



July 2023 - Digital Newsletter



Soliciting in Amity Township without a permit is against the law!

Companies wishing to solicit in Amity Township make application to the Police Department and include a copy of a background check and driver's license for each individual who will be soliciting on their behalf. Upon approval, Amity Township Police issue a Soliciting/Peddling Permit to each individual, which shows their name, the name of the company they are soliciting for and the expiration date. This Permit should be kept on their person at all times and should be furnished, upon request to all Police officers, Township Officials and citizens. If you're not sure if someone should be soliciting, you can ask to see their permit, check the Township website at <https://amitytownship.pa.com/wp/soliciting-peddling-in-amity-township/>, or call 610-655-4911 and ask to speak to an Officer. The Township website is updated when

Soliciting/Peddling Permits are issued, so check back often!

Soliciting/peddling is only permitted Monday through Saturday, from 9am until 5pm and never on Sundays. Soliciting/peddling is also not permitted on properties that are posted with “No Soliciting” signs, regardless of whether they have a permit to do so.



If your trash isn't being collected on time like it should be, you are not alone. Residents have been reporting their haulers are downgrading the number of days per week for collection, and it seems some are not collecting even once a week. Recent hot and wet weather have compounded the issue. If you're a resident affected, there are several things you should be aware of:

1. Who you use for TRASH collection is private. This is a choice. If your contracted hauler isn't providing the service you are paying for, shop around!
2. If you're paying for a service you are not receiving, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General (using the button below).
3. Amity Township provides RECYCLING at no charge. You do not need to contract with a company for recycling.

File a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General



The 2023 Paving Project consists of two contracts. The Board of Supervisors awarded the Base Repair Contract for \$61,292.00 to Construction Masters Services, LLC and the Oil and Chip Contract for \$147,551.32 to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC. Projects should be completed by September 15th. Please be careful driving through construction areas.



The skate park equipment has been installed. Final painting of the tennis and basketball courts should be completed by the end of July.

DO YOU LIKE LOCAL HISTORY?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

When: Saturday September 30th 10AM-3PM

Where: St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church
1188 Ben Franklin Highway E. • Douglassville



AMITY TOWNSHIP

Displays and Presentations by:



- The Amity Heritage Society
- The Historical Preservation Trust of Berks County.
- Birdsboro of Yesterday Page
- Amity 360 Page
- SE Berks History Page (Pine Forge & Douglass)
- PA Society for Archaeology Chapter 21

BIRDSBORO • PINE FORGE

Bring your local photos & artifacts to share.



Have a display you want to share?
contact:

kkeifrider@amitytownshippa.com

The new RC track in back of the Township building is built for speed! The new track was built in conjunction with Parklane Hobbies, who will host organized events. During down time, the track can also be used by residents. Car owners interested in racing can contact Parklane Hobbies directly at 1-877-55-HOBBY.



Nice pitch!



Scott Weller, Amity Township Parks and Recreation Chairperson, threw the ceremonial first pitch for the DBAA 11U District 9 Tournament held at Hill Road Park on June 15th.



Registration is now open for the Reading 275th Citizens' Road Race. This is a race for all ages! If you're an avid cyclist, you do not want to miss this!
Online registration ends Monday, August 21st at 5:00pm.

The Amity Township's
Harvest Festival



October 14th & 15th

Enjoy:

- Food Trucks
- Inflatable Park
- Craft Fair
- Local Vendors
- Softball Tournament
- Beer Tent
- Live Music
- Rock Wall
- Bonfire
- Fireworks

Business + Family
Sponsorships Available
(See Back)



Sponsorship
Opportunities

- Fireworks Sponsor.....\$5,000
- Rock Wall Sponsor.....\$3,500
- Inflatable Park Sponsor.....\$2,500
- Kids Corner Sponsor.....\$1,500
- Music Sponsor.....\$1,000
- Festival Sponsor.....\$500
- Heritage Sponsor.....\$250
- Family Sponsor.....\$100

Come Out and Join Us:

Saturday Oct. 14th

Noon - Fireworks

Sunday Oct. 15th

Noon - 6:00PM

There will be free parking
behind DB Middle School

FOR MORE
INFORMATION:
amitytownshippa.com



The Committee is working hard to make this year the best Harvest Festival yet! Join us Saturday and Sunday, October 14-15. Ride all weekend! Wristbands for inflatables will be available for purchase (price TBD) and good for the entire weekend when purchased by 10PM on October 12th.

Sponsorship Opportunities Click Here!

Thank you to our 2023 Sponsors of Harvest Fest -



J. P. Mascaro & Sons
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Non-Crafter Vendor Application



The Blazer Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3), is pleased to host their 4th Annual “Libations for Learning” (L4L) event. Driver’s License is required.

**Daniel Boone Optimist Club
Craft Market**

**October 14th and 15th
11am to 4pm**

CRAFTERS & DIRECT SALES
\$35/day or \$60/both days

YARD SALES SELLERS
\$15/day or \$25/both days

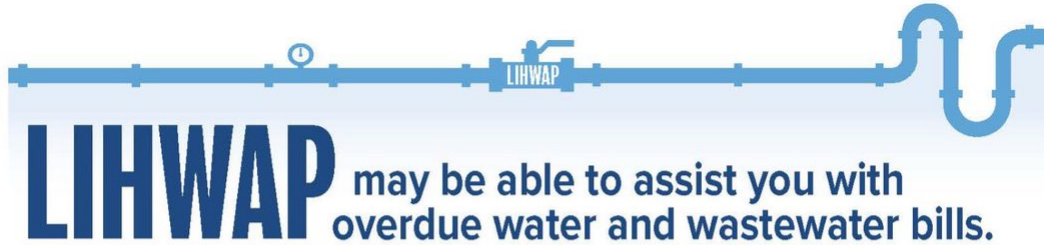
danielbooneoptimist.com

Stop by the 2023 Craft Market at this year’s Amity Township Harvest Fest. Both days will include crafters, direct sales vendors and yard sale sellers. For more information or to register as a vendor, click the button below.

Craft Vendor

Need help with past due water and sewer bills?

If you or someone you know is struggling with paying past due water and/or sewer bills, you may be able to receive help. Income guidelines are listed below. The LIHWAP program opened on July 10th. Click the picture below to apply today!



What is LIHWAP?

The Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) is a temporary emergency program to help low-income families pay overdue water bills. LIHWAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it.

To receive help...

- Apply starting January 4, 2022.
- You don't have to be on public assistance.
- You need to have an unpaid water bill.
- You can either rent or own your home.

How does LIHWAP work?

LIHWAP Crisis grants may be available if you have an emergency situation and are in jeopardy of losing your water service. You can receive one Crisis grant for your drinking water service and one Crisis grant for your wastewater service, up to \$2,500 each.

Crisis situations include:

- Past-due water bills.
- Termination of utility service.
- Danger of having utility service terminated (received a notice that service will be shut off within the next 60 days).

How do I apply?

- Apply online at www.compass.state.pa.us.
- Request an application by calling the Statewide Customer Service Center at 877-395-8930 or call PA Relay at 711 for the hearing impaired.
- Applications are available at your local county assistance office.

To apply, you will need:

- Names of people in your household;
- Dates of birth for all household members;
- Social Security numbers for all household members;
- Proof of income for all household members; and
- A recent water bill.

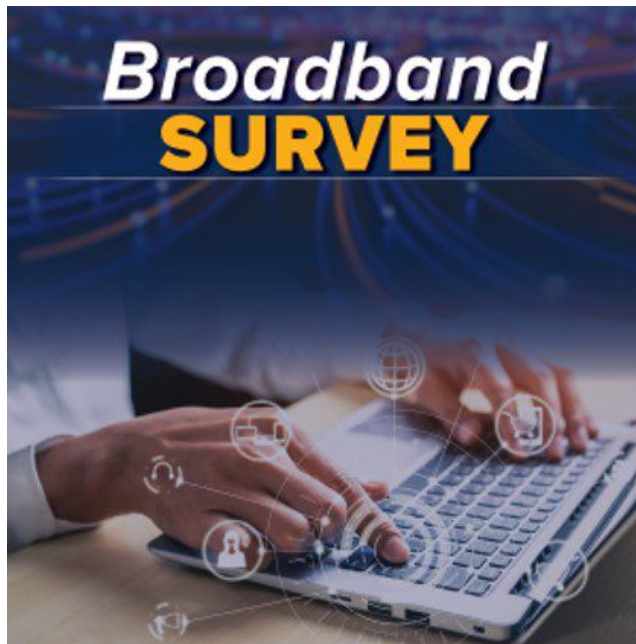
Who is eligible?

You may qualify for a LIHWAP grant if:

- You must have an overdue water bill that you are responsible for paying.
- Your household income meets the following income guidelines:

INCOME GUIDELINES	
Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$ 19,320
2	\$ 26,130
3	\$ 32,940
4	\$ 39,750
5	\$ 46,560
6	\$ 53,370
7	\$ 60,180
8	\$ 66,990
9	\$ 73,800
10	\$ 80,610
Each Additional Person Add \$ 6,810	

After your application is processed, you will receive a written notice that will tell you if you qualify. If eligible, it will tell you the amount of your grant.



The PA Broadband Development Authority is conducting an outreach to help guide where upcoming efforts should be focused as the Authority works to complete plans for providing broadband access across the Commonwealth. Click the Broadband Survey picture above to take the survey and help provide information that will be used to establish comprehensive, successful, and sustainable path to connect all Pennsylvanians to digital opportunities.



Thursday, August 10th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Tuesday, August 15th at 7:00PM - Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, August 16th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors

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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