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Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

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IMPORTANT DATES

Woody Yard Waste : October 4, October 18

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 hardscaping materials. **From 8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

TRICK OR TREAT: October 31, Friday

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

ELECTION DAY: November 4, Tuesday

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



LGH/Penn Medicine Blood Drives 2026

March 10 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

May 26 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

August 4 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

October 13 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

December 29 2:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

LGH Blood Drives are held at the Providence Township Office. Call 717-544-0170 to schedule appointment.

“THE LOCAL” MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK

Have you heard of the Township's newly opened mountain bike park? The park is located on property owned by the township, but located in Quarryville Borough at the 301 East State Enola Low Grade Line Trailhead. The entrance to the park is across the trail from the parking lot. This park is the first of its kind in Southern Lancaster County. Sean Smith, a Providence Township Resident and the owner of Sticks and Stones Trail Co. submitted a proposal to the township to develop this parcel of land into the park. The township was responsive to the idea, but did not have the funds to provide for such a park. Smith along with a tremendous group of volunteers, from kids to adults, have spent a multitude of hours building the trails in the park. All the labor and equipment used to develop the park was offered free to the township. The township did receive a generous donation from a supporter of the park which has helped with the purchase of lumber and signage. The grand opening of The Local was held on Saturday, September 6. The park contains roughly four miles of singletrack. Two and a half of those are dedicated to cross-country loops that fall in the beginner/intermediate category. Wood features such as skinnies and bridges were added as well as some rock tech sections. All of the advanced sections include easier go-round options. Work continues on more trails to be completed. **DONATIONS** to the park are being accepted. Please contact the township office to donate. **Take time to visit “The Local”. It will be worth your time!**

LITTERING AND ILLEGAL DUMPING. Enforcing Litter Laws. Whether it's littering or

illegal dumping, any improper disposal of trash is against the law in Pennsylvania. Violators can be and are prosecuted by a number of state agencies under laws enacted by the Pennsylvania General Assembly over the years. The State Police will have jurisdiction if the violation takes place on public land or a state road right-of-way, or if the dumping is on public or private land that does not fall under local police jurisdiction. **Litter.** Litter comes in all shapes and sizes — from a cigarette butt to a tire. It can be found on roadsides, sidewalks, in parks or on private property. **Intentional littering** is a behavioral choice based on apathy, lack of social pressure to do the right thing, ignorance of the law and an absence of realistic penalties or consistent enforcement, or it is a social rebellion and a disregard of authority. People who litter represent a variety of social economic backgrounds. **Unintentional littering** can result from unsecured vehicle loads and overflowing trash containers and dumpsters. **Illegal Dumps** Illegal dumps are found in isolated locations in both rural and urban areas. Like litterers, illegal dumpers come from all walks of life. Often these individuals are looking to avoid paying trash disposal costs or are unaware of how to properly dispose of items.

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.

John E. Schroeder, Chair

Lori L. Crossen, Vice Chair

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Township Manager

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Ben McCue

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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

Security at the Township Office. The township has taken steps to provide safety and security for residents and employees. The doors to the offices are locked at all times. When you visit the office, you now will ring the doorbell and the staff will leave you enter. Thank you for cooperation and understanding.

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

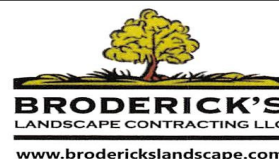
If you have a flag that needs to be destroyed, please drop it off at the township office and we will be sure it is destroyed in the proper respectful manner.

Police Coverage

The Pennsylvania State Police is our police force. .

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS You are encouraged to attend all public meetings at the township office. The board of supervisors meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., the zoning hearing board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the planning commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. In addition, the parks/recreation committee meets on the second Thursday of March, May, July, September and November at 7:00 p.m. Any changes to the meeting dates and times are advertised in the Lancaster Newspapers, on the township website and posted at the township office.



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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WAS A “HIGH-FLYING” SUCCESS!!

This year's National Night Out Event was an enormous success. Thanks to those who generously donate funds and raffle prizes to make this event possible each year. Your donations help to provide food, drink and desserts for the Providence Township community as well as entertainment and the prizes given away at the end of the evening. This year was special because we were able to secure Penn State Health Life Lion helicopter which was a big thrill for kids and adults alike. We gave away a mountain bike to honor the completion of “The Local” – the new mountain bike park. The weather was perfect, which made it possible for kids and adults to enjoy outdoor activities like the smokehouse, hatchet throwing, bounce house and the barrel train. We even had a balloon artist who twisted up quite a few cool balloon creations for the kids. There was something for everyone to enjoy. A big thank you to all of our exhibitors who had educational and fun displays and to DJ Duda for donating his time and turntable (so to speak). Last but not least, a **HUGE** thank you to **ALL** of our first responders who attended our event. This is an evening for them to network and for our community to build partnerships with those first responders, police and all emergency services under positive circumstances.



Township Holidays. Township Offices will be closed for the following holidays:

November 11—Veterans Day

November 27—Thanksgiving

December 24—Christmas Eve

December 25—Christmas

January 1—New Years Day.

If a road concern arises when the office is closed, please contact the Pennsylvania State Police, non-emergency line at 717-299-7650.

Notes from the Zoning Officer

Privacy Fences: If you plan to construct a fence in Providence Township, please contact the Zoning Officer as a recent policy change has made it a requirement to obtain a permit prior to construction of a privacy fence.

Stormwater: Any impervious surface that is added to a property requires a record of that impervious surface be kept. This record may be through a stormwater exemption, small project stormwater plan, or a stormwater management full site plan review. Impervious surface would be any roof area, concrete, pavement, gravel surface or any surface that inhibits stormwater from permeating into the soil. If you have questions regarding stormwater requirements, please contact the zoning office. Please also keep in mind that unprecedented stormwater events of the past few years have created less than ideal stormwater scenarios in many locations. These stormwater issues are generally not the result of new development, but rather the large magnitude of these rain events.

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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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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