



June 2023 - Digital Newsletter

Real Estate Taxes



June 30th is the last day for the Flat Rate Period for Real Estate Taxes. Payment can be made any day, Monday through Friday, 8am until 4:30pm at the Township building. Mailed payments must be post marked June 30, 2023 or before to qualify for the Flat Rate.



We hope everyone enjoys a safe and happy holiday! Please be considerate of neighbors as you celebrate our independence. Let neighbors who have dogs know if you'll be using consumer fireworks.

Consumer Fireworks include sparklers, cylindrical fountains, cone fountains, illuminating torches, wheels, ground spinners, flitter sparklers, toy smoke devices, wire sparkler/dipped sticks, and aerial devices such as sky rockets, bottle rockets, missile-type rockets, helicopter aerial spinners, aerial shell kits, roman candles, and mine and shell devices (not exceeding 500 grams).

Regulations of using consumer fireworks are as follows:

- A person who is at least 18 years of age may purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks.
- A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge Consumer fireworks:
 - on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.
 - within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.
 - into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.
 - while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.
 - within 150 feet of an occupied structure

How late can you legally set off consumer fireworks? Act 74 of 2022 permits the use of consumer fireworks until 1:00AM on the holiday; and, when the holiday falls on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday like it does this year, the Act permits use of consumer fireworks until 1:00AM on the preceding and following Friday and Saturday. **Consumer fireworks will be permitted until 1:00AM on the following dates for the Independence holiday: Friday, June 30th, Saturday, July 1st, Tuesday, July 4th, Friday, July 7th and Saturday, July 8th.**

Temple University Needs Families to Participate



Temple University needs your help for a well study. Families who live in PA and have children ages 3 years old or younger who drink water from a private well qualify to participate. This is a paid study. ***Participating families will receive a chance to win a trip to Hershey Park (\$2,000 value), \$40-\$90 in gift cards and a FREE UV Water Treatment Device and installation (\$1,000 value).***

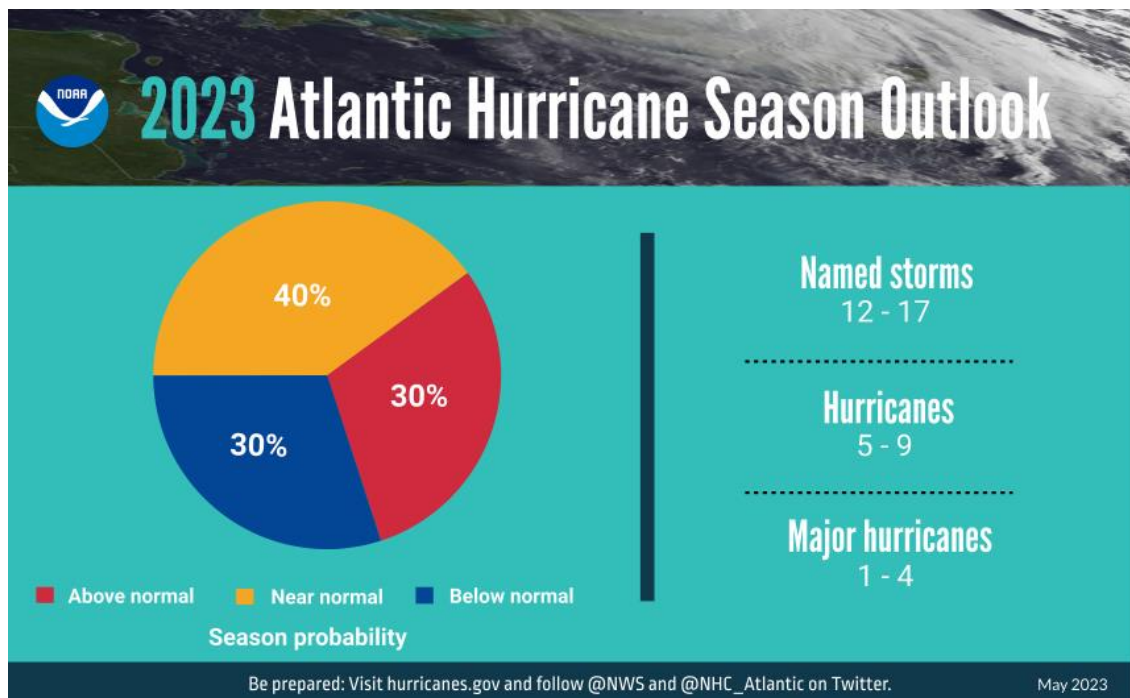
Did you know, in children under 5 years of age, acute gastrointestinal illness (AGI) accounts for more than 1.5 million doctor's office visits each year? Not sure if your water is safe? Visit wetrial.org to take the online eligibility survey and make sure it is!

Hurricane Season is here!

Hurricane Season officially began on June 1st. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released their 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season outlook last in late May and predict there's a 40% chance we'll experience a "near normal" hurricane season, but also predicted a 30% chance that we could see an above or below normal impact from hurricanes and storms. If that sounds confusing, you're not alone! Even if we don't know the outcome of this hurricane season, it's certainly better to be prepared.

Even a downgraded hurricane can leave force winds taking out electric. If you live in this area, you know it is not always quickly restored. Prepare for outages before they happen by having the following items on hand:

- Fully charged mobile devices and car charger or battery pack.
- Flashlight, portable radio and extra batteries.
- Extra blankets or a sleeping bag for each person.
- First-aid kit.
- Emergency supply of bottled water and convenience foods that do not require cooking



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- Always keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- Always lock your vehicle
- Notify the police of any suspicious activity

Residents who don't lock their vehicle make it easy for thieves to take what they want. Be sure to lock your vehicle and keep all valuables out of sight. Police have seen an increase in the number of thefts from unlocked vehicles in residential neighborhoods throughout the Township. If you see anything suspicious, call 9-1-1 right away.



If you have a non-emergency issue such as a dog barking outside at 2:00am or see something suspicious you want checked out, please CALL 610-655-4911 and ask to speak to an Officer, while the issue is occurring. Officers do not monitor social media or emails 24/7. 610-655-4911 is a non-emergency line at the 9-1-1 Communications Center. Operators are there to answer your call and have an Officer call or respond as soon as possible.



Please slow down! The Township often receives complaints about drivers speeding through residential neighborhoods. You may be wondering what more Police could do to address speeding. Radar, which is the most effective and efficient way to catch speeders, can only be used by State Police to monitor speeds. Local police are forced to use older technology which is becoming obsolete.

Pennsylvania has one of the highest rates of speed-related traffic deaths in the country, and more than 85% of speed-related fatalities in our state occur on local roads. Despite this tragic reality, Pennsylvania is the only state where local police cannot use radar to enforce speed limits.

This handicaps our local police officers, making it challenging for them to keep roadways in our Township safe. That is why a new bill has been introduced, to allow local police to use radar. This will bring Pennsylvania in line with the rest of the country and will save lives.

Local police officers throughout Pennsylvania work every day to keep us safe and need your support to get a law passed which would allow them to use radar to monitor speed. Please consider reaching out to your State Representative (Mark Gillen) and your State Senator (Tracy Pennycuick) and ask them to support Senate Bill 419 and House Bill 1368 and allow municipal police to use Radar for speed enforcement.

It's time to make summer plans!



Click the PA Happy Traveler Guide and explore without leaving the state!

2023 PENNSYLVANIA FAIRS

Great Lakes Region

- 1 Mercer County Grange Fair July 17-22
- 2 Cochran Community Fair Aug. 7-12
- 3 Venango County Fair Aug. 7-14
- 4 Jefferson Township Fair Aug. 8-12
- 5 Crawford County Fair Aug. 20-26
- 6 Transfer Harvest Home Fair Aug. 22-26
- 7 Erie County Fair at Wattsburg Aug. 28-Sept. 2
- 8 The Great Stoneboro Fair Aug. 30-Sept. 4
- 9 Sparta Community Fair Sept. 4-9
- 10 Waterford Community Fair Sept. 4-9
- 11 Jamestown Community Fair Sept. 5-9
- 12 Albion Area Fair Sept. 12-16
- 13 North East Community Fair 1981

Pennsylvania Wilds

- 14 Shenandoah Ag & Youth Fair June 18-24
- 15 Wolf's Corners Fair July 2-8
- 16 Lycoming County Fair July 12-22
- 17 Jefferson County Fair July 16-22
- 18 Clarion County Fair July 23-29
- 19 Clinton County Fair July 29-Aug. 5
- 20 Potter County Fair July 30-Aug. 5
- 21 Bradford County Fair July 30-Aug. 5
- 22 Cameron County Fair Aug. 6-12
- 23 Tioga County Fair Aug. 7-12
- 24 Warren County Fair Aug. 8-12
- 25 Elk County Fair Aug. 8-12
- 26 McKean County Fair Aug. 13-19
- 27 Harmony Grange Fair Sept. 19-23

Upstate Pennsylvania

- 28 Troy Fair July 24-29
- 29 Hatfield Fair Aug. 14-19
- 30 Sullivan County Fair Aug. 30-Sept. 3
- 31 Wyoming County Fair Aug. 30-Sept. 4
- 32 Luzerne County Fair Sept. 6-10

Pocono Mountains

- 33 Wayne County Fair Aug. 4-12
- 34 Carbon County Fair Aug. 7-12
- 35 West End Fair Aug. 20-26
- 36 Greene-Duchesne-Stetling Fair Aug. 25-Sept. 3

Lehigh Valley

- 37 Schuylkill Community Fair June 20-24
- 38 Plainfield Farmers Fair July 18-22
- 39 Blue Valley Farm Show Aug. 15-19
- 40 Allentown Fair Aug. 30-Sept. 4

Pittsburgh & its Countryside

- 41 Day Butler Fair June 30-July 8
- 42 Dicktown Fair July 18-22
- 43 Greene County Fair Aug. 6-12
- 44 Butler Farm Show Aug. 7-12
- 45 Washington County Ag Fair Aug. 12-19
- 46 Dayton Fair Aug. 14-19
- 47 Lawrence County Fair Aug. 14-19
- 48 Hookstown Fair Aug. 22-26
- 49 Indiana County Fair Aug. 27-Sept. 2
- 50 Big Bush Grange Fair Aug. 29-Sept. 2
- 51 Mt. Hill Community Fair Sept. 2-9
- 52 West Alexander Fair Sept. 4-9
- 53 Cookport Fair Sept. 11-16

Laurel Highlands

- 54 PA Maple Festival April 22-23, 26-30
- 55 Mountain Area Fair June 25-July 1
- 56 Derry Township Ag Fair July 9-15
- 57 Soudley Top Fair July 17-22
- 58 Fayette County Fair July 29-Aug. 5
- 59 Dawson Grange Fair Aug. 7-12
- 60 Bulkin Top Fair Aug. 13-19
- 61 Westmoreland Fair Aug. 18-26
- 62 Somerset County Fair Aug. 17-26
- 63 Berlin Brotherhood Fair Sept. 13-16

The Alleghenies

- 64 Bedford County Fair July 23-29
- 65 Fulton County Fair July 30-Aug. 5
- 66 Morrisons Cove Dairy Show July 31-Aug. 4
- 67 Hilltop County Youth Fair Aug. 5-12
- 68 Huntington County Fair Aug. 6-12
- 69 Centre County Grange Fair Aug. 18-26
- 70 Williamsburg Farm Show Aug. 19-26
- 71 Juniata County Fair Sept. 2-9
- 72 American Legion County Fair Sept. 3-9
- 73 Clayburg Farm Show Sept. 5-9
- 74 Sinking Valley Fair Sept. 12-16
- 75 Hollingsburg Fair Sept. 18-23

Valleys of the Susquehanna

- 76 Honesdale-DeLong Fair July 24-29
- 77 Schuylkill County Fair July 31-Aug. 5
- 78 Union County West End Fair Aug. 6-12
- 79 Northumberland County Fair Aug. 22-26
- 80 Mt. Clare Deane Soap Fair Sept. 11-16
- 81 Deane Community Fair Sept. 17-22
- 82 Bloomsburg Fair Sept. 23-30

Dutch Country Roads

- 83 Kempton Fair June 15-17
- 84 Franklin County Fair July 9-15
- 85 Hanson Dixon Fair July 10-15
- 86 The Berks County Fair July 12-15
- 87 Frank State Fair July 21-30
- 88 Lebanon Area Fair July 22-29
- 89 Shipensburg Community Fair July 24-29
- 90 South Mountain Fair July 25-29
- 91 Kutztown Fair Aug. 7-12
- 92 Cumbasland Ag Expo Aug. 15-19
- 93 Perry County Community Fair Aug. 15-19
- 94 Elizabethtown Fair Aug. 21-26
- 95 Denner Fair Sept. 12-16
- 96 Southern Lancaster Co. Fair Sept. 20-22
- 97 Olney Valley Fair Sept. 21-23
- 98 Gett. Fair Sept. 17-23
- 99 Ephrata Fair Sept. 26-30
- 100 West Lampeter Fair Sept. 27-29
- 101 New Holland Farmers Fair Oct. 4-7
- 102 Hanover Farm Show Oct. 9-13
- 103 Billings Farmers Fair Oct. 16-21
- 104 PA Farm Show Jan. 6-13

Philadelphia & its Countryside

- 105 Delaware Valley Unit A Day April 21-23
- 106 Kingberton Fair July 24-29
- 107 Goshen County Fair July 31-Aug. 5
- 108 Middletown Grange Fair Aug. 16-20
- 109 Unionville Fair Oct. 13-15

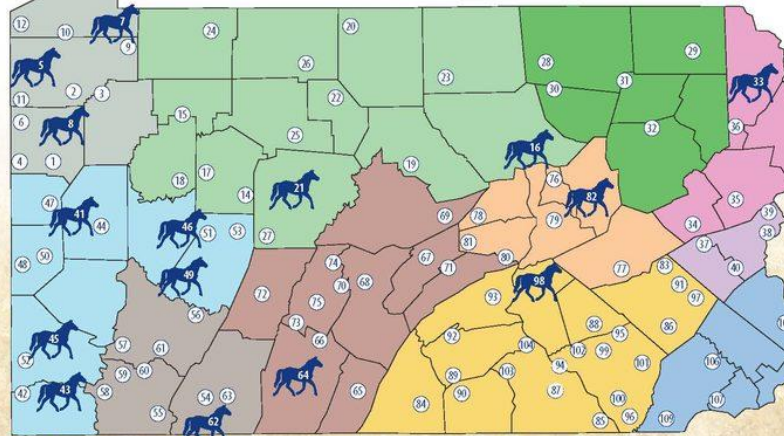


"Every one of Pennsylvania's 108 fairs offers 108 more reasons to love Pennsylvania. You'll meet the neighbors who make our agricultural industry the best in the nation, and the young people who will shape our future. Come for the prize-winning pickles, pigs, and pumpkins and leave with a lasting smile, some new friends, and lifelong memories, made."

Russell C. Redding

Russell C. Redding, Secretary of Agriculture

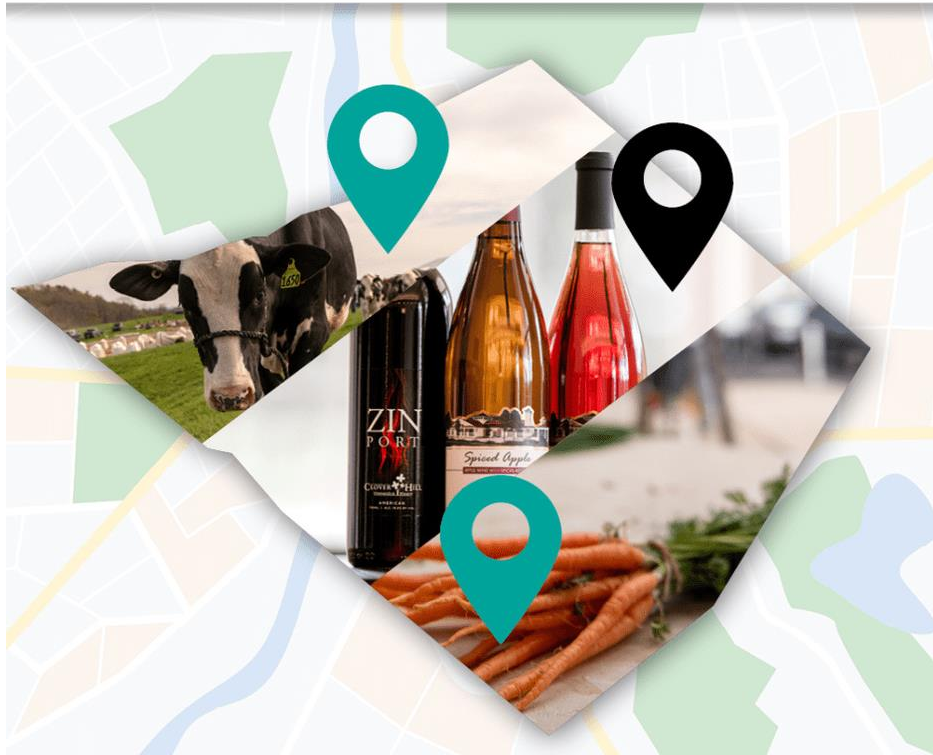
USE THIS MAP TO PLAN YOUR FAIR ADVENTURE!



 INDICATES FAIRS FEATURING HARNESS RACING

Summer time means fair season has arrived. Click the fairs map and make plans to visit a PA State Fair this summer. Have fun experiencing the rides, entertainment, competitions and views that this beautiful state has to offer. See what you'll find!

INTRODUCING THE NEW BERKS COUNTY LOCAL FOOD MAP!



The new local food map is here! GRCA, in partnership with the County of Berks, is thrilled to announce the launch of an interactive, local food directory and map. The Berks County Local Food Map is designed to help consumers connect with local farmers, growers and other agriculture-related businesses throughout the county. Click the map and follow the directions to the best food and drinks Berks has to offer!



Construction continues. Court surfaces began bubbling shortly after they were coated. The contractor sanded the basketball and tennis surfaces and will be back at the park to re-surface those courts.

The existing Skate Park equipment was removed for resurfacing. The existing equipment and new pieces of equipment will be installed on July 10th.

It's been a long time coming, and with a little more patience, we hope to see the park complete by end of the fall.



Park Lane Hobbies, an Amity Township business, has begun construction of a new RC track. The owners of Park Lane Hobbies came to the Board of Supervisors to see if there would be an area where they could possibly construct a dirt track where RC car owners could hold races and compete. The Board of Supervisors approved using the old Wheeler Field in back of the Township building. Once complete, the track will be used by Park Lane Hobbies to run official events. The track will be available during the non-event days as a place where residents can try out that new RC car they received as a gift and maybe even compete someday!

It's always a great time to think of our Vets!

VETERANS MULTI-SERVICE CENTER

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ARE YOU A HOMELESS VETERAN?

IF YOU SERVED IN THE MILITARY AND ARE CURRENTLY STAYING IN A SHELTER,
OR ARE OTHERWISE HOMELESS OR FACING EVICTION, CONTACT US!

**We provide Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
to help Veterans and their families obtain and maintain
permanent housing in the following areas...**

WE CAN HELP YOU

- DEVELOP A PLAN
- OBTAIN HOUSING OPTIONS
- NEGOTIATE WITH LANDLORDS
- OBTAIN VA BENEFITS
- OBTAIN OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS
- OBTAIN LEGAL ASSISTANCE
- DEVELOP BUDGETING SKILLS
- ASSIST WITH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF) LOCATIONS

NEW JERSEY/DELAWARE:

616 EAST LANDIS AVE.
1ST FLOOR, SUITE 2
VINELAND, NJ 08360

1225 N. KING ST.
WILMINGTON, DE 19801

9 E. LOOCKERMAN ST.
DOVER, DE 19901

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA:

8 N. GROVE ST., SUITE 2
LOCK HAVEN, PA 17745

21 S. 3RD ST.
HARRISBURG, PA 17101

645 PENN ST.
READING, PA 19601

PHILADELPHIA/SUBURBAN PHILADELPHIA:

213-217 N. 4TH ST.
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106

797 E. LANCASTER AVE.
SUITE 12
DOWNTOWN, PA 19335

VMC HEADQUARTERS: 213-217 North 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1801
Phone: (215) 923-2600 X159 - Fax: (215) 925-8460 - 501(c) (3) non-Profit - vmcenter.org



Want to know how to YOU can help your local Veterans? Click the button below and make a one-time or scheduled donation. Your donation will help transform the lives of Veterans who are in need of VMS's important programs and services.

DONATE TODAY



Thursday, July 13th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Tuesday, 18th at 7:00PM - Parks and Recteation

Wednesday, July 19th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors

Monday, July 31st at 7:00PM - Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings are held at the Township building, 2004 Weavertown Road.

Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Kim McGrath, Chairperson / Dave Hackett, Vice Chair

Paul "Skip" Weller, Terry Jones, and Kevin Keifrider



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