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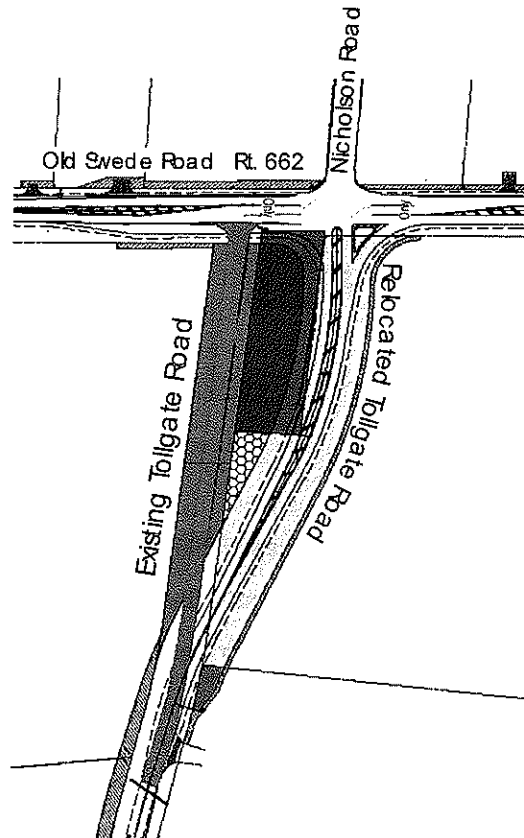
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A New Look for Tollgate Road

The Board of Supervisors is moving forward with the realignment of Tollgate Road. The project started with the acquisition of the Tollgate House property in 2006. The historic building was dismantled by the Amity Heritage Society in 2007 and moved to the Cultural Heritage Center in Kutztown. Tollgate Road, as shown to the right, will be moved North to intersect directly across from Nicholson Avenue. The new intersection will be widened and will have two turning lanes on Old Swede Road. The old Tollgate Road will be abandoned. The design phase is nearly complete now and the Township is proceeding with acquiring rights-of-way and construction easements. When all property agreements and applicable permits have been obtained, the solicitation of bids can begin. Hopefully construction can start late next year and be complete within six months.



EAC has vacancy for next year

Did you know that Amity Township has an Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)? If not, you should. The EAC meets the second Monday of every month at 7PM in the Township Building and you're invited to attend and bring any concerns or ques-

tions you may have about environmental issues within Amity Township. The EAC is currently working on several projects, including: radon awareness, recycling in the schools, and a township wide environmental resource inventory. If you are inter-

ested in serving on the EAC there will be a vacancy next year, please send you letter of interest to the Township Secretary at 2004 Weaver-town Road, Douglassville, PA 19518, or you can email it to amitytwp@amitytownshippa.com.

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What's Happening

- *Halloween Parade—October 21, 2008 5:30PM Lake Drive Park*
- *Leaf Collection (must be in kraft bags only) week of 11/17/08*
- *Yard Waste Collection week of 12/1/08*

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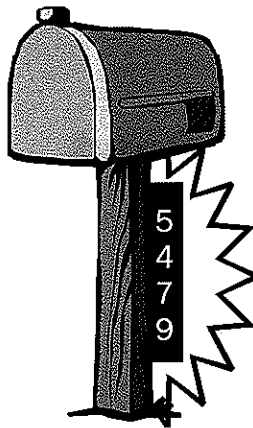


Reflective Address Markers For Sale!

Did you know that when emergency vehicles respond to 911 calls it may take them longer to find your residence because of poorly marked addresses? To prevent this from happening to your family in a time of need, please make sure your address is totally visible from the street.

One way to ensure this, is to have reflective address markers. If you are interested in obtaining these markers, they are available through the Amity Fire Company. Order forms are available at the Township Building.

Together we can make it easier for emergency personnel to respond to the needs of our community and its residents.

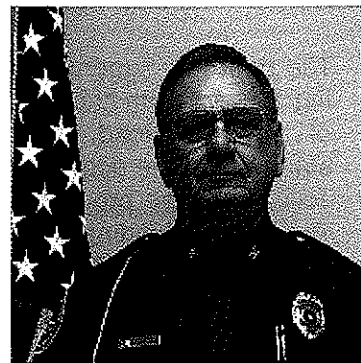


ONLY \$15

Chief Noel Roy Retiring

After eleven years at the helm of the Amity Township Police Department, Chief Noel Roy has decided to retire. When he took over in 1997, there were only 7 officers on the force. The department has since grown to 13 officers, with one sergeant and 3 corporals (one is a detective). He spearheaded the construction of a new police station in 2004, adding a bike patrol and participating in the Berks County Emergency Response Team. He instituted a community police division to work with the

community and put DARE officers in the schools. Chief Roy's presence and professionalism will be missed by all.



Chief Noel Roy

Amity Basketball

For adults in the Daniel Boone School District, basketball starts on October 20, 2008 through March 16, 2009 Monday evenings at the Amity Intermediate Center from 6:30pm to 9:30 pm. Register at the court prior to playing. Photo ID and proof of residency required.



Kindly remember that dogs are not allowed in any of Amity's parks (except Monocacy Hill)!

Amity Has a New Website!

Check out Amity's new website at www.amitytownship.com. We have all the same information in a new user-friendly format. In addition, you are now able to submit your building permit applications on line. We, at the Township, strive to provide convenient and useful information to our residents. If you have any suggestions for the website, send them attention webmaster at amitytwp@amitytownship.com.

Make your home a solution to stormwater pollution! 10 things you can do to prevent stormwater runoff pollution

As stormwater flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. You can adopt these healthy habits and help protect our lakes and streams, riv-

ers, wetlands and coastal waters. Remember to share these habits with your neighbors.

- Ⓞ Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters.
- Ⓞ Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
- Ⓞ Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Ⓞ Compost your yard waste.
- Ⓞ Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.

Ⓞ Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.

- Ⓞ Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in your driveway.
- Ⓞ Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Ⓞ Pick up after your pet.
- Ⓞ Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

For more information visit www.epa.gov

Berks County Sponsors Recycling Events



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program

FREE to all Berks County Residents
 October 4, 2008
 First Energy Stadium
 (Rt 61 -Reading)
 8:00 am—2:00 pm
 Rain or Shine

Acceptable Materials Include:

- Oil Paints, Turpentine, Paint Thinners, Varnishes
- Pesticides, Weed Killers, Driveway Sealant, Pool Chemicals
- Antifreeze, Gasoline, Transmission Oil, Motor Oil
- Solvents, Disinfectants, Oven and Rug Cleaners, Household Batteries, Photographic Chemicals

Car Batteries can be dropped off at East Penn Manufacturing in Lyon Station or Exide Corporation in Reading.

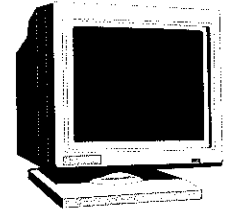
Electronic Recycling Event

October 17 & 18, 2008
 First Energy Stadium (Rt 61-Reading)
 8:00 am—2:00 pm

Electronic Items Accepted:

Computers, Monitors, Laptops, Keyboards, Modems, Printers, Radios, TVs, VCRs, Fax Machines, Copiers, Telephones, Answering Machines, Microwaves, Mobile Phones.

There is a small fee for the items, check out our website for details.



Tire Recycling

November 1, 2008
 Beagle Club Road (Near Western Berks Landfill)
 8:00 am—2:00 pm



All tires must be free of mud and debris, up to 8 tires per household accepted.

Coming Soon to Amity

You've probably noticed the construction at the Villa At Morlatton. Developers are busy with their latest phase of the project—an 81 unit assisted living and memory care facility. This latest expansion will be a three story, 80,000 square foot facility connected to the existing building by an elevated walkway. The assisted living facility will offer studio, one and two bedroom units; 24 hour nursing care; meals; various therapeutic and social activities; housekeeping and linen

services. The estimated cost of this expansion project is \$15 million. The new building will create 70 full time and part time jobs. Developers estimate the facility to be open by Summer 2009.

Across the highway on Rt. 662 Greth Homes is building a 79 unit, \$5 million assisted living facility called Hearthstone at Amity. Amenities include three meals daily, licensed nursing care available 24 hours a day, transportation to appoint-

ments, recreational activities, onsite banking services and more. Units are available in private and semi-private apartments. The facility will have a hair salon, movie area, exercise area and a card/game room. Construction began in August and is expected to be complete by March 2009. The first residents may move in as soon as April. The project will create 50 new jobs for Amity Township.

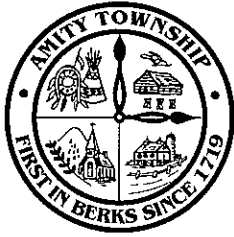
Monocacy Creek Interceptor

The Township continues the process of acquiring rights-of-way for the new public sewer line that will service BelAir Estates and the Valley Road properties. The new interceptor will provide relief for the failing on-lot systems as identified in the Township's Act 537 plan. We anticipate starting construction in the Spring of 2009. Cost estimate of this project is \$2,500,000 to be paid with Sewer EDU funds.

Zoning Update Phase 2

In an effort to decrease the tax burden on the residents of Amity Township, the Board of Supervisors has authorized the Township Solicitor and Engineer to begin the process of rezoning an area in the western part of the Township along Limekiln Road. As recommended by the Amity Township Economic Development Council (EDAC), this area could be developed as a business/light industrial campus. The vision of the EDAC is to promote economic development that is

consistent with the great history and community values that have grown since Amity Township was formed. They hope to create a focal economic center that meets the resident's expectations. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings to become informed and involved in the process. The EDAC meets on the second Thursday of the month and the Board of Supervisors meet on the first and third Wednesdays at 7PM.



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School Bus Safety

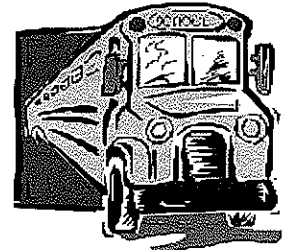
Ⓢ When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.

Ⓢ When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.

Ⓢ You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.

Ⓢ You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.

Ⓢ **DO NOT MOVE** until all the children have reached a place of safety.



Mailbox Reminder

With winter on the way, you may wish to evaluate the condition of your mailboxes. It is the policy of the Township regarding damaged mailboxes: "Only mailboxes directly struck or hit by the plow or vehicle will be considered for reimbursement by the Board of Supervisors". Mailboxes must be able to withstand thrown ice and snow

Old Man Winter is on his way!

Amity Township's Zoning Ordinance Chapter 26, Part 4, Section 406 says that it shall be the duty of the owners

of the land abutting upon any curbs and/or sidewalks to keep them in such repair and condition that they may not be or become dangerous to the welfare and safety of the traveling public. Under the International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.3.1, where sidewalks exist, those responsible for sidewalks shall have at least a two foot wide path cleared of snow and/or ice within 24 hours after the cessation of the snowfall. Snow covered sidewalks can potentially cause children and adults to enter the street to walk or to ride school buses. Please remember



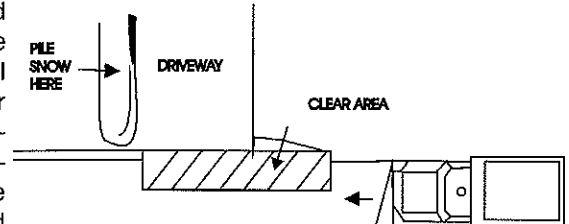
to clear your sidewalks.

Section 104 of the Amity Township Code of Conduct makes it unlawful to plow, shovel or otherwise cause snow to be deposited onto a public street. This practice can cause accidents and necessitate additional costs for snow removal. Penalties include fines and costs not to exceed \$1000.

Section 103 of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Code of Amity requires for any winter storm where there is accumu-

lation of one inch or more of ice and/or snow, all motor vehicles must be removed from public streets. This is to allow the Township plows to do their job quickly and efficiently. Penalties for non compliance include fines up to \$100, towing and costs.

PennDOT also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto a state highway.



Sketch shows the proper way to shovel snow out of your driveway.