

# Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed

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## KEEP PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL

If you, your family, civic group, school group or church group is looking to participate in the effort to keep Pennsylvania litter-free and beautiful, earning community service credits, or simply wanting to get involved as dedicated, civic-minded individuals, read on! Volunteers beautify PA in an annual statewide event occurring from **March 1** through **May 31**.

During this time, thousands of Pennsylvanians take to the streets, parks, and waterways in their towns and cities to collect the unsightly trash that litters Pennsylvania's environment. Contact the township office if interested at 717-786-7596.



## Enola Low Grade Trail Updates:

At the April 5, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting the Board of Supervisors acted upon horses on the trail. The rule of NO HORSES on the Enola Low Grade Trail stands. The Parks and Recreation Committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is May 13, 2021. We encourage township residents to attend. Planning a race or bicycling event consider using the Enola Low Grade Trail, contact the township. There are four events scheduled for this Spring/Summer on the trail:

- ♦ **May 1: Swift/Smith School PTO 5K**
- ♦ **May 8: New Hope Counseling Center Miles 4 Mental Health Walk, Run or Bike Ride**
- ♦ **June 12: Black Rock Retreat Run, Walk, Bike Ride Event**
- ♦ **August 7: Solid Rock Youth Ministries 5K and Fun Run**

## Upcoming Road Projects:

- ⇒ Esh Road
- ⇒ Fairview Road from Truce Road to Cinder Road
- ⇒ Scheller Road
- ⇒ Sawmill Road from Pennsy Road to Hollow Road



## 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 17, 2021 and May 8, 2021, 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.**



## Primary Election Day

**May 18, 2021**

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

**Remember to Vote!**



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## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Contact Information

Telephone: 717-786-7596

Facsimile: 717-786-2565

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.*

J. Pepper Goslin Chair

John Schroeder, Vice Chair

Lori L. Crossen

### Township Manager

Vicki Eldridge

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### Zoning Officer

Heidi Martinez

[secretary@providencetownship.com](mailto:secretary@providencetownship.com)

### Road Master

Jim Fry

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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 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

## Blood Drives 2021

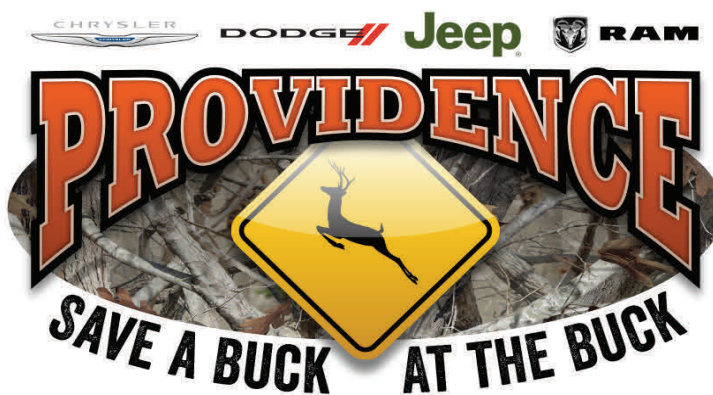
**June 8, August 3rd, September 28, November 23**  
(every eight weeks) from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Call for  
appointment 717-544-0177.

## Zoning Workshops

**April 26, May 24, June 28, July 26, August 23 and  
September 27 at 7 p.m.**

## National Night Out

After the cancellation of the 2020 National Night Out event Providence Township Board of Supervisors and staff are pleased to announce the return of the 2021 National Night Out community appreciation event to be held on **Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** A way to promote strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for this fun-filled, educational and inspirational evening. If you wish to make a donation towards this event, please contact the township office.



## Steps of Spotted Lanternfly Management

### 1. Stop the spread

- Check your car and any outdoor items you are moving.
- Keep windows rolled up when you park.

### 2. Scrape egg masses

- Check your property for egg masses on trees, cement blocks, rocks, and any other hard surface.
- Scrape off egg masses from September to May with a plastic card or putty knife.
- Scrape them into a bag or container filled with rubbing alcohol or hand sanitizer and keep them in this solution permanently.

### 3. Use tree traps to catch nymphs

- Wrap tree trunks in tree traps (sticky bands or funnel-style).
- Check and change traps at least every week.

### 4. Remove host plants

- Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) is the preferred host tree.
- Apply herbicide to the tree from July to September and wait at least 30 days before removing the tree.

### 5. Apply insecticides

- Use insecticides registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Four main methods to apply insecticides; tree injection, bark sprays, soil drenches, and direct sprays.

More information on the Spotted Lanternfly is available by visiting the PennState Extension website at <https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>



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## Pequea Watershed Association

By Kara Kalupson

Spring is here! This past year has been challenging, but I feel like things are looking up – the warmer weather and sounds of Spring are a joy! And with the spring comes thoughts of planting gardens and planting trees and shrubs along the streams in our community. Each year, more and more landowners with streams are recognizing that eroding streambanks are harmful to their property and to the environment. Streambank restoration projects are very expensive and finding a way to pay for improvements has been a significant challenge to improving the watershed. However, that seems to be changing for the better. Several organizations have identified the Pequea Creek Watershed as a priority area for restoration projects. And, we continue to work with the Lancaster County Conservation District to implement projects on the Big Beaver Creek. Although our work on the Big Beaver Creek is not included as a priority area, we are making amazing progress. The stream restoration plans for the farms adjacent to Krantz Mill Road are in the planning/permitting phase and we anticipate construction in 2022. We also have additional property owners along this stretch interested in continuing the work. I think that the Big Beaver Creek will soon be a contender to be classified as a good quality stream!

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