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Citizens and the Police Department Fight Crime Together

In the early evening hours of Sunday, January 28, 2018, Corporal Christopher High and Officer Brian Devlin were dispatched to an armed robbery that had just occurred. Information was received that the complainant was following the defendant's vehicle. He gave a location by location account of where the vehicle was. He stated that the actors had a silver gun, and they took several cell phones and cash. Officer Devlin pulled into the Redner's lot and conducted a stop on the vehicle. The vehicle was occupied by three males. Officer Devlin had the three males at gun point until back up units arrived. Both the front seat passenger and rear passenger were making furtive movements after repeated orders to raise their hands. The front seat passenger ran from the vehicle on foot. Township Supervisor Terry Jones attempted to cut off the first fleeing male from escaping. Corporal High gave chase and later found the male hiding in a dumpster in the rear of a business. Mr. Jones used his vehicle to cut off the second male, and, while Mark Bondi disrupted his escape, Officer Devlin tasered the suspect. Police found a loaded, silver 9mm handgun where the rear passenger was reaching. All three males were placed under arrest.

In those moments of chaos, Amity Township residents can be proud of their professional, well-trained and quick responding Corporal High and Officer Devlin, as well as good samaritans Mark Bondi and Supervisor Terry Jones. Excellent job, gentleman! Amity Township thanks you!

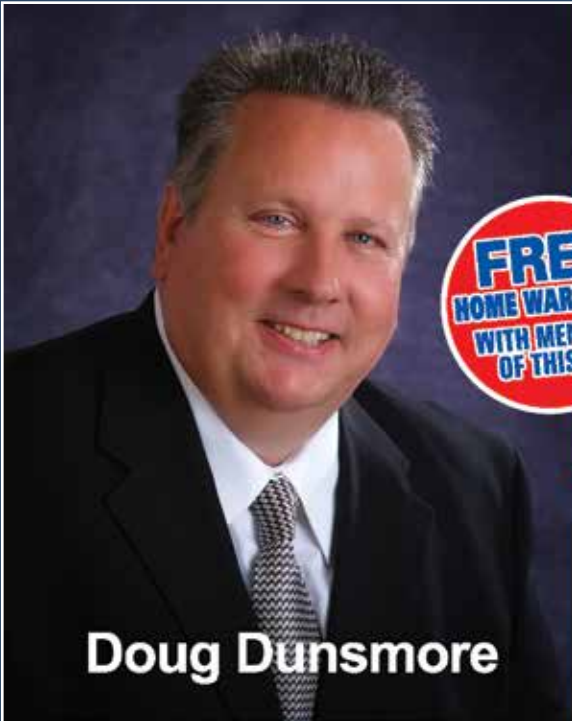


Pictured: Chief Andrew J. Kensey presenting Meritorious Service Awards to Corporal Christopher High and Officer Brian Devlin and Civilian Service Awards to Mark Bondi and Supervisor Terry Jones.

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Be Part of History – Amity Township’s 300th Anniversary Celebration

Your Community turns 300 in 2019. As published in our last newsletter the first event, Winterfest will be held December 31st at Amity Community Park. Winterfest will be a family-oriented New Year’s Eve celebration beginning at 3PM. We are excited to have Stephanie Grace and her band performing from 4:45 to 6:30 P.M. There will be kid’s rides, local groups and food trucks selling a variety of delicious foods, bonfire and the evening will end with a firework display at 7PM. Rain date for this event will be January 1st. Our second event, Spring Fest has been scheduled for May 17-18, 2019 at Lake Drive Park. This event will feature a 5K, a parade, Taste of Southeast Berks with a beer & wine garden, craft vendors and carnival rides. Save these dates and help us celebrate this momentous occasion – First in Berks, 300 years ago!

What can you do to help?

Visit the Township Website <http://amitytownship.com/wp/amity-township-300th-anniversary/> or our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/Amity300th/> to find out more about levels of individual contributions and business sponsorships as well as upcoming events.



Message from the Chief

On February 16, 2018 I had the opportunity to participate in a video/audio podcast with ‘Safe Berks,’ at the People’s Chronicle in Reading, Pa. We discussed Amity Township’s relationship with ‘Safe Berks,’ our sign fundraiser, and how we assist victims of domestic violence in our daily activities. But most importantly, we discussed Amity’s continued support of ‘Safe Berks’ and working together to let victims know that help is here.

“Never be afraid to call, we can help.”

Safe Berks | Meet Andrew Kensey

Police Chief Andrew Kensey, Chief of the Amity Township Police Department, shares his experiences of assisting victims of domestic violence and the partnership between police and Safe Berks. He also invites people to support the Amity Township fundraiser for Safe Berks.



YOUTUBE.COM

<https://youtu.be/KJxG3vLmLNY?list=PL46eT2-HaQj6W-dmarOqlzsShh20BqLt5>

Respectfully,

Chief Andrew J. Kensey



Amity Township Police Department will once again partner with Amity AC and Amity Township Crime Watch to hold its second annual National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7th from 6pm to 9pm. Join your neighbors and local police, fire and ambulance departments for a look at their vehicles and demonstrations. Enjoy a night of free swimming and fellowship. Local businesses will again sponsor hot dogs, ice cream and drinks. Lucky Squirrel Printworks will be giving away a free gift to the first 100 people in attendance.

Your event sponsors are busy planning this event. Watch the Township website and Facebook page for information as it becomes available. Last year, over 700 people attended this event. Come out and help us make our second year a success!

Businesses or organizations interested in participating in National Night Out can contact Karen LeBlanc at amityac@gmail.com. If needed, businesses and organizations must provide their own tables and/or ez-up tents.

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They're Back



It feels like we've been waiting for so long for nice weather. Well, so has the Spotted Lanternfly (SLF)! Adult SLF were busy last year laying eggs everywhere. Warm weather means those eggs will be hatching. The PA Department of Agriculture and Penn State Extension

recruited volunteers to band the Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*). From late April to early May, small black nymphs with white spots will hatch. These nymphs will evolve into red and black nymphs with white spots and sometime around mid-July they will evolve into adult SLF. Sticky bands are most effective when SLF are in the nymph stages. Once they become adults, their strong legs help them hop and bands become less effective. What are the most effective methods to control and prevent future generations of the SLF? Check out the information listed on the Township website titled "How to Control SLF". This article contains information on control of the SLF with contact and systemic insecticides, pesticides and herbicides. Female Spotted Lanternfly must eat from the Tree of Heaven during their life cycle to reproduce. If you have Tree of Heaven on your property, look on our website for instructions on proper treatment and removal techniques.

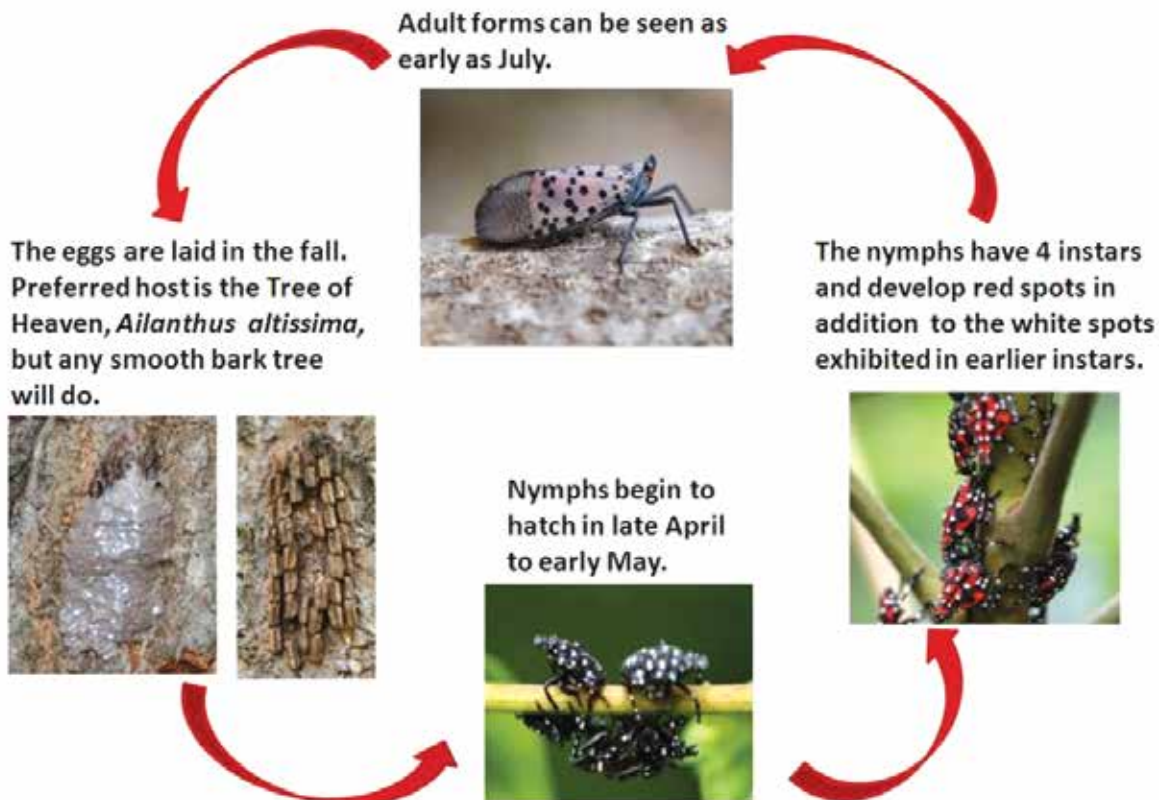


This beautiful and destructive pest threatens grape vines, fruit trees, and many other species of trees. Most recently the SLF has been found feasting on hops, threatening the beer brewing industry. As researchers continue studying the SLF they are finding more and more things that it is responsible for destroying. We need your help! Do your part to make Amity Township a "no fly zone" for the Spotted Lanternfly.

- As you make plans to leave the area on vacations, please remember to LOOK before you leave. Inspect RVs, travel trailers, and your vehicles before going out of the quarantine area. If you take eggs with you and they hatch you will have unknowingly shared our problem with other states!
- If you are having an old deck or shed removed, please make sure your contractor is disposing of wood waste properly. These type of materials cannot be taken out of the quarantined areas without proper certification.
- Do not sell firewood or trees to someone who is not in a quarantined area. Please remember, anything stored outside is fair game for egg masses. Be sure to inspect things properly before taking them outside of the quarantined areas.

Please do your part to become familiar with the SLF life-cycle. If you see it and are able to catch it, KILL it before it gets a chance to damage the wood industry, wine industry, and beer industry.

Life Cycle of the Spotted Lanternfly





Spot Imposters. Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Don't send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request – whether it comes as a text, a phone call or an email.

Do online searches. Type a company or product name into your favorite search engine with words like “review,” “complaint” or “scam.” Or search for a phrase that describes your situation, like “IRS call.” You can even search for phone numbers to see if other people have reported them as scams.

Don't believe your caller ID. Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.

Don't pay upfront for a promise. Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. If you do, they will probably take the money and disappear. Learn where to get real help with these issues at consumer.ftc.gov.

Consider how you pay. Credit cards have significant fraud protection built in, but some payment methods don't. Wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram is risky because it's nearly impossible to get your money back. That's also true for reloadable cards like MoneyPak, Reloadit or Vanilla. Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.

Talk to someone. Before you give up your money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert — or just tell a friend.

Hang up on robocalls. If you answer the phone and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up and report it to the FTC. These calls are illegal, and often the products are bogus. Don't press 1 to speak to a person or to be taken off the list. That could lead to more calls.

Be skeptical about free trial offers. Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.

Don't deposit a check and wire money back. By law, banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks. If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you're responsible for repaying the bank.

Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at ftc.gov/scams. Sign up for free scam alerts. Get the latest tips and advice about scams sent right to your inbox.

Pavilion Rentals

Plan your next graduation party, birthday party, baby shower, or meeting at one of Amity Township's pavilions.

Amity Community Park is the Township's newest park and offers two pavilions. The main pavilion provides a shady place to hold your gathering with 18 picnic tables, mens and womens restrooms, a refrigerator, electric, and a kitchen area. The Butch Boyer Memorial Pavilion (BBMP) was dedicated in 2014 in memory of Harold “Butch” Boyer. The BBMP was constructed for smaller gatherings offering 4 picnic tables, mens and womens restrooms and electric outlets. Amity Community Park has a large and small playground, walking trails and athletic fields. Plenty for everyone to do!

Lake Drive Park's new pavilion is now ready for rentals. The new pavilion offers 4 picnic tables, mens and womens restrooms, electric outlets and was placed closer to the playground than the previous pavilion. Adventurous guests can also enjoy the skateboard equipment at the park.

Applications for rental of pavilions can be found on the Township website at www.amitytownship.com. Dates fill up quickly, so plan accordingly! If you should have any questions regarding rentals or availability, please call Pam Kisch at 610-689-6000, ext. 222.



No recreational vehicles or equipment, including but not limited to, boats and boat trailers, pick-up campers or coaches, motorized dwellings, dumpsters, tent trailers or similar equipment, shall be parked or stored on any public street. Ordinance 290 states that such recreational vehicles or equipment may be parked on the public street temporarily for the purpose of loading and unloading such vehicle, in which case it may be temporarily parked for not more than twenty-four (24) hours in each week (Sunday through Saturday).

Violators will be assessed a fine of \$40.00, payable to the Amity Township Police Department within 15 days from the date of violation.



Do You Need a Permit?

As warmer weather approaches, it's the perfect time to complete those projects around the house! 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
- * Finishing of Basements
- * Solar Arrays

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



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**



One quick reminder: Remember to call PA One Call before you begin a project that requires digging. Damages to underground utilities can be very costly. **The money you save could be your own!**

Help Us, Help You! Make sure your house number can be seen!!



Proper premises identification is important for a variety of reasons, most importantly being for emergency services, should they need to locate your address or one in the vicinity in an emergency situation.

The International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) requires premises to be labeled per the following: 304.3 Premises Identification

Buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals, numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch.

Please review your existing property identification to ensure consistency with the IPMC.

Thank you,

Steve Loomis

Amity Township Code Department

BRIDGE CLOSURES

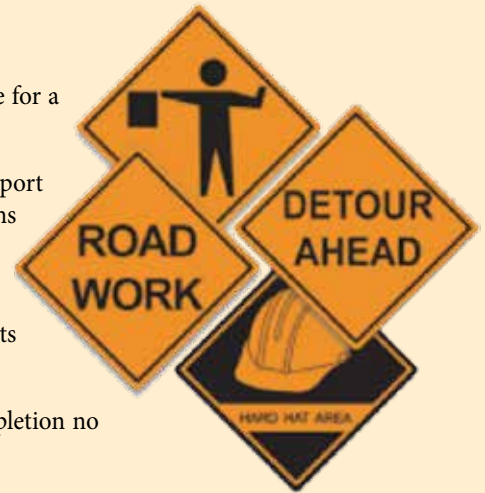
The **Blacksmith Road Bridge** will remain closed between Sharon Drive and Buckhead Lane for a bridge replacement project until August 24th, at the latest.

Blacksmith Road will be detoured from the intersection of Boyertown Pike SR0562 to Old Airport Road to State Route 662 (Old Swede Road). Local access will be provided to all intersections throughout construction, however, through traffic will be detoured.

The **State Route 562 Boyertown Pike Bridge** will be closed through November 16th. During this closure, follow detour signs for the 562 Bridge closure. All traffic entering and exiting Spotts Mill will do so via Old Airport Road.

Although the bridge will be closed during these dates, the full project is scheduled for completion no later than May 10, 2019.

Please watch for construction vehicles and drive safely. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during these closures!



Please watch for construction vehicles and crews doing work in Amity Township!

The following road work is planned for 2018:

Magnolia Drive and Poplar Drive – milling and repaving

Blacksmith Road – overlay from SR0662 (Old Swede Road) to the new bridge and from the new bridge to SR0562 (Boyertown Pike) and microsurfacing

Worman Road – microsurfacing from SR0562 (Boyertown Pike) to Levensgood Road

Valley Road – leveling course, oil and chip

The Public Works department will be working on a stormwater project on Nicholson Drive. The crew will also be busy replacing catch basins on Blacksmith Road, trimming trees and doing gutter work in preparation for the road projects.



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Amity Township Recycling



Recycling is collected on Wednesday. If a holiday falls on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, collection will take place on Thursday. If you've missed your collection day, you can bring your recyclables to the Township. The 40-yard container is blue with recycling stickers and is located at the back of the municipal parking lot. This is for recycling ONLY. Please, no plastic bags.

Amity Township provides one recycling bin per residential unit. You are encouraged to recycle as much as possible. More recycling keeps more materials out of the landfills. If find that you need more than one container, you may use additional containers of your choice (up to 35-gallon size). We provide recycling stickers at no charge for use on your personal containers. More recycling can lead to more tax dollar savings for the Township, by earning State funds. We get some very windy days. You will have a better chance of having your bin returned to you if someone can tell where it belongs. Please mark your street address on your bins. Recycling is collected as single-stream, meaning all your recycling can go into the same container and is sorted out at the recycling center.

Yard Waste

Two 40-yard containers are located at the Township toward the back of the parking lot for yard waste. Place sticks, leaves, grass clippings and branches in these containers. If you bring yard waste and the container is full, please place bundled materials next to the container. Crews compact the yard waste after the weekend to make room for more yard waste.



Fire Safety Equipment – Commercial Businesses



In our efforts to maintain a safe environment in our commercial buildings for all its employees and occupants, Amity Township Code Department has linked in with an outside agency to assist in record keeping of the maintenance of all life safety equipment in our Township. In 2016, the Board of Supervisors voted to allow the company, The Compliance Engine (TCE), to monitor and track all the maintenance and inspections required for a commercial building's life safety equipment such as sprinklers, fire suppression systems, duct cleaning, fire alarms, emergency generators, spray booths, etc.

The way it functions is when an inspection agency inspects any of these items (per the code required frequency) in your building, and after becoming a member of TCE, the inspector logs on to the TCE website and submits the report. TCE tracks the inspections, dates and frequencies and calls owners or sends letters to make them aware when the inspection is past due.

Many of you may have already received calls or letters as we have finally got this engine up and running! Once TCE receives the first wave of inspection reports, gets all the local inspection agencies logged in, records will be updated and the "engine" should run much smoother.

This is an asset to the Township and for the safety of its business owners, occupants and residents. Please inform your inspection agencies of this requirement. The owners and inspectors can find them at www.thecompliancesengine.com. Please feel free to contact me at extension 232 for any additional questions you may have. Thank you for your cooperation!

Steve Loomis

Amity Township Code Department

Tax Collector Hours

Dean Fronheiser is the Amity Township Tax Collector. You can mail your payments or stop by the Township Office at 2004 Weavertown Road during these remaining set office hours as follows:

June 29th and 30th – from 5:00PM to 7:00PM

Dean can be reached at 610-689-9227



Berks County Solid Waste Authority Collection Events

Electronic & Tire Recycling Center
 1316 Hilltop Rd, Leesport
 Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday
 8AM until Noon

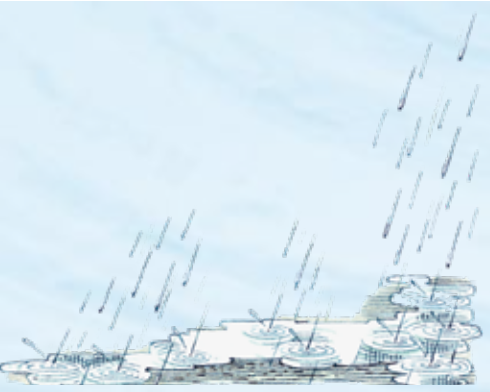
Community Shredding – Berks County Ag Center
 1238 County Welfare Rd, Leesport
 October 13, 2018
 8AM until 2:00 Rain or Shine!

**Hazardous Household Waste Collection Program –
 Berks County Ag Center**
 1238 County Welfare Rd, Leesport
 October 20, 2018
 8AM until 2PM Rain or Shine!

Examples of household hazardous waste items: oil paints, turpentine, paint thinners, weed killers, pesticides, asphalt and driveway sealants, pool chemicals, herbicides, fungicides, antifreeze, gasoline, transmission oil, motor oil, automotive paints, solvents, disinfectants, rug cleaners, oven cleaners, drain cleaners, button batteries, lithium batteries, NiCad batteries, photographic chemicals, floor polish, furniture polish, and fluorescent bulbs.



Berks County Solid Waste Authority - Website www.co.berks.pa.us/swa Phone: 610-478-6362



Help Keep Our Stormwater Flowing

Now that grass mowing season is upon us, we would like to remind everyone to angle their lawn mowers in a way to prevent throwing grass clippings onto the street. Throwing grass clippings onto the streets of Amity Township creates problems such as clogging the storm water drainage systems, blocking stormwater flow, creating algae and slippery conditions. Sharp or dangerous debris can be thrown onto the streets towards cars and pedestrians. We ask that after each mowing, should any grass make it onto a public street that you safely remove the clippings/debris from the streets.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our stormwater clean and flowing!



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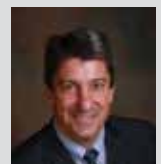
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AMITY TOWNSHIP JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS SUMMER LEAGUE

SEASON RUNS June 11 through July 27, 2018

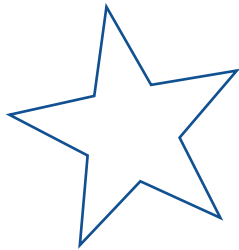
LOCATION: Daniel Boone Middle School Tennis Courts

COST: \$135.00 for 7 weeks of fun instruction and match play!

\$229.00 Trail Blazers* 7 weeks, twice a week instruction, and match play!

*Trail Blazers please contact Kim Cubero for recommendation.

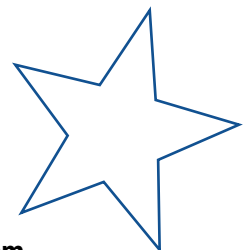
REGISTRATION: Opened April 5, 2018 Racquets available for purchase.



TUESDAY 6:00 – 7:30 PM

BEGINNER & INTERMEDIATE ADULT CLINICS

Contact Kim Cubero for more information.



THURSDAY MATCH DAY

Match time for Children ages 10 and under will be 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

Match time for Trail Blazers and Children ages 11-14 will be 6:00 – 7:00 pm.

Practices are once a week. (See below for age/days).

Minimum of 4 students registered to hold any class.

How to Register:

Step 1: Visit: <http://teamtennis.usta.com> and click "Have a Team ID#".

Step 2: Enter the Team ID #. Make your selection based on the age of your child & time of practice found below.

| Children Ages 5-8 | Children Ages 9-10 | Children Ages 11-14 | Trail Blazers | Adults |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Tuesday: 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Monday: 5:00 – 6:30 pm | Wednesday: 5:00 – 6:30 pm | Monday AND Wednesday: 6:30 – 8:00 pm | Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| Enter Team #3508352298 | Enter Team #3508352300 | Enter Team #3508352301 | Enter Team #3508352302 | Contact: Kim Cubero |

Step 3: Enter your child's USTA Membership ID# or Non-Member Team Tennis ID#.

For children 13 yrs old or younger, parents will need to create and account for themselves first. Here is a link to help: http://activesupport.force.com/usta/articles/en_US/Article/Create-Child-Account

Don't have a number: Click on the link to either join the USTA OR sign up for a NON-Member Team Tennis ID#.

Step 4: Proceed to check out!

Supporting Organizations: Amity Township

For additional information:

Contact: Kim Cubero 610-301-7609

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Amity Wastewater Treatment Facility Projects



We have many projects going on for 2018. We recently contracted out the cleaning of our sludge reed beds at the treatment plant facility where we had 600 plus tons of sludge hauled out to nearby Pioneer Crossing Landfill. The reed beds are cleaned every four to five years.

Upgrades have begun at Pump Stations #2 and #4 and should be completed by early fall. These upgrades will increase the flow capacity at both pump stations and help alleviate any hydraulic overflow conditions.

The long awaited Leaf Creek Interceptor project is finally underway! This project is being done to reduce the flow capacity in the sewer main along Route 662. This new line will run from Route 662 down Aviemore Lane and then follow Leaf Creek ending at Pine Lane and High Meadow Drive. This work should also be completed by early fall. Once complete, the Leaf Creek Interceptor will also provide public sewer to any future development of the old Schmale Farm. As part of this project, Pump Station #6 will be decommissioned.

Another project we are working on is the sludge handling at the treatment plant. We are currently in the design stage of this work, we will be adding a new aerobic sludge digester and replacing our 28-year old belt filter press with a new sludge centrifuge. This upgrade to our sludge handling process will help reduce some of the cost of our sludge disposal fees annually. This upgrade should be completed by the end of 2018 or early 2019.

The Board of Supervisors has also approved the installation of a low-pressure sewer line along Limekiln Road. The new low-pressure line will run from Amity Park Road south on Limekiln Road and tie into our existing gravity manhole on Limekiln Road. This line is being installed to alleviate failing on-lot systems and provide all the homeowners along that route the opportunity to connect to public sewer.



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Selling items online and worried about where you can meet safely? Amity Township now offers a place for buyers and sellers from Facebook, Craigslist or any other means to meet when you don't know the other party. The area is under video surveillance so your transaction will be recorded. The area is by the Myron Wheeler ball fields in the back of Police Department.

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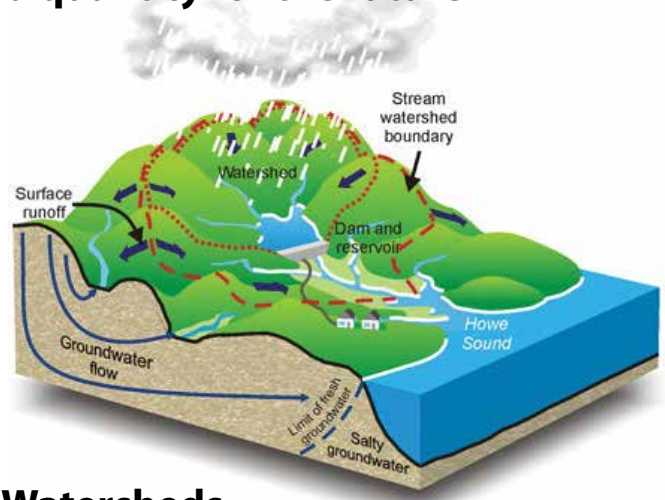
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Watersheds, Stormwater & MS4:

Protecting and conserving water quality and quantity for the future

What is a watershed?

A watershed is a geographic area of land that feeds all the water running under it and draining off of it into a body of water. It combines with other watersheds to form a network of rivers and streams that drain into a larger watershed.

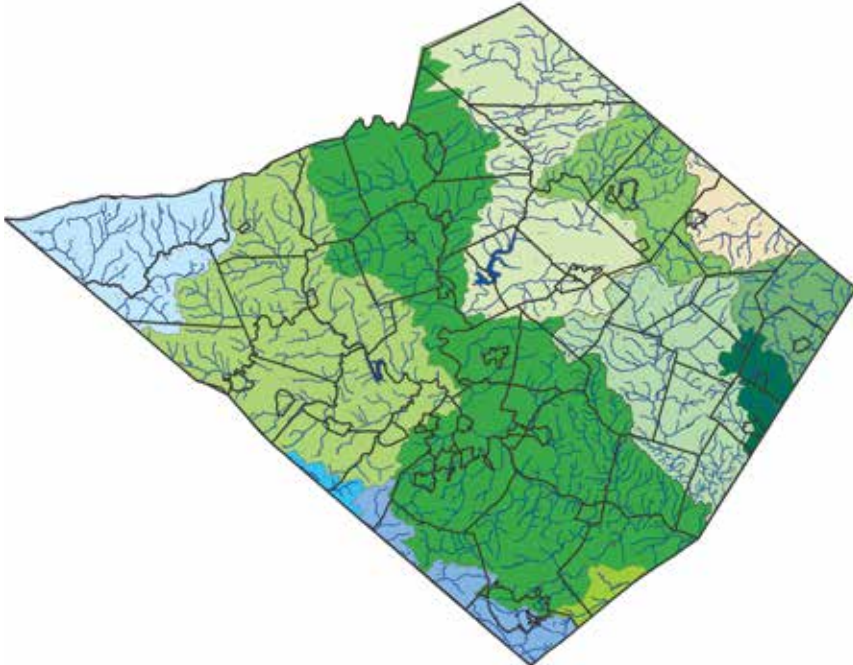


Berks County Watersheds

Berks County lands drain to 3 major watershed basins:

1. The Schuylkill
2. The Delaware
3. The Chesapeake Bay

Berks County Major Watersheds



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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Cocalico Creek | Manatawny Creek |
| Conestoga River | Perkiomen Creek |
| French Creek | Sacony Creek |
| Little Lehigh Creek | Schuylkill |
| Little Schuylkill River | Swamp Creek |
| Maiden Creek | Swatara Creek |
| | Tulpehocken Creek |

Threats to Berks County Watersheds

Water sources in Berks County are threatened by two kinds of pollutants:

Point Source

A direct discharge of a contaminant from one direct source (i.e. contaminant discharge from sewer treatment plant)

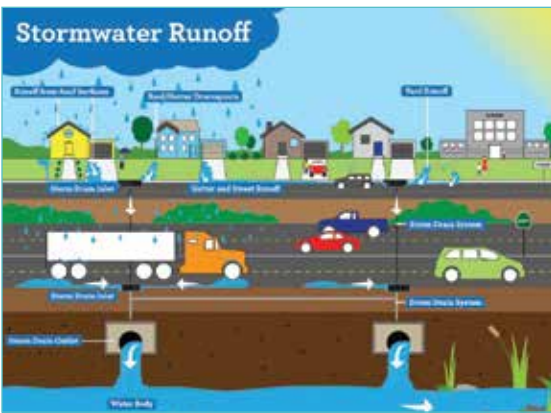
Non Point Source

Caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and under the ground, simultaneously collecting pollutants like litter, dirt/soil, oils, chemicals and animal waste and transporting them to waterways



What is stormwater?

When precipitation exceeds the land's ability to absorb falling water, stormwater runoff occurs. Volume and rate at which stormwater flows varies with intensity and duration of the rainfall.



What is MS4?

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a municipal stormwater management program in response to degrading water quality throughout the United States, primarily from nonpoint source pollutants. The municipal stormwater management program is intended to improve national water quality through the reduction of pollutants and decreased volume and rate of stormwater runoff. As part of the MS4 program, municipalities hold a permit authorizing stormwater discharges into local waterways.

A municipal MS4 is comprised of a conveyance or system of conveyances including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs gutters, ditches, manmade swales, or storm drains which capture, collect and transport stormwater.

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How Much Do You Know About Stormwater?



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Across

1. Storm ___ rarely connect to treatment plants, so runoff can flow directly to rivers, lakes, and coastal waters.
4. ___ of soil from non-vegetated landscapes can cloud nearby streams and decrease water quality.
6. The cattail is one wetland ___ that helps purify polluted runoff.
11. Wetland plants act like a natural water ___, removing harmful pollutants from stormwater runoff.
12. A single quart of motor ___, if disposed into a waterway can pollute 2 million gallons of water.
13. The ___ of speeding boats can erode unstable shorelines.
14. Marking 'Do not dump, drains to a stream' on a ___ is one way to educate people about polluted runoff.
17. Leaving your grass clippings on the ___ reduces the need for chemical fertilizers.
18. Too much ___ in water can harm aquatic plants and animals.
19. Polluted runoff (also called ___ source pollution) comes from so many places that is hard to 'pinpoint' a source.
20. Maintaining ___ tanks helps to prevent bacteria and nutrients from leaching into groundwater and surface waters.

Down

2. Polluted ___ is the US' #1 water quality issue.
3. Follow directions carefully when applying ___ to your lawn. More isn't always better, especially for water quality.
5. Never dump used motor oil into storm drains, ___ it!
7. Proper crop and livestock management on ___ helps to control water pollution.
8. Excess toxins, pathogens, sediment and nutrients are all types of runoff ___.
9. ___ impact development helps control stormwater pollution through conservation approaches and techniques.
10. The area of land that drains into an estuary, lake, stream, or groundwater is known as a ___.
13. ___ prevent flooding, improve water quality, and provide habitat for waterfowl, fish, and other wildlife.
15. Fertilizers and animal waste contain ___ that 'feed' algae and other aquatic plants harmful to water quality.
16. Yard and fresh food wastes (fruits, vegetables), are appropriate additions to a ___ pile.



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