



February 2023 - Digital Newsletter



TowerDIRECT to Become Amity Township's EMS Provider

After communication with several EMS providers, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously at the February 15th meeting to sign an agreement making TowerDIRECT the entity primarily responsible for providing emergency medical services. As a result of that agreement all Amity Township residents will have membership with TowerDIRECT effective March 15, 2023 and will not be balance billed for any services not covered by insurance providers for 2023.

TowerDIRECT will provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) and Basic Life Support (BLS) services 24-hours/day, 7 days/week, effective March 15th. TowerDIRECT plans to locate along the Route 422 corridor and shall at all times have no less than one unit dedicated to the Township. While we realize that unit can't be available in two places at once, mutual aid will be utilized just as it is today for Western Berks EMS and just as it has been in the past for prior EMS providers. When mutual aid is provided, the closest responding ambulance will provide services and honor our residents' TowerDIRECT membership so patients are not balance billed.

The Board and staff thank all of our residents for being patient as we worked through the process.

Amity Township Police in the News

Officers Tom Gauby and Tyler Svitak are pictured below, presenting Breast Cancer Support Services of Berks County with a check for \$2,070.00 on behalf of the Amity Township Police Department.



Daniel Boone Optimist Club Easter Egg Hunt

Ages 0-10 years

Saturday April 1, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Amity Community Park
2004 Weavertown Road
Douglassville, PA 19518
(Rain date: Saturday, April 8th)



Candy...Prizes...Fun

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Visit: www.danielbooneoptimist.com

Reminder! Resale Inspections Required as of January 1, 2023



The Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 331 on December 21, 2022, which requires a permit for inspection *prior* to the sale/transfer of properties in Amity Township. Visit our website www.amitytownship.com for more information on this process or call 610-953-0045. Apply for this permit on our website or click the picture below.

SANITARY SEWER LATERAL INSPECTION REQUIREMENT

At the December 21, 2022 Board of Supervisor’s meeting, the Board adopted Ordinance No. 331 (amending our Sewer Use Regulations Part 3 of the Amity Township Code of Ordinances, adding Section 316) requiring the inspection; and if necessary, disconnection of illegal connections and/or repair of private sanitary sewer laterals prior to the sale/transfer of improved properties. **Effective January 1, 2023**

What is the purpose of this Ordinance?



Reduce inflow and infiltration into the public sanitary sewer system.

A significant portion of the total linear feet of the overall sanitary sewer system are privately owned laterals.

Single most effective method of reducing wastewater flows and key to long term success of effectively managing costs to residents.

Reduce treatment costs passed onto the residents.

Reduce capital expenses associated with capacity upgrades to existing pump stations and treatment plant.

What does the Ordinance Require?

The Lateral Ordinance requires a video inspection of the sanitary sewer lateral from the building to the Township-owned portion of the lateral, and visual inspection of buildings, vents, and cleanouts. Applications can be found here: <https://form.iotform.com/230094251430141> The property owner will be responsible for correcting or repairing any deficiencies & providing documentation of the repair. Upon review and approval by Amity Township, a Certificate of Compliance (COC) will be issued. The COC is required prior to the transfer of any property in Amity Township that is currently connected to the public sanitary sewer system.

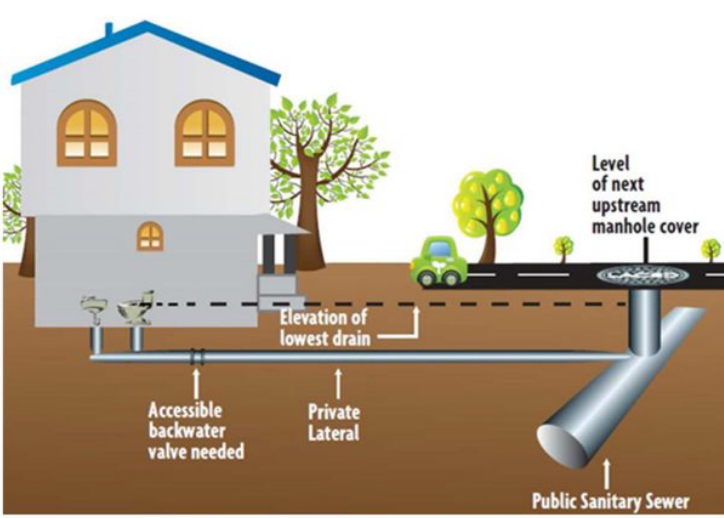
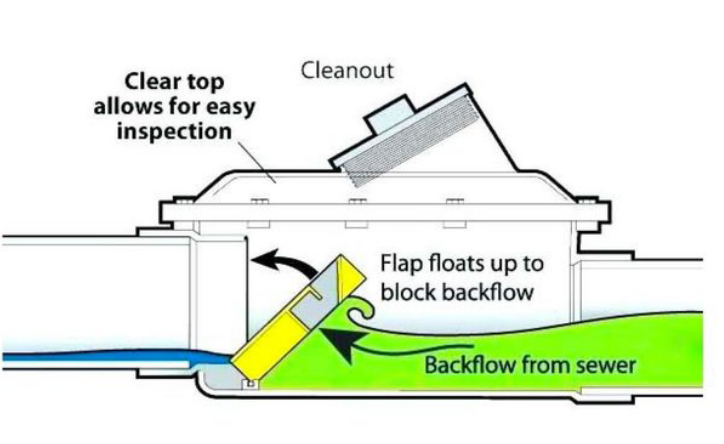

When are Inspections Required?

- Upon the sale or deed transfer of improved properties (residential and commercial) connected to the public sewer system.
- Upon inspection on the sanitary sewer system by the township, its personnel, or its authorized agent(s) that discovers a sanitary sewer lateral that is not in compliance.
- Should repairs be required, owner or owner’s agent must obtain a permit prior to the repair taking place.

For more information visit our website at <https://amitytownship.com/wp/> or contact the Township at 610-953-0045.

Determining When a Backwater Valve is Needed

Overflow Protection by Backwater Valves

	<p>When your dwelling's existing sanitary drainage piping is configured in a way that the flood rim of a plumbing fixture in a basement or lower level is lower in elevation than the next upstream manhole in the street, there is a potential for sewage to flow out of that fixture and into your house. This may occur if there is a blockage or surcharge in the sanitary sewer main. A backwater valve can help prevent this. If this plumbing configuration is present in your home, we highly recommend you have one installed. Amity Township is not responsible for sewage backups within private property.</p>
	<p>A backwater valve is a plumbing fitting that prevents the backward flow of sewage that might come from the sanitary sewer main following a blockage or surcharge. When sewage flows backwards, the flap in the backwater valve gets pushed by sewage and seals up the flow from coming back into the dwelling.</p>
	<p>A backwater valve is typically a PVC plumbing fitting that is installed in the main sanitary sewer lateral at the end of the dwelling's drainage system and before connecting to the sanitary sewer main. They can be installed in the interior or exterior of the dwelling. Either location, they must have access to be cleaned and inspected.</p>

Need help knowing whether you need this? Call 610-953-0045.



- **Recycling trucks are looking for Amity Township recycling containers. If you do not use a Township container, please make sure your container has a recycling sticker on all sides.**
 - **The Township provides recycling containers at no charge to our residents. If you need one, please stop by the Township building, Monday through Friday, 8am until 4:30pm.**
 - **Report missed collection by calling the Township at 610-953-0016 or calling JP Mascaro directly at 1-800-334-3403.**
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FREE TIRE COLLECTION

The Berks County Conservation District's Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program will be holding a free tire collection April 6th from 8am-3pm.

Appointments are required

To make an appointment, send an email with your preferred appointment time to info@berkscd.com

Please ensure all tires have rims removed prior to drop-off and are free of debris and water.

Tractor, farm or heavy-duty tires will **NOT** be accepted at this collection. If funding is available, a fall collection will be held specifically for tractor, farm or heavy-duty tires.

The collection will be held at
Allegheny Towing and Salvage Company
(Details will be provided when you receive an appointment confirmation)



**BERKS COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**
Since 1946

**April 6, 2023
8am-3pm**

**Limit of 25
Car/Truck Tires Per
Appointment**



**BERKS COUNTY
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

1238 County Welfare Rd.
Leesport, PA 19533

www.berkscd.com



Berks County Solid Waste Authority
 Community Shredding Event
 Sponsored by VRC Companies, LLC



April 22, 2023

Pre-registration is required to participate

**Governor Mifflin Intermediate School
 600 Governor Drive
 Shillington, Pa. 19607**

[Click here to REGISTER](#)

8:00 AM – Noon

5 boxes per vehicle maximum.

Residents of Berks County are encouraged to bring personal and confidential documents to our shredding event. No need to remove staples.

No Plastic Bags will be accepted. No binders, binder clips, metal or any type of trash. Please make sure that you only bring confidential paper materials for shredding. NO TRASH

Individuals only please. No businesses will be accepted.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the United States according to the FBI. Approximately 7 million Americans become victims of identity theft each year. Have your personal and confidential documents shredded and recycled.

Help protect yourself and your family from identity theft by having your personal and confidential information shredded, such as:

- Obsolete tax documents
- Bank statements / canceled checks
- Credit card statements and receipts
- Credit card offers
- Financial account statements
- Insurance documents
- All sensitive information: Birthdates, social security numbers, signatures, passwords and Pins
- Legal documents
- Credit reports and histories
- **Any document you want safely destroyed!**

For additional information : 610-478-6362 / jmeeks@berkseswa.com
www.countyofberks.com/swa

BERKS COUNTY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

ALL RESIDENTS MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT
(RESIDENTS OF BERKS COUNTY ONLY)

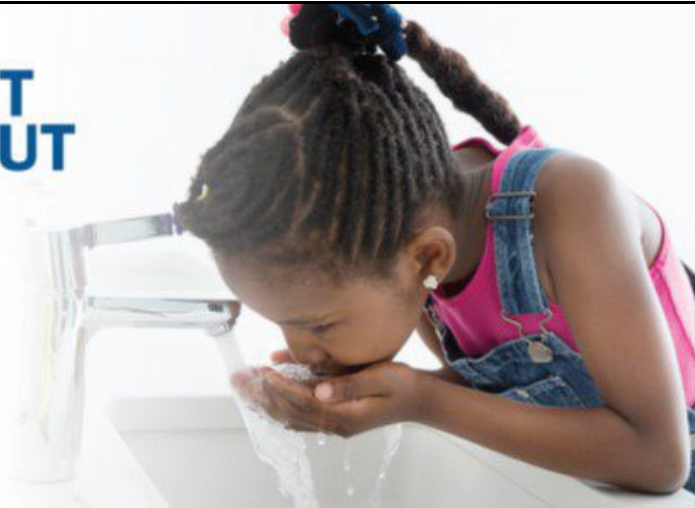
APRIL 15, 2023 (8:00 AM – NOON)
 GOVERNOR MIFFLIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
 600 GOVERNOR DRIVE
 SHILLINGTON, PA 19607

Registration Required - Click Here to Register

HELP US GET THE LEAD OUT



In Partnership With



Pennsylvania American Water needs your help to identify the material used for your water service line.

We've launched a statewide project to identify the material of each customer's service line. With this information, we'll publish a public-facing online map with our findings by the latter part of 2024 and ultimately work to remove identified lead and certain galvanized water lines from service.

HELP US IN 3 EASY STEPS

In early 2023, customers whose service line material is unknown to Pennsylvania American Water were sent a postcard in the mail with information on how to participate in this important identification effort. If you received one, please "pipe up" and respond using these three easy steps:



- 1. SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT:**
[TINYURL.COM/PAWCSURVEY](https://tinyurl.com/pawcsurvey)
- 2. FOLLOW** instructions, answer questions, and upload a photo of your service line material.
- 3. PROVIDE** your name, address, and contact information, then click "SUBMIT" and you're finished!

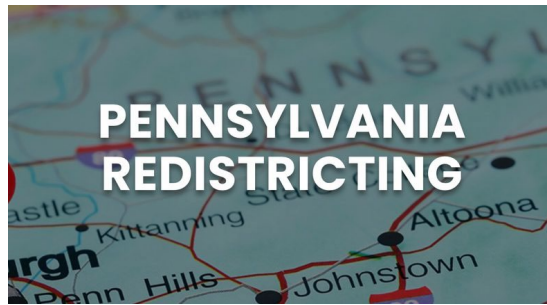
Check us out online: pennsylvaniaamwater.com



SCAN ME

WE'VE MADE PARTICIPATION EASIER. FOLLOW THE STEPS LISTED ABOVE.

IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE, CONTACT US! (877) 201-7926
SI NECESITA AYUDA, CONTÁCTENOS. SE HABLA ESPAÑOL.



Amity Township Gets New Representation!

Beginning in April, PA State Representative Mark Gillen will have staff at the Township building. Stay tuned for more information regarding the days and times Rep. Gillen's staff will be available.

PA State Senator Tracy Pennycuick and members of her staff stopped by the Township office last week for introductions and to familiarize themselves with Amity Township's needs to better determine where they may be able to assist in application for grant funding.

Amity Township welcomes Rep. Gillen and Sen. Pennycuick! We look forward to working together with them in the future.



HAPPENING AT THE HILL THIS SPRING.....



WORK WEEKEND - MARCH 18 AND MARCH 19
CALL 610 385-3226 AND LEAVE MESSAGE TO SIGN UP

WALK IN THE WOODS - SUNDAY, MARCH 26 - 1:30PM



WILDFLOWER WALKS
SUNDAY, APRIL 2- 1:30PM
SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 1:30PM





SPRING OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY MAY 7 10AM TO 5PM

JOIN US FOR ONE OF OUR HIKES OR JUST STOP IN
FOR FREE SNACKS AND DRINKS!

MORNING BIRD WALK
co sponsored by BERKS SIERRA CLUB - 7:45AM
WALK IN THE WOODS - 11:00AM
WILDFLOWER WALK - 1:30PM WITH DR SUSAN MUNCH
YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT - 3:00PM
SUNSET HIKE - 7:00PM




WALK IN THE WOODS - SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - 1:30 PM



ALL WALKS START FROM THE GEIGER ROAD PARKING LOT AND ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. HEAVY RAIN OR SNOW CANCELS EVENT. CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR CANCELLATIONS.

DON'T MISS OUR APRIL FUNDRAISER!

Two years ago Kimberton Whole Foods included us as part of their community fundraising program "**Rounding up at the Register**". We were thrilled at the community response when we raised over \$4,000! This year again they have asked us to participate in the month of April. We are looking forward to this opportunity to raise money for the park and spread the word about Monocacy Hill Recreation Area. We are grateful to have this awesome community partner!



**ROUNDING
UP
AT THE REGISTER**

Be sure to look for our Facebook posts in the month of April, shop at KWF, and round up your purchase at the register for MHCA. Money raised will go to park improvements, educational programs and park maintenance.

Established in Douglassville in 2007, Kimberton Whole Foods specializes in fresh locally grown produce, organic foods, as well as supplements and natural body products. Kimberton Whole Foods has been a wonderful community partner to so many non-profit groups in Southeastern PA. They now have 8 store locations, including a new one in Wyomissing. Here in Douglassville their fundraising program has benefitted Amity Fire Company, Rock Hollow Woods, Helping Harvest, Boone Area Library and many more. To find out more about the store, check out their website at www.kimbertonwholefoods.com.



BIG NEWS IN 2023!

Where does the time go? **Monocacy Hill Conservation Assn. will be celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year!** We are planning a celebration this fall, so be on the lookout for more updates in a few months. Our organization is grateful to all of the people over the years that have supported us as volunteers and members and to all the business partners and organizations we have worked with. Together we have sustained this beautiful woodland park for all to enjoy.

TO MAKE A DONATION OR BECOME A MEMBER [CLICK HERE!](#)

Applications are still be accepted 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.

Applications must be received by April 28, 2023.

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	

Township Meeting Schedule

Thursday, March 9th at 7:00pm - Planning Commission

Wednesday, March 15th at 7:00pm - Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, March 21st at 6:30pm - Parks & Recreation will be held at Hill Road Park.

Meetings are held at the Township building, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518, unless stated otherwise.

Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Kim McGrath, Chairperson

Dave Hackett, Vice Chair

Paul "Skip" Weller, Terry Jones, Kevin Keifrider



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