

Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

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SEWAGE

Reminder that septic tanks should be pumped at least every three to five years. Frequency of pumping depends on the size of the tank and the household. Signs of trouble of an onlot system include toilet runs sluggish, sewer odors, illness, sponginess around septic tank, distribution box or dosing tank and absorption area, surfacing raw sewage, dosing pump constantly runs or does not run at all, dosing tank alarm light is on and backup of sewage into laundry tubs or other fixtures. Providence Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, Marvin Stoner is available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 717-786-3205.



IMPORTANT DATES

Fall 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 fall.

Plan to bring your woody yard waste (shrub trimmings, branches, etc.) that you wish to dispose of. **We do not accept leaves, landscaping and hardscaping materials.**

**October 2, 2021 and October 23, 2021
from 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.**

Primary Election Day

November 2, 2021

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

Remember to Vote!

Trick or Treat

Friday, October 29, 2021

From 6:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.



2021 Updates

National Night Out

After the cancellation of the 2020 National Night Out community appreciation event, the Providence Township Board of Supervisors and staff were thankful to the first responders, businesses, nonprofit organizations, and the community residents for participating and contributing to the 2021 National Night Out event. This year we were able to add a candy drop for the kids from a ladder truck, thanks to the generous donations of many businesses in the township. We hope everyone had a chance to meet and talk to the first responders and receive information from the nonprofit organizations that service the area. Turn to page 3 for pictures from the event.

Public Works

The road crew has faced another challenging year of storms and projects. Multiple snow and ice storms kept them busy during the winter months. The summer and spring projects included replacing the Esh Road bridge, various pipe replacements, and repairing edges. Tropical Depression Ida and other rainfalls caused damage and had a significant impact on the public works department this year. A few reminders as winter approaches:

- Make sure your mailbox is securely attached to the post and the post is strong enough to withstand the force of the snow being pushed by the plow.
- Do not snow blow, shovel or plow the snow into the road.
- Drive safe!

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.

J. Pepper Goslin, Chair

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Jim Fry

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Planning Commission

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

Andrew Odell, Chair

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Samuel Blank

Kenneth Wiker

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Zoning Hearing Board

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

Bradford Duvall

Omar Smoker

Albert Warfel

David Beiler, Alternate

Emergency Management Coordinator

Jim Herr

Storm Water Management Tips

The torrential rainfall events over the last few years have affected property owners throughout the township. For this reason among others the township stresses the importance of complying with the township storm water management ordinance, federal and state regulations that have been enacted. Homeowners play a vital role in storm water management. The maintenance of storm water best management practices (BMPs) is a way to care for your property as well as diminish the impact to others. Below are some maintenance reminders for various BMPs:

Downspout Disconnection

- Mow the lawn in this area at the same time interval that the rest of the yard is mowed
- Check for bare spots and reseed if needed
- A splash guard or a small pile of rocks may be needed

Rain Gardens

Twice a year

- Vegetation needs to be checked
- Check the inflow area for sediment buildup and remove any sediment
- Mulch should be re-spread when there is erosion and replenish as needed

Annually

- Perennial plants should be cut back and remove dead vegetation

Every Three Years

- Apply mulch in the spring as needed to cover soil. Mulch should be 1-3 inches deep.

Infiltration Trench

- Do not regularly drive over an infiltration trench so as to not cause compaction or crush the perforated pipe
- Ponding of water on surface over the trench indicates there is a problem with the trench

Annually

- Check the access pipe to make sure the trench is not clogged
For more resources please visit the Stormwater Management/MS4 page on the township website,
www.providencetownship.com/stormwater-management.



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News from the State Capitol

Hello friends,

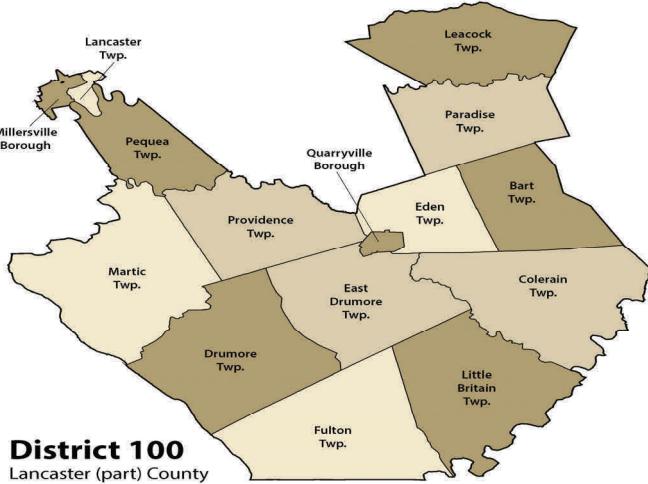
If we all think back to where we were a year ago, we can't help but appreciate our blessings today. COVID-19 turned so many aspects of our lives upside down and every one of us has made sacrifices to slow the spread of the virus. I hope you and your family are in good health, your children are having a successful school year and our community is growing stronger every day.

Throughout the past year, our efforts in state government were never slowed because of the virus. In fact, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives continues at one of its busiest paces in modern history. Our efforts helped ensure hospitals, long term care facilities and nursing homes were equipped for the challenges they faced, we increased access to life saving vaccines for every Pennsylvanian who wants to be vaccinated, we are ensuring teachers and students are prepared for the school year and we continue to help every Pennsylvanian rebuild and recover from the Governor's arbitrary shutdown orders.

However, we still face challenges. The Governor's administration continues to pursue statewide mandates as mitigation efforts and block the will of local leaders to protect their own communities. We have heard your calls loud and clear in Harrisburg and will continue to fight for the right to make decisions at a local level that best meet the needs of you and your loved ones.

My offices in Harrisburg and here in the 100th district remain open and staffed. We are available to serve you and your family, and I remain humbled by the trust you've put in me to carry your voice into every decision I make in Harrisburg.

Sincerely,
Speaker Bryan Cutler
100th Legislative District



Enola Low Grade Trail Improvements

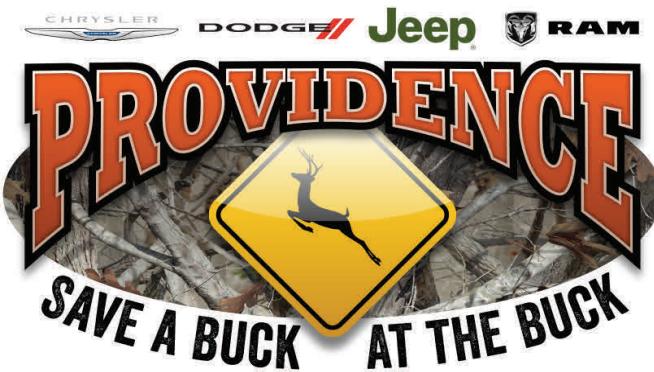
Martic Township awarded the construction contract for the trestle repairs to J. D. Eckman. The trestle is to be completed in 2022.

The Providence Township Parks and Recreation Committee is planning to add several shade structures to benches throughout the trail, build a new kiosk at the East State Trailhead and build a pavilion at a trailhead. This construction will happen over the next year or two. Do you have any interest in helping these projects come to fruition? If you wish to make a donation towards one or more of these projects, please contact the township office for more information.

Looking to help your community? The parks/rec committee is always looking to add new members. The committee meets every other month on the second Thursday at 7 p.m. to discuss the trail and formulate work projects, schedule clean up details, discuss improvement ideas and any concerns involving the trail. The meetings generally last about 1 hour. **Volunteers** are also needed to work on the construction projects. If you wish to volunteer in any way, please contact the township office for more information.

2021 National Night Out





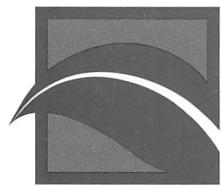
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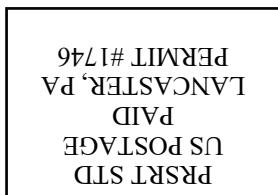
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