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Pennsylvania State Police Community Awareness Bulletin CAB 01-2020 & CAB 02-2020

The Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) reminds residents to remain vigilant against scams attempting to take advantage of the COVID-19 pandemic. Criminals often use current events to gain the victim's sympathy and trust to make their scams seem more legitimate.

Coronavirus Related Scams

- Fraudulent fundraising campaigns that claim to collect for the CDC, WHO, or for victims through a crowdfunding site like GoFundMe.
- Price gouging on household supplies such as bathroom tissue, hand sanitizer, and bleach. Pennsylvania law defines gouging as charging a price over 20% of the price charged before the emergency started. Report gouging to the Attorney General's office at https:// www.attorneygeneral.gov.
- Advertisements for supplies that take your money and fail to deliver what was promised.
- Advertisements on social or other media claiming to sell vaccines, cures, or tests for COVID-19. Some of these "treatments" are dangerous, but all are worthless.
 There is currently no known cure or vaccine for COVID-19 and test must be obtained through a physician or hospital.
- Investment "opportunities" that promise high returns for low risk, or that claim to be a hedge against a volatile market. For more information, visit https:// www.media.pa.gov/pages/banking.detials.
- Phishing emails that use fear of COVID-19 to get you to download malware to your computer. These emails claim to be from the CDC or the WHO and may have an attachment claiming to be a list of cures.
- Malicious websites mirroring legitimate sources of information. Currently, a malicious website is masquerading as the Johns Hopkins University of Medicine COVID-19 Global Cases Map. Visiting the malicious website infects the user with the AZORult trojan, an information stealing program which can exfiltrate a variety of sensitive data.

Recommendations

- Make sure your computer has the lastest updates, and make sure it has an antivirus program. Delete any emails from people you do not recognize or that has attachments you are not expecting.
- Verify charities through https://www.charities.pa.gov and do not contribute to a crowdfunding campaign unless you know the people or organization collecting the money or who is benefiting from the collection.
- Avoid purchasing supplies from unfamiliar companies.
 Stick to companies and stores you know, If you must buy supplies from an unfamiliar source, use a credit card.
- Check unknown or suspicious files and URLs for malware. Individuals can check files and links by scanning them using https://www.virustotal.com.

COVID-19 Stimulus Related Scams

The PSP reminds residents to remain vigilant against scammers attempting to take advantage of the stimulus disbursement and other programs associated with Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) signed on March 27th. Below are some examples of circulating scams.

• Emails claiming to be from the United States government

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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 Joseph Ferrante James Skiles

Park & Rec Committee

Patricia Weidman Chair Sally Anderson Vice-Chair Carrie Collins Sec Gary Hunsecker

Tammy Kartstetter Anna Group

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

Vacant - Fire Chief

Doug Stum - Deputy Chief Ryan Finky - Assistant Chief

Tim Knepp - EMS Chief

Al Mick - Captain Vacant - Lieutenant

Fire Company Auxiliary

Mary Wert - President Joyce Wardle - Vice President Tammy Duncan - Secretary

Marcia Leeds - Treasurer/Financial Secretary

Tina Fry - Trustee Evie Kough - Trustee Judy Hockensmith - Trustee Kay Kann - Chaplain

Fire/Police Members

Jim Sheaffer - Captain Mike Chestnut Ricky Stitt - Lieutenant Ron Tritt Leon Kitner Ira Wagner John J Wardle Jr Art Danner 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.

Vacancy Board

J. Michael Ickes - Chair

Loan Grant Coordinator

Carrie Collins

Fire Marshal

Bob Kough, Jr.

Tim Knepp, Sr.—Assistant

2020 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
- 15 Park & Rec Committee
- 16 Supervisor Workshop
- 20 Planning Commission Meeting

August

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

<u>September</u>

- 9 Zoning Hearing Board
- 10 Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 16 Park & Rec Committee
- 17 Supervisor Workshop
- 21 Planning Commission
- 26 Ladies Auxiliary Drive-thru Soup Sale

NOTE: Other than the Corn Soup Sale, Fire Company events have been temporarily cancelled due to COVID-19. Please contact the Fire Company with questions or for further information.

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.

<u>April</u>

 Board of Supervisor's meeting canceled due to COVID-19 Pandemic

April Supervisor's Workshop

- Approved maintenance for Payloader and Dump Truck
- Ratified the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency
- Approved Resolution 2020-14 to ratify the 2020-03 Schedule of Fees
- Approved Food Bank Donation for COVID-19 Effort

May Supervisor's Workshop

- Approved Twp Parking Lot Paving Project
- Approved Zimmerman Bond Release
- Approved sale of Kubota Zero Turn mower

May

- Approved Stormwater Application Permit
- Approved Food Bank Donation for COVID-19 Effort
- Approved Fireworks Request at Cumberland Drive-in
- Approved Mountain View Road Paving Partnership with South Newton Twp

<u>June</u>

- Approved additional September 26 Auxiliary Event
- Approved Fire Police Requests
- Approved Township Interior Remodel Project
- Approved Food Bank Donation for COVID-19 Effort
- Approved Zoning Officer Cellular Phone Request
- Approved James Skiles as Planning Commission Member
- Approved Zoning Permit Fee Waiver for Enyeart

June Supervisor's Workshop

• Zoning Ordinance Review

ROADMASTER'S REPORT

This summer our Twp Roadcrew will be paving and patching roads, will begin the next round of mowing shoulders and banks, and will start preparing South Side Drive for the possible 2021 Paving Project.

2020 Oil and Chip Projects

High Mtn Road (Municipal to Municipal Lines)
Farm Road (Pine Road to Rt 174)
Quarry Hill Road (Railroad to Rt174)
Quarry Hill Road (McCullough Road to Rt11)
McCullough Road (Municipal Line to QHR)

ZONING OFFICE

Zoning FAQs... Did you Know?

Permits are required for:

- New buildings, Additions, Remodels, & Demolitions
- Garages or Carports
- Sheds or Accessory Buildings
- Decks, Fences and Roof Decking
- Swimming Pools and Hot Tubs with depth of more than 24" (includes inflatables)
- Signs and other structures

When in Doubt, please Reach Out!

PENN TOWNSHIP SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

March 29 through October 24, 2020 Monday through Thursday 7:00 AM—4:00 PM Closed on Fridays!

NOTARY SERVICES Temporarily NOT Available at the Township Office

Until further notice Notary Services will NOT be available at the Township Office

Carlisle Pennsylvania State Police Incoming Station Commander Introduction

Lieutenant Bryan Henneman has been a Cumberland County resident for most of his entire life. Lt Henneman grew up in Doubling Gap the first 16 years of his life and then moved to West Pennsboro Twp. He was a Big Spring Class of 1994 graduate, attended Shippensburg University and has been a Cumberland Valley resident for the past 15 years. With that said, Lt Henneman is much more comfortable in the mountains than in the cities, and can be found many times during the year back in Doubling Gap.

One of Lt Henneman's goals is to add an emphasis on getting Troopers "off the beaten path". He believes that being visible and doing enforcement on the Interstate is crucial, but also wants the Troopers traveling on the back roads of the county. During the past few months, Lt Henneman has provided lists of locations for Troopers to find ranging from Hopewell Township to Monroe Township. He has been selecting locations that are either historic or interesting. Places like Buzzards Rock and the old plane crash site on Three Square Hollow Road. However, his reasoning is two-fold, as he also wants the Troopers to know and learn these back roads on a good day, before they have to be on them with lights and sirens going during a stormy night to answer a call or possible crash.

Growing up locally, and spending so much time in the mountains, has always led him to believe that it is important for neighbors and residents to see marked State Police cars driving past their homes and on our rural back roads. Lt Henneman and our local PSP want to make an impact and let everyone know they are out here for us, as well as patrolling on the Interstate.

TROOPER'S TIME

Everyday items for Awareness:

- For your safety, Cheryl Slabonik please remember to make sure to turn your headlights on when it rains, and while driving through construction zones.
- There has also been a recent implementation of automated speed cameras in the work zones along I81 and surrounding highways. Please remember to always watch your speed, not just when you're in a construction zone.
- Do not leave unattended cars running, giving a possible car thief an easy means to steal your vehicle. Leaving children in vehicles, even for a quick second, should always be out of the question. Be smart, be safe!
- The warm season months are approaching. With such weather, residences often have open windows
 and doors. Please make attempts to secure your residence before departing, hopefully decreasing your
 chances of becoming a potential victim of a home break-in.
- PSP Carlisle offers free gun locks. If you are interested in the program, please call PSP
 Carlisle at 717-249-2121 and ask to speak to a Firearms Instructor. Arrangement will then
 be made for you to stop by the station.



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agencies asking for personally identifying information (PII) so the victim will receive their deposit. These emails may have poor grammar, spelling and links that may contain malware that, once installed into the victim's computer, steal information.

- Texts, robocalls, or messages on other platforms containing links directing victims to a website that promotes them to enter their PII and other information, such as bank account information, usernames, passwords, and email addresses.
- Callers who clain to have information on "secret" government programs or who offer to help with applications in exchange for your PII and a fee.

Recommendations

- Do not give banking or other personal information to anyone who requests it in order to make a "stimulus payment". The federal government is utilizing banking information already on file from previous years' tax returns, so you will probably not have to take any action. If you need to add or update banking information, go to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) link https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus-tax-relief-andeconomic-impact-payments.
- Do not give money or personal information to anyone claiming to have information about government programs. If you have a question regarding government programs or need help with the application, contact the agency directly that administers the program. They will assist you or direct you to an appropriate organization that can provide assistance.
- Make sure your computer has the latest updates, and ensure it has an antivirus program. Delete any email from people you do not recognize or has attachments you are not expecting.

For the most up-to-date and accurate information about Coronavirus and COVID-19 in Pennsylvania visit the PA Department of Health website at http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/Pages/Coronavirus.aspx.

For more information about the CARES Act visit the US Department of Treasury website at https://home.treasury.gov.

PSP would like to remind residents who fall victim to a scam to report it to their local police department.

Penn Township Welcomes New Secretary



Corrie Wadel was appointed by the Board of Supervisors as the Assistant

Twp Secretary in January of this year, taking over the Secretary position in March. Corrie is a Cumberland County native and currently resides in Shippensburg with her husband, Mike. They have two grown children and a five month old Standard Poodle puppy named Madden. Allison graduated from York College in 2016 and is a Respiratory Therapist in Columbia, South Carolina. Alexander is a 2020 Penn State University graduate with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science.

Corrie feels that her family and career path have shaped and molded her into the person she is today. She has always felt a call to service, is very community conscience and is extremely proud to call herself a military spouse. It is a combination of these three key attributes that led Corrie to her previous career as a contractor for the PA National Guard Family Program. Corrie began her career as the local Family Assistance Specialist located at the National Guard Armory in Carlisle, assisting Military Families during deployments and in times of need. In 2014, Corrie was promoted to the Family Assistance Coordinator position at Ft. Indiantown Gap and lead the PA team of 13 until January of this year. Prior to her contracting job, Corrie obtained her CDL and became a school bus driver for Lee McBeth & Sons in Walnut Bottom. At times, she is still approached by young adults asking if she was their school bus driver all those years ago. Corrie will tell you how hard it was to leave both of these jobs but, in both instances, cloud see there was a higher power at work in the direction she was being called to take.

When not at work, Corrie finds various things to keep her active and busy. She is an avid reader and movie buff, loves to cook and create in the kitchen, is drawn to the water and woods, and enjoys camping and traveling. She is a Council Member, Youth leader and Food Bank Chair at Trinity United Methodist Church in Walnut Bottom and also volunteers with the PA Wounded Warriors.



Corrie believes that each moment or season in life is meant to become another memory in a grand

adventure, and cannot wait to see what adventures are ahead as she serves the residents and community of Penn Township!



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Park & Rec Updates

CENTERVILLE COMMUNITY PARK Sanitized 11 June 2020

In Accordance with State & National Guidance and per the PA Rec & Park Society Re-Opening Guidelines, patrons are hereafter responsible for frequent and proper hand washing or sanitizing before, during and after use or when coughing and sneezing. Please remember to observe safe social distances and restrict touching of the face.

The Penn Township Parks & Recreation Board would like to extend a huge thank you to all who have shown support to the Centerville Community Park Revitalization Project. More than ever the value of being able to have safe, accessible, clean and fun areas to play, exercise and have a breath of fresh air is needed. The appreciation you have shown will go far in assisting the board with revitalizing the recreation areas in our community. Thank you for also understanding the restrictions that had to be implemented at Centerville Community Park over the spring to keep

We are still accepting any donations and other types of support at the Penn Township Building. We plan to reconvene the Parks & Recreation Board meetings on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 7pm and hope to see you and Sarah Byers there!

everyone safe and healthy.

PENN TWP FIRE COMPANY NEWS

After a long and undesirable process the members of our department have decided to cancel the Biggest Little Fair in Cumberland County. This was a decision nobody wanted to make, but our community's safety and health must come before any and all important choices we must make. It only takes one person to make an entire crowd sick.

Although this is bad news, there is still good to come from all of this. Our company strives everyday to provide a safe and happy community for everyone who enters our doors. The smiles on your faces are always appreciated. We hope, not promise, to hold a smaller/similar event to the fair after the green phase is lifted from our county. Until then, we will take the COVID-19 pandemic day by day and ensure our community's well-being. Please understand this decision, and keep following the safety guidelines put in place so we can make the second half of 2020 a good one!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Corn Soup Sale Saturday, September 26th

SOUTH FAIRVIEW FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

"Drive-in" style Worship Service—Sunday's at 10:00 Inside services coming in the near future!

Rocky Railway VBS is being planned for August "Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!"

Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue - Sept 19 at 11:00 www.facebook.com/SouthFairview1stCOG

DICKINSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This year **VBS** stands for **Virtual Bible School**!

July 14-16th starting at 6:30p.m.

Sharing stories, videos, experiments, and songs each night through Zoom... with packets, crafts and other items dropped off at your home.

To Register: eandcfranklin@centurylink.net or Charity 717-776-9658 & Dianne 717-486-5423

Pay Your Trash Bill via Credit Card

Now you can pay your **Southampton Township Trash Bill** from the comfort of your home or office by using our online payment service!

To pay your **Southampton Township Trash Bill**, please have your <u>Account Number</u> and amount due available when paying online. You will need to choose your <u>Municipality</u> from the drop down list to begin your transaction. Enter your <u>Account Number</u> and amount due using the information that is printed on your current trash bill. There are several other required fields that must be completed to verify your account information which will ensure your payment is posted to the proper account.

Credit Card payments will not be accepted in person and can only be made online at https://southamptontwp.com. You will receive an email from MuniciPAY that verifies that your payment has been processed. Please ensure that you have provided your current email address so that you will be able to receive your receipt.

Southampton Township Trash uses the services of MuniciPAY to process your credit card payment. A service fee of **2.65%** or **\$3.00** minimum per transaction will be charged by the payment processing company for this service. If you have any questions, you can contact the **Southampton Township Trash Collection Office** (717)-532-9646 – Ext 102









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 signs are available from the Penn Township Vol. Fire Co. at no charge as a public service. Contact Pam Sheaffer, (717) 776-7557. Proof of Township residence is required. First sign is free, any additional signs will be \$10.00 each.

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, you must claim the reward by stopping by Saylor's Market before April 30th.

Our thanks to Curt Saylor for his donation to the Newsletter!

TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Penn Township Services

Photo Copies: \$0.25 per page Laminating: \$1.00 per item Faxing: \$1.00 first page

\$0.50 each Additional page

Notary Work: Temporarily Unavailable

The Township will also accept residential

waste oil from vehicles.

Email Address Collection

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

- Community Announcements & Updates
- Emergency Information
- Penn Times Quarterly Newsletter

If you are interested in receiving information by email, contact us at www.penntwp@kuhncom.net.

Newsletter Advertising

The PENN TIMES is published quarterly 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 closest to their peak season.

Prices List for advertising in the 2020 PENN TIMES:

<u>Size</u>	Cost/Issue	Cost/Year
1/8 Page (Business Card)	\$50	\$175
¼ Page	\$100	\$350
½ Page	\$200	\$700
Full Page	\$400	\$1400

Contact the township office at 717 486-3104 to reserve your space and for newsletter deadline.

Help Wanted

Penn Township Board of Supervisors are looking for residents to serve on the Planning Commission, the Park & Rec Committee, and as a 2020 Auditor. If you are interested in serving on either of these committees or serving as an Auditor, please call the Secretary at 717-486-3104 or speak with a supervisor.



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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 Winter Office Hours:

January 1—March 29, 2020 October 25—December 31, 2020 Monday—Friday 7:00 AM — 2:00 PM Summer Office Hours:

March 30—October 24, 2020 Monday—Thursday 7:00 AM — 4:00 PM (check website/Facebook for

modified hours due to COVID-19)

Township Staff

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Secretary

Corrie Wadel Vicki Knepp, Asst.

Township Treasurer

Trina Manetta

Township SolicitorMarcus McKnight, III

Township Engineer

Paul Wilson Wilson Engineering

Township Tax Collector

Debra Dyarman
Julie Ruff, Deputy

Road Master

Jeff Gillaugh Alan Hostetter, Asst.

Employee

Ernie Beecher Steve Knowlton **Sewage Enforcement Officer**

Vincent Elbel

Zoning Officer Tim Knepp, Sr.

Township Auditors

Fred Leeds
Jenny Rhoads