

# Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

200 Mount Airy Road, New Providence, PA 17560

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## SPRING CLEAN UP TIME

The township will once again be accepting woody yard waste from the township residents at the township maintenance shed on two Saturday mornings this spring. If you have woody yard waste (shrub trimmings, branches, etc.) that you wish to dispose of, please plan on bringing them to the township on the following Saturdays:

**May 16, 2015 and June 6, 2015 from of 8:00 A.M. —12:00 (Noon).**

We will not accept your yard waste at any other time this spring. We plan to offer two Saturday drop-off times in the fall as well.

## Protect Our Community by Reporting Illegal Dumping and Littering

Make no mistake: Littering and illegal dumping are against the law. There are, however, subtle differences between the two. Litter is primarily small items that have been scattered, including paper, food and beverage containers, convenience products, newspapers, and cardboard. Littering can be intentional or accidental. For instance, some trash found along the road — items blown from yards and vehicles or debris left over from accidents — is the result of an unintentional act. Illegal dumping, on the other hand, is always intentional and done for many reasons: convenience, ignorance, habit, profit, or to hide other illegal activities. Illegal dumping often involves large items or large quantities of small items, such as appliances, tires, bags of household trash, furniture, and construction and demolition debris. Despite their differences, litter and illegally dumped items are costly and time-consuming to clean up. Both also pose significant threats to the environment and to the health and safety of humans, animals, and the communities they live in. Therefore, all of us play a role in curbing these problems. One way you can help: When you see someone littering or dumping items where they shouldn't, report the incident to the proper authorities.

Pay attention to the details. Any improper disposal of trash — littering or illegal dumping — is against the law, and violators can be prosecuted. Many residents, though, are uncertain about what to do when they observe this illegal activity. Most important, if you observe someone littering or dumping, **DO NOT APPROACH** the suspect. Instead, get details and descriptions of the incident and turn them over to an enforcement agency as soon as possible. Helpful information includes:

1. The license plate number and description of the vehicle involved (*make, model, year, and condition*).
2. Number of people involved, along with descriptions.
3. Date and time of incident.
4. Direction of travel, if you witnessed a littering incident, and type of litter thrown from the vehicle.
5. Location and directions to the site of an illegal dump and the name of the property owner, if known.
6. Your name and telephone number.
7. If a vehicle is involved, the owner is responsible for any trash that has been dropped, thrown, or deposited regardless of who committed the offense. The vehicle license number may be all that you need to report after witnessing a littering incident. However, the more information you provide, the stronger the case will be.

Who to call? When reporting littering or illegal dumping, always start at the local level. Your township officials, for example, are familiar with properties and residents and will be able to respond quickly or point you to the correct authority, which may include the following:

The Pennsylvania State Police, who have jurisdiction if the violation occurs on a state road or on public or private land.

The Pa. Department of Environmental Protection, which responds to complaints of illegal dumping on public or private property.

The Pa. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, which responds to complaints of littering or dumping in state forests and parks.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, which oversees the commonwealth's surface waters, particularly trout streams.

**Note: Information courtesy of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.**

**Serving approximately 7,000 residents and 2,850 households**

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### **Contact Information**

Telephone: 717-786-7596

Facsimile: 717-786-2565

Website: [www.providencetownship.com](http://www.providencetownship.com)

### **Township Hours:**

Monday – Thursday

6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Closed every Friday*

### **Board of Supervisors**

*Meetings: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.*

David J. Gerhart, Chair

C. William Shaffer, Vice Chair

Gregory R. Collins

### **Township Manager**

Vicki Eldridge

[vicki@providencetownship.com](mailto:vicki@providencetownship.com)

### **Zoning Officer**

Constance Peiffer

[connie@providencetownship.com](mailto:connie@providencetownship.com)

### **Road Master**

Jim Grube

[jjim@providencetownship.com](mailto:jjim@providencetownship.com)

### **Planning Commission**

*Meetings: Third Monday, 7:00 p.m.*

James E. Pennington, Chair

Anthony Nardella

Clayton Harnish

Kara Kalupson

Andrew Odell

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

*Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.*

Bradford Duvall

James Hess

Ralph Dubree

Anna Hipple, Alternate

### **Emergency Management Coordinator**

Jim Herr

**The Providence Township Patriot has returned!** Due to budget cuts, the township newsletter has not been published since 2013. The newsletter returns this year with the help of some local business owners who have chosen to advertise in the newsletter. The township offered local businesses an opportunity to advertise in both the spring and fall newsletter for a reasonable cost of \$50 per issue. The township would like to offer its appreciation of our local businesses that chose to advertise! Please support these businesses whenever you can!

**ENOLA LOW GRADE TRAIL.** The Providence Township portion of the trail is open for recreation. The trail is surfaced between Sigman Road and Fairview Road. The surfacing has been completed through Quarryville Borough as well.. The trail is open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk. Please take time to get outdoors and enjoy our treasure! Keep up to date with trail activities on the trail website [www.enolalowgradetrail.com](http://www.enolalowgradetrail.com).

**VOLUNTEERS ON THE TRAIL** Providence Township Parks and Recreation Committee currently meets monthly and operates as an advisory committee to the Township. We also operate as a volunteer work force, assisting the township staff in maintaining the trail by providing the Township with supplemental labor, which helps to lower cost impacts, accelerates trail development, and provides community service opportunities for residents. The committee's main goal is to help support the Township in providing a safe and enjoyable trail experience for all of our residents.

The committee meets at the Township office, the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer and help work on upcoming trail projects, please email us at: [parks@providencetownship.com](mailto:parks@providencetownship.com) and we will notify you of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

**RECYCLING** Providence Township residents are required to recycle. All licensed trash haulers will supply recycle bins to their respective customers. If you need a replacement bin, they are available at the township office.

**WHAT DO I PUT IN MY RECYCLE BIN?**

**Glass:** Clear, green and brown glass food and beverage bottles and jars should be thoroughly rinsed and lids should be removed. Throw the lids in the trash. It is not necessary to remove labels.

**DO NOT PUT IN THE BIN:** light bulbs, window and auto glass, drinking glasses and cookware are not recyclable and should be put in the trash.

**Metals:** All food and beverage cans which are made from aluminum, steel, tin or a combination of metals should be rinsed prior to placing in the bin. Do not crush the cans.

**DO NOT PUT IN THE BIN:** Other aluminum and metal products like foil, pie plates, and hangers are not recyclable and should be put in the trash.

**Plastic Bottles:** Plastic household bottles with a #1 (PETE) such as water, soft drink and juice bottles or #2 (HDPE) like milk and detergent bottles. Throw the lid in the trash. Rinse and smash.

**DO NOT PUT IN THE BIN:** Plastic tubs such as yogurt and butter containers, toys and other plastic packaging.

**Newspapers:** All newspapers, including inserts, should be placed in strong paper bags (not to exceed 30 lbs.). Put the bag next to or on top of the recycling bin. PLEASE DO NOT PUT NEWSPAPERS OUT FOR COLLECTION WHEN IT IS RAINING.

**POLICE COVERAGE** The Pennsylvania State Police is your police force. The non-emergency phone number for the state police is (717)299-7650.

**IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1**

**PUBLIC MEETINGS** You are encouraged to attend all public meetings at the township office. The board of supervisors meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., the zoning hearing board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the planning commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the parks/recreation committee meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Any changes to the meeting dates and times are advertised in the Lancaster Newspapers, on the township website and posted at the township office.

**PAVING DRIVEWAYS** Please contact the township office to obtain a paving permit prior to paving your driveway. The cost of a paving permit is \$20.00

**SWIMMING POOLS** All swimming pools require a permit from the township prior to installation. This includes inflatable pools such as the types which can be purchased at Kmart, Walmart and other department stores.

**WELCOME** Connie Kauffman to the staff of Providence Township. Connie is the new administrative assistant in the township office. Connie currently resides in Strasburg Township. Connie is a welcome addition to our staff.

**GO PAPERLESS!** Would you like to receive this publication via email? If so, email the township secretary at vicki@providencetownship.com.

**FARMERS** Please remember to leave a buffer of grass between the road and your field when plowing. The road right of way should not be plowed. If you need to know the width of the right-of-way, please call the township.

**OPEN BURNING** Open fires may be set by residents of Providence Township providing that there shall be compliance with all of the following conditions: 1) only leaves, branches and other non-putrescible vegetable matter are burned; 2) no hazardous or objectionable condition will be created by such burning; 3) all burning shall be done in a flame-proof container or in an area where the risk of spreading of the fire shall be eliminated; 4) no such burning shall occur on any street or sidewalk within the township. The board of supervisors shall have the power to prohibit burning of any type on a temporary basis within the township if it is determined that weather or other related conditions are such that burning will constitute a hazard to the citizens of the township. If you are interested in viewing the burn ordinance in its entirety, please stop by the township office.

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**2015 TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS**

January 1: New Years Day ■ January 19: Martin Luther King Day  
February 16: President's Day ■ May 25: Memorial Day  
July 2: Independence Day ■ September 7 : Labor Day  
November 11: Veterans Day ■ November 26: Thanksgiving  
December 23 : Christmas Eve ■ December 24: Christmas

**REMEMBER TO VOTE !**

**Primary Election Day**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015.**

**7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.**

## FLAG ETIQUETTE: DISPLAYING THE FLAG OUTDOORS

- When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting from a window, balcony, or a building, the union should be at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.
- When it is displayed from the same flagpole with another flag - of a state, community, society or scout unit - the flag of the United States must always be at the top except that the church pennant may be flown above the flag during church services for navy personnel when conducted by a naval chaplain on a ship at sea.
- When the flag is displayed over a street, it should be hung vertically, with the union to the north or east. If the flag is suspended over a sidewalk, the flag's union should be farthest from the building.
- When flown with flags of states, communities, or societies on separate flag poles which are of the same height and in a straight line, the flag of the United States is always placed in the position of honor - to its own right.
- The other flags may be smaller but none may be larger.
- No other flag ever should be placed above it.
- The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.
- When flown with the national banner of other countries, each flag must be displayed from a separate pole of the same height. Each flag should be the same size. They should be raised and lowered simultaneously. The flag of one nation may not be displayed above that of another nation.



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