



# PENN TIMES

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## ANNUAL FIREMAN'S FAIR JULY 31, AUGUST 1 & 2, 2014



**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 Vogelsoong - Vice-Chair  
Linwood Clippinger  
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  
Barry Shoff - Captain  
Ryan Finkey - Lieutenant  
Tim Knepp, Sr. – EMS Captain  
Joe Miller - EMS Lieutenant

***Fire Company Auxiliary***

Anna Group – President  
Sandy Morrison – Vice President  
Mary Wert – Secretary  
Joyce Wardle – Assistant Secretary  
Marcia Leeds – Treasurer  
Kay Kann – Financial Secretary  
Cindia Whisler - Facility Contact

***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	John Ickes
Steve Cohick	

***Fire Company Trustees***

Tim Knepp, Sr.	Sean Conaway
Denny Shoff	John J Wardle
Barry Shoff	

***Emergency Management Coordinator***

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

***Codes Enforcement Officer***

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

***Vacancy Board***

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

***Loan Grant Coordinator***

Buck Shuller

**2014 Township Calendar**

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

**July**

- 3 Park & Recreation Committee
- 9 Zoning Hearing Board
- 10 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 21 Planning Commission Meeting
- 31 Annual Firemen’s Festival

**August**

- 1 & 2 Annual Firemen’s Festival
- 7 Park & Recreation Committee
- 13 Zoning Hearing Board
- 14 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 18 Planning Commission Meeting
- 24 PTVFC Breakfast

**September**

- 4 Park & Recreation Committee
- 10 Zoning Hearing Board
- 11 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 15 Planning Commission Meeting
- 20 PTVFC Yard Sale, Chicken BBQ
- 27 PTVFC Pot Pie Supper
- 28 Breakfast

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

**PENN TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY  
SOUP SALE**

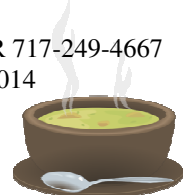
Ham Bean and Beef Vegetable Soup by the Quart

\$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 17, 2014



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### SOUTH FAIRVIEW 1st CHURCH OF GOD

Rummage & Bake Sale

Friday, September 5 8—4  
Saturday September 6 8—2

After 12 on Saturday \$1.00 a Bag

Church located at:

1212 Centerville Road  
Newville, PA



### Schedule 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary The Huntsdale Church of the Brethren

**July 13** Old Fashioned Picnic Sunday School at 9:00 AM, Worship at 10:00 AM  
Sunday School and Worship outdoors weather permitting, please bring your lawn chairs. A Carry in lunch and old fashioned games will follow.

Sunday School: Glenn Hassinger

Worship: Bill Waugh, Dist. Exect.

Worship Leader: Pastor Jan

**Saturday Sept. 27** Apple Butter Making Re-plogle Family

#### **October 5 Love Feast Sunday**

Worship Prue Yelinek preaching in the morning (Love Feast Preparatory)

Worship at 10:30, Sunday School at 9:20

Jonathan Bream Leading Love Feast in the Evening at 6:30

#### **October 12 150<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary Celebration Sunday**

Sunday School: Teacher to Be Announced

Worship: Jonathan Shively Preaching in the morning

A Carry In Dinner will follow worship.

Sunday School at 9:20 Worship at 10:30

The public is invited to attend any or all of these celebration events.



Penn Township Board of Supervisors have replaced the flagpole and sign at the Township Building. The new sign was designed by Supervisor Sheaffer and installed by him. Supervisor Sheaffer and Paul Seiders, Jr. did the masonry Ian Tipping work and the road crew erected the new flagpole. Landscaping around the new sign will be done this Fall as an Eagle Scout project.

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

### October 2013

- Approved Dobbs Subdivision
- Accepted resignation of Matthew Farkas from Zoning Hearing Board
- Appointed Linwood Clippinger to Zoning Hearing Board
- Granted Conditional Use Application 2013-003 Sheri Napoli for a Low Impact Business

### November 2013

- Adopted Ordinance 2013-005 Animal Nuisance Ordinance
- Adopted Ordinance 2013-006 Non-Traffic Citation Ordinance
- Adopted Ordinance 2013-007 Amendments to Zoning Ordinance
- Adopted Ordinance 2013-008 Repeal of Per Capita Tax
- Approved 2014 Budget that had been advertised and posted at the Township Building

### December 2013

- Set date of January 6, 2014 for the Reorganization Meeting and January Board of Supervisors Meeting
- Approved Short Term Disability Insurance for full time employees
- Approved Pension Fund Disclosure

### January 2014

- Approved Resolution 2014-006 Nolt Septic Module
- Approved purchase of AED for the District Magistrate Office
- Approved purchase of new dump truck

### February 2014

- Approved Nolt Subdivision on Ritner Highway
- Approved purchase of laptop for maintenance personnel
- Adopted Resolution 2014-007 Special Fire Police
- Adopted Resolution 2014-008 Emergency Operations Plan
- Approved joining the Central Pennsylvania Energy Consortium

### March 2014

- Approved Key Logistics Park revised roadway plan
- Adopted Ordinance 2014-001 Zoning Amendments
- Approved Jim Sheaffer as Assistant Zoning/Codes Officer
- Approved purchase of new printer for Treasurer

### April 2014

- Adopted Resolution 2014-009 IDI Sewer Module
- Adopted Ordinance 2014-002 Amendments to Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Denied Conditional Use Application 2014-001 Shetron Manufacturing, 85 Kutz Road for a trucking company
- Approved Conditional Use Application 2014-002 Penn Township Volunteer Fire Company 1750 Pine Road for a digital sign
- Approved Conditional Use Application 2014-003 Young's ATV 1770 Walnut Bottom Road for a propane filling station

### May 2014

- Adopted Ordinance 2014-003 Lock Box Ordinance
- Adopted Ordinance 2014-004 Alarm Ordinance
- Approved WCCOG Road Materials Bid
- Approved WCCOG Line Painting Bid
- Adopted Resolutions 2014-010 & 011 for PennDOT Traffic Signal Applications
- Approved \$100.00 donation to the Cumberland County Historical Society

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### ROADMASTER'S REPORT

Please remember to give the road crews plenty of room when they are mowing, trimming brush and patching the roads.

We will be tar and chipping South Side Drive, Cornman Drive and Kutz Road this summer. Please watch for the crews when these projects are under way.

The Township rented a crack sealer for a week earlier this year

to patch several Township roads. It was a big time saver. We hope to rent it again in the Fall to get the roads we were unable to get done because of the weather.

We will be taking delivery of a new dump truck the first or second week of July. It will replace a thirteen year old truck that is starting to spend a lot of time in the shop.

# WEST NILE VIRUS MOSQUITO CONTROL

The DEP West Nile Grant to Cumberland County this year included funds for specific educational resources. Cumberland and York Counties are using billboards and sign advertisements as alternative media to connect with the community.

When West Nile Virus is found present it is often considered necessary to conduct a County Evening Spray Control Program in coordination with DEP. To better inform the public in areas that are scheduled for spraying, the County will be placing neighborhood notification signs the day of the spraying. The planned spray route will be available at [www.ccpa.net/westnile](http://www.ccpa.net/westnile). Spray activities are posted on the County website. Anyone wanting to be notified of spraying can go to <http://www.ccpa.net/list.aspx> and register their email address.

**Important Notice Regarding Nuisance Mosquitoes:**  
PA DEP NPDES permit limits areas that can be treated with truck mounted ULV as was done in prior years for nuisance mosquitoes. Generally, areas in the South Mountain area of the County can no longer be considered for truck ULV treatment due to the proximity of High Quality and Exceptional Value streams such as the Yellow Breeches and its tributaries. Barrier Backpack sprayer applications may be given consideration as perimeter treatments.

Cumberland County uses three types of collection traps for adult mosquitoes:

## Light Trap

- Dry ice in cooler
- Emits CO2
- 9 volt battery on the ground



## Gravid Trap

- Tackle box has 9 volt battery and wiring inside
- Dishpan base
- Pan has dirty smelly water in it



## BG Sentinel Trap

- White circular netting
- Black net interior top
- 9 volt battery attached
- Light Trap thermos hanging above



## What You Can Do To Control Mosquitoes

West Nile Virus is a disease that is spread by infected mosquitoes. So the best defense against the West Nile Virus is not giving them a place to breed. Mosquitoes require water for the immature stages to develop. Any source of standing water, big or small, can produce mosquitoes. To reduce the number of mosquitoes in your neighborhood, it is important to eliminate any standing water (from rain or irrigation) from your home and yard. Cleaning rain gutters, turning over buckets, and draining wading pools are important actions, but there are other, less obvious places that mosquito larvae can develop. Flower pots (especially if plants are being rooted), aquariums on porches, covered and uncovered boats, trash and recycle bins, and irrigation Todd Diehl control boxes are all commonly overlooked as potential larval mosquito habitat in people's yards.

Here are some things you can do around your home.

- Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots or similar water-holding containers that have collected on your property.
- Pay special attention to discarded tires. Stagnant water in tires is where most mosquitoes breed.
- Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers left outdoors.

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- Have clogged roof gutters cleaned every year, particularly if the leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency to plug up the drains. Roof gutters can produce millions of mosquitoes each season.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. Stagnant water in a wading pool becomes a place for mosquitoes to breed.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and don't let water stagnate in birdbaths. Both provide breeding habitats for domestic mosquitoes.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens can become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate. Clean and chlorinate swimming pools not in use. A swimming pool left untended by a family on vacation for a month can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on pool covers.

It is not necessary to limit any outdoor activities, unless local officials advise you otherwise. However, you can and should try to reduce your risk of being bitten by mosquitoes. In addition to reducing stagnant water in your yard, make sure all windows and doors have screens, and that all screens are in good repair.

If West Nile virus is found in your area, here are some ways you can protect yourself.

- Take normal steps to prevent insect bites.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time, or when mosquitoes are most active.

- Consider the use of mosquito repellent, according to directions, when it is necessary to be outdoors. Wash all treated skin and clothing when returning indoors.
- Remember, electromagnetic and ultrasound devices and Vitamin B are not effective in preventing mosquito bites.

### Bti for Home Use

State DEP and county mosquito control professionals have been using Bti, a naturally occurring bacteria, to kill mosquito larvae for years. This material is now widely available for you to buy and use yourself at home.

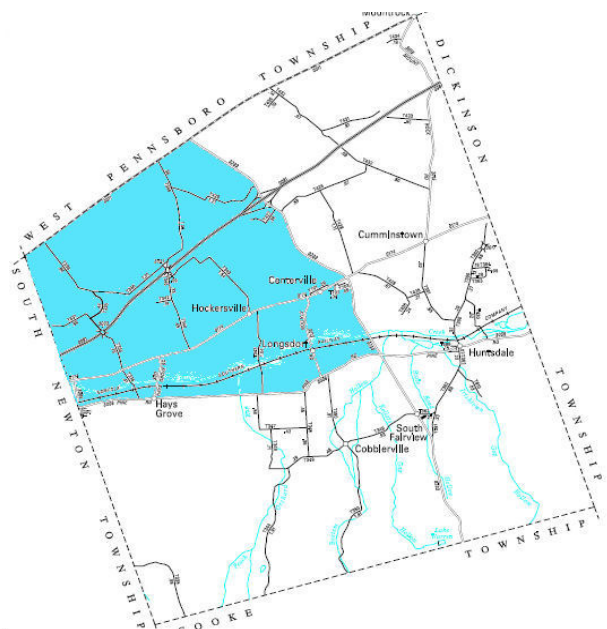
Bti can be purchased in small, donut-shaped form, often called "mosquito dunks", which are useful in small areas of standing water, such as a birdbath or small puddle of water that may gather in a low spot on your property. A granular form of Bti is available, and effective for larger areas, such as backyard ponds.

Bti can be purchased in many lawn and garden, outdoor supply, and home improvement stores. The great thing about this bacteria is that it kills only mosquito and black fly larvae. It is not harmful to people, pets, aquatic life (such as fish) or plants.

*The best way to control mosquitoes is still to get rid of standing water on your property. And, make sure you follow all label instructions carefully if you use Bti at home.*

## **DISTRICT 1 MANDATORY SEPTIC PUMPING**

Postcards were mailed for those residents who live in the first 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 shaded area on the map will have until December 31, 2014 to have their septic tanks pumped.



**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** \$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 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 2014 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, as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate or the Park & Recreation Committee. Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of the month, Zoning Hearing Board on the second Wednesday of the month when needed and Park & Rec meets on the first Thursday every month.

If you are interested in serving on any 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 September 21, 2014  
Monday—Friday  
7:00 AM — 2:00 PM

March 23—September 21, 2014  
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  
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