

Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

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National Night Out A Success

Despite the dark clouds and the intermittent rain, our 2024 National Night Out was still a success. Due to the inclement weather, the bounce house was not available, however, we were able to continue the annual candy drop, a mechanical bull, 15 vendor tables and approximately 300 neighborhood residents attend. The Providence Township Board of Supervisors and staff would like to thank our community, vendors and donors for your support of this year's National Night Out Event. A special shout out goes to all of our first responders for your continued efforts to create community partnerships in making our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. Hope to see you all for the 2025 National Night Out Event!

IMPORTANT DATES

Woody Yard Waste

The Township will be accepting woody yard waste at the township maintenance shed on two Saturday mornings this fall. This service is provided solely to township residents. Plan to bring your woody yard waste (shrub trimmings, branches, etc.) that you wish to dispose of. We do not accept leaves, landscaping and hard-scaping materials.

October 5 & 19

From 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Election Day

November 5, 2024

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

Remember to Vote!



LGH/Penn Medicine Blood Drives 2025

February 11

June 17

April 22

September 9

LGH Blood Drives are held at the Providence Township Office every eight weeks.

- 2:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
- Call 717-544-0170 to schedule appointment
- Walk-ins welcome

TRICK OR TREAT

Thursday October 31, 2024 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

MEET OUR ZONING OFFICER

Joining our staff in August, Ben McCue is our new Zoning Officer. Ben hails from Gordonville and is a graduate of Pequea Valley High School and Millersville University. Ben has 7 years of zoning experience, most recently with Springettsbury Township, York County. Stop by the office to meet Ben and welcome him to Providence Township!

Ag Plastic Collections Program

Ag Plastic Solutions LLC of Chambersburg, PA is looking for farms that would like to participate in on farm ag plastic collection for recycling. This is available through a grant via the PA Department of Ag and collaboration with manufacturing companies developing ways to use certain ag plastics in their processes.

Highlights of this program include:

- A 4 or 6 yard dumpster will be provided and serviced on a planned route based on the need of the participant.
- Seeking operations of 200 dairy cows or more OR a group of farms to share one dumpster.
- Plastic accepted: Bale wrap, greenhouse film, bunker cover, silage bags and plastic twine. The twine must be in a feed bag or supersack to keep contained in transport.
- NOT accepted: Net wrap, oxygen barriers, bunker or silage bags with reinforcement webbing.
- Plastic must be free of feed, soil, stone and dripping water.
- No cost to this on farm collection program – first come, first serve basis.
- Contact Ag Plastic Solutions LLC (www.agplasticsolutions.com) for more details if interested at:

717-446-9917

info@agplasticsolutions.com

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.

Lori L. Crossen, Chair

J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chair

John E. Schroeder, Member

Township Manager

Vicki Eldridge

vicki@providencetownship.com

Zoning Officer

Ben McCue

zoning@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 Siegrist, Alternate

Zoning Hearing Board

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

Bradford Duvall

Omar Smoker

Robb Beiler

Wes Kauffman, Alternate

Emergency Management Coordinator

Jim Herr

Christmas Tree Recycling

The township will be recycling Christmas trees this year. Please feel free to drop off your Christmas Tree at the maintenance sheds.

Tattered Flags

If you have a flag that needs to be destroyed, please drop it off at the township office and we will be sure it is destroyed in the proper respectful manner.

Police Coverage

The Pennsylvania State Police is our police force. The Quarryville Borough Police Department patrols the Fairview 1 Trailhead.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DIAL 9-1-1.

Open Burning.

The burning of leaves is permitted in Providence Township from dawn to dusk. Fires must be extinguished at dusk. Burning should be done in a flame-proof container or in an area where the risk of spreading of the fire shall be eliminated. You are not permitted to burn on any street or sidewalk within the township. Be safe!



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Safe Battery Disposal

Fact: Rechargeable batteries can spark and explode when damaged.

Never put batteries into trash or recycling containers.

Did you know?

- According to data from Fire Rover, a fire suppression system company, waste and recycling facility fires caused 56 reported injuries and 2 reported deaths in 2022. That same year, according to the media, there were at least 390 incidents reported in the US and Canada of fires at waste and recycling facilities.
- Penn Waste in York County experienced a lithium-ion battery fire in their state-of-the-art recycling facility in March 2022. This fire caused \$23 million in damage.
- In March 2023, a fire caused extensive damage to a barn in East Earl Township, Lancaster County which was storing lithium-ion batteries and involved 13 or 14 fire companies.
- Lithium-ion battery fires can burn at temperatures up to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit which is significantly hotter than normal fires which burn anywhere between 600- and 700-degrees Fahrenheit. These fires are extremely difficult to extinguish and can't be extinguished with water alone.
- Lithium-ion batteries flame up, or even explode, through a chemical feedback loop known as "thermal runaway." When the battery gets too hot, it causes a chemical chain reaction. That can happen through a short-circuit or some other source of overheating.
- E-bikes and EV (Electric Vehicles) have been known to cause house and apartment fires.

Please keep all batteries out of trash and recycling. Below are some ways to properly dispose of batteries.

- Place batteries in orange battery collection bags. Providence Township has them available for free – just stop in and ask. You can also email LCSWMA at info@lcswma.org or call their office at 717-397-9968. Keep batteries separated – Alkaline (household – AA, AAA, C, D) batteries in one bag and rechargeable (cell phones or ni-cad, li-ion or button) batteries in a separate bag.
- Taping the exposed terminals of batteries (or alternatively, bagging) can help prevent the battery from rubbing against other batteries, metals or potentially flammable materials, which could result in fires, personal injury or other damage. Duct, electrical or packing tape are all good options or bag each battery separately in a clear Ziploc bag.
- You may drop off your batteries at the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster or your trash hauler may pick them up. **Please use the orange bags if your trash hauler picks up batteries.**

Haulers servicing Providence Township will take:

- **Republic Services of PA & Cauler Containers** – Will take **both** alkaline and rechargeable batteries. Please do **NOT** put the orange bags in the trash containers or recycling bins. Place the orange bag **beside** your trash bin your recycling bin.
- **ECON & Waste Management** – Will **ONLY** take Alkaline (household) batteries in the orange bags. Please do **NOT** put the orange bags in the trash containers or recycling bins. Place the orange bag **beside** your trash bin or recycling bin.
- If you have additional questions or concerns, please call your trash hauler at the contact number listed on your bill.
- To find other battery drop-off locations near you: www.Call2Recycle.org.
- Participating retail collection points include: Home Depot, Lowes & Staples. Please check the website for exact locations.
- Other batteries not listed above must be disposed of by the resident at the 1299 Harrisburg Pike location. Their hours are M-F 7:00 am to 4 pm; Sat. 7:00 am to 11:00 am. For additional information, please call 717-397-9968.
- **Possible damage?** If you see a swollen or bulging battery, immediately put it in a non-flammable material such as sand or kitty litter in a cool, dry place. **DO NOT THROW AWAY. Contact Call2Recycle customer service at 1-877-723-1297**, the manufacturer or retailer immediately for instructions, especially if the label says it is Lithium or Lithium-Ion.

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As winter approaches and brings with it the threat of snow, please remember the following:

- During a snowstorm, the road crew's main concern is having two lanes cleared on every road. Once all roads have two lanes cleared of snow, the intersections will be plowed back and widened to increase sight distance.
- Some roads require three passes from the snow plow to clear the blacktop; therefore you may want to wait to shovel your driveway until all the snow is cleared from the roadway.
- **DO NOT** shovel the snow from your driveway into the road. If your driveway is plowed, please be sure excess snow that is plowed into the road is cleared.
- To prevent mailbox damage, we suggest property owners ensure their mailbox rests on a firm support so it will be better able to withstand the "window" of the snow from the plow



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