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Township

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Welcome Fall!

Beginning November 14th, the Township will pick up leaves in Zone 1 from Old Airport Rd. east to 662 and from 422 north to Morlaton 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 9th 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. **Please do not bag your leaves. The Township will not pick up bagged 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 7th through November 11th.** Items should be bundled, tied, or placed in brown **paper** bags, no larger than 2'x2' and weighing no more than 20 pounds. **No plastic bags, please!**

If you wish to drop off your leaves, the Township has TWO dumpsters behind the Township Building, by Wheeler Field. This additional dumpster was partially funded through a PA DEP Recycling Grant.

Use brown paper bags only! No plastic!



Larger copies of this map are available at the Township building. Check our website for any changes in collection schedules.

Amity Township cares about our natural resources and the quality of life we provide for future generations.

Make sure to recycle whatever materials possible!



Amity Township and Berks County schedule various recycling program and events throughout the year.

Mark your calendar, and we'll see you there!

Community Shredding Event

Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:00AM until NOON
Redner's Parking Lot (Rain or Shine)

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



**AMITY TOWNSHIP
CRIME WATCH**

Help us stop identity theft -
shred your outdated documents!

Shredding by ProShred of Paoli

Event is open to residents and small businesses in Douglassville and surrounding areas. Donations will be accepted to help defray the cost of the shred truck.

www.proshred.com
484-323-2100

BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY RECYCLING

Community Shredding Event

First Energy Stadium, Route 61, Reading
October 15, 2016
8:00AM until 2:00PM

10 boxes per vehicle maximum

Individuals ONLY, NO businesses, please

Electronic Recycling and Tire Recycling Center

1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport
Open every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
8:00AM until NOON

Items accepted: computers, laptops, keyboards, modems, printers, copiers, microwaves, stereos, VCRs, televisions (max of 2 per vehicle/day), air conditioners, rechargeable and lead acid batteries. **NO alkaline batteries accepted!**

Hazardous Waste Collection Program

Free to all Berks County Residents

October 22, 2016 8:00AM - 2:00PM
First Energy Stadium, Route 61, Reading

Event will be held **RAIN or SHINE!**

BATTERY DROP OFF SITES:

East Penn Manufacturing in Lyon Station
Exide Corp. in Reading

Acceptable materials:

Paint Thinners and Solvents, Oil Based Paints, Weed Killer, Pool Chemicals, Asphalt and Driveway Sealant, Herbicides and Fungicides, Antifreeze, Gasoline, Motor Oil, Transmission Oil, Button Batteries, Lithium and NiCad Batteries, Fluorescent Bulbs

- *No Commercial Waste
- *No More Than 200 Pounds
- *No 55 Gallon Drums
- *No Latex Paint

Sponsored By: Berks County Solid Waste Authority
PA Dept. of Environmental Protection
Berks County Commissioners

Medication Drop Box

Do you have unwanted or unused medications? Drop them off at the Township building. Loose pills are not accepted. Accepted items include: vitamins, drug samples, pet medications, prescription medications, and over-the-counter meds. **If you have questions on this program, please call 610-689-6002.**

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A Message From the Chief of Police

Facebook ads, virtual yard sales, and other online marketplaces have grown substantially, as is the case here in Amity Township. Recently we initiated the implementation of an *Internet Purchase Exchange Location Program*. Since its inception, our community members have given us nothing but positive feedback.

Undoubtedly buying and selling goods on the internet can be questionable, especially when you are meeting the seller to make the transaction in person. People do it anyway. Why not do these exchanges within the confines of a police facility?

The Amity Township Police Department wanted to follow suit with other police agencies that have these designated exchange locations. Our exchange location designation is just outside of the department where video surveillance cameras monitor the area 24/7.

As Chief, I encourage the public to utilize our exchange zones for buying, selling, and even child custodial exchanges. We must be diligent in ensuring the well being of our citizens by minimizing incidents related to online exchanges. It is relatively early to surmise if the implementation of this program has had a profound effect. However, I am quite sure this program will significantly reduce any possibility of wrongdoings during these exchanges.

Let me be clear, we are allowing citizens to use these designated locations for their exchanges. We will do our best to ensure their safety, but we do not want to allow people to gain a false sense of security during these times. We all must be diligent in making sure we are always aware of our surroundings at all times.

Let's work together to keep Amity Township one of the safest places to live in Berks County.

Respectfully,



Chief Andrew J. Kensey



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www.boonearealibrary.com

Like us on Facebook or visit our website for a complete list of activities for children, teens and adults!

Join us on **October 20th** at 3PM for a one-hour seminar on the Basics of Estate Planning: topics such as wills, estate planning documents, and basic tax

TAX COLLECTOR

Do you need to talk to the Tax Collector?

Dean Fronheiser doesn't have set hours, but is available by appointment as needed!

Dean can be reached at [610-689-9227](tel:610-689-9227).

Bowl with a COP!

Saturday, Dec. 3rd
6:00PM to 9:00PM
FREE to kids 4 and up
Jay Lanes Bowling Center
1428 Ben Franklin Hwy,
Douglassville
[610-323-2434](tel:610-323-2434) for Reservations



We Support the Amity Twp Police

Signs available for purchase at the Amity Township Police Department. Cost: \$20.00

\$13.00 of every sign sold benefits Amity Township Crime Watch.



Amity Township will collect unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots at the municipal building.

Toys can be dropped off from 8AM until 4:30PM from October 1st through December 9th.



Walk-In
Wednesdays
2-4 pm

Thinking about retirement living? Join us for a tour of our new decorated one-bedroom model apartment. Learn about our services which offer an affordable monthly lease with no buy-in fee. No appointment necessary! We look forward to seeing you!

610-385-5002



COMPLETE LANDSCAPING, EXCAVATING, AND LAND CLEARING SERVICES



We offer mulches, screened topsoil, and landscape supplies

Come see us to dispose of your yard waste
(minimal tipping fees apply)

610-689-5081
172 Fancy Hill Rd
Boyertown PA 19512

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Community Tree Lighting Event

The Daniel Boone Optimist Club is planning their first Annual "Community Tree Lighting Event" on December 11th from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. Join neighbors and friends for this inaugural lighting of the Community Tree. Watch for more information regarding the location of this event on the Amity Township Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AmityTownship.

MONARCH FIRE COMPANY

Steak and Shrimp nights are back!

First Saturday of the month, from 5PM to 8PM at Monarch Fire Company, beginning October 1st.



The holidays will be here before you know it!

Cashews and peanuts, will be made by Monarch Fire Co. Watch for bags to be available at local businesses. Bags can also be purchased at the firehouse.



Basket Bingo Fundraiser

Sponsored by Amity Twp. Lioness

Date: Sunday, March 19, 2017
Place: Amity Fire Company
Cost: \$20.00/per person

Doors open at Noon
 Bingo Starts at 1:00PM

Refreshments available for purchase

*For tickets and information please
 Call Lioness Linda McCue 610-385-6421*

AMITY FIRE COMPANY

Ever wondered what your local fire house is like?

Come join Amity Fire Company for an Open House on October 8th from 10:00AM until 2:00PM.

Volunteers will be available to take you on a tour of the fire station and fire trucks.

Food will be available.



Water will be SHUT OFF and bathrooms will be CLOSED at ALL Township Parks on Friday, NOVEMBER 4th!

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

Halloween Happenings!

The 2016 Daniel Boone Optimist Parade in Amity Gardens will be held on Tuesday, October 25th. The parade will begin at 6:30PM.

Please do not allow children to enter the street during the parade!

Monday, October 31st from 5PM to 9PM is the official Trick-or-Treat night in Amity Township.

Follow these tips for a safe night of Trick-or-Treating:

- Wear bright colored clothing
- Travel in a group
- Carry a flashlight
- Watch for children when driving
- Don't let children eat candy until it's been checked

Take a Hike! Fall Program at Monocacy Hill

Fall Open House on Sunday, October 16th 10AM -5PM

- Walk in the Woods - 11AM
- Tree ID Walk - 2PM
- Sunset Hike - 5:15PM

Open House Rain Date: Sun. Oct. 23rd

Free drinks and snacks during Open House on Oct. 16th

Monocacy Hill will be closed to all Non-Hunters from November 28th through December 10th, with the EXCEPTION of Sunday, December 4th.

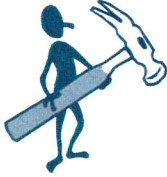
For more information, please visit www.monocacyhill.org

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 or check our website at www.amitytownship.com under the Permit Section.

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

Performing work without the proper permits can lead to doubled permit fees!

TEST YOUR RADON LEVELS!

Amity Township Code Department is happy to announce the purchase of an electronic radon testing instrument. This instrument was purchased to assist Amity Township residents in measuring the radon levels in their dwellings. Stop by the Township office or call 610-689-6000 to reserve your week to borrow the instrument.

A refundable deposit and driver's license must be used to secure your week of use. The radon detector instrument is easy to use and may help you feel safer in your home or detect unsafe radon levels. Stay safe, and know what's in your home!

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(Expires 1/31/17)

Newly adopted regulations permit the parking of RVs, boats, equipment trailers and similar equipment in the following locations:

- *Carports
- *Enclosed Building
- *Rear or Side Yard
- *Driveway (*behind the front yard building setback*)

Parking any of the aforementioned vehicles in the street for greater than a 24-hour period for loading and unloading is prohibited and enforced by the Amity Township Police Department.

Important Changes for RV Parking

Amity Township Newsletter



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Help Keep Our Water Clean

Even if you do not live near a stream, what YOU do impacts water quality! Your efforts count! Follow these simple steps to keep nonpoint source pollution to a minimum:

Plant trees, shrubs and groundcovers to prevent soil erosion on your property.

Reduce runoff by using brick, flagstone, or wood for walkways or patios.

Reduce emissions by using public transportation or carpooling when possible.

Encourage your school board to promote educational pollution prevention programs.

Join a citizen stream cleanup or water quality effort.

UPDATE: Spotted Lanternfly

Your efforts to contain and eradicate the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) are working! Ailanthus trees have been banded throughout the Township. Only SEVEN SLF were captured through the end of August!

Be on the lookout...it's been reported that the egg masses have been spotted! Remember items that are stored outside may NOT be moved outside of the quarantined areas without careful inspection. SLF like to "hitch" a ride on tires and smooth metal surfaces, so be sure to check your RV or travel trailers well before leaving the area! Checklists are available at the Township Building.



Be Prepared for Snowy Days!



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.

