



NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

June 2014

Reducing Runoff:

Clean Water is Every Resident's Responsibility

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The next time it rains or when the snow starts melting with the approach of spring, take a look outside. There, you'll see water trickling over your lawn, down your driveway, and into the street. To some, this may be a calming sight. However, for anyone who knows anything about runoff, this is an alarming event because as the water flows over land, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and carries them to nearby streams, wetlands, lakes, and storm sewer systems. There, the runoff is discharged, untreated, into the water we all use for swimming, fishing, and drinking.

As a result, stormwater runoff is one of the greatest threats to the nation's water supplies. Instead of being part of the problem, though, township residents can be part of the solution by practicing healthy household habits that can keep common pollutants, including pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and automotive fluids, off the ground and out of stormwater. We've pulled together some suggestions to help you get started:

Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and, eventually, local waters. Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Be sure to clean up any spilled fluids with an absorbent material, such as kitty litter or sand, and remember: Don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain; instead, dispose of the absorbent material properly. Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, follow the guidelines for the recommended amounts. Also, avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into local streams.
- Select native plants and grasses that are drought-resistant and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.
- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas, and compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- Don't overwater your lawn and only water during the cool times of the day. In addition, don't let the water run into the storm drain.
- Cover piles of dirt and mulch that are being used for landscaping projects to prevent pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterways. Also, vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

Home Repair and Improvement

- Before beginning an outdoor project, look around for the nearest storm drains and be sure to protect them from debris and other materials.
- Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris, such as concrete and mortar.
- Use the smallest amount possible of hazardous substances, such as paint, solvents, and cleaners, and make sure you follow the directions on the label. Clean spills immediately and dispose of the waste safely. Homeowners should store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.
- Purchase and use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.
- Clean paint brushes in an indoor sink, not outside. Also, filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. One way to properly dispose of excess paints is through a household hazardous waste collection program. Unused paint can also be donated to local organizations.
- Reduce the paved areas and increase the vegetated areas in your yard. Also, use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods. Homeowners should also consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and take other steps to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

(Note: This information was provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.)

Stormwater runoff is precipitation (rain or melting snow) that flows across the land and could potentially infiltrate the soil, discharge directly into waterways or drain inlets, or evaporate into the atmosphere. In the natural environment, most precipitation is absorbed by trees and plants or permeates the ground, which results in stable stream flows and good water quality. However, things are much different in the built environment, where rain that falls on a roof, driveway, patio, or lawn runs off the surface more rapidly, picking up pollutants on its way to a stream or storm sewer. Poorly managed stormwater runoff can cause a host of problems, including:

Flooding

As stormwater runs off roofs, driveways, and lawns, large volumes can reach streams, causing them to rise quickly and flood. When more impervious surfaces exist, flooding occurs more rapidly and can be more severe, damaging people and property.

Pollution

Stormwater running over roofs, driveways, roads, and lawns will pick up pollutants, such as oil, fertilizers, pesticides, dirt/sediment, trash, and animal waste. These pollutants "hitch a ride" with the stormwater and flow untreated into local streams, polluting our waters.

Streambank Erosion

When stormwater flows into streams at unnaturally high volumes and speeds, the power of these flows can severely erode the banks, which creates dangerous situations and damages natural habitat for fish and other aquatic life. This erosion is another source of sediment pollution in streams.



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday thru Friday
8 am - 12 noon & 1 pm - 4:30 pm

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS:

July 4, 2014
September 1, 2014
November 11, 2014
November 27 & 28, 2014
December 24 & 25, 2014

New Website is under construction.



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors

June 17	6:30 PM
July 15	6:30 PM
August 19	6:30 PM
September 16	6:30 PM
October 21	6:30 PM
November 18	6:30 PM
December 16	6:30 PM

Planning Commission - 6 PM

4th Tuesday each month

(No Dec. meeting)

Zoning Hearing Board - 7 PM

Held on an as needed basis the 3rd Thursday each month

Recreation Board - 7 PM

4th Monday each month

(No May, Nov. or Dec. meeting)

All above meetings are held at the Township Building located at 1986 Stoverstown Road. Public is welcome to attend.

Regional Police Board

2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM Southwestern Regional Police Building, 6115 Thoman Drive, Spring Grove (across from Porters Fire Station)

ELECTION DAY

November 4th

Remember to bring your photo ID.

Information on Change in Polling Place for Voters in District 1 will be by mail. The Community Building will no longer be a Polling Place. See article on page 4.



TRASH COLLECTION DELAYS

Trash and recycling collection will be picked up on Thursday September 4th due to the Labor Day holiday. Penn Waste only observes the following 6 holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If the holiday falls on or before Wednesday, collection is 1 day later.

REMINDER: Trash and recycling MUST be curbside by 6 AM on each collection day.

Routes may differ from week to week due to many factors, like road work and weather.



E-CYCLING AT



PCXPert located at 1370 Seven Valleys Road accepts any computer related equipment including printers and CRT monitors. They cannot accept large televisions. Please contact them at 717-792-0005 or visit their website at www.PCxpert.co (co not com).

The York County Solid Waste and Refuse Authority still collects electronics on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Yard Waste Transfer Facility off of Flour Mill Road. Call 717-845-1066 or visit www.ycswa.org for more details.



Stay Safe During Heat Waves

The extreme heat and high humidity of a summer day can be harmful to your health. Although older adults, children and people with chronic illnesses are more susceptible to heat-related injuries, summer's hot temperatures can affect anyone.

Help reduce the likelihood of suffering from heat-related illnesses by following these tips:

- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes
- Try to stay out of direct sunlight (between noon and early evening) and avoid strenuous activity
- NEVER leave anyone, including pets, in a closed, parked vehicle
- Drink plenty of water
- Close blinds, draperies and shades during the day
- Try to stay cool indoors in an air-conditioned area

Do Not Mow



NOTE: If you have plants growing along the road right of way that you do not want to be mowed, **REMEMBER** - Place a sign at each end of the property along the roadway. This included areas that might not have been mowed in the past. PennDot may have seasonal employees and the signs would be helpful to them.

Mark Your Calendars for the 2014 YORK COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

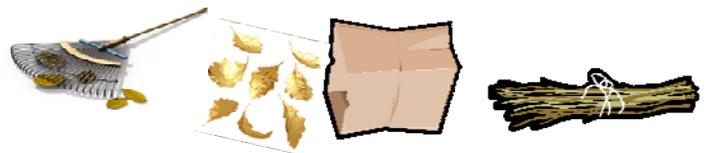


The York County Senior Games Planning Committee has announced the **2014 York County Senior Games will be held June 22 through June 28, 2014.** Their mission is to promote healthy lifestyles and fitness for York County men and women, age 50 and over. If you participated in the 2013 York County Senior Games you will automatically receive a registration booklet for the 2014 Senior Games in April. For more information or to be added to the Senior Games mailing list call (717) 771-9001.

REMINDER: The refuse and sewer fees and/or charge(s) shall be due and payable no later than thirty (30) days FROM THE DATE OF BILLING. Failure to remit timely payment shall result in the assessment of a penalty in the amount of ten (10%) percent on the delinquent amount together with any and all costs and fees associated with the collection of the delinquent amount.

Yard Waste Collection

Yard Waste will be collected by Penn Waste on Saturday October 25th, November 22nd & December 20th. Yard Waste **MUST** be curbside by 6 a.m. and will only be collected in biodegradable brown paper bags or bundled with biodegradable twine. Yard waste bundles must not exceed 5 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter.



Re-Source York



Re-Source York's Mission is to inspire our community by being environmentally and socially responsible. There are 2 retail stores full of bargain home improvement items. Check their website www.resourceyork.com for items. They are dedicated to keeping good condition, usable materials out of the waste stream. There are 2 locations: 161 E. Ninth Avenue, (North) York (717) 852-7574 & 405 Carlisle Avenue, (West) York (717) 718-3182. Please contact them for hours to donate and/or purchase items.

2014/2015 NCT ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL NEW SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The adult Co-ed volleyball will start up again on the following Mondays from 6:45 - 9:30 p.m.: October 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24; December 8, 15, 22; January 5, 12, 26; February 2, 9, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 13, 20, 27 (April 6th if school is in session); May 4, 11, 18. Cost: \$1.00 per session payable upon arrival each night. Sign up is not required. For more information, contact Ken Hoffman at 717- 225-4831.



ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS



Resolution 01-01-2014 - Setting the Tax Rates for 2014 and Reappointing the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue as Its Agent for Certain Taxes
 Resolution 02-03-2014 - Update Emergency Operation Plan



LEAF COLLECTION

The Board of Supervisors voted at the April 15, 2014 meeting to provide leaf collection again this year for \$50 per household to interested residents. The fee will provide the homeowner with up to 20 minutes of collection time, 2 times during leaf season. Additional time can be purchased if the homeowner believes that the volume of leaves cannot be collected within the 20 minute period. **Prepayment must be made prior to the start of collection in November.**



Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you and potentially result in fines and repair costs. Calling 811 before every digging job gets your underground utility lines marked for **FREE** and helps prevent undesired consequences.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Paving on Blake Court, Heather Drive & Wentworth Road

Oil and chip is proposed for the following roads: Beards School Road, Cemetery Road (from Seven Valleys Road to Zeiglers Church Road), Grothey Road, Messersmith Road (from Arnold Road to Glatfelters Station Road), North Rohrbaugh Road, Plainview Drive, Senft Road, Smyser Road, Stambaugh Road (from Jefferson Road to Waltersdorff Road), Tunnel Hill Road

A Dirt and Gravel Road Grant has been applied for on Stambaugh Road (about 1/2 mile in off of the Waltersdorff Road end) and culvert replacement on a portion of Stambaugh Road as well.

Your patience during ALL projects is greatly appreciated!



HEROIN DEATHS ARE ON THE RISE

Heroin is the latest drug of great concern to the health and police services community. At a recent meeting of the York County Chiefs of Police Association, District Attorney Tom Kearny and County Coroner Pam Gay provided information that indicated a dramatic increase in heroin use; and deaths associated with its usage.

This drug has made a comeback due to its relatively inexpensive cost; as compared to the abuse of prescription medications. But the cost and danger to your health is substantial. There were 19 overdoses due to heroin toxicity in 2013. As of the middle of March 2014, records indicate there have been 16 overdose deaths in York County.

Our regional department has investigated three (3) heroin related deaths in 2014 and a dozen overdose incidents. The average age of the three victims who died is 39 years of age; so it is not just a young adult problem. In the case of some heroin abusers, the person resorts to other crimes such as committing thefts to pay for their dependency. So the use of the drug affects the entire community in many ways. The drug is normally snorted or injected. Police Services in York County has been directed to investigate each death to the fullest extent in order to identify the supplier of the drug. If enough evidence is obtained, that person will be charged in the death.

If you, or someone you know has this habit, please know that there are deadly dangers associated with the drug but also that there is help available. Contact your family medical provider for recommendations on how to find assistance.

Greg Bean - Chief with Southwestern Regional Police

Three Heroin Related Deaths in Six Months – Heroin is the latest drug that is of great concern to our community; and to the county according to District Atty. Tom Kearney and Coroner Pam Gay. Demand is moving away from prescription meds and changing to heroin; a less expensive alternative. Deaths due to this drug are also increasing. Kearny and Gay presented overdose statistics and are as follows:

In our four communities, just in the last six months, the stats are as follows:

R. Abrisch – 45 male, location of death Hoff Rd., Heidelberg Twp.

W. Merling – 43 male, location of death Iron Ridge Rd., Heidelberg Twp.

Z. Miller – 28 male, location of death Jefferson Rd., North Codorus Twp.

We have an officer assigned part time to the York County Drug Task Force. They are constantly working these types of cases in our area.



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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS
 MONDAY thru FRIDAY
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TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

Nelson R. Brenneman
 (225-3076)

Dennis G. Luckenbaugh
 (225-3304)

Rodney L. Shearer
 (225-5114)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

COMMUNITY BUILDING UPDATE



Effective June 1st, we will no longer rent out the Community Building. The Community Building will be subdivided off from the rest of the Township property. This will create a lot of 40,000 square feet or more. Once the subdivision process is completed, the property will be offered for sale thru public auction. Proceeds from the auction will be used to offset the cost of construction of a building

behind the existing Township Building for equipment storage.

Commuter Services of Pennsylvania is a professionally staffed non-profit organization funded by federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality funds. Through our free services, we work to reduce traffic congestion by helping commuters find alternatives, other than driving alone. Using these options also helps commuters save money, improve air quality, and fewer cars in rush hour can mean safer highways, too. For more information about their services please visit, <http://pacommuterservices.org/>



WILDFIRES FACTS:

- ⇒ There are more than 45 million homes near or in the wildlands.
- ⇒ More than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk from wildfire.

Be very mindful when burn anything outside including campfires and fire rings. Every year, wildfires destroy 7,000 acres of land in Pennsylvania. You can protect your property by taking such common-sense steps as moving flammable materials, including firewood, as far away from your home as possible. It seems each week, there are news stories of wildfires burning out of control. People cause 98% of wildfires. Most of these fires could have been prevented. Using the mandatory garbage service and recycling as much as possible could help decrease wildfires.



FREE Gun Locks
 FREE gun locks are still available at the Township Office during regular business hours.



The interest in yoga classes keeps growing. Finding a suitable location is the current challenge. If you are interested in attending classes or have a suggestion of a place in the community to hold them, please contact Willa Lefever, willa@sonnewald.org or 717-225-6639.



FIRE HYDRANTS
DO NOT plant flowers, trees, shrubs, etc. near fire hydrants. Fire hydrants need to be accessible and highly visible. If able, please remove grasses and weeds to make the hydrants easier for the firefighters to locate.



PARK RECYCLING CONTAINERS
 Please use the recycling containers in our Community Park for your empty beverage containers. A grant from Dr Pepper Snapple Group/Keep America Beautiful was awarded to North Codorus Township last year. The bins were placed in the fall.



CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE - COST \$7.00 for 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll & butter
 \$5.00 for 1/2 chicken ONLY
 JUNE 7th, AUGUST 2nd and OCTOBER 4th
 NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY
 4012 SALEM ROAD from 10:00 A.M. until...

