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JOIN US FOR SUMMER SPLASH!

Amity Township's 300th Anniversary celebration continues with **Summer Splash!** Grab your bathing suit and dancing shoes and join us on August 3rd at the Amity Athletic Club, located at 55 Amity Park Road in Birdsboro.

The Miller Keystone Blood Mobile will be onsite at Amity AC for anyone wishing to donate blood during the event. Schedule your donation appointment at https://donor.giveapint.org/donor/schedules/driveschedule/45437.

The fun begins with a 5K run. Runners can register in advance for only \$20.00 through July 31st at http://amitytownshippa.com/wp/amity-township-300th-anniversary/ or on the day of the race at the Amity AC from 8:00am-9:00am for \$25.00. Runners will be transported by shuttle bus to the starting line at the Amity Township Municipal building on Weavertown Road. The 5K will end at the Amity AC. All runners will receive a t-shirt and goody bag from our vendors, and awards will be presented to the top 3 male and top 3 female runners.

After the race, spend the day with us! We have plenty of fun for the entire family! The Amity AC will be open for FREE swimming for all who attend. A car show will be held from 10:00am-2:00pm. Kids will enjoy unlimited FREE rides on the water inflatables pictured below. Register your team in the Cornhole Tournament for \$25.00 and you'll have a chance to win a set of 300th Anniversary Cornhole boards. Registration information for the Cornhole Tournament will be announced on our Facebook pages and website. We'll continue celebrating into the afternoon with classic rock from the 60's to today by Echo North from 2:00pm-5:00pm.

Bring your appetite! Guests can stop by and purchase food from one of the many food trucks on hand. What goes well with food? Drinks, of course! Anyone 21 years of age and older can pay to enter the beer and wine gardens to try some of the local favorites.

Stay to listen to the country sounds of The Stephanie Grace Band from 6:00pm-9:00pm. You won't want to miss the fireworks display after the concert!

The 300th Committee welcomes local civic groups to register for a table at this event. Contact Karen LeBlanc at amityac@gmail.com for more information on how your group can attend this awesome event!

The celebration will continue again in October with Fall Fest. Watch for more information on the Amity 300th Anniversary and Amity Township Facebook Pages.



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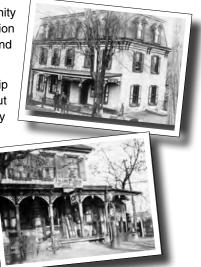


Thank you to all who attended our History Event at St. Paul's UCC on April 27th.

Old photographs of local businesses, properties, farms and roads have been shared on the Amity Township 300th Anniversary Facebook page, in hopes of peaking interest and building anticipation for our History Event. The posts seem to have worked! The Facebook page was full of questions and conversation, bringing back many memories of the area.

The History Event was organized by the Amity Heritage Society in conjunction with the Amity Township 300th Anniversary Committee. A crowd of over 100 people attended the event to learn more about Amity's 300 years of history. Charles Miller, president of the Amity Heritage Society, and Berks County Historian George M. Meiser IX presented slideshows of historic pictures and maps. Mrs. Harriet Boyer showcased the original scale and cash register from Boyer's Market, which she still owns and operates today at Old Swede and Old Airport Roads. Many people in attendance shared their own old photographs and maps. A light lunch was provided by the 300th Anniversary Committee, and it appeared a good time was had by all.

We could not have a proper 300th Anniversary celebration without YOU, our residents! We've had great attendance at our events thus far and hope to see everyone at the Summer Splash on August 3rd. Our final celebration event will be Fall Fest on October 12th. "Like" us on the 300th Anniversary and Amity Township Facebook pages to continue receiving the latest updates about our upcoming events!

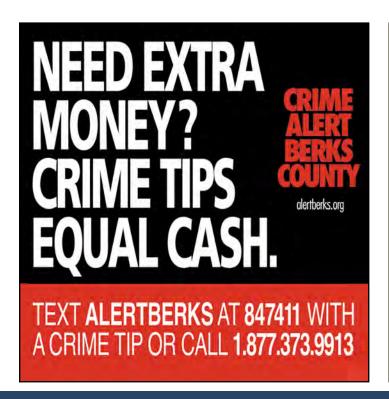


STORMWATER AND PAVING PROJECTS

The road crew has several stormwater projects scheduled for completion in 2019. They have already excavated and stoned a road swale at Morlatton Road to resolve existing stormwater runoff issues. 300' of storm sewer is being installed on Gilde Road before paving work begins and they will be doing work to the swale on Levengood Road.

The following roads are scheduled to be paved by the end of August: Lilac Lane and Lilac Court, Maplewood Drive, Gilde Road, Ivy Lane and Ivy Court. Roadside mowing and trimming will be done along Township roads.

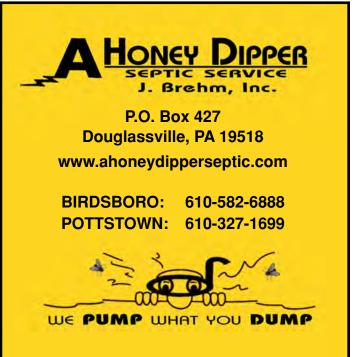
Please watch for road signs and drive carefully around work areas. Thank you for your patience!



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BERKS COUNTY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DATES

1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, FREE to all Berks County Residents

1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport, **Fees apply per Berks County Fee Schedule.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING EVENTOctober 12th from 8:00AM to 2:00PM 10 Box Maximum, Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport

FREE to all Berks County residents, No businesses will be accepted.

Berks County Ag Center, 1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport

FREE to all Berks County Residents! Event will be held rain or shine!



What is hazardous waste? Any household product which is labeled: CAUTION DANGER FLAMMABLE **EXPLOSIVE** TOXIC **CORROSIVE POISON** WARNING VOLATILE

You may find combinations of these words on the label which may also contain a skull and crossbones.



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Turpentine Wood Preservatives Paint Thinners & Solvents Oil Based Paints, Varnishes & Stains Weed Killers, Insecticides & Pesticides Herbicides & Fungicides Asphalt & Driveway Sealants Antifreeze, Gasoline Motor & Transmission Oils

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Fluorescent Bulbs

DO NOT BRING these items:

Latex Paint Organic Peroxides Gas Cylinders **Explosives & Ammunition** Radioactive Waste Infectious or Medical Waste Water-Based Sealants



Did you know?

- Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in the regular trash.
- Latex paint should be dried and hardened before disposing in regular trash. If you want to shorten the dry time, pour kitty litter or saw dust in the can to absorb the paint.

Collection dates are intended to provide Berks County residents with a responsible way to dispose of old, unusable and unwanted hazardous products. Putting these items in the trash or down the drain contributes to the pollution of our air and drinking waters. For more information regarding the Berks County Recycling events and programs, please visit www.co.berks.pa.us/swa or call 610-478-6362.

Yard Waste Drop Off Changes



Wood Chipper purchased through PADEP Recycling Grant award.

As a result of a PA DEPrecycling grant award, you will see a few changes taking place. A third yard waste container was placed at the Township building to prevent the containers from becoming overfilled. We accept grass clippings, leaves, brush, clean stumps, yard waste and clean wood. We DO NOT accept painted wood, concrete, soil, demolition wood, crates, plastic bags, treated lumber or wood with nails. The Township accepts yard waste from Amity Township residential yards. We do not accept yard waste from landscaping businesses or residents from other townships.

The yard waste drop-off site is being moved toward the back side of the parking lot this year. Once that site has been moved, the road crew will be chipping larger tree limbs and brush as time allows and will be chipping Christmas trees this year.

The wood chips produced will then be provided to residents on a first-come, first-serve basis. Watch for more information on that program in future issues of the newsletter and the Township website.

Proper Pet Waste Disposal

Dogs ARE NOT permitted in Amity Township parks. Ordinance 258 states No animals are permitted with the exception of those specifically trained as an aide to physically or mentally disabled individuals.

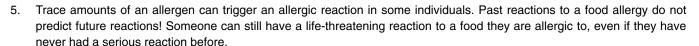
Dogs ARE permitted at the Monocacy Hill Recreation Area. Dogs must be on a leash and under the owner's control at all times. Please remember it is your responsibility to clean up after your dog. Dog waste should NOT be placed in trash receptacles.

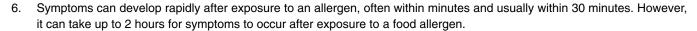


FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS

10 FAACTs about Food Allergies

- 1. Food allergies affect 15-32 million Americans, including 6 million children.
- A food allergy is an immune system response to a food that the body mistakenly believes to be harmful.
- These 8 foods account for 90% of all food allergy reactions: Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Milk, Egg, Wheat, Soy, Fish and Shellfish.
- 4. There is NO cure for food allergies and strict avoidance is the only way to prevent an allergic reaction.





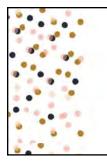
- 7. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is quick and has the potential to become life-threatening. Anaphylaxis requires immediate emergency medical treatment, including an injection of epinephrine.
- 8. It's important to be deliberate and not hesitate when you need to use epinephrine. The device is potentially life-saving. Calling 9-1-1 and a taking a trip to the emergency room should always follow epinephrine administration.
- 9. Individuals at risk should carry two epinephrine auto-injectable devices with them at all times AND an Allergy and Anaphylaxis Emergency Care Action Plan signed by a board-certified allergist.
- 10. Food allergies continue to rise and are a safety and public health concern across the US. You can get free resources and find out how to keep those with food allergies safe at www.FoodAllergyAwareness.org.

FAACTs provided by the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Connection Team.



Park signs (pictured left) were donated by Township resident Megan Herr and installed at Amity Community Park, Lake Drive Park, Hill Road Park and Locust Grove Park. Ms. Herr attended a Board of Supervisors meeting to provide education about food allergies and request approval to place signs at the Township parks.

Thank you, Megan Herr for helping to bring food allergy awareness to Amity Township!



thank you

The Township Supervisors and Administrationthank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and recognize each as supporters of our community. For it is with their participation that this newsletter has been published at no cost to our residents.



How to Prepare Your Recycling Bin: General Guidelines

The collection, recycling, and reuse of many common household materials conserves natural resources, diverts waste from landfills, and supports the employment of more than 66,000 workers of Pennsylvania's recycling marketplace. Approximately 11.6 million residents have convenient access to recycling, and many of those have access to one of the more than 1,050 curb-side collection programs. In 2015 alone, Pennsylvanians recycled over 7.75 million tons of resources. Despite these figures, potentially recyclable material continues to be lost each year due to growing contamination. Following a few simple guidelines at the recycling bin can greatly impact the safety, quality, and effectiveness of the recycling stream.

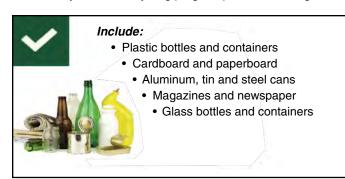
Materials That Cause Problems

The most common materials that cause problems include plastic bags, plastic film, garden hoses and wiring. Never include any material that may bind or restrict recycling sorting machinery. Sortation lines are routinely shut down due to the inclusion of these materials, which must be manually removed and disposed of by workers.

Never include any potentially hazardous material in your curbside bin. Examples are propane tanks, broken glass, needles, etc. In addition to contributing to contamination in the recycling stream, these materials are dangerous to the haulers and workers handling this material.

Commonly Accepted and Unacceptable Material

While not all inclusive, below are some of the most common items to keep in and out of the recycling bin; however, it is important to check with your local recycling program prior to including/excluding any material:





Preparing Your Recycling Bin

Clean Recyclables. A quick rinse in most cases is adequate in removing food waste residue. However, if the container or material is heavily soiled with food waste residue or grease, and cannot be cleaned, it should be discarded in the trash.

Dry Recyclables. After rinsing out containers, ensure all containers are free of excessive moisture. Moisture itself can contaminate the recycling stream as it greatly degrades the quality and recoverability of cardboard and other fiber-based materials.

Don't Break Glass. Aside from being a hazard to collectors and workers on the sorting line, broken glass degrades the quality and recoverability of fiber-based materials. It is important to follow your local recycling program guidelines concerning glass and only include it in the approved manner.



Put in the Correct Recyclables. Only include recyclables your program collects. Some material may potentially be recyclable; however, if your local recycling program does not collect the material, do not include it in your bin. Incorrect material causes contamination and good recyclable material can end up in a landfill.

Follow Your Local Recycling Program's Instructions. Know what recyclables can be accepted by your local recycling program to reduce contamination in the recycling stream. Check with your local hauler or local government to see what materials are handled by your program. Another good resource to find out more about your local recycling program is through your county recycling coordinator. County recycling coordinator contact information can be found at www.dep.pa.gov > Businesses > Land > Waste > Recycling > Public Resources > County Recycling Coordinators.

This article provided by the PADEP. For More Information, please visit www.dep.pa.gov > Businesses > Land > Waste > Recycling or contact the Recycling Hotline at 800-346-4242.

NAVIGATING YOUR TOWNSHIP NEEDS

USE QUICK REFERENCE TO HELP YOU DETERMINE WHO CAN BEST ADDRESS YOUR NEEDS:

| Building and Zoning Permit Questions | 610-689-6000, Ext. 232 |
|--|------------------------|
| On-Lot Tank Inspections or Permitting | |
| Property Maintenance Issues | 610-689-6000, Ext. 232 |
| Pavilion and Field Rentals | 610-689-6000, Ext. 222 |
| Police – Emergencies | call 9-1-1 |
| Police – Non-Emergencies or to speak to an Officer on duty | 610-689-6002, Ext. 1 |
| Public Sewer Billing Inquires | 610-689-6000, Ext. 225 |
| Recycling | 610-689-6000, Ext. 221 |
| Sewer Emergencies (7:00am-3:30pm) | 610-385-3400, Ext. 1 |
| Sewer Emergencies (after hours) | 610-689-6002, Ext. 1 |
| Spotted Lanternfly | 610-689-6000, Ext. 222 |
| Street Lights, Leaf Collection, Plowing Concerns | 610-689-6000, Ext. 224 |

Please do not leave a message in multiple mailboxes. If you receive voicemail when calling our office, please leave a detailed message and your call will be returned within one business day.

TAXES - Use this list to make sense of who bills you for taxes and where to call:

| County and Municipal Real Estate Taxes, Amity Township Tax Collector Dean Fronheiser | 610-689-9227 |
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| Earned Income Tax (EIT), Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau | 610-372-8439 |
| Local Services Tax – Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau | 610-372-8439 |
| Per Capita Tax, Daniel Boone School District | 610-582-6107, Ext, 1 |
| Property Assessment Questions, Berks County Assessment Office | |
| School District Real Estate Taxes, Daniel Boone School Distric | 610-582-6107, Ext. 1 |

PLEASE NOTE:

County and Municipal Real Estate Taxes can be paid in person at the Municipal building during normal business hours, Monday through Friday 8:00am-4:30pm. Dean Fronheiser will have sitting hours on June 28th and June 29th from 5:00pm-7:00pm. School District Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes can be mailed to PO BOX 6827, Ithaca NY 14851. Payment can be made in person, with a copy of your tax bill at Tomkins VIST Bank, 350 W. Main St, Birdsboro and Tomkins VIST Bank, 4361 Perkiomen Ave, Exeter.



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!

Hiring a contractor for your project? Contractors working within a Spotted Lanternfly quarantine are required to be permitted by the PA Department of Agriculture.

This PA Department of Agriculture permit is FREE for the contractor to obtain. The PA Department of Agriculture began conducting verification checks for businesses on May 1, 2019. Be sure your contractor is compliant!

Upgrades and Projects at the Waste Water Treatment Plant The sludge handling project at the treatment plant continues to move forward.

Phase 1 includes the purchase of a BDP belt filter press. The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase and installation at a cost of \$718,780.00. The new press will replace the plant's existing press which has been in operation since 1990 and will help us remove more bio-solids from the daily operation yielding a higher percentage of solids and lower polymer usage which will reduce costs for both sludge disposal and polymer.

Phase 2 will include an upgrade to our aerobic digesters. This upgrade will provide better sludge digestion. This phase will include a new air system for the digesters and digester covers, which help maintain a constant temperature in the digesters yearround for better sludge digestion.

The Leaf Creek Interceptor has been completed and is now in operation. The installation of this new line will provide greater capacity along SR662 and allowed the Township to decommission the pump station at Cider Mill, saving the Township and ultimately rate payers in overall maintenance and operating costs. Project costs for the Leaf Creek Interceptor have totaled \$1.145 million thus far.

Amity Township Waste Water Treatment plant services approximately 3,446 homes and businesses within Amity Township and provides treatment services to Douglass, Earl and Union Townships.

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. Electronic Applications are available at www.amitytownshippa.com.

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
- Home Occupations

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
- · 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

NO Permit Required

- 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
- Resale of Residential Properties

Roof Replacement on a residential structure

- · Siding replacement
- · Retaining walls not over 4' high
- · 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

CODE DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

Reading and understanding Zoning Ordinances and Building Codes can often be a challenge. The Amity Township website is a great resource to find answers to many questions. Just visit www.amitytownshippa.com and start at the top with Departments/ Codes. Here you'll find the link to all the electronic permit applications, the Zoning Department, information about on-lot septic systems, the office of the Fire Marshal, the Code Enforcement Office (where the electronic form to file a complaint is found), and answers to many of the frequently asked questions.

A new addition to the website is the e-Code. This can be found under Government/Codification of Ordinances. There you will find the entire Amity Township Code of Ordinances. At the top is a search bar that is extremely effective. Enter a word like "horse" or "weeds" and it will then show you everywhere in all 32 Chapters of the Code where that word appears. It's a great way to find regulations on just about everything. If you want to narrow a search, check the checkbox of the Chapter/s you want to search in and click "Search Chapters", then enter the word or topic you are searching.

Another great resource is the link to the official Building Code. Just click Departments/Codes/Permits. It will take you to the page where all the electronic permit applications can be found. At the bottom of the Electronic Applications, you will find links to the International Residential Code for residential construction, The International Building Code for commercial construction and the International Property Maintenance Code. They have all been adopted by Amity Township.

If you cannot find what you are looking for or don't quite understand it, you can reach the Code Department at 610-689-6000 ext. 232. OR simply select Departments/Codes/Zoning and fill out the Zoning Interpretation electronic application. We will send you an email with an official interpretation. Emailing me at sloomis@amitytownshippa.com is also very effective.

Steve Loomis

Director of Codes and Life Safety





Draining Pools, Hot Tubs & Spas

What substances in pools, hot tubs, or spas could cause pollution? Chlorine and/or other disinfectants are typically added in sufficient amounts to kill potentially harmful bacteria. These disinfectants also react with other organic matter such as dirt, sweat, skin cells, leaves and organisms creating potentially harmful disinfection byproducts. Other contaminants are added from the users, such as oil and grease from natural body oils and applied lotions and sunscreens. Chemicals commonly used in maintaining these systems, such as salt, borax, algaecides, phenols, caustic and acid solutions, can be deadly to fish and other aquatic life. Backwashing of pool filters also contributes accumulated debris. All of these chemicals and materials have the potential to cause pollution and adversely affect public health and waters of the Commonwealth.

What are acceptable methods for managing swimming pool, hot tub and spa waters? The best approach for managing these wastewaters is disposal into a public sewer system or at a sewage treatment facility, with authorization of the sewer system owner. A permit is generally not necessary to reuse or recycle pool wastewaters, but approval from the owner of a sewer system or sewage treatment facility is typically required. Some municipalities have enacted additional requirements related to discharges from pools. Contact your municipality if you're unsure whether additional guidelines exist.

What if no public sewer is available? The wastewater can be drained and allowed to infiltrate into a vegetated area or used for on-site irrigation after these guidelines are met:

- 1. Shut off the chlorination/chemical feed system if there is one, or stop adding chlorine and chemicals.
- 2. Shut off the heating system, if there is one.
- 3. Hold the water in the pool or hot tub to reduce the chlorine level to 0.5 mg/L or less (if applicable), and the temperature to an acceptable level (generally within 10° F of the air temperature).
- 4. Test frequently the water may need to be held for 10 days or more depending on the surrounding conditions. Recirculating the water may help to speed up this process.
- 5. Adjust the pH, if necessary, to between 6.0 and 9.0 standard units.
- 6. Never drain the pool on a rainy day or if the soil is saturated.

When discharging on-site for infiltration or using the water for irrigation, ensure that:

- · The water will not flow into a storm sewer or other water of the Commonwealth.
- · The water does not run off the property.
- Nuisances such as prolonged ponding, odors, and mosquito breeding conditions are prevented.
- The flow rate is slow enough to allow infiltration and does not cause erosion.
- Solids are captured by attaching a filter bag to the end of the discharge hose, if needed.

May water from swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas be discharged to onlot septic systems? No, pool water should not be discharged into or on the surface of onlot systems because the system is not designed for the additional flow and the contaminants could impact the operation.

May chemicals (e.g., strong acids or caustics) be used to clean my pool, hot tub, or spa? Yes, as long as the wastewater is captured or collected, properly treated and disposed of, and prevented from entering waters of the Commonwealth, including storm sewers.

How should wastewater from cleaning my pool be handled, properly treated and disposed of? Cleaning wastewaters that contain acid, caustics, or chlorine rinses used to clean pool surfaces should be treated prior to discharge. All wastewaters, but especially cleaning wastewater, must be neutralized to a pH between 6.0 and 9.0 standard units. Chlorine rinses can be dechlorinated or should stand for a period of 10 days to allow chlorine degradation to a residual of 0.5 mg/L or less prior to discharge.

Any pool wastewaters that have unnatural cloudiness, color, oil film, solids, foam, debris, vegetation, algae, or are not or cannot be properly treated, should be collected and hauled to a treatment facility in accordance with the facility's guidelines.

What should be done with standing water that has accumulated in a pool? Standing water, accumulated rainfall, or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top, but only if the chlorine residual and pH values are acceptable, to avoid disturbing solids on the pool bottom, which should not be discharged. After the water has been pumped, manually clean out the solids.

Could someone who causes pollution by discharging water from swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas be penalized? If DEP determines that the management of swimming pool, hot tub and spa wastewaters has caused pollution to waters of the Commonwealth, the responsible party could be liable for civil penalties up to \$10,000 per day under the Clean Streams Law.

For questions and additional information, contact the Clean Water Program in DEP's South-Central Regional Office, 909 Elmerton Ave, Harrisburg, PA 17110-8200 or call 1-717-705-4700 and 24-Hour Emergency Line 1-866-825-0208 and online at www.dep.pa.gov.

AMITY TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

There's a New Chief in Town

Jeffrey Smith is your new Chief of Police! On April 3, 2019, in a crowded meeting room full of family and friends, Chief Smith was sworn in by Judge Steven M. Chieffo with his wife Rochelle and sons Jackson, age 11, and Gavin, age 8, by his side. Chief Smith thanked his family and friends for their love and support over the years and thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as Chief of Police.

You've probably heard the name Jeffrey Smith around the Township. That's because Chief Smith started his career with Amity Township in 2002 as a patrol officer and was promoted to Sergeant in 2016. Chief Smith served as Interim Chief of Police since November of 2018, when the former Chief of Police resigned. Chief Smith graduated the Montgomery County Police Academy in 1998. Before joining Amity Township Police Department, Chief Smith worked as a patrol officer for Douglass Township, Montgomery County and for the Bridgeport Police Department. Amity residents are very lucky to have a Chief of Police with so much experience and knowledge of the Township.





Chief of Police Jeffrey Smith

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.



Vacation Check

Leaving for vacation? Remember, an accumulation of mail, newspapers or high grass puts burglars on alert that someone isn't home. Don't forget these important safety precautions:

- · Stop your mail or have a neighbor collect it.
- Have neighbors pick up newspapers.
- Lock the house, garage and sheds.
- If lights aren't on timers, you may want to leave a lamp or low-watt light on.
- · Don't leave spare keys outdoors.
- Arrange for lawn care if you'll be gone for a week or longer.
- Request a Vacation House Check.

Vacation House Checks are provided by Amity Township Police at no charge to our residents. Police will conduct periodic property inspections while you're away. When you're planning your next vacation, be sure to stop by the Municipal building during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. You can save some time by completing the form ahead of time. Print the form from our website at www.amitytownshippa.com under About Us. Just print it, complete it, drop it off at the Muncipal building and enjoy your vacation with one less worry!

RV Parking on Properties

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).

Please be aware that parking RVs and other trailers is permitted on your lot any time of the year with a couple specific exception. They may not be parked 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. Yellow House and Indian Run Subdivisions have 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.

Ordinance 290 further states that no truck, tractor, semitrailer, trailer or other vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 14,000 pounds (Weight Class 6 or greater) or having a width in excess of 80 inches shall be parked on any street within the Township, except for the purposes of making pick-ups, deliveries or construction activities, in which case it may be temporarily parked for not more than eight hours between the hours of 6:00am. to 6:00pm.

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

PICKLEBALL

Looking for a new hobby? Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong. As you can see in the diagram below, the court is shorter and measures thinner than a tennis court. The court is striped similar to tennis with left and right service courts, with a 7-foot non-volley zone in front of the net, also known as the "kitchen". Pickleball courts can be indoor or outdoor and can be constructed separately or existing tennis courts can be lined to allow pickleball play. An existing tennis court has been lined for pickleball play at Amity Community Park if you'd like to give it a try! Here's what you will need to know.



What will you need to play pickleball? Each player needs a paddle. A pickleball paddle is bigger than a ping pong racket but smaller than a tennis racket. Some paddles are wooden while others are made of a lightweight metal. The game is played with one ball. Pickleball balls have holes in them similar to whiffle balls and come in a variety of colors.

Wear whatever makes you comfortable! Many women and girls play pickleball in tennis dresses or skirts, but any attire is acceptable. Always wear something you can move freely in and moisture-wicking is beneficial in warmer months. There's a lot of quick, side to side movement in pickleball. Look for a comfortable shoe that fits well and provides good support for those quick turning movements.

It's a great time of year to spend time outside. Amity Township encourages residents to educate themselves on this fun sport and come out to play a round at Amity Community Park!

TOWNSHIP TENNIS PROGRAM



REGISTRATION: Opened April 10, 2019 (Racquets available for purchase)

Amity Township JUNIOR TEAM TENNIS SUMMER LEAGUE

SEASON RUNS: June 10 through July 26, 2019
LOCATION: Daniel Boone Middle School Tennis Courts
Amity Park, 1845 Weavertown Rd, Douglasville, PA
COST: \$140.00 for 7 weeks of fun instruction and match play!
\$240.00 Trail Blazers* 7 weeks twice a week instruction, and match play!

*Trail Blazers please contact Kim Cubero for recommendation.

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 11-18** will be 6:00 – 7:00 pm. **Adult Beginner and Intermediate** classes begin June 11th 6:00-7:30pm.

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 AGES 11-18 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 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 |
| Enter Team # 3508379942 | Enter Team #3508379941 | Enter Team #3508379946 | Enter Team #3508380082 |
| | Wednesday: 9:00-10:30 am | | Adults: Tuesday: 6:00 – 7:30 pm |
| | Enter Team #3508379940 | | 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 Parks and Recreation Board.

For additional information: Contact: Kim Cubero 610-301-7609, Email <u>TotalTennis1@gmail.com</u>
PTR & 10 Under Certified Teaching Professional

REMEMBERING OUR MAYOR

Mavrik John Laxton was a known as Mav, Miracle Mav, Mayor Mav and the Tin Man. Mav was inspirational, had a magnetic personality, beautiful eyes, and a contagious laugh. He was a courageous, happy and loving young man. Born with a Congenital Heart Defect known as Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome or HLHS, Mav had no left ventricle, which is the chamber of the heart that pumps oxygenated blood through the body. If a baby is born with this condition and undiagnosed they pass away and are known as "blue babies" because no oxygenated blood could get through their bodies.



Babies born and diagnosed with HLHS face three choices in life; do nothing and die, wait for an unknown time for a heart transplant, or undergo the Norwood Procedure which consists of three openheart surgeries. Mav went through the Norwood Procedure. Suffering multiple complications, he endured a total of nine open-heart surgeries. A stroke which affected his whole right side of his body, basically left him with half a heart and one lung. In 2011, Mav developed Protein Losing Enteropathy resulting in another surgery to replace his valve.

With all he had been through, nothing stopped Mav. Baseball was his passion and you could say that it was in his blood. Mav was only months old when he would be at the baseball fields watching his brothers play. Mav never played T-Ball, telling his mom "I don't need that!". Mav played DBAA league baseball and Buddy Ball from ages five to twelve. Looking at Mav and talking to him, you'd never know the depth of his illness or how difficult it was for him to breathe. Kids with special needs, such as an oxygen tank, played in the Buddy Ball league on Sunday afternoons. So of course, Mav played Buddy Ball, too! He loved hitting home runs and sliding safely home, laughing all the while his Buddy would carry his oxygen tank! Mav had no worries in the world, until he realized he may have overdone it and wanted to rest and get more oxygen.

In 2016, Mav was placed on a blood thinner and he couldn't play for a year. Did he take a year off from baseball? No way! Mav was mad he couldn't play but poured his efforts into helping "coach" alongside his DBAA coaches Mike Pence and Randy Yenser. Mike and Randy were Mav's coaches from

coach pitch all the way to the majors. Mav's mom didn't worry too much about his safety because she knew his coaches Mike and Randy knew Mav so well and were familiar with his health conditions and physical limitations.

Despite needing oxygen just to run the bases, Mav loved every minute of the game! Mav would cheer on teammates and comfort them if they struck out, telling them "Let's just play ball, it's ok.".

In 2016, Mav and his family traveled to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh where they determined he qualified for a heart transplant but first needed to replace his heart valve again (his ninth surgery). In June of 2016, Mav suffered yet another stroke along with seizures. His condition seemed to improve until he became worse. Doctors advised the family it was best if they didn't plan any more than 4-6 weeks ahead. Mav's family was faced with having to say goodbye but kept their focus on getting through the holidays of 2017. Mav returned to Buddy Ball and baseball for the 2017 season. That year, Mav and his team were league champions!

Township Supervisors first heard about Mavrik at the dedication ceremony for the Little Red Mailbox of Hope, where Mavrik received the Appreciation of Hope award. Mavrik, who was released from the hospital earlier that morning, had attended the ceremony on his way home. Cyndi Trombley told the crowd that Mavrik exemplified the meaning of hope, had a fearless way of facing his daily challenges and still continued to set a positive role model for the residents of Amity. In fact, many residents considered Mavrik the "Mayor of Amity". The Supervisors heard Mavrik was airlifted to Alfred I. duPont only a few days after he was given the award. Planning began for a mayoral ceremony, even if it would need to be hospital bedside. But a bedside Oath of Office wasn't in Mavrik's plan at all. As he had done so many times before, Mavrik surprised everyone and beat the odds. He began responding to a new drug therapy and was discharged from the hospital. When Supervisors heard this, they began planning his ceremony to be held at the Township building.

On November 22, 2017, Mavrik was given a police-escort from his home, followed by a parade of motorcycles and firetrucks and made his way through the streets of Amity, ending at the Township building for his official swearing-in ceremony. As Mavrik walked into the standing-room only meeting room he yelled "Let's do this!".





The Mayor being sworn into office.

Mayor Mavrik John Laxton was sworn in by Judge Victor M. Frederick. Chairperson Kim McGrath told Mavrik he was selected to be the first and only Mayor of Amity because of his spirit and strength. When asked what his first line of business would be, the Mayor said he would be starting a baseball team and possibly buy a Porsche or Mercedes! Pretty appropriate wishes for a 12-year old young man!

Mav celebrated the holidays and was back in the hospital in late January and again in February, right before a trip to Clearwater to meet the Philadelphia Phillies players. Mav was discharged February 28th. March 3rd the family left for a week-long trip that Mav loved so much! On the trip home from Clearwater, Mav fell ill again, and the family headed straight to du Pont. Coaches Mike and Randy went to the hospital to visit Mav and gave him a 2018 DBAA baseball shirt. Mavrik's name was on every players' 2018 baseball uniform. Mav looked at the coaches and said, "Why are you giving me this now? You know I'm still playin this year." Unfortunately, Mav never played baseball with DBAA again. That would be his last hospital stay. On April 13, 2018, surrounded by family and friends, Mayor Mavrik John Laxton succumbed to complications of his

illness, just twelve days before his 13th birthday. Mavrik's teammates wore red shoe laces in his memory that season.

In his 12 years of life, Mavrik touched so many lives. One group that was especially touched by Mavrik was the coaches, players and families of DBAA's Buddy Ball and baseball programs. Buddy Ball is a program that provides the opportunity for kids with physical

impairments to bat, run the bases and score home runs just like other baseball players. "Buddies" are assigned to the kids who can't bat or can't run the bases. Mavrik's mom, Kim, said one of Mavrik's favorite things about baseball was running and sliding into the bases because he knew nobody would get him out! Everyone played, everyone cheered, and nobody was ever out.

This year, Buddy Ball's opening day 2019 was held on April 13th, the one-year anniversary of Mavrik's passing. It was a gloomy, rainy day, and none of the teams played their games, except Buddy Ball. Tom Curley and the entire Buddy Ball board had organized a field dedication and knew the game must go on for this special day. Mavrik's mom received a call from the organizers of Buddy Ball asking her if she would be available to attend the opening day ceremony. Kim graciously agreed, and to her surprise found one of the fields at Hill Road Park being dedicated in memory of her son. Opening day ceremonies kicked off with everyone singing Take Me Out to the Ballgame. After the dedication of Mavrik J. Laxton Field, Mav's mom read the poem from Mavrik's memorial card. That poem will be memorialized on a plaque hung at the future shed at Hill Road being built by an Eagle Scout to house Buddy Ball equipment. Friends and family released balloons after the dedication and then they "played ball" one more time in Mavrik's memory! The Babe Ruth and Junior Legion teams now call themselves the Mavriks. Mark that down as another accomplishment of our Mayor! Mav got his baseball team!

Mav gave his all, at every sport and everything he did in his twelve years. His spirt and determination to live life to its fullest was an inspiration to his teammates, coaches, parents and all of us in Amity. **You will forever be in our hearts, Mayor Mav!**



Mavrik pictured with Screwball on an Opening Day ceremony at Hill Road.

Special thanks to Mav's mom, Kim Wilkinson-Kahn and Lori Callander, Buddy Ball, for their contribution to this article and to Tom Curley and the entire DBAA Board for their work with Buddy Ball and dedication of the field.



Mavrik's teammates pose with Mavrik's mom, Kim Wilkinson-Kahn.



Family and friends stand with Mavrik's mom, Kim Wilkinson-Kahn at Buddy Balls's 2019 Opening Day.



As I close my eyes tonight And rest my weary head I feel you brush my hair back As you lay with me in bed

I hear the words you're saying Your voice is soft and clear I'm focused on the things you say I'm calm because you're near

In my mind I see the stadium The lights, the field, the game The crowd begins a thunderous chant I hear them call my name

That's me in the batter's box That's my name is lights That's the pitch I'm waiting for I love these baseball nights

This time I am running fast No pain, no help, no fear I see you in the stands, Mom I see you shed a tear

I'm free from medication I can breathe freely on my own I run through second, run past third And slide safely into home

I'm resting for a little while There is work left for me to do I have a plan in place, you see It's watching over you

When YOU close your eyes tonight And rest YOUR weary head You'll hear the words I'm saying As I lay with you in bed

You'll see me in that rainbow That follows after rain You'll see me in the stadium And at every Phillies game

You'll see me as the waves break While you walk along the beach I'll visit in your dreams at night I'm never far from reach

Because of how you raised me I'll never be alone Because of how you raised me I'm sliding safety home

FAVORITE SAYINGS:

Can we play putt-putt?

Guess what came in the mail:...Deez Nutz, haha, got'em!

Really Mom

No really

Mom, I'm fine; I don't need my oxygen

Mom, Can I call . . . ?

Way to go Dave

Kimmy K

What's for dinner, can we go out?

Hi, Mmy name is Mavrik, what is your name?

What time you coming over?

Can you make the hot tub hotter?

Call me back, bye

WhaTTT

I'm playing ball you know!

FAVORITE SONGS:

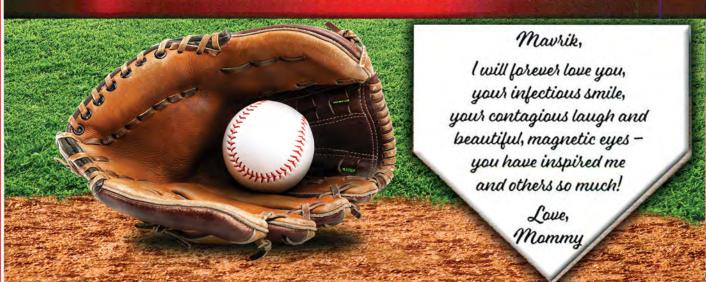
"Watch Me Whip", "Dab", "This Girl is on Fire", "Uptown Funk", "Guacamole Song"

FAVORITE THINGS:

PS4, XBox 360, Wii, iPhone 8 and iPad
Eating, especially pasta, salad, steamed clams,
rare steak, pizza and wings
Facetiming, Dancing/Singing
Sports, especially baseball, football and hockey
Attending all sporting events

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