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## Recycle Reversal

Overseas ban on waste changes what most Pennsylvanians can put in their bin.

If you are like most Americans, you probably have not given much thought to what happens to that plastic bottle, glass jar, or newspaper you put in your recycling container. You figure it is being recycled somehow, and by keeping it out of the landfill, you are doing your part to make planet Earth a better place.

This “out-of-sight, out-of-mind” mentality came to a screeching halt early last year when the recycling industry was rocked by action out of China. What most people did not realize until then was that the items they had been recycling week in and week out, were likely shipped to China, the world’s largest consumer of recyclables.

On January 1, 2018, in an antipollution crackdown, China implemented a ban on certain recyclables from other countries, most notably, mixed paper (such as junk mail) and mixed plastic (those labeled three through seven), and enacted Grace McKeehan stricter rules about the level of contamination it would accept on other materials.

As a result of a decision made halfway across the globe, what can now go in your recycling has likely changed, and if it hasn’t yet, it will soon. Without China as a major market, recyclers are being forced to find other outlets, and until new markets pick up the slack, what was once considered recyclable has become trash.

Communities and consumers are scrambling to adapt to the new realities of recycling.

For some, China’s ban has forced local recycling programs back to the basics and shifted their focus to materials with traditionally strong markets such as corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles and jugs with necks, metal food and beverage cans, and glass bottles and jars. Others are exploring whether it makes sense to halt recycling altogether until the marketplace rebounds.

Meanwhile amid these changes, Pennsylvania’s recycling law is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. The trouble is, the future of recycling has never looked murkier.



### A shift in Recycling

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**Penn Township Personnel**

***Zoning Hearing Board***

Linwood Clippinger - Chairman  
 Rachael Hollenbaugh—Secretary  
 Greg Mell—Vice Chairman  
 James Hollenbaugh-Voting Alternate  
 Terry Mentzer—Voting Alternate  
 Richard Mislitsky - Solicitor

***Planning Commission***

Wayne Stevenson- Co- Chair  
 Gary Cribbs – Co-Chair  
 Marcia Leeds - Secretary  
 Victor Barrick  
 Sean Lacey  
 G. Lane Whigham  
 Joseph Ferrante

***Park & Rec Committee***

Albert “Buck” Shuller  
 Patricia Weidman  
 David Yoder  
 Carrie Collins  
 Tammy Kartstetter

***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  
 Joyce Wardle– Vice President  
 Sandy Morrison – Secretary  
 Marcia Leeds – Treasurer/Financial Secretary  
 Tina Fry—Trustee  
 Anna Group – Trustee  
 Evie Kough—Trustee  
 Virginia Kelso—Chaplain

***Fire/Police Members***

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

***Fire Company Trustees***

Jim Sheaffer	Richard Cook
Denny Shoff	Ryan Finkey
Doug Stum	

***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

**2018 Township Calendar**

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

**April**

- 10 Zoning Hearing Board
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 13 PTVFC Meat Raffle
- 15 Planning Commission
- 17 Park & Rec Committee
- 18 Supervisor Workshop
- 20 Easter Egg Hunt
- 21 PTVFC Easter Breakfast
- 27 PTVFC Pot Pie Supper

**May**

- 8 Zoning Hearing Board
- 9 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 11 PTVFC Wing Night
- 15 Park & Rec Committee
- 16 Supervisor Workshop
- 19 PTVFC Breakfast
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting

**June**

- 1 PTVFC Penn Music Fest
- 12 Zoning Hearing Board
- 13 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 17 Planning Commission
- 19 Park & Rec Committee
- 20 Supervisor Workshop

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

## 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).

### January Reorganization Meeting

- Approved Resolution 2019.01 Appointing Township Staff
- Approved Resolution 2019.02 Establishing Wages
- Approved Resolution 2019.03 Establishing the Township Fees Schedule
- Approved Resolution 2019.04 Personnel Manual
- Approved Resolution 2019.05 Setting Holidays, Hours of Operation and Meeting Dates
- Approved Resolution 2019.06 Establishing Special Equipment Fee Schedule
- Approved Resolution 2019.07 Special Fire Police
- Approved Resolution 2019.08 Authorizing Road Supervisors and Employees of Penn Township Road Crew to work on projects in cooperation with Cooke, Dickinson and South Newton Townships

### January

- Adopted Annual Act 44 Retirement Disclosure
- Approved three requested dates for Fire Police Services

### January Supervisors Workshop

- Approved changes to the Personnel Manual

### February

- Approved six month extension for 2018 Septic Pumping
- Approved purchase of Buffalo Turbine PTO Turbo Leaf Blower
- Approved contract with MuniLogic to provide property /permit management software
- Approved Smith Road Paving
- Approved donation of \$100.00 to Cumberland County Historical Society

### March

- Approved Mains Land Use Plan
- Adopted Ordinance 2019-01 Stormwater Management Ordinance
- Approved purchase of flammable liquids cabinet
- Approved WCCOG Road Materials bid as recommended by the Roadmaster
- Appointed Supervisor Martin as WCCOG representative and designated Supervisor Tritt as Alternate
- Approved request by South Newton Township for Fire Police services at five events.

### 2018 SEPTIC PUMPING

Due to the wet year last year, we have granted an extension to property owners whose septic systems were due to be pumped in 2018. The new deadline to have your system pumped is June 30, 2019.

This includes the properties north of Pine Road and west of Centerville Road.

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed April 17 & 18. Beginning April 22 and lasting for approximately 6 weeks, Township office hours will be Monday and Wednesday, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Notary service **will not be** available during this time.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

## PA CleanWays of Cumberland County, in partnership with Cumberland County Vector Control, and the Municipality of Mechanicsburg will Hold Tire and Household Electronics Collection on May 4<sup>th</sup>

Cumberland County Vector Control, in partnership with, PA CleanWays of Cumberland County, Keep PA Beautiful, Mechanicsburg Borough, and e-End recycling will be hosting a tire collection for Cumberland County residents. The groups are seeking to eliminate illegal dumping and littering of tires and electronic equipment in the county by providing a convenient and affordable alternative. The collection will be held on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 12 PM, at the Soldiers and Sailors Park located at 1 Memorial Park Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Pre-registration and prepayment are requested for the tires by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 and can be made by calling Stephanie Larson at 724-836-4121 x104 between the hours of 9AM – 4PM, Monday through Friday. Credit card and check payments will be accepted. Registration begins on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Payments for CRT monitors and CRT Televisions will be collected on the day of the collection. This payment will be CASH ONLY and will be collected at the point of drop off. Please call 717-691-3310 for any questions regarding exactly what electronics will be collected.

### Collection fees:

- Car/truck size on or off rim: \$3/ tire
- Tractor trailer size: \$7/ tire
- Large agricultural tires: \$25/ tire
- CRT Monitors billed at \$15.00/unit
- CRT Televisions billed at \$30.00/unit
- All other Electronic will have no charge



Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.  
[www.ccpa.net/westnile](http://www.ccpa.net/westnile). 717-240-7808



## ROADMASTER'S REPORT

Now that the weather is breaking, please watch for Township workers.

Township crews will be out in full force to repair potholes caused by the winter freeze/thaw. As soon as weather permits and the ground dries up we will be grading gutters on township roads. We will be repairing High Mountain Road and we hope to install a pipe across Smith Road to help with the water drainage issues.

The mowers will be out mowing the road edges prior to Memorial Day

## ZONING OFFICER

Now that Spring may be here and you turn to outdoor activities, we have a reminder from the Zoning Officer. If you want to place a pre-built shed on your property you need to apply for a zoning permit. Should you place one without the permit you will be subject to a fine and possibly the expense of relocating it.

*Recycling*  
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Thirty years ago, Pennsylvania developed the most sweeping recycling program enacted by any state at that time.

Today, recycling has become a way of life for most Pennsylvanians. More than 11.6 million residents – about 94% of the state’s population – have access to recycling, including about 79% who have the convenience of curbside recycling.

Over the years, recycling initiatives have faced challenges as markets ebbed and flowed, and despite current conditions, the state’s program will rebound again, state Secretary of Environmental Protection Patrick McDonnell predicts.

Still, the latest news out of China has sent a large shock wave through the recycling industry and caused a major disruption Randy Dyarman to the recycling loop, which consists of the user or sorter, the processor, and the buyer.

“Suddenly the buyer went away, and there was nowhere for the material to go”, Kathryn Sandoe, chief communication officer at the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority, says.

With limited markets, communities mandated to recycle are reevaluating what items are valuable enough to still collect and sell. Early last year, Lancaster County, one of the first areas in Pennsylvania to react to the market collapse, cut some long-time recycling staples and trimmed its curbside recycling to four items that it believes have had traditionally strong domestic markets.

With such a major change to its program, the authority has focused its efforts on reeducating people on what can be recycled and how to prepare it (flatten cardboard, empty and rinse containers, remove lids).

And while it may seem that the changes took place overnight, they were in the making for a while.

## **Reducing contaminants**

For many years, China’s insatiable appetite for recyclables masked the problems of contamination in the nation’s recycling stream.

Part of the problem can be traced back to how easy recycling has become, especially once many programs implemented single-stream collection, allowing all recyclables to be placed together for pick up and sorting later at a processing facility. Too many people made assumptions that just about everything could be recycled – tin foil, drinking glasses, plastic toys, even garden hoses – when in reality they couldn’t.

And now that China has lowered its boom, communities that still want to recycle – whether because of a state mandate or because they believe it is the right thing to do – must find ways to provide a clean, quality product.

According to Earth911.com, a website dedicated to encouraging less waste, the answer to U.S. recycling woes starts with clear recycling guidelines for consumers, who sort recyclables from the rest of their waste. An effective education program could help to put an end to what the industry calls “wishful recycling,” trying to recycle things that are not recyclable.

Many solid waste handlers have begun asking customers to be more diligent about their recycling habits, and “when in doubt, throw it out” has become the mantra of the new post-China recycling guidelines.

While it remains to be seen how recycling rebounds from this latest market setback, in the short term, at least, costs for local programs will almost certainly rise as recyclers pass on increased costs to customers.

Some in the industry, however, see this latest crisis as just another blip in the inevitable rise and fall of markets.

Only time will tell.



### COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

PENN TOWNSHIP  
VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.  
AYCE WING NIGHT

BY CALLAHANS

SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019  
DOORS OPEN AT 4PM  
SERVING FROM 5-8PM

DJ UNTIL 11PM

MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

\$20.00 PER TICKET

### SOUTH FAIRVIEW 1ST CHURCH OF GOD

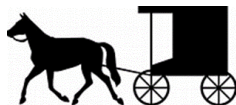
**HOLY WEEK SERVICES** will be held Monday-Friday April 15-19 at 7:00 p.m. Monday at Leesburg United Methodist; Tuesday at Dickinson Presbyterian; Wednesday at Huntsdale Church of the Brethren; Thursday at Dickinson, Leesburg, AND South Fairview; Friday at South Fairview 1st Church of God. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ALL SERVICES!**

**ROAR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held July 8-12 at 6:30 p.m. at South Fairview 1st Church of God. All children Age 3-6th Grade are invited. There is also an Adult Class.

Our spring **CHICKEN BARBEQUE** will be held May 18 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

1212 Centerville Road  
Newville, PA

Straight Out of Lancaster...



### AMISH OUTLAWS

Coming to Penn Township Volunteer Fire Co.  
1750 Pine Road, Newville, PA!

July 13, 2019

Outdoor concert, rain or shine. Food and drink available for purchase. Small games of chance.

Doors open at 3:00 PM

First come, first served for seating

Red 102.3 DJ's from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Amish Outlaws hit the stage at 6:00 PM

Tickets \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door, if available.  
Children under 12 free.

For Tickets: Contact any Fire Department member, visit our website at [www.penntownshipfire.com](http://www.penntownshipfire.com) or call Al Mick at 717-226-1526 or Justin Mains at 717-422-8184.

### ANNOUNCING “PENN MUSIC FEST” Gospel/Bluegrass Music

June 1, 2019

At Penn Twp Firehouse Sponsored by the Penn Twp  
Fire Company Auxiliary

Featuring three groups:  
Crystal River  
Keepin' It Simple  
Canaan's Land

Music starts at 5 PM with food  
available for purchase starting at 4  
PM.

**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 April 30, 2019. 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 PERSONNEL??**

Township Ordinance requires all homes to have the street number as least three inches high so that emergency personnel can easily find your home. These street signs are available from the Penn Township Vol. Fire Co. at no charge as a public service. Contact Pam Sheaffer, (717) 776-7557 to have one made. Proof of Township residence is required. One sign is free, any additional signs will be \$10.00 each.

**HELP WANTED**

Penn Township Board of Supervisors is looking for residents to serve as Voting Alternates on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month.

We will be in need of two Auditors for 2020.

If you are interested in serving on this committee or serving as an Auditor, please contact the Township Secretary at 486-3104 or speak with a supervisor.

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

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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 1—March 30, 2019  
October 27—December 31, 2019  
Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

March 31—October 26, 2019  
Monday—Thursday  
7:00 AM — 4:00 PM

**Township Staff**

**Board of Supervisors**

Gary Martin, Chairman  
Ken Sheaffer, Vice-Chairman  
Ron Tritt, Supervisor

**Township Engineer**

Paul Wilson  
Dawood Engineering

**Sewage Enforcement Officer**

Vincent Elbel

**Township Secretary**

Vicki Knepp

**Township Tax Collector**

Debra Dyarman  
Julie Ruff, Deputy

**Zoning Officer**

Tim Knepp, Sr.  
Jim Sheaffer, Assistant

**Township Treasurer**

Trina Manetta

**Road Master**

Jeff Gillaugh  
Alan Hostetter, Assistant

**Township Solicitor**

Marcus McKnight, III

**Employee**

Ernie Beecher

**Township Auditors**

Fred Leeds  
Jenny Rhoads