

Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

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FALL CLEAN UP TIME

October 15, 2016 and October 29, 2016 from 8:00 A.M. —12:00 (Noon)

The township will once again be accepting woody yard waste from residents at the township maintenance shed on two Saturday mornings this fall. Plan to bring your woody yard waste (shrub trimmings, branches, etc.) that you wish to dispose of.

COMPOSTING WORKSHOP & RAIN BARREL PRESENTATION

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

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!

PEQUEA CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION NEWS



A large portion of Providence Township drains into the Pequea Creek which forms the northern boundary line between Providence and Pequea Townships. The Pequea Creek Watershed Association is an all-volunteer non-profit group whose mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the watershed of the Pequea Creek and all its tributaries through protection, restoration and education; to partner with private and public landowners to achieve these goals; and to highlight the importance of improving and protecting our natural resources.

Over the past six years, our group has planted over 500 native tree seedlings in the watershed including trees at the Solanco Fair Grounds and along the Rail Trail near the Cinder Road Bridge. We have also conducted creek stomps with the help of Mr. Matt Kofroth, County Watershed Coordinator. Every year we have a booth at both the Solanco and Lampeter Fairs, and have a miniature golf fundraiser at Village Greens Miniature Golf in Strasburg.

Our most exciting project is about to get started: a half-mile streambank restoration project of the Big Beaver Creek on the Esh Farm. This portion of the Big Beaver Creek forms the boundary line between Providence and Strasburg Townships. The project is being funded by a \$290,000 grant from the Conservation Fund. Construction is expected to start October 1st and continue for approximately two months. Proposed improvements will include three livestock crossings so that the animals can safely cross the stream without any hazards. The stream banks will be seeded and stabilized with a riparian buffer including approximately 800 native trees and shrubs which will be planted in the spring. Trees and shrubs will be planted in the Spring of 2017.

We will need volunteers to plant all of these trees!!!

Each year we use our funds to purchase tree seedlings, shelters, and stakes from the Lancaster County Conservation District. If you have a stream on your property, and would like free trees to plant along your streambanks, or would like to volunteer for any of our activities, please contact kara.kalupson@rettew.com. We hold meetings at the Providence Township municipal offices in March, June, September, and December.

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

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

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vicki@providencetownship.com

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Constance Peiffer

connie@providencetownship.com

Road Master

Jason McClune

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Planning Commission

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

Andrew Odell, Chair

Anthony Nardella

Kara Kalupson

Pamela Minnick

Kenneth Wiker

Brent Musser, Alternate

Zoning Hearing Board

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

Bradford Duvall

James Hess

Albert Warfel

Anna Hipple, Alternate

Emergency Management Coordinator

Jim Herr

Providence Township is pleased to introduce:

- **Zoning Hearing Board Member: Albert Warfel**
- **Planning Commission Alternate Member: Brent Musser**

Household Hazardous Waste and Stormwater



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) are common everyday products we use in our homes that can present a threat or unreasonable risk to people or the environment. These items can be corrosive, ignitable, toxic, or reactive, and when we no longer have a need for them, they become hazardous waste that must be disposed of properly.

Why is it important to carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oils? Because these household products may be dangerous, and improper storage and disposal associated with household hazardous waste can be harmful to us and jeopardize our environment.

If HHW is not correctly disposed of, it can enter our storm sewers and waterways. Improperly disposing of these items into storm sewers, sanitary sewers, on-lot sewage systems, or by dumping them onto the ground allows stormwater runoff to pick them up and carry them into our waterways.

We can all make a difference by taking a few simple steps:

- Know what HHW is and make sure to dispose of anything marked with the words “danger,” “caution,” “warning,” or “toxic.”
- Read labels and purchase non-hazardous options whenever possible.
- Purchase only as much as you need, so that you do not need to dispose of excess materials.
- Never place toxic materials in your trash or dump them down sinks or storm drains, sanitary sewers, on-lot sewage systems, or on the ground; this is a dangerous and illegal practice.

Check out Lancaster County’s HHW disposal facility:

Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority

[Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#)

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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.

REMEMBER TO VOTE !

General Election Day

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016

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

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.



The township plans to install benches along the Enola Low Grade Trail for trail users to rest. We would like to offer a **sponsorship opportunity** to individuals and local businesses. Would you be interested in sponsoring one of our benches? The cost to construct a bench is approximately \$300.00. The sponsorship would cost \$300.00. The sponsorship would include an engraved plaque attached to the bench indicating your donation to our trail. If you are interested, please contact the township office.

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Pennsylvania's Dog Licensing Requirements:

- All dogs, three months or older must be licensed by January 1 of each year. Licenses go on sale December 1 for the upcoming license year.
- An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the dog is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Prior to obtaining a lifetime license, a dog must have a microchip or tattoo. Discount licenses are available to older adults and people with disabilities.
- All dogs and non feral cats, three months of age and older, must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300.00 per violation plus court costs.
- Licenses can be purchased through your county treasurer.

LANCASTER TIRE COLLECTION
Lancaster Farm and Home Center

1383 Arcadia Rd., Lancaster, PA 17601

Thursday Nov.17, 2016 from of 8:00 A.M. —12:00 A.M.

Tires provide excellent habitat for mosquitoes, particularly the Asian tiger mosquito, a potential vector of Zika virus. Tires may also provide habitat for a number of other mosquitoes species that may be a nuisance or spread other diseases, such as West Nile virus. In response to this potential hazard the Lancaster County West Nile Virus program is conducting a one-day tire collection to promote mosquito habitat removal. Details below.

• **Open to persons living in Lancaster County.** Please bring proof of address- driver's license, phone bill, etc. Out-of-county persons or tire related businesses will not be able to dispose of tires at this event.

• **There is NO preregistration for this event.**

• Regular /auto or 1 large tire can be taken for free from each individual, so long as space is available. Any tire with an inner rim diameter greater than 15 inches is considered large. Any tire with an inner rim diameter of 15 inches or less is considered regular/auto.

• Tires must be off the rim, drained of water, unburned, and not excessively dirty.

• **PLEASE NOTE THAT SPACE IS LIMITED.** One trailer will be loaded to capacity with tires.

Excess tires will not be accepted.

• Many local entities recycle scrap tires for a fee, including all three facilities operated by Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA). For more information about LCSWMA's services, call (717) 397-9968 or visit lcswma.org.

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