

Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

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IMPORTANT DATES

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. Plan to bring your woody yard waste (shrub trimmings, branches, etc.) that you wish to dispose of.

April 21, 2018 and May 5, 2018 from 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

More details to come

Great American Cleanup of PA/Fall Cleanup

April and October (dates to be announced)

Volunteers needed for Adopt-A-Roadway Program

Contact Heidi Martinez at 717-786-7596 ext. 1



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Enola Low Grade Trail Updates:

Exciting things are happening on the Providence Township section of the Enola Low Grade Trail. Thanks to the generous sponsors and the hard work of our road crew, twelve (12) new park benches will be installed this year. The pedestrian bridge over Route 222 will be completed and a ribbon cutting event will be held on June 2, 2018 (rain date June 9, 2018). On May 26, 2018 Morningstar Counseling LLC will be holding a 5k/10k race.

If you are interested in holding an event on the trail please contact the Township Office at 717-786-7596.

We look forward to enjoying the Enola Low Grade Trail with the residents of Providence Township .

Blood Drive

Lancaster General Hospital is holding a blood drive at the Providence Township Municipal Office on **Wednesday, May 9, 2018** from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please call 717-786-7596 to schedule an appointment. Donors must be in good health and must be free of any cold, sore throat, nausea, diarrhea, flu and active allergy symptoms for at least three days. The minimum age is 16 and the minimum weight is 110 pounds. There must be an interval of 8 weeks or 56 days between donations.

Before you donate:

- Eat high iron foods
- Eat plenty of Vitamin C rich foods, which will help your body absorb iron from plant sources
- Avoid fatty foods, which may skew some of the tests performed on your donated blood
- Drink an extra 16 ounces of water or other fluids leading up to your donation time
- Eat a healthy meal within 4 hours of donating



Blood that's collected stays in Lancaster County to benefit members of our community!

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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.

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Conservation Landscaping Improves Local Water Quality

By Kara Kalupson

It's spring! And that means many residents are thinking about adding landscaping elements to their properties. You can help improve local water quality by implementing "Conservation Landscape" elements into your yard. Conservation landscaping is a style of landscaping that provides many environmental benefits including the following:

- Increases the number of native plants in the community which increases biodiversity
- Provides food and habitat for local and migratory animals.
- Improves water quality because larger plants have deeper roots which are better at holding soil and capturing rainwater.
- Reduces the amount of turf grass/lawn.
- Reduces the time and expense of mowing, watering, and fertilizing.
- Provides more visual appeal than a traditional mowed lawn.

To get started on your conservation landscape plan, think about replacing some of your lawn area with a variety of native trees, shrubs, and perennials.

Why Use Native Plants? Native plants occur naturally in the area in which they evolved and are uniquely adapted to our local soils and climate conditions. They generally require less watering and fertilizing than non-native species. They are oftentimes more resistant to insects and disease. Our native wildlife species, including insects and birds, evolved with native plants and rely on them for food, cover, and rearing young. Here are some other conservation landscaping elements:

- Test your soil before applying fertilizer – apply only when and where as necessary based on the results.
- Use a mulching mower and leave grass clippings on the lawn. These provide nutrients back into the soil.
- Compost your food scraps, leaves, and yard waste.
- Mow your lawn no lower than 3"
- Reduce your lawn size by adding landscaping beds.
- Water your landscape and lawn only when needed. During the hot summer months, most turf grasses go dormant and do not need to be watered.

For more information on Conservation Landscaping you can visit this website:

<http://www.chesapeakelandscape.org/>



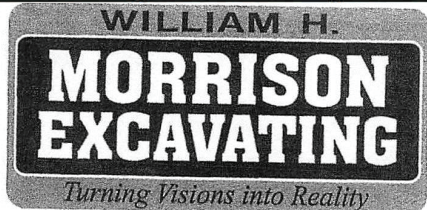
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RECYCLING Providence Township residents are required to recycle. All licensed trash haulers will supply recycle bins to their respective customers. If you need a replacement bin, they are available at the township office.

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.



Onlot Sewage Disposal Systems

Pumping Your Tank:

A septic tank accumulates solids (sludge) and scum which should be pumped at least every three to five years. The frequency of the pumping depends upon tank size and household size.

Signs of an onlot system in trouble include:

- Toilet runs sluggish
- Sewer odors in the house and/or drinking water
- Illness, often to household visitors
- Sponginess around septic tank, distribution box or dosing tank and absorption area
- Surfacing raw sewage
- Dosing pump runs constantly or not at all
- Dosing tank alarm light is on
- Backup of sewage into laundry tubs or other fixtures

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