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Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

The Road Crew will be collecting leaves throughout the Township by Zones, beginning on November 12th. For your convenience, roads are listed below by Zone. Zone 1 may take upwards of two weeks, weather permitting. If your road is not listed in any of these zones, collection will commence following collection of Zone 3. The road crew will go through the Township by zone one more time, weather permitting. **Streets are listed in the order of how collection is handled.**

ZONE 1

Griffith Drive to Heather Court, going North to Poplar Drive, East to Griffith Drive, then to Juniper Drive, Hickory Lane, Elliott Drive, Elliott Court and Holly Drive

Richards Avenue, Merritt Avenue, Maplewood Court, Maplewood Drive, Nicholson Avenue, Fernwood Avenue, Briarwood Drive, Lake Drive, Rosewood Drive, Spruce Court, Rosewood Court, N. and S. Pinewood Drive, Dogwood Drive and Terry Court

Laurelwood Drive, Glenwood Drive, Willowood Drive, Magnolia Drive, Willowood Court, Birchwood Court, Aspen Court, Ash Court, Redwood Drive, Lilac Lane, Lilac Court, Ivy Court, Ivy Lane, Russell Avenue from Old Airport Road to Ivy Lane, Russell Avenue to Old Swede Road, Elmwood Lane, Mulberry Place, north end of Maplewood Drive, Ridge Drive, Firethorn Drive, Mimosa Circle, Linden Place, Balsam Drive, Maple Lane, Bramblewood Court, Bramblewood Drive, Maplewood Drive and Old Airport Road

ZONE 2

W. Welsh Drive, Penns Lane, Cedar Run, Battenkill Drive, Queen Ann Circle, Victoria Drive, Loyalsock Drive, North Monocacy Creek Road, Letort Lane, Kettle Lane, Swatara Circle, Grays Run Lane, Antietam Drive, Hill Drive, Hill Road, Slate Run Road, Chefield Court, Kingston Drive, Cameron Drive, Bristol Court, Berkshire Drive, West Morlatton Road, Oxford Circle, Yorkshire Drive, Shagbark Lane, Woodbridge Lane, Ashford Drive, Clarion Drive and Woodbridge Court

ZONE 3

Overlook Pointe, Schoolhouse Court, Pleasant Run Court, Rosecliff Drive, Pepper Lane, Rising Sun Drive, Boone Drive and Thornbury Circle

Meadowcrest Lane, Meadowcrest Court, Wyndmead Lane, Rosewyn Lane, Verdure Lane, Aviemore Lane, Fenwick Lane and Pine Forge Road

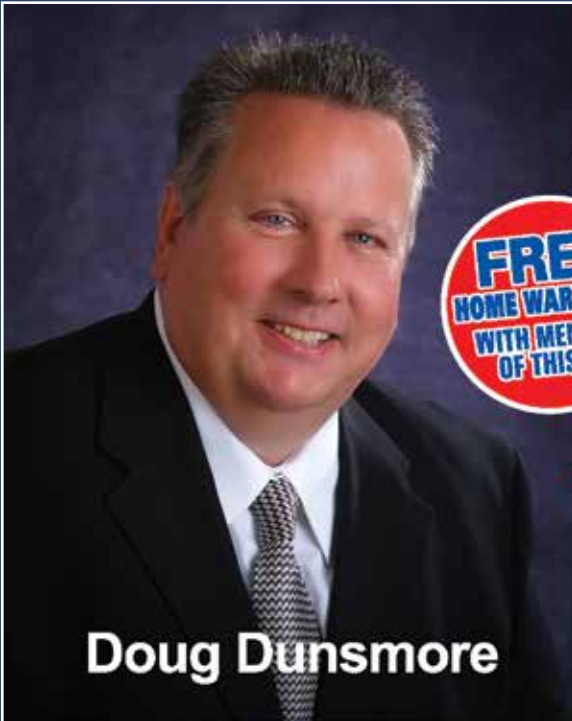
Green Meadow Drive, Meadowside Drive, Summer Meadow Drive, Peach Blossom Drive, Highmeadows Drive, Shadybrooke Drive, Pine Lane, Stephens Way and Woodbrooke Drive

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Leaf and Yard Waste Collection *continued from cover*

Leaves should be raked into a pile at the curb, making sure leaves are not piled next to mailboxes or trees. Please do not bag leaves! The Township will not pick-up bagged leaves. Keep storm sewer drains clear of leaves. Cars should not be parked over piles of leaves.

Yard Waste Collection – The Road Crew will collect yard waste from November 5th through November 9th. 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!*

Don't want to wait for collection? The Township provides two forty-yard containers behind the municipal building for leaves and yard waste. Please use brown paper bags. No plastic, please!

PLEASE NOTE: All park restrooms will be closed on November 5th for the season. Please note: Restrooms will remain open at the Butch Boyer Memorial Pavilion at Amity Community Park.

Watch Your Speed - Message from the Chief



In the best interest of public safety, the Amity Township Police Department has purchased radar speed signs. In response to numerous complaints of person(s) driving at unsafe speeds throughout the Township, these signs will be placed to help law enforcement identify our most volatile areas. They will also afford our residents the opportunity to take part in helping us by reporting witnessed violations.

It is my intent as the Chief of Police to address those concerns of our residents by taking immediate action on this issue. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. "We work for you Amity."

Respectfully,
Chief Andrew J. Kensey
akensey@amitypd.org




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In 1969, Amity Township held its 250th Anniversary celebration. It was a huge event. In 2019, Amity Township turns 300 years old! Your Board of Supervisors have formed a committee to start planning for a year-long celebration. The committee met several times over the last 6-8 months. Many great ideas have been brought to the table. A New Year's Eve 2018/19 celebration will kick off the year. Amity Township is a wonderful community and deserves an appropriate 300th Birthday Party. Sponsorship Opportunities are available – please review the 300th Celebration Business Sponsor Levels and the 300th Celebration Individual Family Sponsor Levels as outlined on our website and Facebook.

WE WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE the following Sponsors as of 9/11/2018:

Kozloff Stoudt, Festival Sponsor; **Douglassville Veterinary Hospital**, Fireworks Sponsor; **American Land Development & PA American Water**, Legacy Sponsor; **Service Electric Cablevision, 422 Properties, L.P., Rhoads Transportation and D&S Elite Construction, Inc.**, Platinum Sponsors; **LTL Consultants, J&K McGrath Automotive, Island Pizza, American Crane and Amity Electric**, Gold Sponsor; our current Silver Sponsors: **New Rhoads; Strategic Business Concepts; Warrick Jewelers; Wyomissing Optometric Center; Boyer Engineering, TH Properties, BlackJax, Eastern Berks Business Assoc., C&J Tire and The Benecon Group Inc.**; and, our Heritage Sponsors **Kevin & Karen Keifrider**. Additional sponsors include **Whitegate Contracting and J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Inc.**

Be sure to join your local officials, neighbors, friends and family for WINTERFEST. The celebration will begin at 3pm. Stephanie Grace and her band will perform from 4:30pm to 6:45pm. Come out to enjoy kids' rides, local groups and food trucks selling a variety of delicious foods and a bonfire. The evening will end with a fireworks display at 7PM. **Raindate for this event will be January 1st.*

Be sure to like the 300th Committee's Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Amity300th/> or follow our events on the Township website www.amitytownshippa.com.

TAX COLLECTOR

Dean Fronheiser is the Tax Collector for Amity Township. Dean does not have set office hours during the winter, but can be seen by appointment or contacted by calling 610-689-9227.





UPDATE: SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

Amity Township has been in the quarantine for the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) since November 2015. We knew they were here, and now more than ever we are seeing a huge uptick in sightings.

SLF are currently in their adult stage and resemble a beautiful butterfly.

Unfortunately, as the SLF feeds on trees this pretty pest continues to be a very bad bug. In adult form, the SLF feeds on trees such as the Tree of Heaven (Ailanthus) and then tends to seek out sweeter meals such as fruit trees and grape vines. Beginning in October, the SLF will lay eggs until the first few hard frosts. Eggs can be found on trees, rocks, and man made objects stored outside. Egg masses contain an average of 30-50 individual eggs and are covered with wax to protect them. What can you do to help prevent the spread of the SLF? Familiarize yourself with facts by visiting the PA Department of Agriculture's website to see the life cycle, who's in the quarantine and other helpful information http://www.agriculture.pa.gov/protect/plantindustry/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx.

These simple control measures will ensure you do your part to contain the SLF:

KILL any bugs you may see.

SCRAPE any eggs found on trees and other stationary items.

LOOK before you leave. Inspect your vehicle before traveling to areas currently not in the quarantine.

The May 26, 2018 Order of Quarantine and Treatment issued by the PDA states property owners shall be responsible for controlling or eliminating any life stage of the plant pest *Lycorma delicatula* (Spotted Lanternfly) on the property by use of herbicides, pesticides,

insecticides, sticky bands and/or removal of the Tree of Heaven.

The USDA continues to provide funding to the PA Department of Agriculture (PDA) to combat the spread of the SLF. As part of a new initiative, PDA will be determining what level of funding will be provided to the 13 counties in PA involved in the SLF quarantine. This funding may be used to help treat large properties with the heaviest infestation of SLF and number of Tree of Heaven.

This initiative is in the infancy stage; with details of specific dollar amounts being provided and what types of properties (private and/or municipal) to be treated, as well as other details to be worked out. Amity Township officials will work with the Berks County Conservation District and provide a list of property owners who wish to have their property evaluated for possible treatment. If you would like your property added to this list please call 610-689-6000, ext. 222 or email pkisch@amitytownship.pa.gov with your contact information.



Adult SLF, wings spread



Adult SLF, wings unspread

Every resident who effectively uses control measures will help reduce the potential for this insect to spread to new territory. THANK YOU for doing your part to help control this pest!



Egg masses



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BE PREPARED FOR A FIRE:

- Have an escape plan.
- Keep furniture and toys away from doors and windows
- Holiday Decorations - Don't let them block your escape route.
- Place trees and holiday decorations away from doors and windows that would be used to escape.

Turn your clocks back one hour on November 4th. This is a great time to change batteries in your smoke detectors and review escape plans with your family.



COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING EVENT

The Daniel Boone Optimist Club has set Sunday, December 9th for its third annual Community Tree Lighting Event from 5pm to 7pm in the parking lot of Amity Community Park off Weavertown Road, near the playground. Last year, the Club planted a new tree just off the parking lot to use for the event, but Mother Nature forced them to go to “Plan B” when the carefully planted tree perished in the heat of August. Members of the Optimist Club found another, even larger evergreen tree that had been growing faithfully since the park was established some 12 years ago. It was down the walking path, a small distance away from the parking lot; and when given its chance at fame, it lit up on command and served the season’s purpose with pride! Although the Club is in the early planning stage for this year’s event, the Optimist Tree Lighting Committee intends to build on past successes and improve on things that need additional attention to detail. Watch for more announcements nearer December on the Optimist Club’s website www.danielbooneoptimist.com, and on the Township Facebook page at www.facebook.com/AmityTownship.

Winter Weather Tips

When the snow begins to fall, be prepared. *Help us help YOU!*

Our crews work tirelessly to ensure roads are passable as quickly as possible for our residents.

Following a few simple rules will make Old Man Winter a little more bearable:

Under 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 cessation of the snowfall. You must comply immediately to avoid penalties. Penalties can include fines not to exceed \$1,000.00 per day until resolved.

Plow or shovel your snow to the side of your driveway, away from the flow of traffic. Clearing snow for a distance before your driveway allows the plow to “unload” before reaching your driveway.

Additionally, by piling snow away from the direction of oncoming snow plows, the bulk of the snow will not be pushed back onto your driveway making less work for you later! If the snow plow puts snow in your driveway, please know this is not done intentionally.

Do not shovel snow into the street! Shoveling snow into the street at any time can cause safety issues, not to mention it’s against the law, per Chapter 7, Section 104.

Please place recycling bins back from the curb as far as possible during snow events to prevent Township crews from knocking them over while plowing.

Keep an eye on the weather! Per Chapter 19, Section 403, whenever there is accumulation of 1” or more of snow and/or ice, you must remove your vehicle from the street. Police will issue violations of \$40.00 per day for vehicles left on the street with 1” or greater accumulation. You may want to have a back-up plan. If you’re not home and your vehicle is on the street, having someone able to move it for you during a winter storm is a quick savings of \$40.00!

Lastly, please help firefighters by making sure hydrants are accessible! If you have a fire hydrant near your house, please remove ice and snow, clear a 3-foot by 3-foot perimeter around the hydrant and clear a path from the hydrant to the street.



BRIDGE CLOSURE UPDATE

The State Route 562, Boyertown Pike bridge at Spotts Mill will remain closed through late May 2019 due to unforeseen substructure issues.

All traffic entering Spotts Mill will continue to use Old Airport Road. Please continue following detour signs, watch for construction vehicles and drive safely.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation during this closure.

Amity Wastewater Treatment Facility Projects

Modifications and upgrades were completed at Pump Station #2 and Pump Station #4 to provide better capacity and improve efficiencies. Work completed at these two pump stations provides additional connections for future development. Work done at Pump Station #4 is shown below. Work done at Pump Station #2 was interior and not visible from the exterior.

The Leaf Creek Interceptor line is now in its final stages and once complete will help to decrease the flow along Route 662 and allow another pump station to be decommissioned, which will allow the Township to realize a savings in energy and maintenance costs.

The sludge handling project is moving along. Modifications are needed to bring our sludge process and equipment up to date. This equipment was installed and has been in use since 1990 without any upgrades or modifications. Also, during your travels throughout the Township, you may see some of the wastewater employees working on televising and flushing sewer mains. This work is being



done to help find problem areas throughout the sanitary sewer system where corrections and repairs can be made to broken and/or cracked pipes to help decrease some of our infiltration and inflow of water during rainfall events. This work has been ongoing over the past ten years.



Pump Station #4 at work



Leaf Creek Interceptor Work

DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS SAFELY

The Amity Township Police Department has a Medication Drop Box located in the front lobby of the Township Building located at 2004 Weavertown Road. The purpose of the Medication Drop Box is to dispose of these items in a safe and efficient manner further preventing children from being exposed to medications. Township residents are encouraged to bring their expired, unwanted, or unused prescription medications or over-the-counter medications and dispose of them in the Medication Drop Box. Please keep pills and liquids in their original containers. Names, addresses, phone numbers and any personal information may be removed from the bottle(s). The Medication Drop Box is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Items that are NOT ACCEPTED in the Medication Drop Box are:

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- Bio-Hazardous Waste
- Aerosol Cans
- Inhalers
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Trick-or-Treat

The 2018 Daniel Boone Optimist Parade in Amity Gardens will be held on Tuesday, October 23rd. Registration will take place from 5:15pm to 6:15pm. The parade will begin at 6:30PM from the Lake Drive Park.

The official Trick-or-Treat time in Amity Township will be October 31st from 5pm to 9pm.

Follow these helpful hints to stay safe this Halloween!

- Wear bright colored clothing
- Travel in a group
- Carry a flashlight
- Watch for children when driving
- Check candy before eating



Monocacy Hill Observes Two Anniversaries in 2018

1968 – 2018 50th Anniversary – Amity Township’s Acquisition of Monocacy Hill

As Amity Township prepares to celebrate its historic 300th anniversary next year, it is interesting to note a particular chapter in that history – the purchase of Monocacy Hill Recreation Area. While “The Hill” has always figured significantly into Amity’s history, the Township’s official connection to it began in 1967. At that time, Dyer Quarry Company and George and Ella Thompson had owned most of the land on Monocacy Hill for several decades, but for various reasons had not been able to establish the quarrying operation they intended. Township officials, including Gerald Weidner, John Karst and Harold Haas took advantage of federal and state funding programs to acquire the land from the quarry company and local residents George and Ella Thompson. The deed was signed in December of 1967. **2018 marks the 50th year that Amity Township has owned Monocacy Hill.**

Monocacy Hill was acquired with Open Space and Recreation funds and is the largest of the Township’s recreation areas with 428 acres. The park is open year-round for many types of recreation such as hiking, trail running, biking, dog walking, hunting and nature observation. It provides valuable conservation land and wildlife habitat, providing a home for a wide diversity of plant and animal species.

1998 – 2018 20th Anniversary – Monocacy Hill Conservation Assn. Established

There is also another anniversary associated with Monocacy Hill this year. It is the 20th Anniversary of Monocacy Hill Conservation Association (MHCA). MHCA is the volunteer community group that assists Amity Township in maintaining this recreation area. For the last 20 years the MHCA volunteers have been maintaining the trails, doing storm clean up, adding park improvements and education items and improving park habitat. In addition, the organization offers free programs and hikes for the public. Please refer to the MHCA website for information on the organization and the public programs they offer and how you can volunteer. www.monocacyhill.org

Residents of this area are fortunate to have committed officials and local volunteers to maintain this community treasure. Check out the upcoming events listed below. Be sure to visit The Hill soon!

SAVE THESE DATES

November –
Sunday, November 18th –
Walk in the Woods at 1:30PM

December –
Sunday, December 9th –
Walk in the Woods at 1:30PM

January –
Sunday, January 6th –
Walk in the Woods at 1:30PM

**TWO ANNIVERSARIES
ONE COMMUNITY TREASURE!**



Recycling in the News



Amity Township cares about our natural resources and the quality of life we provide for future generations. Amity Township and Berks County schedule various programs and events throughout the year. Please make sure to recycle whatever materials possible!

Wednesday is recycling collection in Amity Township, EXCEPT on holiday weeks. If a holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, recycling will be collected on Thursday!

Berks County Solid Waste Authority Recycling Events

Electronic & Tire Recycling Center
1316 Hilltop Rd, Leesport
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
8AM until Noon
Fees apply per Berks County Fee Schedule

Hazardous Household Waste Collection Program – Berks County Ag Center
October 20, 2018
8AM until 2PM Rain or Shine!
Free to all Berks County Residents!

For more information regarding the Berks County Recycling events and programs, please visit www.co.berks.pa.us/swa or call 610-478-6362.

Community 5K Color Run

Girl Scout Troop #1797 will be holding their second annual 5K Color Run on Saturday, November 3rd at Amity Community Park. Registration from 8AM-9AM. The event will last until noon. Come for the run, stay for the music. There will be a bake sale, raffles and merchandise tables. Watch for advertisements and more information in upcoming weeks!

Sign up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Douglassville/Troop1797ColorRun> or contact Stacey Darrohn at 215-768-6389 for more information.



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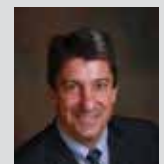
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RV PARKING ON PROPERTIES

As fall season is ending, your camping and boating season may be also. Please be aware that parking RVs and other trailers is permitted on your lot any time of the year with a couple specific exceptions. They may not be parked on any public street or in front of the front yard building setback line. These setback lines are as follows: Woods Edge, Highmeadow Estates, Sunset Knoll and some of Greenbriar Estates have a front yard setback line of forty (40') feet. Westridge, Amity Gardens, Lenape Farms, Rosecliff Pointe, Sunrise Hills, Pond View, Cider Mill Run, Pleasant Meadows, Glenwood Estates, Far Hill Farms and some of Greenbriar Estates have a front yard setback line of thirty (30') feet. Front property lines are generally two (2) feet in from your side of the sidewalk. Yellowhouse and Indian Run Subdivision has a front yard setback line of fifty (50') feet. These front property lines are twenty-five (25') feet from the centerline of the street. Although you might think a driveway is ok, most driveways are within this nonpermitted area. Please park your RVs in a permitted location. Illegally parked vehicles can lead to enforcement action.



Thanks for your cooperation,
Code Enforcement Dept

WE SUPPORT OUR POLICE



We Support Our Local Police signs are available for purchase at the Amity Township Municipal Building located at 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville.

Signs cost \$20.00/each.

Please call 610-689-6000, ext. 231 for more details.



BUSINESS REGISTRATION CHECKLIST



Use our Business Registration Checklist to ensure you've got all your bases covered for basic registration in Pennsylvania.

- 1. **Confirm your business name is available.**
- 2. **Confirm your professional licensure is current.***
*Only applicable to Professional LLCs and Professional Corporations. All other business structures, skip to step 3.
- 3. **Apply for a Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN).***
*If you're a foreign registered company and already have an FEIN, skip to step 4.
- 4. **Register your business structure in Pennsylvania.***
*Sole Proprietors do not have to register their business structure.
- 5. **Register your Fictitious Name.***
*Only required if operating under a name that is not the Legal Name of the business or sole proprietor.
- 6. **Register for state tax and employer accounts.***
*Employers must comply with Act 32 on Local Earned Income Tax, and report employee information to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry.
- 7. **Check for special registrations, if applicable.**
- 8. **Check with the local municipality concerning taxes, zoning requirements, local licenses and permits, and any other regulations.**



This Checklist can be found with additional details and corresponding links by visiting business.pa.gov/register.



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SOLICITING / PEDDLING IN AMITY TOWNSHIP

Soliciting in Amity Township is governed by Township Ordinance, found in Chapter XVII, Part 2 of the Township's Codification. **Be advised, Soliciting is a Constitutional Right** and case law further dictates the allowance of these activities. Should someone knock on your door to sell products or services, please ask to see a copy of their permit. Permits allow solicitation during certain hours only. If they do not produce a permit, please ask them to leave and contact the Police Department at 610-689-6002 or 610-655-4911. If you would prefer that these folks not knock on your door, we recommend placing a "No Solicitation" sign by your door.

A list of businesses and/or individuals who have been issued Solicitation permits by Amity Township can be found at www.amitytownshippa.com.

MS4 MATTERS

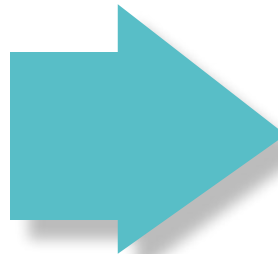
What is an MS4 and where do MS4 regulations come from?

The federal Clean Water Act (CWA) prohibits the discharge of pollutants into United States' waterways without an associated permit. Pennsylvania and its Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) regulate the discharge of pollutants through multiple programs in order to meet the runoff related requirements set forth by the federal CWA. The MS4 program in particular regulates and permits discharges from **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems** (MS4). An MS4 is a system of stormwater conveyances (i.e. storm drains, pipes, ditches and outfalls) that drain directly to waterways and are owned by a state, city, town, village, or other public entity.

Amity Township is a regulated MS4 area, therefore the Township is required to develop and implement a stormwater management program which incorporates six minimum control measures to reduce contaminated stormwater runoff:

- Public education and outreach
- Public involvement and participation
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site runoff control
- Post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance

PLEASE DO NOT MOW OR SWEEP YOUR GRASS INTO OUR STREETS, Untreated or uncontrolled stormwater runoff is the leading cause of impairment to our local waterways and the number one cause of water pollution throughout the United States. Stormwater runoff can pick up debris, chemicals, grass clippings, dirt (yes, excess dirt in our waterways is a pollutant) and other pollutants then flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water, completely untreated. Pennsylvania's MS4 program is ultimately aimed at protecting water quality through pollution reduction at a municipal level.



Be the solution to stormwater pollution!

GRASS CLIPPINGS, dirt, debris, garbage, and chemicals that run into our storm drains will flow (untreated) to our rivers.

KEEP KIDS SAFE!

Watch for School Buses!

We are seeing a significant increase in School Bus Stopping Law Violations. Every year in Pennsylvania children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses. This is unacceptable!

1. When you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
2. When you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST STOP**.
3. You **MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
4. You **MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
5. **DO NOT MOVE** until the children have reached a place of safety.

All Violators could be subject to various fines up to and including the following:

- * 60-Day Driver's License Suspension
- * Five (5) points on your driving record
- * \$250.00 Fine

The Amity Township Police Department takes complaints of this nature very serious. We will be diligent in our enforcement of these issues. Chief Kensey and his officers are asking the community for their help in bringing these wrong doers to justice. If you observe a School Bus Violation call 9-1-1. Try to take down the license plate number. Get the location of the occurrence, a description of the vehicle and operator. Take a snapshot of the license plate if possible. And most importantly, forward this vital information to our police department and we will act upon it.

Our children's safety is at stake! Please do your part to help keep them safe.





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Amity Township now has the ability to send the community emergency and important information via "push" notifications to your phone and e-mails. This may include road closures, flooding, snow and police information. This can be done at a first responder level (police officers) as well as Township management.



Download the CRIMEWATCH App and make Amity Township your "home" Police Department. You may have to enable "push" and e-mail notifications. Please note, if you already had the CRIMEWATCH app, you MUST delete it from your phone and reinstall the new app in order for notifications to work. See the links below:

For Android:

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.crimewatchus.CRIMEWATCH&hl=en_US

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