



November 2023 - Digital Newsletter

Water is off and bathrooms are CLOSED at all Township Parks now.



Restrooms will remain open at the Butch Boyer Memorial Pavilion in Amity Community Park.



Road crew members will be going around the Township in zones, as they have in years past beginning November 6th. Click the picture above for a full schedule. The Road crew will be around a second time by zones, around November 27th weather permitting and will be finished by December 16th or with the first snowfall.

YARD WASTE: Road Crew members will collect yard waste by appointment only during the weeks of November 20th and November 27th.

Sewer Plant Expansion & Rate Increase



In an effort to continue providing safe and reliable waste water service and to comply with PA DEP regulations, Amity Township has engaged Entech Engineering to design upgrades and capital improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant, at an estimated cost of \$20+million dollars. Amity Township has reached the 90% mark in the wastewater treatment plant upgrade design phase and the project will be out to bid in the new year. The Township has received one grant in the amount of \$122,783 for improvements to pump station #1 and a second grant in the amount of \$295,344 for the purchase of portable water samplers and sewer televising equipment. The Township has applied for an H2O grant in the amount of \$14,388,133 which is currently under review.

A rate study was conducted to determine how the improvements would be funded and where sewer rates need to be to ensure the Waste Water Treatment Plant remains fiscally sound. As a result, quarterly sewer rental rates will increase by \$5.00, to \$145.00 with the January 1st bills. Planned upgrades will be completed in phases over the next two years. Sewer rates will be re-evaluated as the upgrades progress and funding sources are determined.

Berks County Solid Waste Authority

Save the Dates



Electronics

Open Every
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday
8:00 Am – Noon

**All Visitors Must Remain In Their Vehicle, While
On Site.**

Please Have All Electronics In The Truck Of Your Car
Or Bed Of Pickup Truck

[View Our Brochure](#)

Cooking Safety Tips



Scald Prevention Safety Tips

A scald injury can happen at any age. Children, older adults and people with disabilities are especially at risk. Hot liquids from bath water, hot coffee and even microwaved soup can cause devastating injuries. Scald burns are the second leading cause of all burn injuries.

Scald Safety

- Teach children that hot things can burn. Install anti-scald devices on tub faucets and shower heads.
- Always supervise a child in or near a bathtub.
- Test the water at the faucet. It should be less than 100° Fahrenheit (38° Celsius).
- Before placing a child in the bath or getting in the bath yourself, test the water.
- Test the water by moving your hand, wrist and forearm through the water. The water should feel warm, not hot, to the touch.
- Place hot liquids and food in the center of a table or toward the back of a counter.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from the face.
- Never hold a child while you are cooking, drinking a hot liquid, or carrying hot foods or liquids.
- Never heat a baby bottle in a microwave oven. Heat baby bottles in warm water from the faucet.
- Allow microwaved food to cool before eating.
- Choose prepackaged soups whose containers have a wide base or, to avoid the possibility of a spill, pour the soup into a traditional bowl after heating.

Burn Rx

Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3–5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.

FACT!

Prepackaged **microwavable soups** are a frequent cause of scald burn injuries (especially noodle soups) because they can easily tip over, pouring hot liquid (and noodles) on the person.



Greenhalgh DG, Bridges F, Coombe E, et al. Instant cups of soup: design flaws increase risk of burns. *Journal of Burn Care and Research*. July–August 2006; 27(4):476-81



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Thanksgiving Safety



The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Have activities that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



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Researchers at Temple University are looking for families who drink water from a private well for a paid study. They are interested in keeping children safe from illnesses that can be spread by drinking water from private wells. Families will receive a free whole-home UV water treatment system (value of device + installation = \$1,000). Families can participate from home. To be part of this NIH-funded study, families must have a child three years old or younger and live in select Pennsylvania counties.

The WET Trial

A Study on Private Wells and Children's Health



Click to watch a short video about the study, or scroll down to learn more.

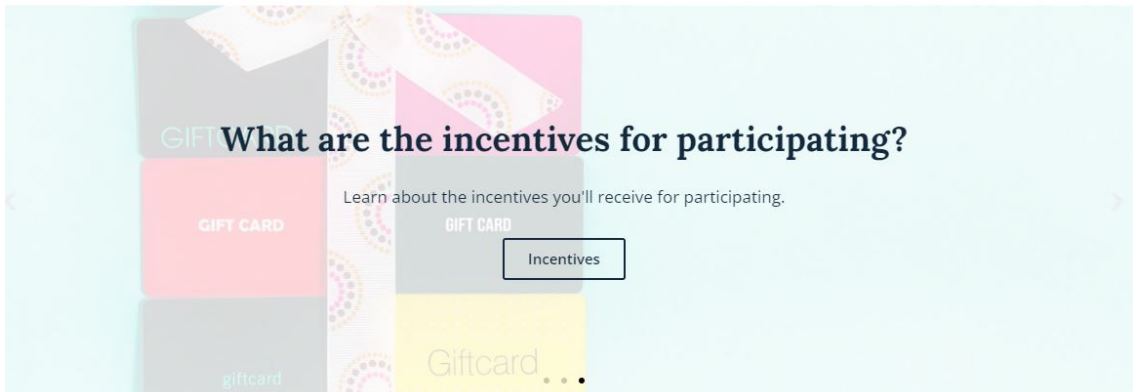


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Scholarship Opportunity

PSATS Scholarships

Inspiring the **NEXT GENERATION** of local leaders



Township officials are encouraged to promote the **BRAND-NEW PSATS SCHOLARSHIPS** to high school juniors and seniors.

THE DEADLINE
TO APPLY FOR
EITHER SCHOLARSHIP
IS JANUARY 26,
2024!

The Local Government Achievement Scholarship

*Awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding **citizenship through commendable public service and community involvement.***

The Academic Achievement Scholarship

*Awarded to students who demonstrate enthusiasm toward **education by maintaining high academic standards.***



BEGIN YOUR APPLICATION PROCESS TODAY.

Two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded in each category for a total of four scholarships. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, reside in a Pennsylvania township of the second class, and be currently enrolled as high school junior or senior. Both achievement scholarships are open for career education opportunities whether they be 2- or 4-year college degree programs or technical training schools and certificate programs that lead to professions. Interested applicants may scan the provided QR Code or visit psats.org/scholarship to begin the application process. The deadline to apply for either scholarship is January 26, 2024. For more information, email Scholarship Program Coordinator Katie Lizza at klizza@psats.org.

[Click to Apply!](#)

2024 Finnegan Foundation Internships

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FINNEGAN FOUNDATION

Internships

Applications are being accepted for
undergraduate college students interested in
politics and government.

Application Deadline: January 26, 2024



Applications are currently being accepted for the [2024 James A. Finnegan Fellowship Foundation](#). This fellowship gives undergraduate college students interested in politics and government the opportunity to be placed in a paid internship at one of the state's executive agencies located in Harrisburg.

Students who want to apply for this fellowship need to submit an essay between 1,500 and 2,500 words about their opinions of the Pennsylvania Award for Student Success (PASS) Program, which would offer students in struggling schools grants to explore other educational opportunities.

Students have until January 26, 2024, to submit their essays and other materials to the foundation.

[Click to Apply!](#)

Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week

November 11th-18th





VOLUNTEER

Join our efforts to fight hunger.



FOOD ASSISTANCE

Not sure where to go when you need help?



DONATE

Donate money to help feed the hungry

[Click to Help!](#)



In honor of National Adopt a Senior Pet Month, adoption fees are being waived for all cats and dogs over the age of 10 at both the Reading and Lancaster Humane Society locations. Humane PA's adoptions include a 30-day health supplement, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, flea treatment, microchipping and chip registration, and a 1-pound bag of pet food.

Available pets can be viewed at the link below.

[Adopt me!](#)



Bring your unwrapped gifts to the Township building now through December 8th.

Crafters Wanted!

The 41st Annual
Daniel Boone Optimist Club
Holiday Craft Show
Saturday December 2, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Daniel Boone Middle School
1845 Weavertown Road
Douglassville, PA 19518
Quality Handcrafted Items From Over 100 crafters
Free Admission * Free Parking
Refreshments * Raffle
For questions email: DBCraftShow@gmail.com
Follow Us on Facebook :  For Vendor Information: 

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Vendor Application




WINTER WONDERLAND

DEC 16

NOON TO 7PM
AMITY TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK

bounce park - live music - food - beer tent
 tree lighting - vendors - photos with Santa
 bonfire - fireworks & much more



BOUNCE PARK SPONSORED BY:



Food and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) will be available. Various entertainment will be provided throughout the day along with a visit from Santa. Tree lighting to begin at 7pm with fireworks to follow.

Amity Township residents can still get FREE ride wristbands (up to 3 wristbands per household) at the Amity Township Building Monday thru Friday 8AM-4:30PM with proof of residency. Additional wristbands or non-residents are \$10 each.

Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH) is Pennsylvania’s venison donation program for hunters to share their extra venison via a statewide network of participating butchers to food pantries and community centers across the Commonwealth. Hunters pay nothing to participate in this program. Click the link below for more information on the program or to make a donation.



**NEARLY 2 MILLION POUNDS
DONATED SINCE 1991**

1 DEER  = 200 MEALS

**FOR EVERY \$25
DONATED **100 MEALS** CAN BE
SERVED**

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Monocacy Hill



SUNDAY DECEMBER 3, 1:30 PM - WALK IN THE WOODS

ALL WALKS START FROM THE PARK ENTRANCE (GEIGER ROAD PARKING LOT) AND ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL CHILDREN YOUNGER THAN 18 YEARS OF AGE MUST ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.





Monocacy Hill will be closed to all non-hunting activities from Saturday, November 25th to Saturday, December 9th with the exception of of Sunday, December 3rd.

Follow the link below for the 2023-2024 list of seasons and bag limits and more information.

[Click Here!](#)



Crews do their best to remove snow quickly and efficiently. When there is 1” or more of snow and/or ice accumulation, vehicles must be removed from the street. Vehicles not in compliance will be fined \$40.00 per day.

International Property Maintenance Code, Section 302.3.1 state, where sidewalks exist, property owners are responsible to have a 2-foot wide path cleared of snow and ice within 24-hours after cessation of snowfall.

Please help our firefighters by making sure hydrants are accessible! If you have a fire hydrant near your house, please remove ice and snow, clear a 3-foot by 3-foot perimeter around the hydrant and clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

Remember, if you have recycling collection that day, please place recycling bins back from the curb.

As we approach the holidays, it should be a time of joy and cheer. But for those who have lost loved ones, the holidays can also be a difficult time with periods of sadness. It’s ok to not be ok. If you feel overwhelmed, please reach out for help. Operators are available to talk, text or chat any time, any day. Please call. Help is available when you need it!





Wednesday, November 1st at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors Workshop

Thursday, November 9th at 7:00PM - Planning Commission

Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, November 21st - Parks and Recreation

Wednesday, November 29th at 6:00PM - Board of Supervisors Special Meeting

Wednesday, November 29th at 6:15PM - Conditional Use Hearing, JC Invest. Group

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

Township Office will be closed on November 7th but will remain open for voting.

Township Office will be closed November 10th in observation of Veteran's Day.

Township Office will be closed November 23-24th in observation of Thanksgiving.

Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Kim McGrath, Chairperson / Dave Hackett, Vice Chair

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



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