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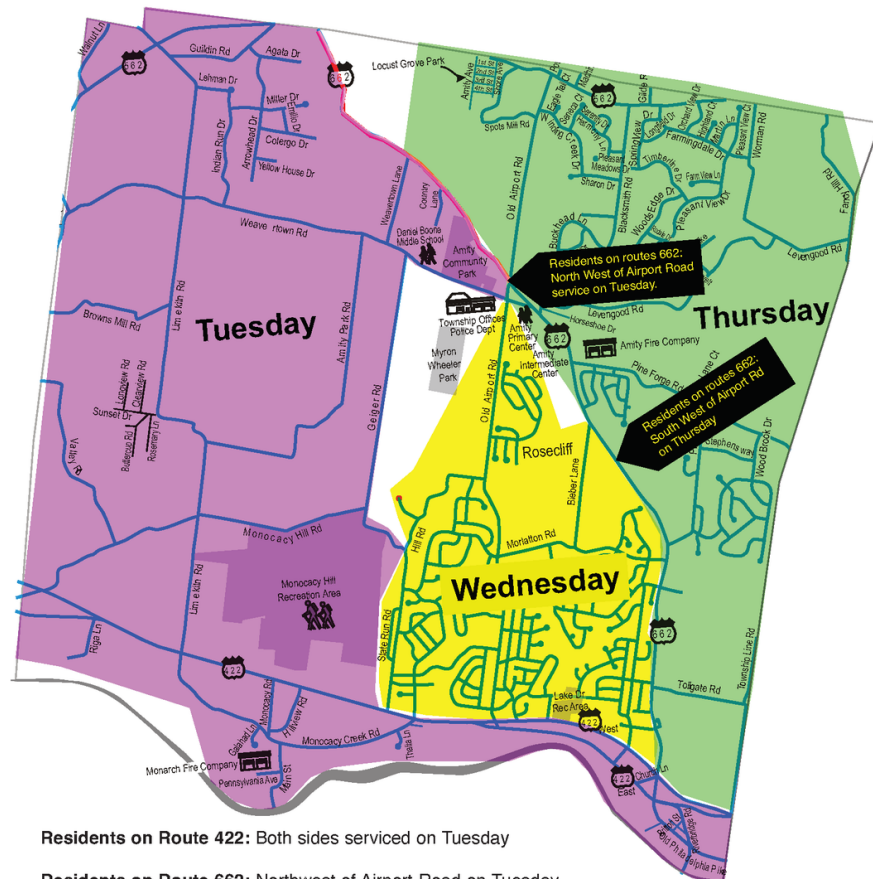


November 2022 - Digital Newsletter

RECYCLING CHANGES FOR 2023

Effective January 1, 2023, recycling will be collected once weekly by JP Mascaro. The Township will be split into Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday collection depending upon where you are located within the Township. Use the map below to verify your collection day.

Amity Township Collection Zone Map



Residents on Route 422: Both sides serviced on Tuesday

Residents on Route 662: Northwest of Airport Road on Tuesday.
Southwest of Airport Road on Thursday.

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday



J. P. Mascaro & Sons
If it's service, it's us!

Amity Township Collection Calendar

January 2023							February							March							April						
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Place recycling containers outside the night before collection or before 6AM the day of collection. The calendar above indicates when collection will be affected by holidays. Please call 610-953-0016 if your recycling has not been collected on the scheduled day. JP Mascaro will send direct mailers to all households in Amity, within the next few weeks.



The Board of Supervisors have approved the advertising of the 2023 draft budget. General Fund expenditures will increase by 8%; with 6% of that increase being a direct result of the \$330K increase in the curbside recycling collection contract. Also included in the draft budget is the addition of (1) full-time police officer and a modest increase to the Boone Area Library. The draft budget requires a small increase of .25 mil equating to \$25.00 per \$100K of assessed value.

In addition, Western Berks Ambulance has raised concerns about a funding crisis in the EMS arena and asked the Board to consider funding a portion of the costs to provide operations in Amity Township. The 2nd Class Township Code states: Section 1553 Emergency Service.— (a) The Township shall be responsible for ensuring that fire and emergency medical services are provided within the Township by means and to the extent determined by the Township, including appropriate financial and administrative assistance for these services. After careful consideration of the requirements and a presentation by WBEMS, the BOS agreed this is a vital service within the community and recognized the need for funding. The proposed budget includes a dedicated .15 mil EMS tax for funding Emergency Medical Services, which equates to \$15.00 per assessed value.

Sewer Rates will remain at \$140.00/quarter at this time. The major expansion/upgrade announced last year is still in the design stages, with hopes of construction beginning sometime in 2023. Township staff will be making application for grant funds to offset some of the expected cost. Advance notice will be provided, should the rates need to increase during 2023.

The proposed budget is available for public inspections, must sit for at least 20 days and will be considered for adoption at the Board meeting scheduled for December 21st.

Be sure to submit your **2021 Property Tax/Rent Rebate** application by December 31st. New this year, one-time bonus rebates have been approved for approved 2021 claimants of the property tax/rent rebate program. Get more information, apply and check the status of your refund on the website at www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram.



Applications are now open for the **2022-2023 LIHEAP** season. Low-income families can apply for assistance online or by completing and mailing a paper form to the Berks County Assistance Office. For more details or to apply online, click the image below.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$20,385
2	\$27,465
3	\$34,545
4	\$41,625
5	\$48,705
6	\$55,785
7	\$62,865
8	\$69,945
9	\$77,025
10	\$84,105
For every additional person, add \$7,080	



Snow is coming!

[Click here for some winter driving tips from PennDOT](#)

Crews do their best to remove snow quickly and efficiently. When there is 1" or more of snow and/or ice accumulation, vehicles must be removed from the street. Vehicles not in compliance will be fined \$40.00 per day.

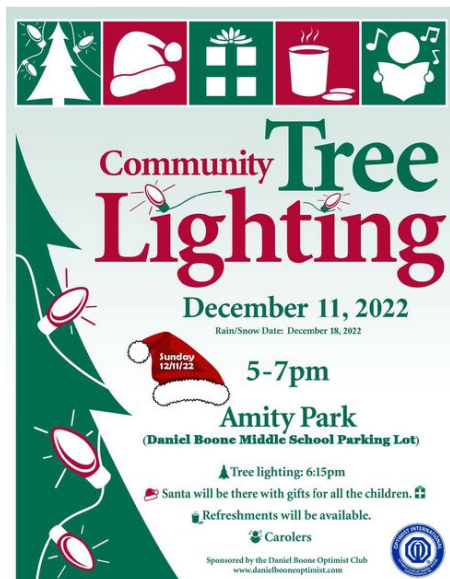
International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.3.1 states, where sidewalks exist, property owners are responsible to have a 2-foot wide path cleared of snow and ice within 24-hours after cessation of snowfall.

Please help our 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.

Remember, if you have recycling collection that day, please place recycling bins back from the curb.



Save the Date! Community Tree Lighting and the arrival of Santa!



Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) is Pennsylvania's venison donation program for hunters to share their extra venison via a statewide network of participating butchers to food pantries and community centers across the Commonwealth. Hunters pay nothing to participate in this program. Click the link below for more information on the program or to make a donation.



Use Caution - Hunting in Progress



Monocacy Hill will be closed to all non-hunting activities from Saturday, November 26th to Saturday, December 10th with the exception of Sunday, December 4th.

Volunteers Needed!



Firefighter and Emergency Medical Services desperately need volunteers now more than ever. If you are someone who enjoys helping others, consider volunteering your time today. Recognizing the importance of volunteers in our community, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance #329 on 10/19/2022, which provides eligible residents who are active volunteers of the fire companies and/or nonprofit emergency medical agencies with credits of the the Earned Income and Real Estate Tax levied by Amity Township. *Thank you to all our volunteers!*

You may not be able see it, smell or taste it, but it can deadly. Follow these prevention guidelines to be sure you don't fall victim to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Prevention Guidelines: You Can Prevent Carbon Monoxide Exposure

- **DO** have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil, or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year.
- **DO** install a battery-operated CO detector in your home and check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds leave your home immediately and call 911.
- **DO** seek prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light-headed, or nauseous.
- **DON'T** use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.
- **DON'T** run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- **DON'T** burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- **DON'T** heat your house with a gas oven.
- **DON'T** use a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent. Use an extension cord that is **more than 20 feet long** to keep the generator at a safe distance.

Township Meeting Schedule

Monday, December 5th at 7:00pm - Parks and Recreation

Thursday, December 8th at 7:00pm - Planning Commission

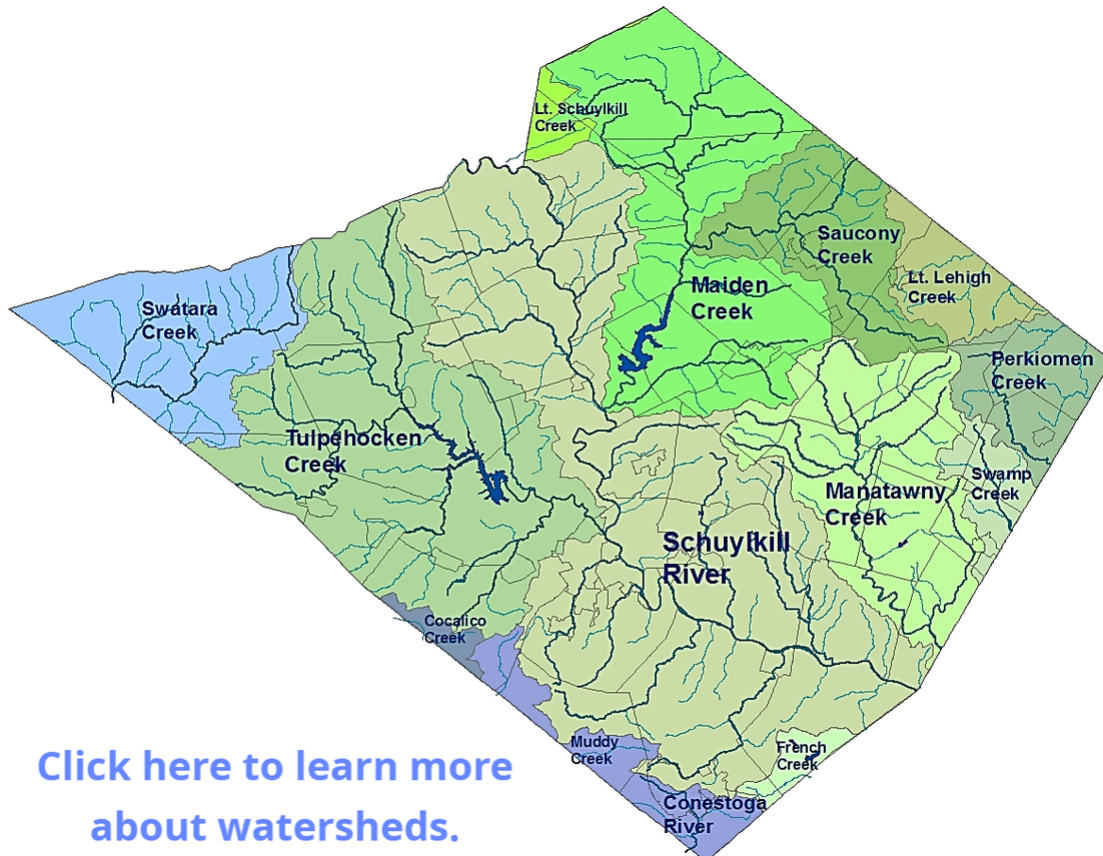
Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00pm - Board of Supervisors

***Meetings are held at the Township building, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518**

As winter storms approach, think about how clean up after the storms can affect our watersheds. Follow these few tips to help reduce pollutants reaching the waterways of the Commonwealth.

- **Shovel first.** Removing more snow and ice helps use less salt.
- **Sow down.** Driving slower helps keep salt on the roadways and keeps you safe.
- **Use sparingly.** More salt doesn't mean less ice. Use less than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 sq. ft. Hint: 1 pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug.
- **Sweep it up.** If extra salt or sand is visible on dry pavement, it will be washing away into water sources. Sweep it up and reuse for the next snowfall!
- **Wait for warm weather.** Most salts stop working efficiently when the temperature is below 15 degrees. Use Sand, instead of salt, for traction in colder conditions

Berks County Watersheds



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