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IMPORTANT INFO:

Our police and fire departments would like to remind residents during the holiday to drink responsibly and do not drive under the influence.

Please be responsible when setting off fireworks and be mindful of your neighbors. Don't become a statistic.



REMINDERS:

- DBASD Real Estate & Per Capita tax bills are mailed July 1st. Reach out to Keystone Collections Group (412-927-3635) if you do not receive a bill.

OFFICE CLOSURES:

- Friday, July 3rd in observance of July 4th (Saturday)

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Fresh fruit, veggies, and more?

View a list of farms in your area and what type of goods they have to offer. Find fresh, local and delicious products in your own backyard while supporting your neighboring farmers.

<https://www.growtogetherberks.com/>



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PENNSYLVANIA LAW UPDATE





**STARTING
JUNE 6,
2026**

PENNSYLVANIA POLICE WILL ISSUE A

\$50 FINE

PLUS COURT COSTS,
TOTALING ROUGHLY **\$198.50**



**PAUL MILLER'S
LAW**

SENATE BILL 37



IT IS NOW A **PRIMARY OFFENSE**
TO HOLD, TOUCH, OR USE A PHONE WHILE DRIVING,
EVEN WHILE STOPPED AT RED LIGHTS OR IN TRAFFIC.



**NO HAND-HELD
DEVICE USE**

Holding, touching,
or using your phone
is illegal.



**EVEN WHILE
STOPPED**

This includes red
lights and
traffic delays.



**PRIMARY
OFFENSE**

Police can pull you over
and cite you just for
using your phone.



**\$50 FINE +
COURT COSTS**

Totaling roughly
\$198.50



PUT THE PHONE DOWN. STAY ALERT. STAY SAFE.
PROTECT YOURSELF. PROTECT OTHERS.



**DRIVE
SAFE
PA**

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FRAUD TIPS FOR SENIORS

- **IF IT'S INCOMING, IT'S SUSPECT** – Scammers can fake phone numbers, email addresses and URLs. The person on the caller ID may not be who they say they are. **Stop, hang up and call the company directly.**
- **IF THEY ASK FOR INFORMATION** – You should ignore incoming requests for information, such as account balances, debit PIN, One-Time Passcodes or online credentials – especially about your financial institution. Remember, if you give out your information, your bank may not be able to protect you from fraud. **Stop, hang up and call your bank directly using the number on the back of your card or statement to verify.**
- **IF THEY ASK FOR PAYMENTS** – A sure sign of bad intent is when a caller asks you to send a payment somewhere – especially by electronic payment like a wire or payment. Scammers may also ask for payment in the form of gift cards. **Before sending money to anyone you don't know. Stop, hang up, and call the company directly.**

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FRAUD TIPS FOR SENIORS

- **Stop mail fraud at the mailbox. – Informed delivery is a free service. It is a great way to verify if anything was missing from your mail delivery.**
- **Halt scammers at your front door. – Consider installing a video camera.**
- **Prevent garbage theft. – Shred any papers that contain private information. Look for local shredding events if you don't have a shredder at home.**
- **Watch for credit card skimming.**
- **Monitor your credit report.**
- **Safeguard your wallet. – Remove cards and information you don't need to carry (SS card or Medicare card). Make copies of the remaining cards (front/back) and store in a safe place.**
- **Protect your financial accounts. – Create online accounts and come up with a unique password for each. Every few months, revise the passwords. Use two-factor authentication when possible.**
- **Safeguard your smartphone. – Use features like biometrics to log in or multi factor authentications.**
- **Secure your computer.**
- **Set limits on social media. – Restrict your profiles to friends only.**
- **Verify online stores.**

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MONOCACY HILL KIDS PROGRAMS 2026

ANIMALS
FRIDAY JULY 10
10:00 AM



TREES
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 5
10:00 AM

CAMPING
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10
10:00 AM



Programs are free to the public, but registration is limited to children ages 4-7. We will meet in the Monocacy Hill parking lot on Geiger Road. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian throughout the activity and must be registered in advance by emailing sswanson511@gmail.com

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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!



5 SUMMER Safety Tips



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Be Sun Savvy

 - Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 15.
 - Wear a hat, sunglasses (with UV protection) and lightweight, light-colored clothing.
 - Seek shade under a tree, shelter or an umbrella.
 - Wear a protective sun shirt in the water.
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Stay Safe in the Surf

 - Only swim where lifeguards are positioned, and never take your eyes off of swimming children.
 - Check the conditions of the current before heading out.
 - If you find yourself in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore until you are out of it.
 - Look for jellyfish. If you are stung, go to a lifeguard for first aid.
 - If you hear thunder, stay off the beach for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder clap.
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Be a Water Watcher

 - Never take your eyes off of children in a pool or any body of water, even for a moment!
 - If you're in a group, appoint a designated "water watcher," taking turns with other adults.
 - Avoid distractions like your phone, books or magazines.
 - Use caution with water wings or other inflatable toys.
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Don't Get Bugged

 - Wear an insect repellant with at least 20% DEET.
 - Cover exposed skin with long-sleeved shirts, long pants and hats.
 - If you've been in the woods, check your kids, your pets and yourself for ticks.
 - Stay inside at dusk and dawn, the most active times for bugs.
 - Avoid places with standing water, which attracts mosquitoes.



Cars Heat Up *Faster* Than You Think Do Not Leave Your Kids or Pets in Parked Vehicles

Elapsed Time for Vehicle Heating		Outside (°F)			
		70°	80°	90°	100°
10 Minutes	Inside (°F)	89°	99°	109°	119°
30 Minutes		104°	114°	124°	134°
60 Minutes		113°	123°	133°	143°

HOW TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE IN THE HEAT

- 🐾 Provide plenty of fresh water so they don't get dehydrated
- 🐾 Don't over-exercise pets
- 🐾 Never leave pets alone in a parked car
- 🐾 Watch for symptoms of overheating, which include excessive panting, difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate and drooling

SOURCE: AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION
OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS



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PARK.


LOOK.


LOCK.



Never leave a child alone in a car.
Remember to A-C-T.



A Avoid Heatstroke

Avoid heatstroke-related injury and death by never leaving a child alone in a car, not even for a minute. And make sure to keep your car locked when you're not inside so kids don't get in on their own.



C Create Reminders

Keep a stuffed animal or other memento in your child's car seat when it's empty, and move it to the front seat as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Or place and secure your phone, briefcase or purse in the backseat when traveling with your child.



T Take Action

If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call. They are trained to respond to these situations.

**SAFE
KIDS**
WORLDWIDE®

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SAVE MONEY ON ELECTRIC THIS SUMMER

1. **Check air ducts for leaks & make sure your vents are open.**
2. **Replace your air filters regularly.**
3. **Instead of turning off your AC during the day, cut the temperature back 7-10%. Your AC won't have to work as hard hard to cool your house back down.**
4. **Consider investing in a programmable thermostat.**
5. **Only run full loads when using your large appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher).**
6. **Use appliances in off-peak hours if you can (usually after 8pm).**
7. **Do your laundry in cold water.**
8. **Use power strips and shut them off when you aren't using what's plugged in.**
9. **Keep your curtains closed (reduces incoming heat by up to 30%).**
10. **Consider installing window AC units in bedrooms so you only have to cool the bedrooms at night, instead of the whole house.**

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SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

Grilling & Fire Pit Safety:

- Place grills & fire pits at least 10 feet away from your home, trees, and anything else that can burn.
- Never leave a grill or fire pit unattended, especially with children or pets nearby.
- Before heading inside, ensure all flames are completely out. Use water or sand for fire pits and follow safety tips for your grill.

Outdoor Electrical Safety:

- Check outdoor outlets, extension cords, and appliances for damage before using them.
- Replace frayed cords or damaged outlets immediately.
- Only use equipment made for outdoors.

Yard Upkeep:

- Remove dry leaves, branches, and other debris from your yard.
- Trim overhanging branches, especially near your home or power lines.

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Drought declarations are not based on a single factor. DEP considers four key indicators: stream flow, groundwater levels, precipitation, and soil moisture. Each has an established normal range. Declarations are made after assessing how far conditions have deviated from normal over the past 3 to 12 months.

Berks County is currently in a drought watch status.

Tips During A Drought Watch:

- 1. Skip washing your car.**
- 2. Run washers less often. Only run when you have a full load.**
- 3. Repair household leaks.**
- 4. Set up a rain barrel to repurpose rain.**
- 5. Burn responsibly. Do not burn during windy or extremely dry days.**

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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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Residential Registration Reminder

The purpose of this program is to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the Township's citizens and emergency services responders, to establish rights and obligations of Owners and Occupants relating to Residential Rental Properties in the Township and to encourage Owners and Occupants to maintain and improve the quality of life and quality of rental housing within the Township.

More information on our website:

<https://amitytownshippa.com/wp2/rental-registration-inspection/>



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Community Complaint Form Reminder

The Township is asking residents to use the Community Concern Form for all complaints pertaining to property maintenance, safety concerns, street lights out or park issue (damaged equipment, vandalism, etc.).

The form should NOT be used for the following:

- animal or noise disturbances
- dumpsters in the street
- solicitation & peddling
- firearms discharge or fireworks

These are all police matters and can be reported to 610-655-4911.

Complete the form on our website:

<https://amitytownshippa.com/wp2/code-enforcement/>



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What's going on in Amity?

- **Construction continues 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 project is on track for completion by the end of August.**
- **The \$36 million dollar Wastewater Treatment plant expansion is wrapping up. The Township will be evaluating sewer rates and future increases in the coming months.**
- **New stand alone playground pieces are being purchased to replace the damaged or missing pieces at ACP. These pieces will be installed in conjunction with the replacement of the 2-5 year-old playset.**
- **The J Lynn Reserve wedding venue on Weavertown Road has received final plan approval. More information on the venue is available at <https://www.thejlynnreserve.com/>.**
- **The Supervisors voted down the Cluster Housing Development ordinance which would have allowed clustering in the Rural Conservation zone.**

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Over the last year, Amity Township has been working with officials from St. Lawrence Borough and Exeter & Douglass Townships to update our Joint Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing will be held in the near future to accept public comment on the plan.

The draft plan is open for review here:

<https://bit.ly/SEADJCPdraft>



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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: July 9th at 7pm
- Supervisors: July 15th at 7pm
- Parks & Recreation: July 21st at 7pm



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