



January 2025 - Digital Newsletter



After the holidays, our Public Works crews will work through the Township to collect and chip trees on Thursdays: January 2nd, 9th and 23rd and on Tuesdays: January 7th, 14th and 21st. Crews will work through the Township using the same schedule as leaf collection.

If your address is not listed in any of the zones, then your collection will start after zone 3 is completed.

Place your tree away from trash bins to avoid haulers disposing of your tree. Remove all decorations and lights from your trees before putting them out for pick-up.

STREETS ARE LISTED BELOW IN THE ORDER OF HOW COLLECTION IS HANDLED

Griffith Drive to Heather Court, going North to Poplar Drive, East to Griffith Drive, then to Juniper Drive, Hickory Lane, Elliott Drive, Elliott Court and Holly Drive.

Richards Avenue, Merritt Avenue, Maplewood Court, Maplewood Drive, Nicholson Avenue, Fernwood Avenue, Briarwood Drive, Lake Drive, Rosewood Drive, Spruce Court, Rosewood Court, N. and S. Pinewood Drive, Dogwood Drive and Terry Court. Laurelwood Drive, Glenwood Drive, Willowwood Drive, Magnolia Drive, Willowwood Court, Birchwood Court, Aspen Court, Ash Court, Redwood Drive, Lilac Lane, Lilac Court, Ivy Court, Ivy Lane, Russell Avenue from Old Airport Road to Ivy Lane, Russell Avenue to Old Swede Road, Elmwood Lane, Mulberry Place, north end of Maplewood Drive, Ridge Drive, Firethorn Drive, Mimosa Circle, Linden Place, Balsam Drive, Maple Lane, Bramblewood Court, Bramblewood Drive, Maplewood Drive and Old Airport Road.

W. Welsh Drive, Penns Lane, Cedar Run, Battenkill Drive, Queen Ann Circle, Victoria Drive, Loyalsock Drive, North Monocacy Creek Road, Letort Lane, Kettle Lane, Swatara Circle, Greys Run Lane, Antietam Drive, Hill Drive, Hill Road, Slate Run Road, Chefield Court, Kingston Drive, Cameron Drive, Bristol Court, Berkshire Drive, West Morlatton Road, Oxford Circle, Yorkshire Drive, Shagbark Lane, Woodbridge Lane, Ashford Drive, Clarion Drive and Woodbridge Court

Overlook Pointe, Schoolhouse Court, Pleasant Run Court, Rosecliff Drive, Pepper Lane, Rising Sun Drive, Boone Drive and Thornbury Circle, Meadowcrest Lane, Meadowcrest Court, Windmead Lane, Rosewyn Lane, Verdure Lane, Aviemore Lane, Fenwick Lane and Pine Forge Road, Green Meadow Drive, Meadowside Drive, Summer Meadow Drive, Peach Blossom Drive, Highmeadows Drive, Shadybrooke Drive, Pine Lane, Stephens Way and Woodbrooke Drive.

ZONE 1

ZONE 2

ZONE 3



Amity Township Police Department has "We Support Our Local Police" signs available for purchase. The signs are \$20 each and include a yard stake. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local charity. We accept check or money order. Office hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm.

2025 Tax Increases

TOWNSHIP:

The Board of Supervisors adopted the 2025 budget as presented with a small increase of 0.3 mil equating to \$30.00 per \$100K of assessed value. Most of this increase is to fund an additional police officer.



Effective immediately sewer rates are now \$171 per quarter.

The new rate is in effect for the first quarter of 2025.

Please update your auto pays accordingly.

Paperless billing and auto pay are available through Xpress Bill Pay.

[Register Here!](#)



St. Lawrence-Exeter-Amity-Douglass Joint Comprehensive Plan Community Survey

Beginning in September of 2024, St. Lawrence, Exeter, Amity, and Douglass have teamed up to create a joint comprehensive plan together. A joint comprehensive plan is a long-term document that guides the community's goals and a vision for its future. It is a roadmap that will provide framework for communities for policy, land use, and infrastructure decisions, balancing development with the natural environment surrounding us.

We NEED YOUR HELP! If you live, work, or play in St. Lawrence, Exeter, Amity, or Douglass, please consider adding your voice below. **Your participation will make the community even stronger!** Thank you!

[Complete Survey Here!](#)

Recycling Reminders



A few items to consider:

- Put recycling out the night before your scheduled pick-up (i.e., Monday night for Tuesday pick-up).
- If your pickup falls on a holiday week, then the pick-up is pushed out one day. We have flyers that show the schedule available in our lobby.
- Break down your boxes so more materials can fit in the truck.
- Call immediately to report missed pick-ups at 610-953-0016. We can sometimes get it picked up that day if reported early enough.
- Trash cans marked with other providers' logos will not be picked up if put out for recycling. (example J.P. Mascaro will not pick up a Whitetail Disposal can, full of recyclables).
- Old or damaged bins can be marked for recycling and left out on your pick-up day. You can also place them in the grassy area next to the front door of the Township building and our staff will dispose of them.

If you need a recycling bin or to replace one, we have two kinds available at our office for pickup Mon-Fri 8:00am-4:30pm. We have a round bin with a lid or a rolling bin with a lid. Unfortunately, we do not deliver bins.

DON'T RECYCLE



PIZZA BOXES

The grease from the pizza causes problems for recycling centers.

Pizza boxes can also have coupons, stickers or other adhesives that can cause problems at the recycling center. Throw your pizza boxes in your regular trashcan.

Amity Township Collection Calendar

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Business Licenses



All businesses located within Amity Township are required to register and pay a fee to receive a business license. Registrations and payment must be completed no later than March 31st to avoid a penalty.

Businesses that do not comply may be subject to a fine of not more than \$600.00.

Businesses must renew their licenses each calendar year.

Home Occupations and No Impact Home Based Businesses are EXEMPT from these requirements

For more information or questions contact 610-953-0045.

Register or Renew Here!



Amity Township Ordinance regulations, which were mandated to match PA DEP regulations, require all on-lot septic tanks to be pumped and inspected every three (3) years.

If you had your septic system pumped out, then you must turn in the hauler's inspection report card and pump slip into the Township. The Township charges a fee once the septic system is pumped.

Reminders are mailed to homeowners each spring of the year in which you are required to pump. The Certificate of Compliance you received during your last cycle lists the year you are to have it pumped and inspected.

Letters are sent to those who have not complied with the ordinance. The letters mean you didn't pay the Township fee, we didn't receive your inspection card/pump slip, or you didn't have your system pumped.

Feel free to call 610-953-0016 for any additional information.

NO DEPOSITS

THIS IS NOT YOUR DOG'S BANK



**HE POOPS IT
YOU SCOOP IT**

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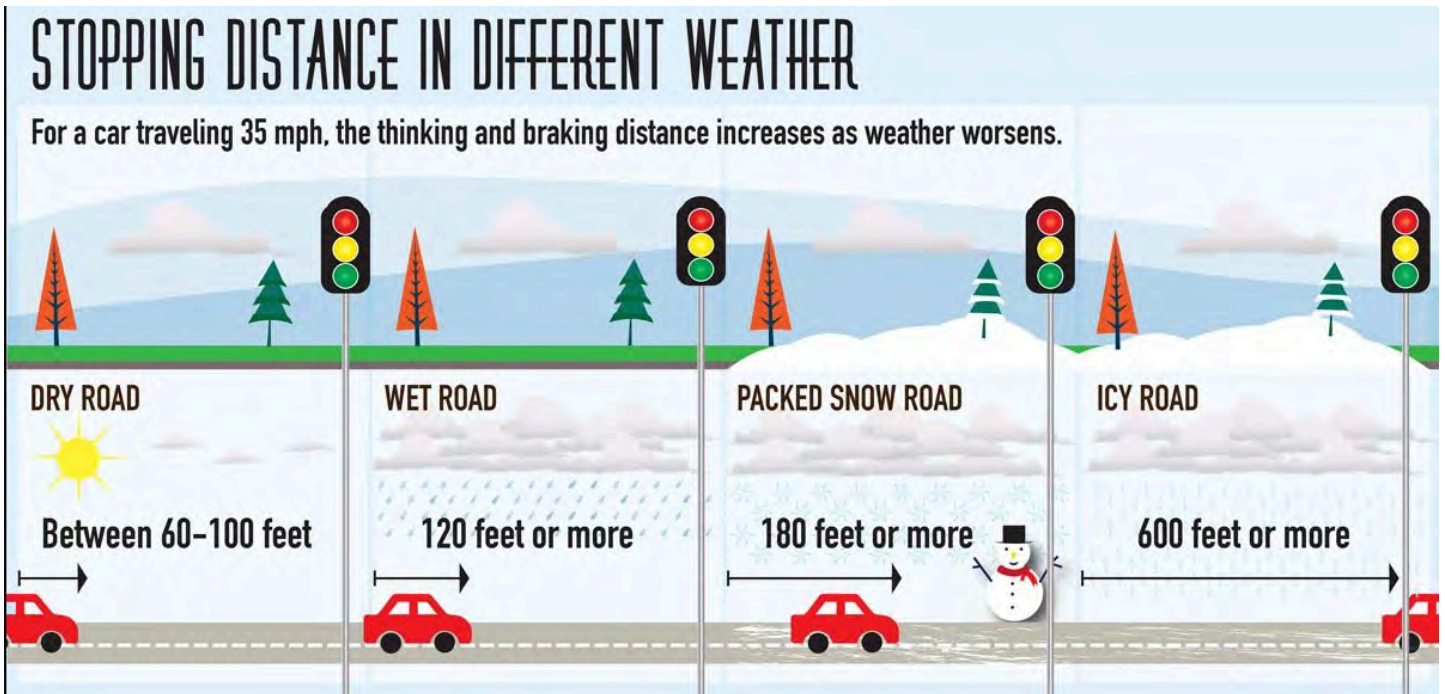
MADE IN THE USA

Please make sure you clean up after your pet.



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

- ✓ Reduce your speed to counteract the traction lost due to the slick road surface
- ✓ Increase your following distance, compared to when you drive in clear, dry conditions
- ✓ Be smooth when accelerating, turning and braking
- ✓ Be prepared by having a fully-stocked emergency kit aboard
- ✓ Keep your fuel tank at least half full
- ✓ Ensure your tires have plenty of tread and are properly inflated



SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS

DON'T CROWD
THE PLOW



Avoid traveling beside a snowplow for extended periods



An operator's field of vision is restricted – if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you

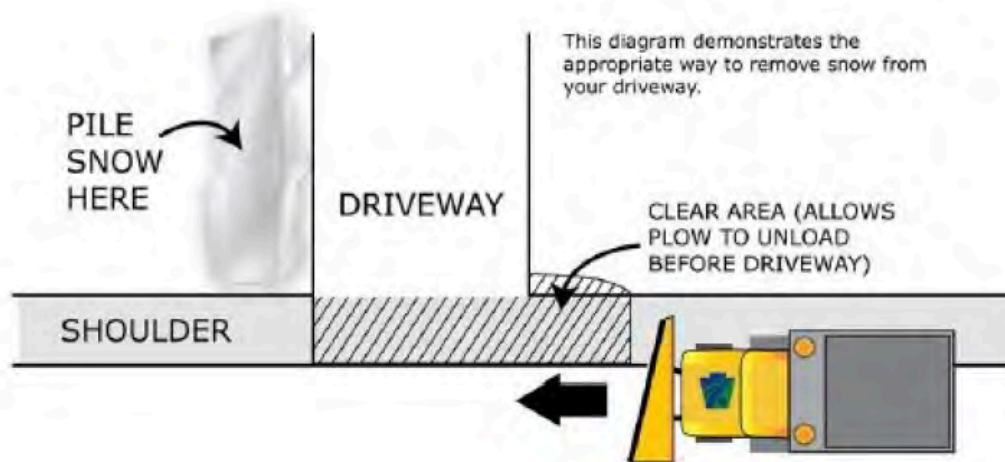


Snow clouds caused by plows can reduce visibility to zero, and conceal other vehicles or hazards



Don't pass a snowplow when visibility is limited

Snow Removal Tips



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 volunteer fire companies by clearing a 3-foot by 3-foot perimeter around fire hydrants located on your property.

VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO FINE



If 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.



Pursuant to Ordinance #290, no recreational vehicle, motorized or non-motorized, such as campers, trailers, and boats, shall be parked on any street in the Township, with exception to the temporary purpose of loading and unloading such vehicle, for no more than 24 hours in each week (Sunday through Saturday).

Any person who parks a vehicle in violation of these provisions shall be subject to a fine of \$40.00. This fine can be assessed every 24 hours. Call 610-689-6002 to speak to an Officer on duty to report violators.

SNOW SHOVELING

Safety Tips

Bending, lifting and twisting—they're some of the most common ways to cause trauma to the back, and they're all a part of shoveling snow.



PREPARE YOUR BODY

Stretching a few minutes before you shovel can prime your body for motion.



TAKE BREAKS

Short breaks can help you avoid injury. Your body will tell you when it's time.



CHOOSE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT

Look for shovels that accommodate your height. Ergonomic shovels are available to keep you from bending at the back.



USE GOOD FORM

Bend at the knees and hips and use your legs, gluteus and core.



PUSH SNOW DON'T LIFT IT

Look for ways to move snow other than lifting. Remove deep, heavy snow in layers.



7 (Better) Alternatives to Salt for De-Icing Driveways

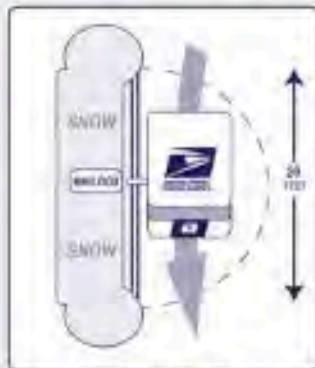
1. Rubbing Alcohol: In a bucket, mix 1/2 gallon of warm water with 6 drops of dish soap and 1/4 cup of rubbing alcohol. Splash this around on your icy spots and watch the ice bubble up and melt away.
 2. Epsom Salt: Combine sugar and Epsom salt in a 1:1 ratio to speed up Epsom salts' melting power.
 3. Garden Fertilizer/Alternative Salts: Calcium chloride mixed with sand (mix one part to 3 parts) or Magnesium chloride.
 4. Urea: ASPCA says urea-based products are gentlest on pet's paws and are nontoxic to dogs.
 5. Calcium magnesium acetate (CMA)
 6. Natural Fertilizer: Alfalfa meal, wood ashes, coffee grounds.
 7. Salt Plus Hot Water: Boil a large pot of hot water and gently pour on ice. Sweep the water off the surface so that it doesn't get cold and freeze and then sprinkle the salt.
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Protect Your Mailbox from Snow Damage

**CURBSIDE DELIVERY
GUIDELINES**



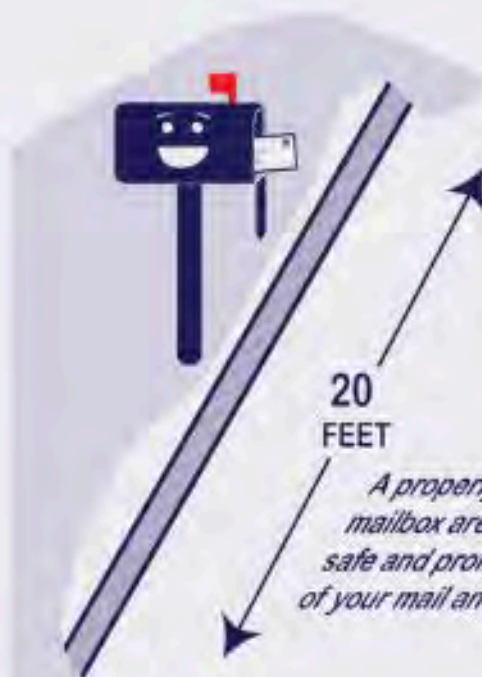
HELP US TO SERVE YOU BETTER!



Properly Cleared



Insufficient Snow Removal



A properly cleared mailbox area ensures safe and prompt delivery of your mail and packages!

Approaches and exits to rural or curbside mailboxes should be clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash-cans, objects or obstacles. Snow should be cleared at least ten feet on each side of your mailbox and all the way up to the mailbox post to allow for safe delivery of your mail. Some postal customers opt to put a temporary mailbox in the snow in situations where snow removal is not practical; the same guidelines apply for clearance as permanent mailboxes. The carrier needs to be able to deliver to the mailbox without backing up. Your consideration and cooperation is appreciated!

Questions may be directed to your local post office.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Shake your mailbox

This simple trick will get you ready for winter



Winter is coming. Don't let your mailbox become a casualty of winter weather.



Damaged mailboxes can be hazardous to drivers if they come loose.



Mailboxes that aren't sturdy are more likely to break or be damaged by heavy snow, wind and the force from plows.



To check the sturdiness of your mailbox, shake it by the post and if it "gives," it's likely that your mailbox could come loose this winter.



If you believe your mailbox was damaged by our plows during a snowstorm, please call our Roads Department at 610-953-0018. The plow must physically hit the post or the box.

Carbon Monoxide Safety for Your Home

There are simple ways to protect your household from dangerous carbon monoxide (CO).



CO is a colorless, odorless gas. For detection, install CO alarms near bedrooms on each level of your home.



Have a professional inspect and service your heating system annually to ensure proper operation.



Make sure your appliances are installed correctly and meet local building codes.



Never operate a portable generator inside your house or garage.



Don't leave a vehicle running in your garage.



Never use gas ranges or ovens to heat your home.



Common causes of CO poisoning include improper use of fuel-burning appliances and faulty equipment.

If an alarm goes off,
get outside immediately and call 9 1 1.

CARBON MONOXIDE:

How to spot the dangers



MILD

Slight headache
Nausea
Vomiting
Fatigue



MEDIUM

Severe headache
Confusion
Drowsiness
Fast heart rate



EXTREME

Unconsciousness
Convulsions
Cardio-respiratory failure
Death



Radon is a byproduct of uranium decay, which is found in nearly all types of soil. This gas then moves up through the ground and finds its way into structures via cracks and other holes in the foundation. Radon is then trapped inside the structure, where it gradually builds up over time, increasing radon levels and causing unsafe levels of radon exposure.

It is safe to live in a house with radon, however, the EPA recommends an approved radon reduction system to be put in place.

The Township has 3 radon detecting kits at our office for residents of Amity Township. You must provide a Driver's License and a check (deposit) of \$200.00 that will be returned to you once the kit is returned to the office.

We are open Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm.



Daniel Boone

Optimist Club Essay Contest



Topic

“How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success”

Compose a 700- to 800-word essay around this central idea

Open to Participants under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2024 (and is not enrolled as a degree seeking student of a post-secondary institution.)

Entry Due to Daniel Boone Optimist Club by 2/3/2025

Mail Essay & Completed Application to:

Attn: Anne Pyle, Essay Contest Chair
Daniel Boone Optimist Club
P.O. Box 98
Douglassville, PA 19518

In addition to developing skills for written expression, the club winner will be awarded \$150 and will advance to the District Level competition where the winner is awarded a \$2,500 scholarship.

Follow complete “Official Rules” posted on

<http://www.optimist.org/>

Essay Application:

https://www.optimist.org/Documents/2025/programs/24-25_Essay_Application.pdf

Email **Anne Pyle** @ am_pyle@yahoo.com for additional information

Essay Application



The Pennsylvania Treasury Department is currently holding more than \$4.5 billion in unclaimed property, with about one in 10 residents eligible to recoup that property.

Unclaimed property includes dormant bank accounts, uncashed checks, insurance policies and contents of forgotten safe deposit boxes. The amounts can range from a few dollars to a few thousand dollars, with the average value of a claim being about \$1,600.

[Find Out Now!](#)



Residents struggling with their home heating bills may apply for assistance from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are \$22,590 for an individual, \$30,660 for a couple and \$46,800 for a family of four. Residents may apply for LIHEAP online, by phone 610-736-4228 or by contacting their local county assistance office 610-736-4211.

The program runs through April 4, 2025.

[Apply Now!](#)

Medication & Eyeglass Disposal



Drop your unwanted or expired prescription or over-the-counter medication off for proper disposal at our Township building located at 2004 Weavertown Road M-F between 8:30am-4:30pm. Eyeglasses are accepted by the police secretary for the Lions Club.

Liquid medications and sharps are not permitted to be disposed of at our location.

Per the DEA, labels may remain, but please remove names, phone numbers or other personal identifiers. The DEA wants to know what drugs are in the bottles.

Downsizing? Decluttering? Full House?



Pickup service offered for all household goods from furniture, clothing, housewares, and books.

Arrange for a pick-up by calling 484-957-3861 or email Denise Harner dharner@opphouse.org. We ask for 1 week's advance notice. Next day pick-up is not available.

100% of the proceeds support the programs and services at Opportunity House.

Items are sold at OppShop located at 3045 N. Fifth St Hwy Reading PA 19605
Hours are Monday – Saturday 10AM to 7:30PM and Sundays 11AM to 6PM.

Donations accepted Tuesday to Saturday 10AM-6PM.

Unaccepted Donations:

- chemicals
- older model console TVs and stereos
- copy machines/printers
- building supplies
- infant/toddler furniture
- computer monitors
- offices chairs with four or fewer wheels
- carpets
- tires



And over 500 more!

Located at 5370 Allentown Pike Temple PA 19560 (next to Walmart)
****Donations accepted Mon-Sat 9am-6pm. Store/Donations closed on Sundays.****

Discount Days (must show ID) – 50% off

Monday – Hero Day

-firefighters, EMS, police, active-duty military, veterans, healthcare workers and clergy

Tuesday – Senior Day

-everyone 55 and older

Wednesday – Family Day

-everyone

Thursday – Education Appreciation Day

-students, teachers, and all school employees

Have bulk household items to dispose of? If so, you can call your trash hauler for disposal or reach out to Berks County Solid Waste Authority at 610-478-6362.



METAL ITEMS
(BBQ GRILLS, WEIGHT BENCHES & WEIGHTS, BED RAILS, ETC.)



RIGID & HEAVY PLASTICS
(COOLERS, CHILDREN'S TOYS & PLAYHOUSES, PLASTIC SHEDS, ETC.)



HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES
(REFRIGERATORS, STOVES, MICROWAVES, AC UNITS, ETC.)



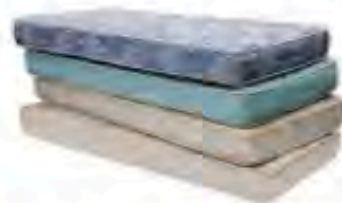
ELECTRONICS
(TVS, COMPUTERS, STEREOS, CELL PHONES, ETC.)



CONSTRUCTION & DEMOLITION DEBRIS
(LUMBER, CONCRETE, BRICKS, ASPHALT, DRYWALL, ETC.)



LANDSCAPING DEBRIS
(DIRT, GRAVEL, STONE, CONCRETE PAVERS, WOOD TIES, ETC.)



MATTRESSES & BOX SPRINGS



WOOD FURNITURE
(TABLES, CHAIRS, BENCHES)



CARPETING & PADDING



COUCHES



Monday, January 6th at 7:00PM - Board of Supervisors Reorganization

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

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

Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00PM - Parks and Recreation

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

Township offices will be closed Jan. 1st.

Amity Township Board of Supervisors

Kim McGrath, Chairperson / Dave Hackett, Vice Chair

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



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