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Keep Grass Clippings Off the Streets!

Grass clippings can cause:

- bacteria growth in creeks and streams
- clogs in the storm water system which can lead to flooding
- motorcycles to loose traction and potentially resulting in accidents
- contamination from chemical runoff from pesticides and fertilizers
- algae blooms from excess nutrients

Grass Clipping Benefits:

- natural mulch which helps conserve soil moisture which prevents your lawn from drought and stress
- recycles nutrients your lawn needs to stay healthy.

Reminders

Grass clippings are NOT accepted in our yard waste center.

Fence posts are also NOT accepted.

Office Closures

- **Friday, June 19th in observance of Juneteenth**
- **Friday, July 3rd in observance of July 4th (Saturday)**

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Since opening the parks for the season in April, there have been multiple instances of vandalism. Taxpayers are footing the bill for the cost to repair these damages.

We are asking if you see something to report it immediately to Amity Township Police Department at 610-655-4911.



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Going on Vacation?

Did you know Amity Township Police Department offers house checks while you are away on vacation?

Complete the form on our website or use the link below.

Vacation House Check Form:

<https://form.jotform.com/240224977517158>

Home Safety Tips

- **Make sure all doors/windows are locked and alarms are set.**
- **Put lights on timers.**
- **Suspend mail delivery.**
- **Avoid announcing on social media the length or details of your trip.**
- **Unplug non-essential electronics such as coffee makers or TVs.**
- **Ask neighbor to keep an eye on your house.**

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Protect Yourself from Fraud and Scams



Common Frauds/Scams:

- Elder Fraud - Common scams that target older citizens include romance scams, tech support scams, grandparent scams, government impersonation scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, home repair scams, and TV/radio scams.
- Tech Support Scams - In these scams, criminals pose as tech support representatives and offer to fix non-existent issues—all so they can gain access to your wallet and sensitive information.
- Business & Investment Fraud - Common scams include advance fee schemes, Nigerian letter, Ponzi schemes, pyramid schemes, and telemarketing fraud schemes.
- Romance Scams - Protect your heart—and your wallet—by learning to spot and prevent romance scams.
- Charity & Disaster Fraud - Can come in many forms: emails, social media posts, crowdfunding platforms, cold calls, etc.

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Phishing

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

SCAMMERS ARE AFTER YOUR



Passwords



Financial Info



Identity



Money

WHY DO WE FALL FOR THESE SCAMS?

- Urgency
- Desire to please
- Greed
- Curiosity
- Complacency
- Fear



PROBABILITY THAT A PHISHING MESSAGE SUCCEEDS
1 out of 10!

WATCH OUT FOR



- Spelling & Grammar Errors
- Sender Address
- Things That Sound Too Good to be True

BEWARE OF UNSOLICITED MESSAGES

- Attachments
- Links
- Login Pages

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

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PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CYBER CRIMES



FOLLOW THESE TIPS AND STAY VIGILANT

A Unique Password is Best

Use a mix of letters, numbers and symbols.

Buy a USB Security Key



Enable two-factor authentication with this extra layer of security.

Be Suspicious of Strange Emails and Messages

Avoid clicking links or downloading attachments from unknown sources

Use a Secure VPN Connection

A Virtual Private Network (VPN) will ensure your anonymity on the internet.

Keep Your Passwords to Yourself

Do not share or disclose passwords.

Keep Your Software Up-to-date

Latest security updates can help prevent cyber criminals from exploiting vulnerabilities.

Protect Your Personal Information

Be careful about sharing your personal information online including on social media.

Report Fraudulent Activity

Notify Local Authorities and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre if you are a victim of fraud.

Contact the Business Directly

Verify the website or solicitor before giving information.

Use Antivirus Software

Protect yourself against malware, viruses, and other malicious software.

Use Privacy Settings on Social Media

Limiting to who can see your posts and photos will protect your privacy.

Don't Take the Bait; Think Before You Click

Beware of phishing scams and tactics. Knowledge is power.

WARNING



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Amity Township Tennis Program

USTA Junior Team Tennis League – (using 36' and 60' courts utilizing blended lines). 4 Week Program run outdoors from mid-June through mid-July & mid-July through early August.

Cost \$75/player for each 4-week session. Held by Larry Zerbe at Amity Community Park or Lake Drive Park (TBD)

- Ages 5-7 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 9:30-10:30am (RED) from June 16-August 8
- Ages 7-10 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 9:30-10:30am (ORANGE) from June 16-August 8
- Ages 7-10 Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 9:30-10:30am (GREEN) from June 16-August 8
- Hi Perform Tuesday & Saturday from 10:30am-Noon from June 16-August 8
- Adults Monday from 9:00-10:30am/Fridays at 9am - Co-ed Round Robin from June 9-August 1.

Questions - Call Troy Bingaman at 610-953-0039.



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Spring Events at the Hill

WALKS IN THE WOODS



Sunday, June 14 1:30PM

7 PRACTICAL PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID TICK BITES

EDUCATE YOURSELF

Know where to expect ticks, what environment they thrive in and the symptoms of a tick bite.

CHECK BODY, CLOTHES AND PETS FOR TICKS

Conduct a full body check when you return from a potentially tick-infested area. If alone, use a mirror to check body parts not in normal sight.

TUCK PANTS INTO SOCKS

By tucking pants into socks, you are sealing off a potential crevasse that ticks can crawl into and hide.

SHOWER AFTER ENTERING INSIDE

Showering within two hours after leaving the outdoors can wash away ticks that are on you but have not yet attached.

WALK IN THE CENTER OF TRAILS

Reduce exposure to tall grass and other greens, where ticks may be hiding.

USE A DEET-BASED REPELLENT

Apply repellent regularly and consistently on all exposed areas of skin.

WEAR CLOSED-TOE SHOES AND LIGHT-COLORED CLOTHES

Sandals leave your feet exposed to ticks. Light-colored clothing allows you to better spot ticks that may be attached.

IF BITTEN BY A TICK

1. Use tweezers to hold the tick and steadily pull upward.
2. Clean the bitten area with water, alcohol or iodine and soap and water.
3. Monitor the bite mark for rashes or other changes.



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5 TIPS TO PREVENT A TICK-BORNE INFECTION IN YOUR PET

- 1. CHECK FOR TICKS DAILY**
Check between the toes, underside of the toes, earflaps and around the tail base
- 2. USE NATURAL TICK DETERRENTS**
There are dozens in the market. None will prevent 100 percent of tick bite, but they make your dog a less desirable target
- 3. FOCUS ON CREATING A HEALTHY BODY**
Unhealthy bodies tend to be over-parasitized.
- 4. IF YOU FIND A TICK ON YOUR DOG, REMOVE IT CORRECTLY**
Don't use bare hands. Use a tick-removing tool and disinfect your dog's skin with soapy water or diluted povidone iodine afterwards.
- 5. HAVE YOUR DOG TESTED FOR TICK-BORNE DISEASES NO SOONER THAN THREE TO FOUR WEEKS AFTER REMOVING A TICK**



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whiskers**

Common Symptoms of Lyme Disease:

- fever
- lethargy
- hot, painful, swollen Lymph nodes
- loss of appetite
- joint swelling
- lameness that shifts from leg to leg

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How to Control Mosquito Populations

Tips on how to make your home mosquito-free



Always keep rain barrels closed with a suitable lid or fine mesh.



Remove leaves, twigs, and anything that might stop water from running down the gutters.



Drain or turn over outdoor furniture if water collects there.



Empty and wash birdbaths and water fountains weekly with a brush and soap.



Fill plant saucers to the brim with sand.



If you have potted aquatic plants, change the water and wash the pot with soap weekly.



Drain water from pools when not in use.



Do not leave old tires in uncovered places.



Put trash in plastic bags and keep the bin tightly closed.



Keep toys and tools (wheelbarrows, watering cans) in a sheltered area.

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June 30th is the last day for the Flat Rate Period for County/Township Real Estate Taxes.

Payments can be made M-F, 8am-4:30pm at the Township building or online through the link of the Township website <https://paytaxonline.countyofberks.com/CurrentYearTax/>.

Mailed payments must be postmarked by June 30, 2026, or before to qualify for the Flat Rate. Payments can be dropped off in our drop box 24/7 located at the Township building.

School real estate bills will be mailed July 1st. Keystone Collections Group handles these bills. If you do not receive a bill by July 31st, please call Keystone directly at 412-927-3635.

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RV/Camper Parking Rules



Ordinance #290 states no recreational vehicle, motorize 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 vehicles, for no more than 24 hours each week (Sunday through Saturday).

If you violate this ordinance:

- Subject to a fine of \$40.00
- Fine can be assessed every 24 hours
- Call 610-655-4911 to speak to an Officer on duty to report violators

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Paul Miller's Law – What to Expect

Penalties for Texting While Driving to Begin June 5th, 2026

- Paul Miller's Law, which prohibits the use of hand-held devices while driving, even while stopped temporarily due to traffic, a red light, or other delays, took effect June 5, 2025.
- Beginning June 5, 2026, drivers convicted of using a hand-held device while driving will pay a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. Pennsylvania also enforces a texting-while-driving ban that prohibits drivers from using mobile devices to send, read, or write text-based communications while their vehicle is in motion.

More information on distracted driving:

www.pa.gov/dotsafety

Texting While Driving Ban information:

[https://www.palegis.us/statutes/consolidated/view-](https://www.palegis.us/statutes/consolidated/view-statute?txtType=HTM&ttl=75&div=0&chapter=33&ion=16&sub)
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Who is the Berks County MS4 Steering Committee?

The Berks County MS4 Steering Committee is an intergovernmental committee which is comprised of Berks County Municipalities and three Cooperative Education Partners which include the Berks County Planning Commission, Berks Nature and the Berks County Conservation District. The Cooperative Education partners and the municipalities work together to educate everyone on why clean stormwater is important.

What is FOG?

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) are a mixture of cooking ingredients that enter sewer systems through various ways, such as dishwashing, mopping, and other food-handling activities.

What's the deal with FOG!?

Accumulations of FOG (and other debris) may build up over time and lead to sewer overflows, potentially exposing raw sewage to the public and creating other environmental contaminations.



4 Easy Ways To Prevent It



Dry-Clean Up

Wipe, Mop, and Sweep FOG materials from cooking tools to help prevent them from getting into the sewer system through sinks and dishwashers.



Properly Dispose Food

Be sure to dispose of food waste in a dedicated trash container.



Collect FOG Materials in a Container

Place FOG materials in a properly sealed container to avoid spilling, and let it solidify before disposing of it in trash.



Drains are not Trash Cans!

Never put FOG materials directly into a drain, this will only lead to problems!

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Laws Regarding Fireworks

With the warmer weather and July 4th coming keep in mind a few laws/rules pertaining to the use of fireworks.

- Fireworks cannot be discharged within 150 feet of an occupied structure.
- Fireworks cannot be used on Township streets, sidewalks, parks or other public property.
- You must have permission from the property owner.
- Fireworks cannot be discharged from or toward vehicles or buildings.
- Fireworks cannot be used while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Take into consideration the space around you when setting off fireworks and what the weather conditions are.

You may want to reconsider if it is windy or very dry weather conditions. Keep a bucket of water on hand.



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E-BIKES & SCOOTERS

Pennsylvania Laws



ELECTRIC BICYCLES (E-BIKES):

In Pennsylvania:

- Operators must be 16 or older
- E-bikes must weigh less than 100 lbs.
- E-bikes **without pedals** are **not** permitted on roadways or sidewalks - only on **private property**
- E-bikes may not be capable of speeds exceeding 20 mph.

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:

In Pennsylvania:

- Cannot be legally operated on roadways, sidewalks, or other public property.
- Must be used on **private property only.**



Please ride responsibly & know the law!
For more information, visit www.pa.gov/pennidot.

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AMITY FIRE COMPANY

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

ARROWHEAD GOLF COURSE

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:

FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH

\$400 FOURSOME
\$100 PER GOLFER
INCLUDES DINNER &
REFRESHMENTS

12:00 REGISTRATION
1:00 SHOTGUN START
FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

SCAN FOR A
PRINTABLE SIGN
UP SHEET!



RAFFLES &
CONTEST
PRIZES!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, October 17th Noon-7pm

Rain Date: Sunday, Oct. 18th Noon-6pm



More details to come...



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What's going on in Amity?

- The Board of Supervisors has passed an ordinance approving the residential rental property registration and inspection program. Information is on the Township website <https://amitytownshippa.com/wp2/rental-registration-inspection/>.
 - The first new home permit for Highland Place has been received.
 - No home permits have been received for Leaf Creek Farms.
 - Construction has begun on Nicholson Avenue. Nicholson Ave between Lake Drive and Fernwood will be closed for roughly 3 months. Nicholson Avenue will be open to local traffic only.
 - The upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment plan is on track to reach substantial completion by mid to late June.
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Township Meeting Schedule

Planning Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Board of Supervisors meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Parks & Recreation meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

All meetings start at 7pm at the Municipal Building located at 2004 Weavertown Rd. Douglassville, PA 19518.

Agendas are posted on the Township website prior to each meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

- Planning: June 11th at 7pm
- Parks & Recreation:
June 16th at 7pm
- Supervisors: June 17th at 7pm

Contact Info

Amity Township
2004 Weavertown Rd
Douglassville, PA 19518
Monday-Friday
8am-4:30pm
610-689-6000

