



# PENN TIMES

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## ANNUAL FIREMAN'S FAIR

**August 3, 4 & 5, 2017**  
**Penn Township Volunteer**  
**Fire Company Grounds**  
**Pine Road**

**For more information contact the Fire Com-  
pany at 717-486-5488**



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

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**Penn Township Personnel*****Zoning Hearing Board***

Todd Vogelsong - Chair  
 Linwood Clippinger - Vice-Chair  
 Rachael Hollenbaugh  
 Greg Mell—Voting Alternate  
 James Hollenbaugh-Voting Alternate  
 Richard Mislitsky - Solicitor

***Planning Commission***

Wayne Stevenson- Co- Chair  
 Gary Cribbs – Co-Chair  
 Marcia Leeds - Secretary  
 Victor Barrick  
 Sean Lacey  
 Dennis Shoff  
 Dan Ries

***Fire Company Executive Officers***

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

***Fire Company Line Officers***

Chris Alleman. – Fire Chief  
 Doug Stum – Deputy Chief  
 Ryan Finky - Assistant Chief  
 Tim Knepp—EMS Chief  
 Tyler Wardle - Captain  
 Dan Define—Lieutenant

***Fire Company Auxiliary***

Mary Wert – President  
 Evie Kough– Vice President  
 Sandy Morrison – Secretary  
 Marcia Leeds – Treasurer  
 Kay Kann – Financial Secretary  
 Anna Group—Trustee  
 Judy Hockensmith – Trustee  
 Joyce Wardle—Trustee

***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 Hernandez
Steve Cohick	Pamela Sheaffer
Richard Cook	

***Fire Company Trustees***

Jim Sheaffer	Richard Cook
Denny Shoff	John J Wardle
Tim Knepp	

***Emergency Management Coordinator***

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

***Codes Enforcement Officer***

Tim Knepp, Sr. Jim Sheaffer—Assistant

***Vacancy Board***

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

***Loan Grant Coordinator***

Buck Shuller

***Fire Marshal***

Bob Kough, Jr.  
 Tim Knepp, Sr.—Assistant

**2017 Township Calendar**

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

**July**

12 Zoning Hearing Board  
 13 Board of Supervisors  
 17 Planning Commission Meeting  
 20 Comprehensive Plan/SALDO Workshop

**August**

3, 4, 5 PTVFC Fair  
 9 Zoning Hearing Board  
 10 Board of Supervisors Meeting  
 17 Comprehensive Plan/SALDO Workshop  
 21 Planning Commission Meeting  
 27 PTVFC Breakfast

**September**

13 Zoning Hearing Board  
 14 Board of Supervisors Meeting  
 18 Planning Commission Meeting  
 24 PTVFC Breakfast

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

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY'S 2017 HOUSE-  
HOLD WASTE EVENT**

When: Saturday, August 19, 2017  
 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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

What: Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides, Fertilizers, Oil-Based Paints, Stains, Varnishes, Sealers, Oil-Based Paint Cleaners, Thinners, Removers, Adhesives, Glues, Epoxies, Caulking, Sealants, Gasoline, Diesel Fuel, Kerosene, Antifreeze, Car Care Products, Lubricating Sprays, Pool Chemicals, Drain Cleaners, Degreasers, Oven Cleaners, Fire Extinguishers, Propane Cylinders (up to 20 pounds), Hydrochloric Acid, Sulfuric Acid, and Other Acids, Mercury, Mercury Containing Devices, Fluorescent Light Tubes and Bulbs, Automotive Batteries

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

### April

- Approved Steve Knowlton as part time employee
- Approved Roadmaster's recommendation for Road Materials Bid
- Approved 2017/18 Diesel Fuel Bid
- Approved Zoning Officer request to join the Pennsylvania Zoning Officials Association

### May

- Accepted Resignation of Supervisor Amos Sieders
- Appointed Albert "Buck" Shuller as Interim Supervisor
- Approved Steven & Tammy Hammond Subdivision Plan

- Authorized Solicitor to advertise Public Hearing for Official Map
- Authorized Solicitor to advertise "No Entry" Structure Ordinance
- Approved hiring William Seaton of ARM Group to act as the Township Hydrogeologist
- Authorized the Secretary to advertise workshops to revise the Comprehensive Plan and SALDO on May 23, June 15, July 20 and August 17 at 7:00 PM at the Township Building

### June

- Adopted Ordinance 2017-01 Official Map
- Adopted Ordinance 2017-02 "No entry" Structure
- Authorized Treasurer to be signator on VERUS Partners Escrow Account
- Authorized Secretary to sign the DEP Sewage Facilities Planning Module Exemption Card for VERUS/Mains property

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## RECREATION SURVEY

The Board of Supervisors would like to know if residents are aware of the Park and Recreation facilities available to Township Residents and if they are used. Please take a moment to complete this survey and return it to the Township Office at 1301 Centerville Road. Thank you.

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| • Are you aware of the playground and picnicking facilities at the Centerville Park?                                   | Yes      | No                                     |
| • If you are aware of the facilities, does your family use them?   | Yes      | No                                     |
| • Are you aware of the walking trail located at the fire station at 1750 Pine Road?                                    | Yes      | No                                     |
| • Do you use the walking trail?  | Yes      | No                                     |
| • If the Township would build a Community Center at the Centerville Park how likely would it be that you would use it? |          |  |
|  | Not Very | Maybe      Very Likely      Definitely |

Comments:

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**COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD****Dickinson Presbyterian Church  
12 Church Rd. Carlisle, PA**

Sunday School for all ages – 9:15 am

Worship – 10:30 am

All are Welcome!

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

**SOUTH FAIRVIEW 1ST CHURCH  
OF GOD**

**JUNE 30, JULY 28, AUGUST 25: Outdoor Movies** (inside if raining). Admission is free. Please bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a family-friendly movie with us!

**JULY 10-14: Vacation Bible School** from 6:30-8:45 each evening (Age 3 through 5th grade)

**September 16: Chicken Barbeque, \$8/dinner**

**October 14: Community Fun Fest**

**1212 Centerville Road**

After over 23 years of service to the Township, on April 13, 2017 Supervisor Amos Seiders submitted his resignation to the Penn Township Board of Supervisors. Amos has been a visible figure in the Township for many years and the Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to thank him for his years of service.

At their May 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting the two remaining members of the Board announced that they had asked Albert “Buck” Shuller, Jr. to fill the position for the remainder of the term.

Buck has been a long time resident of Penn Township. He previously served as a Supervisor from 1996 through 2001 and has been the Township grant writer for the past several years.

**NEWLY RENOVATED BANQUET  
HALL**

Penn Township Fire Company  
Huntsdale

Scheduling for 2017 and beyond.

Rentals, Banquets, Parties, Weddings, Reunions, Meetings

With WiFi, Projector and Sound

Call Cindia at 713-3387

# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



**Your Source for SAFETY Information**

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02269

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.





## A Note from the Cumberland County Mosquito Control Program:

Mosquito diseases have been in the news a lot this year, but it's always best to be educated and prepared.

Adult mosquitoes often stay in the surrounding areas near where they hatch. Gutters, birdbaths, and buckets are often prime mosquito rearing habitat, so remember to check around your house weekly and dump containers holding water every few days to ensure a bite-free summer.



Please take time to visit our website to learn more about mosquitoes, our WNV program, and how to stay informed on adult spray events by signing up for “**Notify Me**” emails.

Also feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns.

<https://www.ccpa.net/1084/Mosquitoes>



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## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission has been working hard over the last months on a proposed warehouse project on the Ickes property along Rt. 233. Our big concern is the plan to use injection wells (now being referred to as “gravity wells” by the developer) for storm water dispersal. The property, as is much of Penn Township, is over a large aquifer. We are concerned that putting storm water into these wells could have an adverse effect on many nearby private wells and streams, even Newville’s municipal water supply. The Township has hired a hydrogeologist to assist us in sorting through this matter and we will keep you up to date in future newsletters. The Planning Commission meets the third Monday of each month. The public is always welcomed at our Planning Commission meetings and we appreciate all input.

Wayne Stevenson  
Chairman

## ROADMASTER’S REPORT

In the past months the Road Crew has:

- Graded gutters
- Constructed new retaining wall
- Cleaned up the yard at the Township Building
- Cold patched pot holes on Township Roads
- Repaired sink hole on Smith Road
- Cut dead trees in Township ROW along South Side and Peach Orchard
- Made area for scrap metal near the new salt shed

In the upcoming months we plan to:

- Paving/spot patching
- More shoulder work
- Mowing
- Assist Cooke Township
- Replace a culvert on Beetem Hollow Road

### **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.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** \$5.00 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 July 31. 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 2017 PENN TIMES:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost/Issue</u>	<u>Cost/Year</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 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 three inches high so that emergency Daniel Dannervehicles can easily find your home. These street numbers are available for only \$10 from Pam Sheaffer, 776-7557. This is not-for-profit, and is done as a favor to the fire department.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Township maintains a very nice walking trail at the Penn Township Fire Company on Pine Road. Originally Nicole Coy built by PA DEP, the Fire Company and Penn Township, it is open from dawn to dusk for your enjoyment.

Give it a try for your health and fitness!

Many people do “walk the trail”.



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

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US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
PERMIT

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 3—March 31, 2017  
October 28—December 31, 2017  
Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

April 3—October 27, 2017  
Monday—Thursday  
7:00 AM — 4:00 PM

**Township Staff**

**Board of Supervisors**

Gary Martin, Chairman  
Ken Sheaffer, Vice-Chairman  
Albert Shuller, Jr., Supervisor

**Township Engineer**

Craig Wilson  
Dawood Engineering

**Sewage Enforcement Officer**

Vincent Elbel

**Township Secretary**

Vicki Knepp

**Township Tax Collector**

Debra Dyarman

**Zoning Officer**

Tim Knepp, Sr.  
Jim Sheaffer, Assistant

**Township Treasurer**

Martha Sheaffer

**Road Master**

Jeff Gillaugh

**Township Auditors**

Charles Leeds, Chairman  
Trina Manetta, Secretary

**Township Solicitor**

Marcus McKnight, III

**Employee**

Ernie Beecher  
Alan Hostetter