



# Amity's Got the Scoop

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## Amity Township

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## NEW CHIEF SHUEBROOK

Amity Township has a new Chief of Police. His name is Kent Shuebrook. He comes to Amity from Toms River, NJ where he had worked for 31 years.

Chief Shuebrook takes over the 11 officer police force from Chief Noel Roy, who retired this year after 11 years at Amity.

Chief Shuebrook holds a Master's degree in administration science from Fairleigh Dickinson University and a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the College of New Jersey.

The new Chief and his wife, Janice relocated to Amity Gardens in January. He said

he wanted to be chief of a small department so he could interact with the officers and the community.

Chief Shuebrook enjoys distance running and has competed in three marathons.

Welcome Chief Shuebrook to Amity Township!



*District Justice Victor Fredrick administering the Oath of Office to Chief Shuebrook*

## Tax Collector Hours

March  
Thursdays  
10am—12noon  
5pm—7pm  
(no hours on 3/19/09)

April  
Wednesdays  
10am—12 noon  
5pm—7pm  
Thursdays  
5pm—7pm

June 29th and 30th  
5pm—7pm

610-689-9227

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## NEW WEBSITE

[WWW.AMITYTOWNSHIPPA.COM](http://WWW.AMITYTOWNSHIPPA.COM)

In case you haven't visited our website recently, Amity Township has a new website: [www.amitytownshippa.com](http://www.amitytownshippa.com).

Our new website offers a new look for the Township and lots more information for residents.

You can fill out forms for permits and submit them online; look at maps, view minutes and agendas of boards and commissions and stay abreast of what's happening in the community.

You can also find information

on voting with helpful links to the County.

There is also a directory with local phone numbers and addresses.

We hope you'll find the site helpful and informative.

**Community Shredding Event**  
**Help Stop Identity Theft**  
Sponsored by Amity  
Crimewatch  
Saturday, May 9  
9AM to Noon  
Redner's Parking Lot  
610-385-3740

### CAMP SIGN UP

Summer is coming!. Time to sign up for Amity's Summer Camp 2009. The camp is run by Ozzy's Sports Fun Center for first thru sixth graders Mondays thru Fridays from 8AM to Noon at the Lake Drive Recreation Area. Registration starts April 13, at 8AM at the Township Building. Early registration (April 13-April 30) is \$40 per week. After May 1st the fee is \$45 per week. This year your chil-

dren can attend the camp for as many weeks as you wish, but the weeks are limited to 45 campers. Remember, you must pack a lunch and bottled water for your child.

Here's the line up:

June 15-19 *Summer's Here*- Hang up your backpack and let's get this summer started.

June 22-26 *Games Galore*- Ball games to board games. We will play them all.

June 29-July 3 *All American*- Celebrate America with some good old fashioned fun

July 6-10 *Wacky, Wet and Wild*- Rain doesn't matter this week, we're getting wet anyway.

July 13-17 *Crazy Camp*-It's just crazy fun.

July 20-24 *Sports and More*- Everyone's favorite sports and games.

July 27-31 *Wacky, Wet and Wild* -Here we go again!

Aug. 3-7 *Summer Wrap Up*-We've taken the best of summer and packed it into one fun week .



### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AMITY

Progress is being made on the new sewer line being constructed to serve the Valley Road and Bell Air Estates area. Construction is expected to begin this Spring. Permits are being finalized for the Tollgate Road Realignment project. The realignment will bring Tollgate Road to intersect 662 directly across from Nicholson Ave. which will

make the intersection much safer.

PennDOT is going to replace the bridge on Main Street across the Monocacy Creek. The bridge will be closed to traffic. Construction is expected to start in June and may take up to six months. If you travel that route, please make different arrangements so you are not caught unpre-

pared.

Representatives at PennDOT have reported that construction on the turning lane at 422 and 662 should be completed by June.

Construction on a new deck overlay for the 422 bridge over the railroad tracks is scheduled to begin next year . PennDOT officials say one lane in each direction will remain open during the construction.

Work is continuing on the Leaf Creek Trail Feasibility Study. The trail would begin in the Cider Mill neighborhood along the Leaf Creek and cross Rt. 422 and eventually connect with the Thun Trail. Public input is being collected and will be incorporated into the study to determine if the trail is feasible.

### PARKING IN STREET KEEPS SWEEPER FROM DOING THEIR JOB

Street sweeping will occur from April 20th through the 30th. Amity Township road crews will be posting temporary signs along the roads that will be swept that day. Please refrain from parking vehicles on the street so that the sweeper can clean the street effectively.

### Yard Waste Collection

Road crews will be going through the Township to collect yard waste (branches, twigs, etc.) the week of April 6th through the 10th. Waste must be bundled and weigh no more than 50 pounds.

### STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

April 1, 2010 is Census Day! Every decade since 1790 the US Census Bureau has conducted a constitutionally mandated census to determine the number of people living within the United States and used by our Nation's leaders to help make vital decisions on behalf of all residents, including reapportionment

and redistricting. Census data also affect how more than \$300 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal, state and local governments each year. That's money that the Township uses for police protection, road improvements, etc. So when you get your census questionnaire in the mail take time to fill it out accurately and send it back!

### RECYCLING EVENTS

Bring unwanted hazardous household maintenance, automotive, or lawn and pest control products to the Berks County Household Hazardous Waste Collection:

Oil based paints, pesticides, cleaners, herbicides, etc.

April 4 8AM to 2PM

Tire Collection

Clean tires only.

May 2 8AM to 2 PM

Electronics Recycling

Computers, TVs, Radios, etc.

April 17 and 18 8AM to 2PM

at the Exeter Municipal Building  
off Rt. 422.



Grass clippings will make up nearly a third of all summer waste collected by trash haulers. Grasscycling is a natural way to have a healthy lawn while doing your part to help the environment. Mowing more frequently without bagging your lawn clippings can reduce the time spent on yard work by up to 40%. The clippings left on the lawn will supply one-third of the nitrogen required to keep your lawn healthy. Do your part to save the environment and keep your yard waste out of the trash trucks.

### PROTECTING WATER QUALITY FROM URBAN RUNOFF

As water flows over driveways, lawns and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Storm water can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a wetland, stream, river or lake. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. Polluted

runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, home owners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and automotive fluids off the ground and out of storm water. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect our water.



*"Clean Water is Everybody's Business"*

**Attention Homeowners:**  
Homeowners should be aware that street basketball hoops (bases) are not permitted to be placed in the street and curb areas.

### BUILDING AND ZONING

As the spring and summer seasons approach, the Amity Township Code Enforcement Department would like to remind you of the importance of maintaining your property. More specifically, Amity Township Ordinance #202A states "No lawn on any lot shall be allowed to exceed ten (10) inches in height" Please make

arrangements to maintain the height of your lawn.

Also summer is the season for everyone to add on to their homes, build homes, add a deck, put in pools and build storage sheds. Remember, before you make improvements to your home, a permit must first be obtained, if required. Many permit applica-

tions are available and can be submitted online on the Township's website.

There is a lot of information regarding permits and zoning regulations on the website as well.



**If you have questions about permits, visit our website.**

When planning your project, please allow 7 to 10 business days for your permit to be reviewed and approved.

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**Meeting Schedules**

Board of Supervisors

*1st and 3rd Wednesdays*

Planning Commission

*2nd and 4th Wednesdays*

Recreation Board

*1st Monday*

Environmental Advisory Council

*2nd Monday*

Economic Development Advisory Council

*2nd Thursday*

Zoning Hearing Board

*3rd Monday*

Forest Stewardship Committee

*3rd Thursday*

All meetings start at 7PM in the Municipal Township Building. The public is welcome.

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## LIVING WITH RADON IN BERKS COUNTY

In Eastern Pennsylvania, a narrow belt of uranium-rich granite runs from Easton to Reading. Known by geologists as the "Reading Prong", it was discovered by the Department of Energy in the early 1970s, during a research project to find possible sources of radioactive fuel for nuclear power plants. Although the uranium in the Reading Prong is not dense enough to mine, it is believed to be the source of the radon problems in Berks County.

Radon is a tasteless, odorless, colorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas. It comes from the breakdown of uranium in rocks and soil. Radon enters your home through hollow block walls, cracks in the foundation floor and walls, and openings around floor drains, pipes and sump holes.

Radon has been established as a Class A known human carcinogen, as well as a national health problem. It is estimated to cause approximately 14,000 lung cancer deaths in

the U.S. each year. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. next to cigarette smoking.

Part of living in Berks County is having your home tested for Radon. If your readings are high, mitigation systems can be installed in any home and the levels will be reduced. For more information contact a PA Certified Radon Professional or the Amity Township Environmental Advisory Council at 610689-6000



### Volunteers Needed!

As part of Amity's Emergency Management Team, Tracy Morrison is the Pandemic Medical Planner for the community. If you would like to volunteer to help Tracy get the word out about pandemics and how we as a community can deal with it, please call the Township Office at 610-689-6000. The only requirement would be 1 or 2 hours a month and the ability to present in front of groups of people, and qualified nurses are needed for distribution of vaccine list.

If you would like more information on pandemics visit our website: [www.amitytownshippa.com/emergencypreparedness](http://www.amitytownshippa.com/emergencypreparedness).