# Providence Township Patriot

## **Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed**

200 Mount Airy Road, New Providence, PA 17560

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#### **Summer Road Project**

Pennsy Road and Hollow Road large culvert replacement.



#### **Volunteers Needed**

Join the Parks and Recreation Committee. Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the following months:

March, May, July, and September.

#### **Building Projects**

Spring has sprung and residents might be thinking about upcoming remodeling projects, deck additions, or a pool for the summer. Remember before you begin contact Heidi Martinez, Zoning Officer at 717-786-7596 ext. 1 or email secretary@providencetownship.com.

### **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. We do not accept leaves, landscaping and hardscaping materials.

April 9, 2022 and May 7, 2022 from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

May 17, 2022
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Remember to Vote!

<u>LGH/Penn Medicine Blood Drives 2022</u> May 10, July 5, August 30, October 25, December 20; 2 p.m.-7 p.m.

Zoning Workshops 2022, 7 p.m. April 25, June 27, August 22, October 24

#### American Rescue Plan Act

Since the pandemic, The United States Federal Government has been handing out checks as if there is a budding money tree. Municipalities throughout the nation have received billions of dollars. Providence Township is no exception. As a result of ARPA, the American Rescue Plan Act, we have been "awarded" nearly \$800,000. For a small municipality such as ours, this is a HUGE sum.

It is tempting to think of all the great things that could be done for our residents with that cash. Your supervisors strive to manage a conservative budget with measured, frugal spending. This is NOT our money, but yours! To that end we investigated the Federal Contract that must be signed and followed to use the ARPA money.

It became apparent that by accepting these funds, we would be liable for many federal regulations, *future executive orders*, and a variety of stipulations that quite frankly are complex and obligate our township to present and future federal mandates.

Your Providence Township Supervisors unanimously decided to send that money back to Washington! You deserve local autonomy, local leadership, local control. The mantra, "Well, we can't do anything about this or that because it's a state regulation, it's federal law," is unacceptable in our Constitutional Republic. Let's work together to keep "We the People" directing the actions of government.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Pepper Goslin

Providence Township Supervisor

#### **HELPFUL INFORMATION**

#### **Contact Information**

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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 John Schroeder, Vice Chair

Lori L. Crossen

#### **Township Manager**

Vicki Eldridge

vicki@providencetownship.com

#### **Zoning Officer**

Heidi Martinez

secretary@providencetownship.com

#### **Road Master**

Jim Grube

jim@providencetownship.com

#### **Planning Commission**

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

Andrew Odell, Chair Anthony Nardella

Kara Kalupson

Samuel Blank

Kenneth Wiker

Brent Musser, Alternate

#### Zoning Hearing Board

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

Bradford Duvall
Omar Smoker
Albert Warfel

David Beiler, Alternate

#### **Emergency Management Coordinator**

Jim Herr

#### **Election Day**

Nov 2021

Greetings Providence Township!

I just wanted to take the time to say thank you to all those who came out on Election Day to exercise a right we hold dear in this great nation of ours. There were over 1100 people who voted in our township on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. That's amazing! Given the political climate we live in today, this is something we cannot take for granted and should not leave undone. Personally, I take the opportunity in EVERY election to cast my ballot to choose our leaders. Some folks believe the local municipal elections are not important enough to get out and vote, but they are mistaken! In this recent election, we were able to vote to keep or replace judges of our Commonwealth, local School Board members, Township Supervisors, and more. These are people that can make decisions that will profoundly affect our lives as we've seen this past year. Voting is one way to make our voices heard.

So with that, I also want to say "thank you" to everyone who has come out to show their support and vote for me, as well, for Supervisor of Providence Township. During the days leading up to the primary and general elections this year, I enjoyed meeting and talking with so many of you and appreciate everyone who took the time to speak with me about your concerns for the future of our township. My top priorities are the safety of our roads, paring down wasteful spending, and keeping a rural characteristic to our township. So, I am grateful for this opportunity and I look forward to serving our township for a second term as Supervisor.

I hope everyone will consider making the time to come to some of the various business meetings that take place, each month, at the township building. There is a lot going on in our community from the Planning Commission, to Zoning Hearings, to Budget meetings and Supervisor meetings. So stay informed and I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

John Schroeder

Supervisor

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### National Night Out

Mark your calendars for Providence Township's National Night Out community appreciation event on **Tuesday, August 2nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Event includes music from DJ Duda, free food, prizes, information from local nonprofit organizations, first responders and a kids candy drop!

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

#### Pequea Watershed Association

#### By Kara Kalupson

Improving and protecting water quality in our community and in our watershed continues to be a priority – we can all appreciate the importance of having clean ground water to provide safe drinking water, and clean streams to support aquatic wildlife and safe opportunities for recreational activities including fishing, swimming, and boating.



As you can see from the photo along the Big Beaver Creek, many of the stream channels have steep eroding banks that worsen with each storm event. When this happens, land area is lost to the

stream and sediment and nutrients contribute to poor water quality. As we continue to stabilize these streams, and protect them with native trees and shrubs, we should begin to see improved water

quality. The second photo shows a recently stabilized stream. This is not an easy or quick process – but we are moving forward which will benefit future generations.



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