 Annual Fireman’s Fair
- 12 Zoning Hearing Board
- 12 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 17 Planning Commission Meeting
- 23 PTVFC Breakfast

September

- 9 Zoning Hearing Board
- 10 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 19 PTVFC Pot Pit Super
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 26 PTVFC Yard Sale w/ Food Stand
- 27 PTVFC Breakfast

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

**2015 Household Hazardous Waste
Drop-Off Event**

When: August 22, 2015
9am - 3pm

Where: Cumberland County Service Center
310 Allen Road
Carlisle, PA 17013

Further information can be found at: <https://www.ccpa.net/3499/2015-HHW-Drop-Off-Event> or call 717-240-6489 with questions or for more details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Greetings from Dickinson Presbyterian Church:

Krislund Church Camp - July 20th through Friday, July 24th

Dickinson Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church are hosting Krislund Church Camp for a Traveling Day Camp at Dickinson Presbyterian. The camp will run from Monday, July 20th through Friday, July 24th, 9 am - 4 pm. The Day Camp will meet at the Dickinson Presbyterian Campus on Monday through Wednesday. On Thursday after a morning at the church, the children and youth will travel to Camp Krislund for an overnight adventure. Krislund is a Presbyterian Camp in Center County, near Lock Haven. Traveling Day Camp is a week of crazy fun and games, challenges, singing, dancing, Bible Study and Worship. Our camp is open to anyone who has completed Kindergarten through 8th grade. Cost is \$25 for the week, scholarships available. For information and registration please call Dickinson Presbyterian Church – [717-776-3461](tel:717-776-3461) or Second Presbyterian Church – [717-243-4571](tel:717-243-4571).

Outdoor Service and Fellowship at Pine Grove Furnace - Sunday, August 23, 2015

You are Welcome to join us for our Outdoor Service and Fellowship at Pine Grove Furnace State Park, Brickyard Pavilion, Sunday August 23rd. Our Worship Service will begin at 10:30 am followed by a picnic meal. Hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls and condiments will be provided. Beverages will also be provided. Members and friends may bring casseroles and/or desserts. The afternoon can be spent playing games, riding bikes, hiking or swimming. Friends, family and the community are invited to this special day. There will be activities and fun for all age groups.

Please come and enjoy the beauty of the earth and the fellowship that God has provided!!!

Church Family Praise – September 13, 2015 – “Ready, Set, Grow”

You and your family are invited to a special “Blessing of the Backpacks” Sunday on September 13th at the Dickinson Presbyterian Church. Your children and youth are encouraged to bring their backpacks with their school supplies in them to receive a blessing. Each child will receive a copy of the blessing for their backpack.

Let’s start the school year right! As our children and youth get back to studying and discovering their own strengths and gifts, let’s pray for them! God wants them to learn and grow to be the person they were created to be. That what makes for joy!

Our celebration begins with a light breakfast and Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:15 AM. Worship and praise begins at 10:30 AM. Please join us!

The Dickinson Presbyterian Church is located at 12 Church Rd. just one mile east of the intersection of 233 and 174.



Outside spaces available for yard sale at the South Fairview 1st Church of God rummage sale.

Must supply own tables.

Saturday, August 22, 2015
8:00 AM—2:00 PM

Rain date: August 29, 2015

Church located at 1212 Centerville Road, Newville PA

Call Julie at 776-6118 to reserve a space or for more info.

CENTERVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL YARD SALE

October 1—3, 2015
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Educational Building
Food Booth Available



PENN TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY SOUP SALE October 24, 2015

Ham Bean and Beef Vegetable Soup by the Quart

\$5.00 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 16, 2015

MOSQUITOES

Summer is finally here. Time for picnics, gardening and enjoying the great outdoors. . . until you are relentlessly attacked by mosquitoes. While the Cumberland County West Nile Program stresses homeowner awareness of mosquito breeding grounds around their property, sometimes the source of these pests are more obscure and distant. Once hungry mosquitoes have arrived, the only thing we can do is outsmart them to avoid itchy welts and the risk of West Nile virus.



The Pennsylvania Departments of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Health are reporting the confirmation of the first detection of West Nile Virus from a mosquito sample that was collected on May 22 in Springettsbury Township, York County and a bird found May 26 in Harris Township, Centre County.

Cumberland County Vector Control has 99 collection sites throughout the County. Through June 3, 259 mosquito samples have been collected and sent to the

State lab to determine if the mosquitoes are infected with the West Nile Virus.

The easiest way to combat mosquitoes is to wear insect repellent. The CDC and EPA have approved several different active ingredients, including DEET, picaridin, IR 3535, and plant-based oil of lemon eucalyptus. Just be sure to follow directions on the bottle. Wearing long sleeves and pants can also be helpful. Finally, remember that mosquitoes are not strong fliers, if you wish to enjoy a meal on the patio, sit in front of a fan to help prevent the blood suckers from dining too.

Help Prevent Mosquitoes

Adult female mosquitoes reproduce in stagnant water. The water can vary greatly from a small cup of water to a woodland pond.

Here are three key steps to control mosquitoes:

1. Identify mosquito larva breeding sites (areas of standing water)
2. Empty the water every 5 – 7 days or
3. Apply a mosquito control product

Controlling mosquito populations is a community effort. Everyone should be diligent about removing stagnant water from their properties.

For more information go to [www. http://ccpa.net/1103/Vector-Control](http://ccpa.net/1103/Vector-Control).

Website update

We have updated our website. Please visit it at www.pennntpcc.org and tells us what you think.

One of the changes to the site was the addition of Community Events. If your Church or organization is having an event you would like advertised the Secretary will post the information for you. She can be reached at pennntp@kuhncom.net (best way) or at (717) 486-3104. We will also post Community/Neighborhood Yard Sales.

The Fire Department has undertaken a project to increase fire protection to those of you that may live back a long lane or driveway. They are currently mapping the Township to determine what residents may be impacted. The next phase of the project will involve a visit to your home by a Fire Department representative who will explain the project and how it would help should you have a fire at your residence. They will be asking for your cooperation in the placement of a couple of small signs as well as insuring your property is properly marked with address markers.

OPEN BURNING

By Tim Knepp, Codes Enforcement Officer

As we clean up after a hard winter and from recent storms the natural tendency is to burn your unwanted debris. While this is an easy and inexpensive way to rid our yards of the debris it comes with a responsibility.

First there are local and State laws that govern the open burning of materials. The Township Ordinance can be viewed at Penntwpcc.org, select Ordinances. Then look for Ordinance 2015-02 - Open Burning. I am not going to state the entire ordinance I would like to hit some highlights that most people don't know.

You are not permitted to use any type of accelerant or tires to start your fire.

You can only burn grass, brush, limbs and other naturally occurring substances. The State Solid Waste Management Act prohibits burning any "processed" items. This would prohibit you from burning lumber, furniture, pallets, or construction debris.



So you have now reviewed what you wish to burn, what's next? You must find a location away from structures or other items that may catch fire.

OK I did all that and now I am ready to light it off, right? Not quite. The other thing people don't take

into consideration is the weather conditions. The Fire Department has to respond too many times for "controlled burns" that due to wind have now become out of control.

Now I have the proper items to burn, have a safe place to do it and have determined that the weather conditions are acceptable, now I can light it, right? Not just yet, you are required to notify the 911 Center of your controlled burn and again when it is concluded. Use the non-emergency number of 717-238-9676 to do so. You must also keep someone in attendance to watch the fire for the duration.

There are also prohibitions regarding days and times of burning. You are not permitted to burn on Sundays or Holidays. You are only permitted to burn between dawn and dusk. That means the fire must be OUT at sundown. Fires thought to only be smoldering and are going out can easily flare up if the wind comes up and after dark concerned citizens will see a fire at night and call 911 causing an unnecessary response by the Fire Department.

The most important thing for you to have when deciding to burn is good old common sense. If you think conditions are marginal, put it off till they are better.

The bottom line is that if you have an illegal burn you may be cited on the spot for \$25.00 for your first offence. You are also Clarence Spoerl responsible for any damage your fire may cause as well as having to reimburse the Fire Company for the cost of extinguishing your fire.

If you have any doubts or questions, feel free to contact the Township Office at 717-486-3104.

We hope you have a safe and legal productive burn to help keep the Township clean.

Board of Supervisors

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

April 2015

- Established pay ranges for each Township position
- Approved advertising for a 3rd full time road crew member

April 28, 2015 Special Meeting

- Approved Stambaugh Subdivision Plan pending addi-

tion of conditions

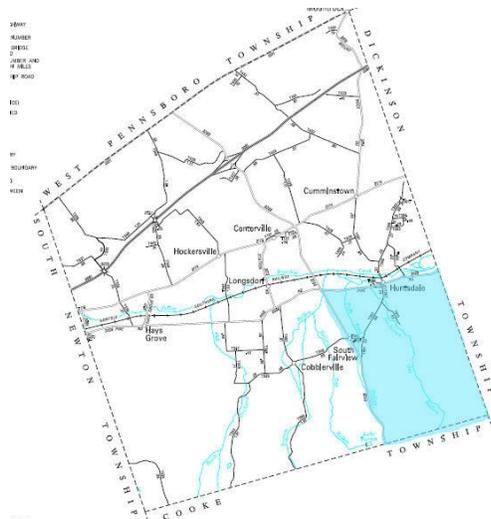
- Approved Water Tower Land Development Plan

May 2015

- Approved Final Stambaugh Subdivision Plan with Conditions
- Hired Alan Hostetter as 3rd full time road crew member
- Approved WCCOG Road Material Bid
- Adopted Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan

DISTRICT 2 MANDATORY SEPTIC PUMPING

Postcards were mailed for those residents who live in the second district of the mandatory septic pumping. A complete list of qualified Dale Piper pumpers for the Township is available at the Township Building. Residents who live in the shaded area on the map will have until December 31, 2015 to have their septic tanks pumped.



Roadmaster's Report

It was a hard winter and a lot of damage was done to the Township roads. We are repairing roads and mowing right-of-ways. Please watch for crews and be patient if you have to stop for a flagger.

On April 27 we took delivery of a new John Deere Tiger Mower. Using both the new and old tractors we now have the capability of mowing right-of-ways in half the time.



Email Address Collection -

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

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

www.penntwpc.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 2015 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 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 August 15. Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the newsletter.

CAN YOUR HOME BE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY EMERGENCY VEHICLES??

There is a Township Ordinance that requires all homes to have the street number three 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 a residents to serve as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate. The Zoning Hearing Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month when needed

If you are interested in serving on this committee, 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
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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

Address:

1301 Centerville Road
Newville, PA 17241
Phone: (717) 486-3104
Fax: (717) 486-3522

Office Hours:

January 2—March 21, 2015
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

March 22—October 17, 2015
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

Brehm-Lebo Engineering, Inc.

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Vincent Elbel

Township Secretary

Vicki Knepp

Township Tax Collector

Mable Stitt

Zoning Officer

Tim Knepp, Sr.
Paul Seiders, Assistant
Jim Sheaffer, Assistant

Township Treasurer

Martha Sheaffer

Road Master

Jeff Gillaugh

Township Auditors

Charles Leeds, Chairman
James Proctor, Secretary
Ron Tritt

Township Solicitor

Marcus McKnight, III

Employee

Ernie Beecher
Alan Hostetter