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Monocacy Creek Interceptor

Only four years in the making, the Monocacy Creek Interceptor is finally nearing completion. The interceptor portion of the line is now complete and the contractor is currently working on the collection sewers in the Bel Air Estates trailer park. When those lines are complete the contractor will move to the Valley Road area. We expect all the sewer pipe to be in the ground in 7 to 10 weeks.

In case you didn't see, the contractor bored a 30" diameter hole under Route

422 to allow a casing to be housed under the road. The sewer line was pulled



through this casing. This boring was done by a local company, Missouri Valley. Total pipe installed to date is approximately 6300 feet of 18" pipe, 2700 feet of

15" pipe, 3700 feet of 12" pipe, 1800 feet of 8" pipe and 67 manholes.

When the construction is complete, the engineer will require a 30 day waiting period before testing can be done. Once the line is tested, passed and certified by the engineer, residents will be allowed to connect. All residents within 150' of the line must connect to the new sewer. The Township will send out notices to let them know when this connection must take place.

Precinct 5 Moves

The polling location for precinct 5 in Amity Township has been moved from the Amity Fire Station to the Hearthstone at Amity at 139 Old Swede Road effective for the May 18, 2010 primary.



Lawn Care

Did you know...

A lawn fertilization program should begin in early October, not early May?

By leaving grass clippings on the lawn, nitrogen application can be reduced by 30-40 percent?

Healthy trees and shrubs do not require annual fertilizer applications?

Chemical fertilizers can add

salt to the soil and can harm soil structure. High salt concentrations can kill soil building microorganisms and promote soil compaction. Grass clippings and compost are better answers, returning needed bacterial and enzymes to the soil along with nutrients.

Simple and practical tips like these are easily ac-

cessible. Call your Cooperative Extension Service or check you local library for guidance.

The key is to know your soil and know your fertilizer if, in fact, you need additional nutrients. Take the time to learn some simple landscaping techniques that can produce a healthy, green lawn and garden without polluting ground water or surface water.



Electronics Collection
April 16 & 17

Pharmaceutical Waste collection
April 24

Tire and Paper Shredding
May 1

Exeter Township Bldg
8am- 2pm

Recycling Grant Awarded

Efforts to improve recycling in Amity and around Berks County will get a big boost from nearly \$1.4 million in state Recycling Development and Implementation Grant Program Funding Approved by the Pennsylvania Department

of Environmental Protection . Amity Township will be receiving \$63, 016 for our Yard Waste Program.

This investment of state dollars will help Amity improve our local recycling program which will keep more material out

of our landfills, preserve our natural resources and protect our environment. DEP was authorized by the State Legislature to provide these grants under Act 101 of 1988: Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Law.

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Pavilion Rentals

Are you looking to have a family or group picnic or get-together. Amity Township has pavilions for rent in our parks. Rentals are on a first come, first served basis and are available for \$100 per day. Facility rental applications are available online on our website: www.amitytownship.com under recreation/Facilities.



Environmental Advisory Council

The EAC has been in existence for three years and we are currently seeking resident to volunteer and become members. You can become a full voting member or an associate member. Anyone interested in learning more about what we do or wanting to be a member can contact us through the Amity Township website or

attend our meetings which take place the second Monday of every month in the Township building at 7:00 PM. We are committed to assisting the Township, vari-



ous organizations and residents of Amity. If you have any "environmental" issues, project suggestions or questions, feel free to contact us. Examples of issues that you may have could be radon gas, mold and lead based paint. If you are concerned that your

home may be impacted by any of these, we can provide you guidance on what you need to know and how to deal with it.

Youth Safety Day
Saturday, May 1
10 am- 2pm
Lake Drive Park
Learn about bike safety! Kids in grades K-8 will be able to register to win a bicycle!

Take a Hike!

With Spring weather upon us, take this opportunity to visit Monocacy Hill Recreation Area. The Monocacy Hill Conservation Association will sponsor a Spring Open House on May 2, 2010 from 8am to 4pm. Join them for a bird walk at 8am, fitness walk at 10am or a wild-flower walk with botanist,

Dr. Susan Munch. New this year is a Geocaching Walk at 3pm. Learn how to use a GPS tool and the fun of Geocaching with Marty Seibert to find treasure on Monocacy Hill. Space is limited for this event so you must pre-register by calling 610-385-7675. Visit www.monocacyhill.org for

more information.

Join the Invasives Task Force at Monocacy Hill. Community volunteers are needed to help with the removal of invasive plant species in the forest. Flexible hours; no special skills needed. Call 610-385-3226 to sign up.



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From the Chief of Police

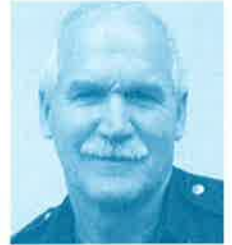
It is incumbent on the Amity Township Police Department to respond to all alarm calls in the most safe and efficient manner. Alarm calls of all types, however, are a significant issue for police departments. The number of false alarms is especially problematic in that they consume limited resources. The Amity Township Police Department has responded to over sixty (60) false alarms through the middle of March 2010.

Amity Township Ordinance "Chapter II, Alarms and Alarm System", provides for a service fee assessment for false alarms in excess of two (2) alarms in any calendar year. In order to prevent the assessment for excessive false alarms it is important that the homeowners and business owners educate all those who have access to the home or business concerning the operation of the alarm system and the method of cancelling the

alarm prior to police response.

Experience has also shown that false alarms can result from faulty installations, equipment failure and the activation of motion detectors by the presence of family pets. Alarm subscribers should take appropriate steps to prevent this type of false alarm.

This information is provided to help assist alarm subscribers in understanding the problems of false alarms and the ways they can prevent same.



Kent A. Shuebrook
Chief of Police

**Community
Shredding
Event**
Saturday May 8
9am to noon
**Redner's
Parking Lot**

Time to Sweep up all those Cinders

Whew! What a winter we had. Now it's time to clean up. Road crews and the Township's contractor will be sweeping the streets starting April 12 through April 23. When your street is posted, please move your vehicle off the street so the

crews can clean up efficiently and quickly.

Remember, if you have brush from your yard the Township provides a dumpster at the Municipal Building where you can dump your brush. No stumps, please.

For safety's sake please trim your bushes and trees back from sidewalks and rights of way, especially where there are stop or yield signs. Overhanging foliage creates hazards for pedestrians as well as drivers.

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Earth Day is April 22

To celebrate Earth Day, Chuck's Auto Salvage will be accepting automobile waste from 8am to 5pm. This is a good way to get rid of old car batteries, oil, fluids, tires (only 4 please) anything to do with automobiles that you may have laying around. Please help the Earth and dispose of this waste properly. Chuck's is located at 6867 Boyertown Pike.

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New Ways to Pay Your Sewer Bill

Many of you were used to going to Sovereign Bank to pay your sewer bill, because the Township changed banking facilities in order to save money, that's no longer possible. However, we are offering you two new possibilities to pay your bill. First, we have installed a secure drop

box at the entrance to the municipal building so those of you that want to drop off your payment can deposit it in there. Secondly, the Township can now offer you automatic electronic payment withdrawals from your bank account. No more writing checks, no more worrying about losing your sewer bill. We just withdraw your quarterly payment on a specified day. If you are interested in automatic electronic payments, please contact the Township Secretary at 610-689-6000 ext. 221.



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