

# 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 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:

**April 16, 2016 and May 7, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. —12:00 (Noon)**

Do you have perennials to thin out? The Parks/Rec Committee is accepting donated perennials to be planted along the trail. The perennials can be dropped off at the township building on the same dates as woody waste drop off.

### PERMITS & ZONING

#### Getting Started "On the Right Track"



A discussion with the township zoning officer should always be the first step prior to starting a building project in Providence Township no matter how small the scope of the project. The zoning officer will help you understand the permit process which can be very in depth and may involve building, zoning and stormwater permits. It is all too common that projects are started without the proper permits and the township must take enforcement action against a property owner. It is always the township's desire to achieve voluntary compliance without the use of legal action. Even voluntary compliance has a financial impact on the owner as the permit fees will be 2X the original permit fee plus \$75.00 for work started without a required permit.

In cases where the township is not able to obtain voluntary compliance a legal proceeding will be commenced. The ordinances of the township permit the filing of a civil action before a magisterial district judge in the amount of \$500 per day of violation plus court and township attorney costs. The costs can accrue very quickly and become very costly to the property owner.

**The best course of action is to always contact your township zoning officer prior to commencing your project!**

### STORMWATER POLLUTION

Providence Township is taking action to reduce stormwater pollution!

What is stormwater pollution? As rain and snowmelt flow across the hard surfaces in our community, it can pick up a variety of polluting substances including heavy metals, grass clippings, bacteria, fertilizers, and trash. Much of this storm water runoff drains into road inlets and pipes, and is then discharged directly into our local streams: the Big Beaver Creek and Pequea Creek. These pollutants are harmful to the fish and wildlife that depend on clean water to thrive. They are also harmful to us! To reduce stormwater pollution, and improve local water quality, Providence Township must develop, implement, and enforce a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). This task is required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit which regulates stormwater discharges from the township's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4): a series of inlets, pipes, catch basins, and swales that collect, convey, and discharge stormwater directly into our streams. The permit only regulates the MS4 located in the designated urbanized areas of the township which are based on US Census data.

**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

John Schroeder

### Township Manager

Vicki Eldridge

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

### Zoning Officer

Constance Peiffer

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

### Road Master

Jason McClune

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

### Planning Commission

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

Andrew Odell, Chair

Anthony Nardella

Kara Kalupson

Pamela Minnick

Kenneth Wiker

### Zoning Hearing Board

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

Bradford Duvall

James Hess

Ralph Dubree

Anna Hipple, Alternate

### Emergency Management Coordinator

Jim Herr

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### Providence Township is pleased to introduce:

- **Supervisor:** John Schroeder

- **Road Master:** Jason McClune

I grew up in the McClune's Garage family business owned by my father and grandfather Terry and Carl McClune at 136 Lancaster Pike South. After graduating from Solanco High School, I studied business at Harrisburg Area Community College and East Stroudsburg University. I worked over nine years at McClune's Garage before moving on to be the Director of Transportation for the Solanco School District. At Solanco, I was in charge of everything to do with school buses, school bus stops and school bus routes for fifteen years.

I have been married to my wife Mandy for eight years and we currently live on Miller Road in Providence Township with my youngest daughter Kara. My oldest daughter Allison is finishing her second year of college at Lancaster Bible College. I retired from a twenty-three year career of fastpitch softball. My greatest highlight was winning the ISC 2 world tournament in Waterloo, Canada in 2007. The team (South Lebanon TNT) was inducted into the Lebanon ASA Hall of Fame in 2009. I am currently the varsity assistant softball coach at Solanco High School.

My family has taught me the importance of preparation, hard work and respect. I will use these values everyday as I take over as Road Master for Providence Township.

- **Planning Commission Members:**  
Pamela Minnick and Kenneth Wiker

**Volunteers are still needed to serve as alternates on the Planning Commission. Interested parties should contact Vicki Eldridge at 717.786.7596 x 4 or [vicki@providencetownship.com](mailto:vicki@providencetownship.com).**

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**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.



**ENOLA**

**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).

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**Taxpayer Involvement is Power**  
Rep. Bryan Cutler (R-Peach Bottom)

Many pressing issues demand our attention each day, making it difficult to focus on anything outside of our immediate responsibilities. There isn't enough time to dedicate to family, friends, jobs and hobbies. Yet, it is so important to take an active role in the world around us; only we can represent

our opinions.

Decisions are made daily that impact us. For example, PennDOT will be presenting multiple traffic control alternatives for the Route 272 Corridor in Providence Township in April. The area of Route 272 in between the intersections of Pennsy and Byerland Church roads have been studied, and residents may contact Providence Township at 717-786-7596 or my office at 717-284-1965 for information regarding the proposals. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this opportunity to be involved in the process.

Commonwealth citizens are also welcome to submit their ideas and strategies to improve government efficiency. Recently, the House Majority Policy Committee unveiled PennSAVE. The task force is researching several potential cost-saving measures across state government, including possible state agency and program consolidation, unaddressed audit findings, government procurement policies, as well as overall waste, fraud and system abuse. The public may share feedback by visiting [www.paqoppolicy.com](http://www.paqoppolicy.com) and selecting the "PennSAVE" banner.

Another great opportunity to take a proactive role is by attending my upcoming town hall meeting, which I will be holding on Thursday, April 14, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Providence Township Building, 200 Mount Airy Road, New Providence. The meeting will provide residents of the 100<sup>th</sup> District with the opportunity to hear an update from Harrisburg and ask any questions they have. It is a time to talk about the concerns of the people. Space limits us to 50 attendees, so everyone is asked to RSVP to my office at 717-284-1965 to reserve a spot.

The power of the taxpayer goes far beyond simply pushing a button behind a curtain a couple of times a year; there are so many opportunities that give a voice to the opinions and concerns of the people who government was created to represent. Your opinions and concerns matter, and I encourage you to share them so your government is most beneficial to you

A yellow rectangular advertisement for Probst Family Auction, LLC. The text is centered and includes the company name and "Full Auction Service" in bold. Below this is a starburst graphic with the text "GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, GOING PROBST". To the right is a circular logo with a crown and the text "PROBST Auctioneers". At the bottom, the contact person is Eric R. Probst, Auctioneer, with address 912 Rawlinsville Road, Willow Street, PA 17584. Contact information includes email eric@probstauction.com, website www.probstauction.com, and office phone (717) 464-3700.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Saturday Oct. 29, 2016 from of 10:00 A.M. —11:30 A.M. Composting Workshop**

The township will be hosting a Home Composting Workshop conducted by a Lancaster County Penn State Extension Master Gardener. Learn how you can improve your garden and reduce waste. Immediately following will be a Rain Barrel Presentation given by the West Lampeter Township Community Development Director. Questions will be welcomed. Please plan to attend these informative and FREE sessions!

## **REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2016 7:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. Primary Election Day**

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