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Leaf Pick Up 2015



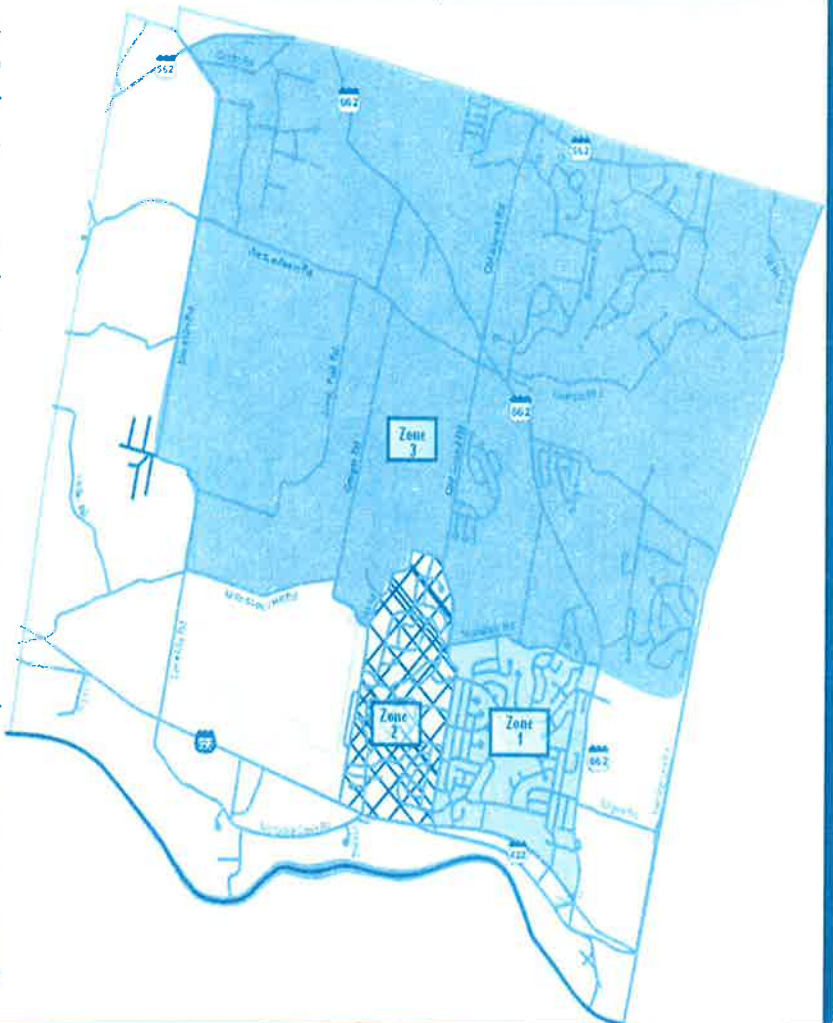
Leaves are falling, and there is a chill in the air. That must mean fall is here! Beginning on November 10th, the Township will pick up leaves in Zone 1 from Old Airport Rd. east to 662 and from 422 north to Morlatton Rd. This will take two weeks, weather permitting. Zone 2 will be picked up next from Old Airport Rd. west to Hill Rd. and from 422 north to Hill Rd. This should take three to four days, weather permitting. Zone 3 will then be picked up from Rosecliff Dr. north to 562 and from Limekiln to Fancy Hill Rd. Areas not shaded will have leaves collected the following week. Leaf collection will continue until December 12th or until all leaves are picked up. Rake your leaves into a pile at the curb or street side and make sure it is away from mailboxes or trees. Keep storm sewer drains clear of leaves. Please do not park vehicles over piles of leaves.

Crews will go around a second time to clean up any leftover leaves or any areas not mentioned.

Yard waste must be kept separate from your leaves. Yard waste pick up will commence on November 3rd to 7th.

Items should be bundled, tied, or placed in brown paper bags, no larger than 2'x2' and weighing no more than 20 pounds.

If you wish to drop off your leaves, there is a dumpster behind the Township Building, by Wheeler Field. Use brown bags only, **NO PLASTIC BAGS please!**



Code Enforcement

Please be aware of the Zoning Ordinance regarding the parking of boats and RVs in Amity Township.

Major recreational equipment, including but not limited to boats and boat trailers, travel trailers, pick-up campers or coaches, motorized dwellings, tent trailers or similar equipment, shall not be parked or stored on any public street or within any Zoning District, except in a carport, a completely enclosed building, a rear yard or driveway, provided such vehicle is parked behind the building setback line. Such equipment, however, may be parked for a period not exceeding two (2) successive days during loading or unloading.

No such equipment shall be used for living, sleeping, or housekeeping purposes when parked or stored in such location, unless a temporary permit is issued by the Township!

Take a Hike! Upcoming Events at Monocacy Hill

If you're looking for a way to get in touch with nature while tackling fitness goals, look no further than The Hill! Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar and enjoy the fabulous colors of fall with your friends on The Hill!!

Fitness Hikes (start time 1:30pm)

Sunday, October 26th Sunday, November 16th
 Sunday, December 14th Sunday, January 4th

Remember:

Monocacy Hill is open for ALL hunting seasons, but is NO LONGER open for rifle hunting! **Hunters wear orange to be seen...and so should you! Be safe, be seen!**



Amity Township closes the park to non-hunters for the busiest weeks of deer season.



This year, the dates the park is CLOSED to NON-hunters are: December 1st through December 13th, with the EXCEPTION of Sunday, December 7, 2014.

Amity Crime Watch Community Shred Event April 18, 2015

Rain or Shine! 9:00AM until Noon in the Parking Lot at Redner's

Open to residents and small businesses in Douglassville, Birdsboro, Exeter, and Pottstown.

Shredding will be performed by ProShred of Malvern. Donations accepted to help defray the cost of the shredding truck.

www.amitytwpcrimewatch.org
 Susan/610-385-3740

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 484-323-2100



Help stop identity Theft! Shred out Dated documents!

Happy Halloween!

Friday, October 31st is the official "Trick or Treat" night, in Amity Township, from 5PM until 9PM.

Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treating:

1. Wear bright colored clothing.
2. Travel in a group.
3. Carry a flashlight.
4. Drive carefully!



The 2014 Halloween Parade in Amity Gardens will be held on Tuesday, October 28th. The parade begins at 6:30PM.

Enjoy the parade, but be safe - Watch children. Please do not allow children to enter the street during the parade!

Call for a tour! Reserve your dates now!

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Community Rallies to Commemorate Harold "Butch" Boyer

Harold "Butch" Boyer had such an impact on so many lives in our community. He was a devoted family and business man who somehow found the time to serve on the Douglassville Parks and Recreation Committee, volunteer for the Amity Lions Club and Amity Fire Company, and attend St. Paul's UCC.

Butch, the successful business owner of Boyer's Markets and Catering, believed in paying it forward. He led by example, mentoring many young employees and helping them aspire to achieve their dreams.

When Butch passed away on January 28, 2013, so many in the community felt compelled to do something to commemorate his memory. In September of 2013, the Optimist Club began accepting donations and email addresses of people who dearly missed Butch and wanted to help in one way or another. In a few short months, a steering committee formed and so began the Butch Boyer Memorial Pavilion Project. Led by Chairman Curt Clifford, the twelve person committee quickly went to work

With hours of fundraising, tons of materials and donated hours of labor, and equipment, the groundbreaking took place on April 1, 2014.



The Butch Boyer Memorial Walk contributed \$1000 to the over \$90,000.00 that the Committee was able to raise. Some of the major contributors were: Paul L Buckwalter & Sons Excavating, Whitegate Contracting, JP Mascaro, St. Paul's UCC and St. Paul's Evangelical, National Penn Bank of Douglassville, an anonymous donor, and Michael and Judy Cross.

Nathan Boslaver, Boy Scout Troop 597, completed his Eagle Scout project by providing leadership to a group of workers who painted the inside of the pavilion.



Months of hard work paid off and the pavilion was dedicated to the Township, most fittingly, during the 2014 Community Days celebration. During the celebration, Curt Clifford thanked everyone for their support and presented Mark Sittler with the Chariman's Award and Keith Berry with the Most Valuable Volunteer Award.



Everyone at the Township is proud of the efforts and teamwork displayed by so many in the community. The next time you are at

Amity Community Park, be sure to stop by and check out the new pavilion.



Congratulations on a job well done, Amity! We're certain Butch is looking down with pride at your accomplishment!

Butch, you will be missed!

Water will be SHUT OFF and bathrooms will be CLOSED at ALL Township Parks on Monday, NOVEMBER 3rd!

Water will remain on and bathrooms will be open at the Boyer Memorial Pavilion

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Activities at the Boone Area Library

If you haven't checked out the library lately, there are alternate ways to fall into a great book!

If you're like some of us whose eyesight is not what it used to be, don't let that stop you from finding a new adventure at the library. Audio books are available for those who don't see well or who maybe just prefer to listen to a great story. Large Print books are also now available.

Maybe you've jumped into technology. If you enjoy reading books on a hand held tablet, the library is also a great resource for you. Check out our great "e-books" now available at the Boone Area Library.

The library still offers plenty of clubs and ways to get young readers "hooked" on a book. Be sure to check out the Lego Club or Boone Book Buddies to keep the love of reading going!



The Boone Area Library is looking for a few good men or women who are Amity Township residents and have time to share ideas and serve on the Board of Trustees.

If you are interested, please call 610-582-5666.

Do You Need a Permit?

Before beginning any project, please check below to find out what requires a permit and what doesn't. If you have any other questions please call 610-689-6000, ext. 232.

Zoning Permit Required

- * Sheds
- * Pools where water depth is greater than 24" deep
- * Fences
- * Additions
- * Garages (attached or detached)
- * Decks
- * Driveway (new or extension)
- * New Homes
- * Patios
- * Any change of use or occupancy of a commercial building
- * No-impact home-based business
- * Signs
- * Demolition of a structure



Building Permit Required

- * Accessory structures greater than 500SF (sheds, detached garages)
- * Pools where water depth is greater than 24" deep
- * Additions
- * Decks over 30" above grade or supported by a dwelling
- * Commercial repairs, additions, improvements or alterations
- * New dwellings or buildings
- * Roofs over patios
- * New windows or doors in a load bearing wall of a dwelling
- * Any change of occupancy to a commercial building
- * Signs at commercial properties
- * Temporary structures
- * Mechanical additions such as piping, wiring, lighting, heating and cooling

NO Permit Required

- * Roof Replacement on a residential structure
- * Siding replacement
- * Retaining walls not over 4' high
- * Non-bearing walls in a dwelling
- * Residential swings and playgrounds
- * Pools or hot tubs where water depth is less than 24" deep
- * Gutters and downspouts
- * Appliance replacement
- * Security systems
- * Propane or Liquefied petroleum appliances and associated piping
- * Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, countertops, and similar finishing work
- * Resurfacing or sealing driveway
- * Replacing a furnace with the same size and same type
- * Invisible dog fences
- * fish ponds
- * Window Replacement of same size and type

Have a Water Efficient Holiday!



Preparing for and cleaning up after a holiday meal or party can use much more water than ordinary, everyday use!

Running your tap water continuously while preparing food or washing dishes wastes water and can use more than 2 gallons of water every minute your tap is running! That's a lot when you're cooking a big meal for extended family members and friends! Find ways to reduce your water and energy use, for example:

1. Scrape dirty dishes, instead of rinsing them before loading the dishwasher.
2. If you don't use a dishwasher, fill the sink with a few gallons of soapy wash water, clean your dishes, and put them aside. Rinse them altogether afterward.

By trying either of these suggestions, you could save 10 gallons of water!

Keep Receptacles on the Curb!

It's dangerous to place your trash receptacles in the street. It makes snow plowing and street sweeping very difficult. Help keep children and pedestrians safe, by NOT blocking their sight distance.



Please keep trash and recycle receptacles on the curb.



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TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME

Safety is always a paramount goal for the police department. With that topic in mind, we should all take time to think of ways to promote and ensure a safe community. In the area of home security: lock doors windows, cars, and sheds.

Many instances of theft are "crimes of opportunity". Take time to make it more challenging for a thief to take what is not theirs! Use timers for indoor and outdoor lighting. Trim back those shrubs that conceal windows from street view. If you see someone or something suspicious, *call the police.*

Remember, crime occurs even in broad daylight!

A Message from Chief Shuebrook

Traffic safety is also a everyone's responsibility. DON'T pass that school bus! Some motorists are not aware that they must stop at an intersection when a school bus is stopped for children. Cross traffic must also stop and remain stopped when the school bus has red lights flashing and activated.

Children do unexpected things, and all motorists must remain vigilant; not only around school buses, but in residential areas where children are at play.

One final item is the topic of snowfall. Township Ordinance requires all cars be removed from the street when there is more than 1 (one) inch of snow and or/ ice accumulation. Failure to remove vehicles from the street creates plowing issues and an inability for plow operators to effectively clear snow. This can cause long term

issues, particularly when snow is heavy. Large piles of compacted snow remains in the roadways as obstacles for days and weeks at a time. Anyone who had to swerve around these types of impediments from last winter knows what we're talking about.

Stay safe, be courteous, be polite! Those considerations cost nothing to grant, but pay great dividends toward a better community.

Chief of Police,
Kent A. Shuebrook



SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION

Tire Recycling Center

1316 Hilltop Rd, Leesport

The Center is open every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00AM until NOON.

Automotive Tires only!

Berks County Fee Schedule (Effective 1/1/2014)

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| Tires without rims | \$2.00/each |
| Tires with rims | \$3.00/each |

Electronic Recycling Center

1316 Hilltop Rd, Leesport

The Center is open every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8:00AM until NOON.

No charge for residents to dispose of electronic items, fluorescent tubes, CFL Bulbs and rechargeable batteries, air conditioners and dehumidifiers

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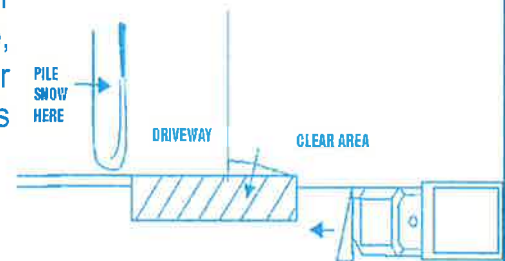


In our efforts to keep our residents safe we would like to remind everyone of their responsibility to keep your sidewalks shoveled and clear of ice and snow during the year. Under the International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.3.1, where sidewalks exist, those responsible for sidewalks shall have at least a two foot wide path cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the cessation of the snowfall. You must comply immediately to avoid penalties. Penalties can include fines not to exceed \$1,000 per day the violation.

Plow or shovel your snow to the side of your driveway, away from the flow of traffic. Clearing snow for a distance prior to your driveway allows the plow to 'unload' before reaching it. By piling snow away from the direction of oncoming snow plows, the bulk of the snow will not be pushed back onto your driveway.

Although we do our best to clear the streets as soon as possible, if the plow puts snow in your driveway, please know that it is not done intentionally.

And remember if there is an accumulation of 1" or more of snow or ice, you must remove your vehicles from the street. Police will issue tickets for vehicles left on the street after a snow/ice storm. Please note: The Township is not responsible for repairing or replacing mailboxes knocked down by thrown ice or snow.



Medication Drop Box

Amity Police Department continues to operate an ongoing project to collect unwanted medications.

The following items can be dropped off at the Municipal Building at 2004 Weavertown Road from 8AM until 5PM



Vitamins
Drug Samples
Pet Medications
Prescription Medications

Over-the-Counter Medications
Expired Medications
LOOSE PILLS are not accepted!

NOT ACCEPTED:

Syringes Inhalers Hydrogen Peroxide
Thermometers Bloody or Infectious Waste
No Medications from BUSINESSES!



Liquid medications are accepted, however they MUST be in a spillproof container. If you have any questions about the Medication Drop Box program, please call 610-689-6002.