



August 2023 - Digital Newsletter

Looking for summer fun? Registration is open for Monocacy Hill's Nature Series. Sign up today!



MONOCACY KIDS



SUMMER 2023 NATURE SERIES

This Nature Series is designed to encourage children's curiosity, engaging them in hands-on activities in the natural world through stories, games, crafts, scavenger hunts and other outdoor activities.

Series Schedule

ANIMALS Monday, AUGUST 21 9:30 AM
TREES Saturday, SEPTEMBER 16 1:00 PM
CAMPING Sunday, OCTOBER 15 1:00 PM



Programs 1½ - 2 hours and are free to the public.
Registration is limited to 12 children, ages 4 - 6. Children must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session.
Email sswanson511@gmail.com to register.

PAmerican Water needs your help to identify and eventually replace service lines made of certain materials. Postcards were mailed out recently. If you completed the survey, **thank you!** If you did not complete the survey, you can scan the QR code below to do so.

Starting August 14th through August 25th, contractors for PA American Water from Greeley and Hansen will be going door-to-door collecting responses to their survey from residents who did not fill out the survey online. Contractors will carry official PA American Water Company photo ID badges and wear clothing with their logo. For more information, click the picture below or call Greeley and Hansen at 1-877-201-7926.

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:

3 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
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Determining what material every customer's service line is made of – including the lines owned by them and not just by us – is a massive undertaking, and we're asking our customers to take this request seriously and please respond so we can take action accordingly.

Although our company is in compliance with lead action levels in water due to our treatment controls, we believe that identifying and ultimately removing lead lines from service is the right thing to do for the health, safety and peace of mind of our customers.

Justin Ladner
President
Pennsylvania American Water

WHAT IS A WATER SERVICE LINE?

A water service line is a pipe that connects your house or building to the water main in the street. Typically, the service line is less than 2 inches in diameter and is made of various material. The most common material in use is copper; however other materials have been used including galvanized steel, iron, plastic, and lead.





Pennsylvania American Water owns a portion of the service line, typically from the main to the curb stop, found near the street curb or sidewalk. The property owner owns the rest of the service line, from the curb stop all the way into the house or building.

Utility-owned vs. Customer-owned Portion of the Service Line



Please note: This diagram is a generic representation. Variations may apply.

TYPES OF PIPE

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Galvanized: A dull, silver-gray color. Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Copper: The color of a copper penny.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plastic: Usually white, rigid pipe that is jointed to water supply piping with a clamp. Note: It can be other colors, including blue and black.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lead: A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin. Use a magnet - strong magnets will <u>not</u> cling to lead pipes.

HOW IS THE SERVICE LINE MATERIAL DATA BEING GATHERED?

Our service line inventory project contractor, Greeley & Hansen, will be available by phone to answer questions about the inventory and identification process and can help you schedule an in-home inspection to verify your service line material type, if needed. In addition to customer surveys, the project includes reviewing existing records, predictive modeling, and conducting field investigations, which can include in-home inspections and digging test pits to look at service lines.

All contractors representing Pennsylvania American Water in the field will be wearing logoed, high-visibility vests and carrying official photo ID badges. **If we contact you asking for information about your service line, we urge you to participate in this important project.** We also encourage you to check for proper identification before allowing anyone self-identifying as a utility representative into your home.

WHY IS PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER UNDERTAKING THIS PROJECT?

The project is driven by EPA regulations that require water utilities to identify and publicly map lead service lines, which, for many utilities, will be the first step toward a proactive lead service line replacement program. Pennsylvania American Water already has a robust lead service line replacement program and has replaced more than 250 lead service lines to date. We plan to invest approximately \$15 million in 2023 to replace lead service lines, and our efforts will continue into future years.

We requested approval from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for a customer-side lead service line replacement program, citing that systematically replacing customer-owned lead service lines is a reasonable, cost-effective way to help avoid customer health and safety concerns associated with lead service lines.



QUALITY. ONE MORE WAY WE KEEP LIFE FLOWING.

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Congratulations to Park Lane Hobbies on a successful opening day at the new track in Amity Township! The track will receive some finishing touches and be open to residents in early fall.

Beat the Heat!

PETS SAFETY TIPS
Hot Weather Rules For Pets
[Click here for more info on beating heat!](#)

- KEEP YOUR PET HYDRATED**
- DON'T LEAVE YOUR PET IN THE CAR**
- KEEP PAWS AWAY FROM HOT PAVEMENT**
- KNOW SIGNS OF OVERHEATING**


Amity Township residents have TowerDIRECT memberships for 2023.
This does not cover transport for doctor visits, treatment or tests.




If you received a bill for emergency services from TowerDIRECT, please call
1-800-948-7991.

If you enjoy history, don't miss this event! The public is not only invited to this event, but are encouraged to share their photos, artifacts and memorabilia of the local area. If you have something you'd like to share, email kkeifrider@amitytownshippa.com.

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

READING 275TH



SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO

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!



When businesses or residences have storm related damages, first things first. Clean it up. The sooner you can safely remove flood water and water damaged and/or destroyed materials from the property the better for your health and cheaper to make repairs. Don't delay cleanup while waiting for your insurance carrier to get back to you.

Before cleanup and repairs, take a few pictures to document what was damaged and to what extent. A picture really is worth a 1,000 words. Keep your receipts for anything purchased to make repairs. Don't forget to report the damage to your insurance carrier. You should also report the damages to the Township by calling 610-953-0017. State and Federal funding after storms depends upon the amount of damages the County and State sustain. The damage assessment report filed by Amity Township on your behalf with Berks County Department of Emergency Services will be used during the financial assistance process.

If you have well water and your property becomes submerged flooded, boil your water before consuming it or using it to brush your teeth until you have been able to sanitize your well. Click the DEP image below for information on how to sanitize your well.



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Amity Township does not collect the Per Capita or Daniel Boone School District Taxes.

- * If you have a question about these taxes, please call 1-866-539-1100.
- * These taxes must be paid online at Pay.KeystoneCollects.com or mailed to the address(es) listed on your Keystone bill.
- * There are some exceptions to the Per Capita Tax such as:
 - AGE - if you are under 18 as of July 1st during the subject tax year
 - MOVED/NON-RESIDENT - moved prior to July 1st during the subject tax year
 - STUDENT - active student as of July 1st during the subject tax year
 - ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY - if you are active military on July 1st during the subject tax year
 - INCOME - if you make less than 5,000 a year
 - DECEASED - passed prior to July 1st during the subject tax year

To be exempt, you will need to submit a form and supporting documentation. Contact Keystone Collections Group for this form.

Write checks for sewer payments and tax payments using blue or black ink only! Using other colors may not work and cause us to reach out to you for a replacement check!

The Amity Township's Harvest Festival



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



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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.

JOIN US AT

The Daniel Boone
Optimist Club's

Craft Market

@ Amity Township
Harvest Fest

SAT 10/14/23 & SUN 10/15/23
11 AM - 4 PM

CRAFTERS & DIRECT SALES
\$35/Day or \$60/Both Days

YARD SALES SELLERS
\$15/Day or \$25/Both Days



Amity Community Park
1946 Weavertown Rd.
Douglassville, PA 19518



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

Amity Fire Company

GOLF
TOURNAMENT




Saturday, September 9th at Blackwood Golf Course

Contact Kevin McGill - 610-463-6567 or Steve Vonderlinden - 610-574-3643
\$340.00/Foursome or \$85.00/Golfer - Includes golf, dinner and refreshments!

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!



LIHWAP may be able to assist you with overdue water and wastewater bills.

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.



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

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

Thursday, September 14th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00PM - Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, September 20th 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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