

August 2023 - Digital Newsletter

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



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 TREES

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









Programs $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 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.

PAAmerican 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.





- 1. SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT:
 - 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



PARTICIPATION EASIER. FOLLOW THE STEPS LISTED ABOVE.

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

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.

President

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.



TYPES OF PIPE



Galvanized: A dull, silver-gray color.
 Use a magnet - strong magnets will typically cling to galvanized pipes.



- · Copper: The color of a copper penny.
- 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.



 Lead: A dull, silver-gray color that is easily scratched with a coin.
 Use a magnet - strong magnets will not 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, costeffective way to help avoid customer health and safety concerns associated with lead service lines.







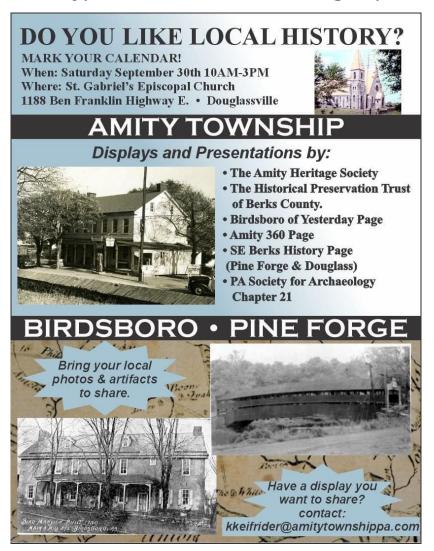
Congratulations to Park Lane Hobbies on a successful opening day at the new track in Amity Township! The track will receive some finishing touches and be open to residents in early fall.

Beat the Heat!



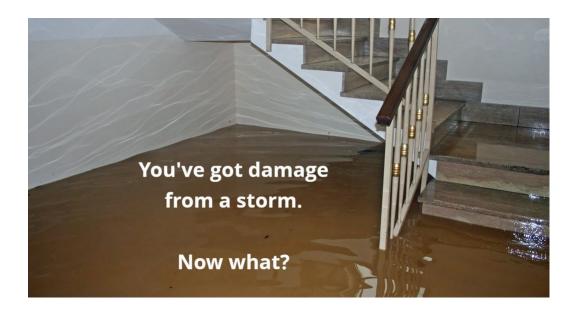


If you enjoy history, don't miss this event! The public is not only invited to this event, but are encouraged to share their photos, artifacts and memorabilia of the local area. If you have something you'd like to share, email kkeifrider@amitytownshippa.com.





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.





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 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.



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

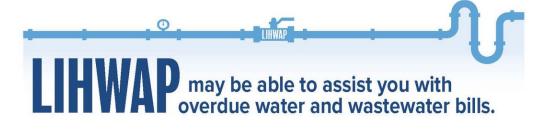


Saturday, September 9th at Blackwood Golf Course

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!



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 <u>www.compass.state.pa.us</u>.
- 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:

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

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.

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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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