

# Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

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## **Recycling, Trash Collection and Open Burning**

Did you know that in Providence Township a resident is required to recycle? Do you think recycling is confusing? Do not worry we have the answers for you. Yes, Providence Township residents and businesses are required to recycle because Providence Township is an Act 101 mandated municipality since 1992. This is based on the population of the municipality. Recycling in Lancaster County was made simpler in 2018 with the change to the BIG 4. The BIG 4 items are corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles and jugs with necks, metal food and beverage cans and glass jars and bottles. All other items do not belong in your recycling bin. When in doubt, throw it out.



Providence Township does not collect your trash, trash collection is done through a private hauler for residents and businesses. The private haulers must be licensed in the township and renew these licenses annually. Currently, there are four (4) licensed trash haulers in the township; Cauler Containers, Econ LLC, Republic Services of PA LLC and Waste Management of PA. The trash hauler is required to pick up leaves at least once annually during the period from October 15 to December 15 and shall give customers at least thirty (30) days advance notice of the schedule for that collection.

Reminder to residents and businesses in the township open burning is regulated within the township. No person within Providence Township shall ignite or feed any open fire for the destruction of refuse or in the conduct of a salvage operation in any public or private place outside any building; or, cause, suffer, allow or permit the maintenance of any open fire for the destruction of refuse, or in the conduct of salvage operation on any property under his control outside of any building. Refuse is defined as garbage, rubbish and trade waste.

Interested in helping to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful become a land or water steward. There are road and area adoption programs and a waterway stewards program. Contact the Township Recycling Enforcement Officer, Heidi Martinez at 717-786-7596 ext. 1 or [secretary@providencetownship.com](mailto:secretary@providencetownship.com).

**Don't Forget: Recycle Right, Every Day.** [recyclerightlancaster.org](http://recyclerightlancaster.org)

## **Sewage**

A majority of the sewage systems in the township are private on-lot systems. System malfunctions can be costly, contaminate surface and groundwater, cause health problems and spread disease. Here are a few tips to prevent a malfunction:

### **Conserving water and reducing wasteflow into the septic tank**

Use the dishwasher and laundry washer only when they are loaded to capacity.

Fix leaky faucets.

Take short showers instead of baths.

Reduce water use each time you flush the toilet. Use the garbage disposal sparingly.

### **Pump the septic tank.**

Frequency of pumping depends on tank size and household size.

### **Avoid putting chemicals in the septic system.**

Oils and grease, gasoline, antifreeze, varnishes, paints and solvents, bleach and pesticides.



The information above can be found at:

<https://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/Water/CleanWater/WastewaterMgmt/Act537/OnlotDisposal/Pages/OnlotSystemOperationandMaintenance.aspx>

Adding an additional bedroom, kitchen or business to your property? Contact Providence Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer, Mark Deimler, Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC at 717-786-0355 and the Township Zoning Officer, Heidi Martinez, 717-786-7596 ext. 1.



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## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Contact Information

Telephone: 717-786-7596

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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.*

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### Planning Commission

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

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### Zoning Hearing Board

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

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Albert Warfel

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### Emergency Management Coordinator

Jim Herr

## Avian Influenza Update and Tips

By Bryan Cutler

The United States has been hit hard by a historic battle with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) – a highly transmissible disease stemming from wild migratory birds and impacting our domestic poultry industry. The impacts of this devastating disease on our local agriculture community have been large and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, has been working with producers, industry and state agencies to provide resources to combat Avian Flu and mitigate its effects.

In our last state budget, we set aside \$31 million to combat this animal health emergency, with a portion dedicated for additional surveillance testing and supplies, and the bulk of the funding available for recovery assistance to farmers and support industries who have been suffering as a result of the outbreak. Of course, this is in addition to our support for things like Penn State Ag Extension and Penn Vet who work with farmers to provide expertise and outreach services for Avian Flu and other animal-borne diseases.

While we have done much to mitigate the impacts of Avian Flu and stop its spread, new cases in migratory birds continue to threaten our commercial poultry industry and backyard flocks.

The biggest piece of advice to protect flocks is to keep all poultry indoors. The Department of Agriculture also recommends implementing strict biosecurity practices, monitoring bird health, and following the requirement to report any unexplained mortality and morbidity to the Department's 24/7 hotline at 717-772-2852, option 1.

While we are continuing to deal with this historic outbreak of Avian Flu we will work to provide all the resources and information we can to protect our domestic flocks and our agriculture industry generally.



Information About Avian Influenza (bird flu) in the United States

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## Public Works Update

Please welcome two new faces to the township road crew. Mike Tome began employment in March of 2022. Dave Strawser began employment in January of 2023. Mike and Dave both reside in southern Lancaster County with their families. Please wish them well!

As the 2023 construction season approaches, there are several road projects planned in the township this season. Pipe work will be completed on many roads. Pennsy Road, from Route 272 west to the Martic Township line will see pavement repairs. Please check the township website or Facebook page for daily updates.



## 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 15 and May 13  
from 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.**



### Primary Election Day

**May 16, 2023  
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Remember to Vote!**

### LGH/Penn Medicine Blood Drives 2023

**April 11, June 6, September 26,  
November 21; 2 p.m.-7 p.m.  
August 1, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m.**

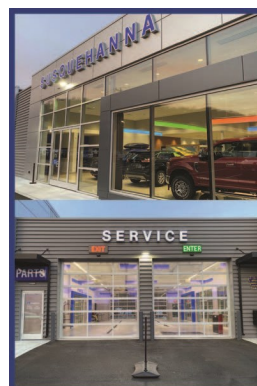
### National Night Out

**Tuesday, August 1, 6 p.m.– 8 p.m.**

## Rawlinsville Fire Company

By Victor Ressler

By the time you read this update spring has sprung. When it comes to springtime in Rawlinsville that means it is mud sale time. The mud sale will take place on April 14 and April 15. Preparations have been ongoing since January. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, but it only accounted for about 17% of our total income in 2022. Spring also means that our first fund drive letters will be mailed out. If you do not receive a fund drive letter from Rawlinsville Fire Company, it is because you reside in one of the three other fire companies' service areas; Quarryville Fire Company, Refton Fire Company, and Willow Street Fire Company. We encourage you to find out who serves your address. All the volunteer fire companies that serve Providence Township deserve the community's support. The fund drive accounted for an additional 23% of our income in 2022. Our total fund drive return, out of 3,753 addresses, is 18%, or less than one in five residents. Looking ahead, our famous chicken barbeques will be held on May 20, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, and December 9. Also look for our volunteers at the intersection of 272 and Truce Road on June 10 and September 9 for our annual boot drives. It takes a lot to run a volunteer fire company. Even though we have volunteers responding to calls, our trucks still need fuel, maintenance and periodic replacement. Please consider making a donation or supporting us through our events listed above. One last way to support the fire company is by joining our recently formed Public Safety Committee. The Public Safety Committee consists of representatives from the Board of Supervisors from the three townships we serve. In addition, we are looking for resident representatives from each township. Lori Crossen is the representative from the Providence Township Board of Supervisors, and we thank her for her time and commitment. The purpose of the committee is to improve communication between the fire company and the community we serve. We will meet at least twice a year. If interested please email the President of the Rawlinsville Fire Company at [vressler1@gmail.com](mailto:vressler1@gmail.com) or call 717-284-3023,



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