

Penn Township Newsletter



PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

2025 SPRING & SUMMER

EVENTS

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 5, 2025 - 10:00AM

Penn Township Community Park,

4601 Grandview Rd.

Rain date April 6, 2025

Penn Township residents 10 and under.



Penn Township Police Department will be available starting at 9:00am for car seat inspections.

Penn Township Fire Department will have the fire trucks on display at 9:00am.

The Easter Bunny will be making a special appearance.

Residential Brush and Limb Collection

Curbside collection of brush and limbs will begin on Monday, April 28, 2025. All material must be placed curbside on a dedicated Township street or road by this date, **but not before Friday, April 18, 2025. If material is placed curbside prior to April 18th, you will be contacted to remove it!** If a resident has too much material to be placed curbside at one time, arrangements must be made with a commercial trimmer to handle the excess. Due to the restricted available space, first priority pick-up will be given to Baltimore Street, York Street, Frederick Street and Carlisle Street. The requirements are:

1. Limbs no larger than 3" in diameter or smaller than 1/2" in diameter.
2. Will not accept lumber, boards, etc.

Township crews will pick up one time per neighborhood.

The Township reserves the right to refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is **NOT** responsible for clean up. For questions please call **717-633-6373**.

You can also dispose of this material at H&H General Excavating Co. located at 660 Old Hanover Road in Spring Grove. H&H will accept leaves, brush, limbs and tree trunks only. These products can be delivered to their facility 7 days a week during daylight hours free of charge. Call 717-225-4669 or 717-225-1479 for details.

Residential Food Drive and Shredding Event

Penn Township has partnered with New Hope Ministries, to give the residents the opportunity and convenience to help others in the community by combining a food drive with the Townships shredding event.

New Hope Ministries will accept any non-perishable food items from your pantry. Donated items can be canned fruits, veggies, soups, peanut butter, tuna, and dry goods, but will take any non-perishable food items. Please check expiration dates.

If you have sensitive or private documents that need to be destroyed, you can bring them to the Recycling Center located at 1020 Wilson Avenue, **April 26, 2025**. Shredding Solutions Inc. will be on hand from 8:00am until 1:00pm to shred financial, medical, personal, and any other confidential records for **Penn Township residents only**. There will be a **5 file box limit per vehicle**. The typical size of a file box is 18"L x 12"W x 10"H. Proof of residency will be required.

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company 79

CHICKEN BBQ - SAVE THE DATE

May 31st and September 13th

204 Clover Ln., Hanover, PA

For more information please visit:

www.79firevolunteers.com

Also on Facebook



Hanover Area Night Out

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 5, 2025 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at Emory H. Markle Middle School located at 225 Bowman Rd. Bring the family out and enjoy the Hanover Area National Night Out celebration. There will be displays from area organizations and businesses eager to answer your questions. Enjoy free hot dogs and water. Many giveaways, free items, and children can register for the bike raffle! For more information, watch the "Penn Township Police, Hanover PA" Facebook page. If you would like to participate as a vendor or sponsor, please contact Officer Bryan Wheeler at bwheeler@pennpolice.com.

TRASH & RECYCLING

Recycling isn't just a great idea. **It's the law.** In 1988, the Pennsylvania State Legislature enacted Act 101 entitled Pennsylvania's Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act. Act 101 requires commercial, institutional and, municipal establishments in Pennsylvania to recycle the following items:

Aluminum Cans Corrugated Cardboard High Grade Office Paper Leaf Waste

It is the goal of Act 101 that at least 25% of the waste generated in Pennsylvania be recycled.

Holiday Schedule for Recycling Center and Trash/Recycling Collection

Good Friday - April 18, 2025

RECYCLING CENTER CLOSED, NO CHANGE IN COLLECTION

Memorial Day - May 26, 2025

RECYCLING CENTER CLOSED, COLLECTION DELAYED 1 DAY FOR THE WEEK

Independence Day - July 4, 2025

RECYCLING CENTER CLOSED, FRIDAY COLLECTION WILL BE SATURDAY

Labor Day - September 1, 2025

RECYCLING CENTER CLOSED, COLLECTION DELAYED 1 DAY FOR THE WEEK

Excessive Heat Collection

When excessive heat is forecasted in our area you can go to the PENN WASTE website for announcements on collection. This will inform you if there is an early start time for pick up.

Sign up for email updates from Penn Waste.


www.pennwaste.com/municipalities/penn-township

Updates are posted on the Penn Waste Facebook page and their website.

www.pennwaste.com or call **717-767-4456**

Updates will be posted on the Penn Township website and Facebook page.

www.penntwp.com



FREE
Household
Hazardous
Waste
Collection
Events

DATES:
Saturday, May 3rd and
Saturday, October 11th

TIMES:
9:00 am-1:00 pm

**YCSWA**
Facilitating Responsible Waste Management

Visit www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/ for more details.

***Registration is required!**

Do Not Put Rechargeable Batteries In Your Curbside Trash or Recycling Bin!

If you own a cellphone or cordless power tool, you own a rechargeable battery. While convenient during their lifetime, rechargeable batteries require **proper disposal** when they are no longer usable.

Conventional disposal of these types of batteries can cause problems!

Trash is compacted both in the garbage truck and at the waste-to-energy facility. When subjected to intense pressure these batteries combust and ignite causing fires in either garbage trucks or at the facility. Do not place rechargeable batteries in your recycling bin.

Please visit www.ycswa.com/hazardous-waste-event/ for more details on rechargeable battery collection at their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection event.

NOTE: Household alkaline batteries like Eveready, Duracell (AA, AAA, 9-volt, C, or D sizes) can be disposed in your regular trash.

How to Dispose of Paint

Paints and dyes in good usable condition may be able to be donated. An internet search such as "donate paint York PA" will show organizations that accept these materials for donation. Latex paints and dyes can also be disposed of in the regular trash. To prevent spillage, dry them using paint hardeners purchased at home improvement stores or mix them with an absorbent material such as shredded paper or kitty litter, and secure lids firmly. When disposing of aerosol paint cans, secure can caps firmly. Place all paint containers in a tightly closed garbage bag before disposing in the regular garbage. Oil-based paints are considered hazardous, and **cannot** be disposed of in your Township bag. All types of paints and dyes can be disposed at the York County Resource Recovery Center (YCRRC). For more information on YCRRC rates and hours, please visit their website at www.ycswa.com.

Commercial Recycling

Recycling isn't just for residential homes, apartments and townhouses. As required by Pennsylvania Act 101 and Penn Township Ordinance 434, businesses, industries and institutions must establish a commercial recycling program which, at a minimum, collects and recycles (1) high grade paper including white bond, typing, copier, note pad, writing, computer and other non-glossy office paper; (2) corrugated cardboard; and (3) aluminum cans. Businesses that do not utilize the Township's curbside program or drop off center are required to provide written documentation as to the type and weight of the material recycled. Commercial reporting forms are available on the Township website. For questions on completing the report, please call 717-637-1561.

Help Eliminate Litter and Illegal Dumpsites

To help our community celebrate Earth Day every day of the year, York County residents, organizations, civic groups, schools, and neighborhoods that want to clean up litter or eliminate illegal dumpsites, can dispose of waste from a clean-up effort free of charge at the York County Resource Recovery Center. The Authority is working with Keep York County Beautiful to stop illegal dumping in our community and clean up existing dumpsites. If you are looking for a site to help clean, call York County Beautiful at 717-840-2375. Keep York County Beautiful will assist with providing free gloves, bags and safety vests. To register for the Authority's free litter disposal program, call the York County Solid Waste Authority at 717-845-1066.

Penn Township Recycling Center Located at 1020 Wilson Avenue Hanover, PA.

THIS IS A SELF-SERVE FACILITY

HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:15pm Saturday 8:00am to 3:00pm Closed Sundays and Most Major Holidays

Newsprint, Junk Mail, Inserts & Shredded Paper: Place in container marked "Newsprint". Items must be loose, tied or in brown paper bags. Please take material out of plastic bags.

Magazines: Place loose in container marked "Magazines". Please, no newsprint comingled with the magazines.

Telephone Books: Place in the magazine trailer.

Eyeglasses, Cases and Hearing Aids: Place in bucket marked "Eyeglasses & Hearing Aids". Only complete eyeglasses and hearing aids. We donate them to the Lion's Club for families in need.

Plastic Shopping Bags: Place in barrel marked "Plastic Bags". Please, no other type of plastic material, **shopping bags only**.

Corrugated and Cardboard: Must be broken down, can be loose or placed in boxes, brown paper bags or tied. Place in trailer marked "Cardboard". The Township accepts both corrugated and cardboard. What's the difference? See examples below:

Corrugated: appliance boxes, moving boxes

Cardboard: shoe boxes, gift boxes, soda cases, cereal boxes, pizza boxes, dry food goods

No Waxed Inserts, No Soiled Pizza Boxes, and No Styrofoam: put into your Township bag.

Clothing and Textiles: Place bagged material in the Community Aid collection bin. This includes **ONLY** new and slightly worn items.

American Flags: Place in bin marked "American Flags". The flags will be disposed of in a dignified manner by The Hanover Elks Lodge #763.

Scrap Metal: Place in the "Metals" dumpster. Mowers and motors must have the gasoline and oil drained. We cannot accept anything that contains Freon.

Electronics: TV's, computers (*please remove hard drive or delete*), stereos, microwaves, remote controls, cell phones, vacuums, microwaves, fans, lamps and small household appliances, just about anything with an electric cord.

We accept from **York County Residents Only**. We **do not** accept loose rechargeable batteries. Contact Lowes or Home Depot about their recycling program or visit www.ycswa.com/hazardous-waste-event/.

Ink Cartridges: Place in bin marked "Ink Cartridges".

NO DISPOSING OF MATERIAL EXCEPT DURING POSTED HOURS OF OPERATION. AREA IS UNDER 24-HOUR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE.

Above guidelines strictly enforced. Violators will be subject to fines and penalties by Ordinance #434, as amended.

Clothing and Textiles Recycling

The Penn Township Commissioners have an agreement with the Community Aid Thrift Store located in the South Hanover Shopping Center alongside Giant Foods. When you recycle clothing and textiles by depositing them into a Community Aid bin located in the Township, including the Township's recycling drop off center, you are not only helping your neighbors in need, but also supporting the Township's recycling program. You are encouraged to drop your clothing and textiles into one of their clothing collection bins.

Penn Township "Pay As You Throw" Program

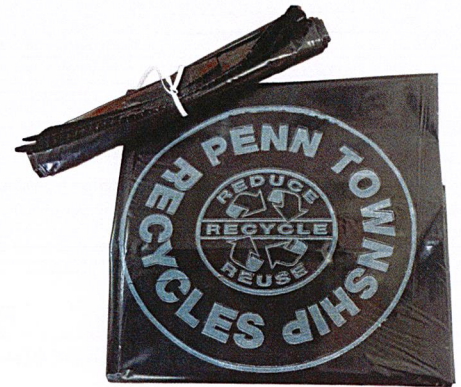
Penn Township uses a "Pay-As-You-Throw" trash collection program. The program is simple, pay for what you use. There is no monthly or quarterly bill, simply purchase Township bags as needed. They are the size of a lawn & leaf bag and can hold up to 40lbs.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Only "Township" trash bags that are tied shut will be collected by the hauler.
- You may keep your trash bag in a covered leak-free container, please make sure to tie bag shut and place curbside for collection.
- Bags must NOT weigh more than 40 lbs.
- Trash must be curbside by 6:00am the day of collection. It's best to place curbside the evening before.
- If there is inclement weather that might affect trash and recycling collection, please visit www.pennwaste.com, www.pennntp.com or the Penn Township Facebook page for schedule changes and updates.
- Automobile Tires can be disposed of with your normal trash. Tires must be off the rim and cannot exceed 32" in diameter or a tread width of 12". Two tires per bag. The tires can be in a Penn Township bag or the bag can be tied or taped to the tires.

Township Bags Available to Purchase At:

- Giant, 801 Baltimore St.
- Giant, 455 Eisenhower Dr.
- Penn Twp Office - 20 Wayne Ave.
- Rutter's, 1400 Baltimore St.
- Rutter's, 1009 York St.
- Smoker's Outlet, 824 York St.
- Weis Market, 1424 Baltimore St.
- Weis Market, 860 Carlisle St.



Bulk Item Collection

The Township's bulk item pickup program was established to give residents a convenient method to dispose of **LARGE** bulk items. A good rule of thumb to identify what is **NOT** a bulk item is, **IF IT FITS IN A BAG, IT GOES IN A BAG.** Items that are small enough to be placed in a trash bag should not be bundled and placed curbside as a bulk item.

Examples of bulk items that can be placed curbside on your normal collection day include:

- Mattress & Box Spring, Toilets, Tables - over 4 feet cut in 1/2, Dry Wall, Insulation, Ceiling Tiles - broken down and bundled
- Wooden Doors - cut in 1/2, Windows - less than 4 feet by 4 feet - tape glass
- Wood - pieces that won't fit in a trash bag should be bundled, maximum length 4 feet, maximum weight 50lbs.
- Furniture - ALL types - large entertainment centers must be broken down plus tied or taped
- Carpet - max. width 4 feet, must be rolled & tied or taped, max. weight 50lbs. 1 roll per week

Examples of non-acceptable items:

- Household Hazardous Waste, Styrofoam, Clothing or Fibers, Dirt, Gravel, Blacktop, Brick, Concrete, Shingles, Yard Waste, Televisions, Vacuums, Microwaves, Containers with Oil, Gasoline or Antifreeze

A bulk item does NOT need to be called in. Just set it with your Township bag. Limit of one item per week.

Items cannot be placed curbside prior to 24 hours before your collection day.

Large Metal Item Collection

Large metal items must be scheduled by 11:00am Wednesday, for collection on Thursday.

Please call 717-637-1561

Examples of acceptable items:

- Hot Water Heater, Air Conditioner, Stove, Refrigerator, Freezer, Washing Machine, Dryer, Dishwasher, Dehumidifier, Exercise Equipment, Grill, Fire Ring, Bed Frame, Lawnmower (must be drained of oil and gas)
- Scrap Metal - bundled, maximum length 4 feet, maximum weight 50lbs .

Examples of non-acceptable items:

- Paint Cans, Small Appliances, Pots and Pans, Batteries, Automobile Parts, Microwaves, Lamps, Vacuums and Fans

Limit of one item per week. Items cannot be placed curbside prior to 24 hours before Thursday.

We also have a scrap metal dumpster at the recycling center. Please do NOT bring anything with freon.

Curbside Recycling

Aluminum and Steel Cans
Empty Food, Beverage ONLY

Plastic Bottles, Containers and Jugs
Containers numbered 1, 2 & 5 with a capacity of five gallons or less ONLY.

Glass, Food and Beverage Containers
Clear, Brown and Green Bottles & Jars ONLY!

All lids should be removed and disposed of in the trash.

Recyclables must be loose in a container.
Do NOT place them in plastic bags.

Please don't fill the recycle bin over the edge on windy days.
The overflow of material is blown out of the bin and into the neighborhood. Use an additional bin or tub marked "RECYCLING." Free "RECYCLING" stickers are available at the Township office and the recycling drop-off center.



For Questions Please Call
717- 637-1561 or email
pennrecycle@comcast.net

Unacceptable Items

Hangers
Styrofoam
Toys
Broken Glass
Hoses

Windows, Mirrors, Ceramics
Dishes, Bakeware
Plastic Cups
Plastic Tableware (Knives, Forks, etc.)
Plastic Food Wrappers

Newsprint
Magazines
Cardboard
Aluminum Foil, Pie Tins
Scrap Metal

Ways to Recycle Other Items

Used Antifreeze (No Contamination)

Hanover Lube & Brake - 717-637-3011

Used Motor Oil (No Contamination)

Advanced Auto - 717-633-3636
Auto Zone - 717-637-3656
Cooper Motors - 717-632-4225
Hanover Lube & Brake - 717-637-3011
South Hanover Wal-Mart - 717-630-8211 ext. 143

Contaminated Oil, Gasoline and Kerosene

Zeigler Service Center (Spring Grove) - 717-225-5612

All Propane Gas Cylinders Up To 20lbs.

Aero Energy (New Oxford) - 717-624-4311

Concrete, Brick, Block and Top Soil

Gettex LLC - 717-321-3155

Bubble Wrap, Air Pouches & Polystyrene Peanuts

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
Black Rose Antiques and Collectibles - 717-632-0589
(Bubble Wrap Only)
Parcel Plus- 717-632-5896
UPS Store - 717-646-1118

Appliances Containing Freon

B & K Appliances, (New Oxford) - 717-624-2412
9:30am to 6pm Monday - Friday; 9am to 2pm Saturday

Fire Extinguishers

WFX - 717-633-1010 * fees may apply

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (no tubes)

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
Home Depot - 717-646-0140
Lowes of Hanover - 717-630-8700

Fluorescent Tubes

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
Batteries Plus Bulbs (York) - 717-718-3547 * fees may apply

Grass Clippings

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
Yellow Hill Farm (Biglerville) - 717-677-8188 or online
yellowhillfarm.com

Styrofoam

Can go in the trash or recycled below:
Dart Container (Lancaster) - 717-390-0886, (Leola) - 717-656-2236

Recycling Environmental Impact

Way to go Penn Township Residents and Commercial Establishments!

You recycled close to 16,615.45 tons of newspaper, cardboard, magazines, mixed paper products, comingle, scrap metal and electronics during 2024. This equates to the savings of :

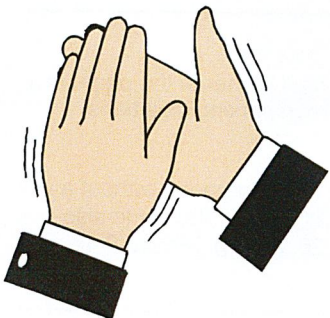
46,121 trees

13,907,817 gallons of water

1,028,868 gallons of oil

109,924,385 hours of energy

Residents also recycled 8.29 tons of plastic shopping bags, that's over 1,174,732 bags.



TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Hanover Trolley Trail

Looking for a way to exercise and get some fresh air? Biking, walking or running on the Hanover Trolley Trail is an excellent venture. The trail runs from Moul field in Hanover and extends 2 miles through Hanover Borough and Penn Township, terminating at Gitts Run Road.



Online Credit Card Service

For your convenience the Township Sewer Department is accepting online credit card payments for sewer bills. If you would like to take advantage of this service, please visit the Township website at www.penntwp.com. Click "Online Payment" and follow the prompt.

Additional fees will be charged by the vendor for this service.

Thinking About a Yard Sale?

1. Yard sale permits can be issued for any 3 consecutive days from dusk to dawn Monday through Saturday. No Sunday sales are allowed. For current fee please contact the Township office at 717-632-7366 or go online at penntwp.com.
2. Permits can be issued for no more than four yard sales within a calendar year.
3. Signs advertising yard sales cannot be placed on any road sign, including stop signs, speed limit signs, signal poles, etc. Signs may be taped or tied (not stapled or nailed) to wooden utility poles. Signs on private property or in the public right of way may not impair vehicular sight distance.
4. Signs must provide information on the location of the sale, including street name and number as well as the date(s) of the sale. All signs must be removed immediately following the yard sale. Any sign not promptly removed or which represents a safety hazard will be removed by the Township at the expense of the permittee.

Recreational Parks

With the beautiful Spring and Summer weather arriving, please visit and enjoy the recreational parks in the Township.

The facilities at Young's Woods include playground equipment, shaded picnic areas, grilling facilities, picnic tables, bathrooms and 4 pavilions that can be rented for \$50.00 each. The facilities at the Township Community Park include ball fields, soccer field, volleyball, horse shoes, shaded picnic areas, grilling facilities, picnic tables, portable toilets, Kids Kingdom play area, and two pavilions that can be rented. The front pavilion is \$125.00 (80 person max) and rear pavilion is \$70.00 (50 person max). No pets allowed at any Township park.

ZONING

Street Lights Are For Safety

Penn Township residents who have sidewalk/walkway lights installed on their property are required to have these lights lit from dusk to dawn. There are no exceptions. If your light is inoperable and in need of replacement, please contact the Township office for information of approved lighting poles and fixtures.



Parking

The Penn Township Code (which can be accessed on the Township website, www.penntwp.com, bottom right corner of the page) is a great resource for information pertaining to specific authorizations/violations in Penn Township. Some common parking violations prohibited by the Code are:

Township Code 300-26 (Parking Prohibitions) Prohibits parking a vehicle on or along a highway or other public property without a valid registration, valid certificate of inspection (PA vehicles), and/or an ascertainable VIN number (300-26 (A) (11) a,b,c). The Code also prohibits parking or leaving an unattended detached trailer on or along any public street in Penn Twp. (300-26, (B)(4)). [Added 9-15-2003 by Ord. No. 601]

STORY TIME

AT PENN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK
Home of Kids Kingdom!
4601 Grandview Road in Hanover

TUESDAY MORNINGS • 10-10:45 A.M.
JUNE 10 - AUGUST 12

**COLOR
OUR
WORLD**

Join Miss Kelly from Guthrie Memorial Library — Hanover's Public Library, for a free weekly program featuring story time and an activity, craft or game!

Program is best suited for children 2nd grade and younger, but all ages are welcome. No registration required. Held in the front pavilion of Penn Township Community Park.



For more information
call 717-632-5183 or visit
yorklibraries.org/hanover-guthrie

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Penn Township Code Enforcement department has been busy responding to your complaints and observations. From 7/13/2024 TO 1/28/2025 there have been 376 violations. They are categorized as follows.

Junk/Garbage/Sanitation - 59	Brush & Limb – 24	Residential Lighting - 1
High Grass / Weeds - 50	Sidewalk - 62	Sign Violations - 44
Vehicles/Parking - 78	Storm Water, Drainage - 2	POD Registration - 5
Accessory Structures - 5	Failure to Apply for Permit – 42	Misc. - 4

Lawn Maintenance

The Township Code states that property owners shall not allow the grass and weeds on their property to grow taller than 10" high. This includes the grass and weeds that grow in and along the roadway, curb and sidewalk areas. Please direct the mower discharge back to the yard area or pick up the grass in the street when finished mowing.

Rent-A-Kid

The Rent-A-Kid program, sponsored by the York County Area Agency on Aging, needs kids in middle and senior high school. Rent-A-Kid is an intergenerational program that offers students an opportunity to earn money and/or community service hours doing routine household chores, yard work, mowing lawns, technology assistance, pet care, or shoveling snow for York County seniors. The program also provides an opportunity for older adults and teenagers to interact and help each other.

For additional information, interested teens can contact the Rent-A-Kid program at (717) 771-9610 or 1-800-632-9073. You may also visit www.yorkcountypa.gov/212/Rent-A-Kid.



Where to Dispose of a Large Accumulation of Trash

Do you have a lot of bulk items & accumulated trash you need to dispose of quickly?

You may take those items to Hanover Transfer Station located at 25 Barnhart Dr. (Penn Township Industrial Park).

Hours are Monday - Friday 7:00am to 2:15pm. For fee information please contact 717-633-5523 or visit

www.hanoverboroughpa.gov/199/Recycling-Refuse.



American Flag Etiquette

Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. Below are several of the general guidelines from the Flag Code that answers many of the most common questions:



- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms.
- To store the flag, it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

If you have America flags that you need to dispose of, you can drop them off at the Penn Township recycling center. The flags will be disposed of in a dignified manner.

Please Be a Responsible Dog Owner

Dealing with pet waste is one of those topics that every pet owner must deal with but no one likes to talk about. The fact is that the majority of community and neighborhood pet problems result from the inappropriate handling of pet waste. In addition, pet waste is the greatest source of potential health risk for your pet and your family. Please remember that your responsibility to clean up after your pet doesn't end when your dog leaves your yard. Pet owners need to clean up after their pet every time they "go to the bathroom".



HANOVER AREA FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION

Renters Insurance

Hello Residents, for this newsletter I want to remind our residents, particularly our landlords and renters, about the importance of insuring your property in the case of fire.

If you are a tenant, PLEASE, make sure you have renters insurance! Your landlord's insurance DOES NOT cover your personal belongings. We recently have responded to numerous fires where tenants did not have renters insurance. In many cases, they lost everything. I cannot emphasize enough how important this is. Call your insurance agent today! Almost any insurance agent can provide you with an economic policy with sufficient coverage for your needs. According to Nerdwallet.com (www.NerdWallet.com/article/insurance/renters-insurance-pa-pennsylvania) renter policies in Pennsylvania vary from \$76.00 to \$170.00 per year. For basic coverage, monthly rates are as low as \$15.00 per month. Many insurance companies will provide an online quote so you can make informed comparisons and can choose a policy that is right for you. If you are a landlord, I strongly urge you to require your tenants to get renters insurance and ask them to provide proof each year that they have it. It's for their benefit! Trust me!

Be Safe, Chief Clouser

Grilling

The spring season is upon us, which means it's time to get out and fire up the grill. Below are statistics from NFPA and some safety tips to help your grilling season stay safe and delicious.

Grilling fire facts from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA):

July is the peak month for grill fires (17%), including both structure, outdoor or unclassified fires, followed by June (14%), May (13%) and August (12%).

In 2013-2017, an average of 19,000 patients per year went to emergency rooms because of injuries involving grills. Half (9,300 or 49%) of the injuries were thermal burns, including both burns from fire and from contact with hot objects; 5,200 thermal burns per year were caused by such contact or other non-fire events.

Children under five accounted for an average of 2,000 or 38% of the contact-type burns per year. These burns typically occurred when someone, often a child, bumped into, touched or fell on the grill, a grill part or hot coals.

Gas grills were involved in an average of 8,700 home fires per year, including 3,600 structure fires and 5,100 outdoor fires annually. Gas leaks or gas line breaks were primarily the problem with gas grills. Eleven percent of gas grill structure fires and 23% of outside gas grill fires were caused by gas leaks or gas line breaks.

Charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in 1,100 home fires per year, including 600 structure fires and 500 outside fires annually.

Safety Tips

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. Always check propane lines for cracks or damage that could cause a leak.

The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill and in trays below the grill.

Never leave your grill unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.



Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are allowed with commercially purchased portable appliances such as chimineas and wood burning appliances for external use. The use of such appliances shall be as per the manufacturer's specifications and be a minimum of 15 feet from any structure or combustible material.

Burn rings are allowed with burning contained within the ring and not located within 25 feet of any structure or combustible materials. When using burn pits they must be attended by an adult at all times.

Should you choose to do any type of burning, please be considerate of your neighbors to make sure the smoke created is not objectionable.

Materials that can be recycled such as newspaper, magazines and cardboard are prohibited from being used as a fuel source.

FIREWORKS USE ORDINANCE



The Township adopted ordinance number 835 on September 21, 2020. The ordinance provides regulations for the use and discharge of consumer fireworks, display fireworks and agricultural fireworks. Some of the limitations include who is allowed to use fireworks, where the fireworks can legally be discharged and establishes specific limits on the duration and hours of discharge.

POLICE

Penn Township Police Services

Child car seat installation * Alzheimer registration * Child ID safety kits * Gun locks safety and drug talks * Security surveys *
Business safety training * Medication take-back drop off * Police station tours

Rules for Skateboards and Rollerblades

Any person engaged in skateboarding or rollerblading shall yield the right of way to any pedestrians and may not pass or overtake a pedestrian while riding upon or propelling the skateboard or rollerblade, and shall yield the right of way to motor vehicles when approaching or crossing a driveway.

It shall be unlawful for any person to use, ride, propel or otherwise operate a skateboard or rollerblade at any time on any Township-owned property, public street or right of way, excluding sidewalks.

It shall be unlawful to erect, construct, or place any rail, ramp, or other related device used for skateboarding or rollerblading in a Township right of way, public street or sidewalk as well as any property owned, leased, managed or under control of the Township of Penn.

It shall be unlawful to use, ride, propel or otherwise operate a skateboard or rollerblade on private property without the consent of the owners.



Crimewatch - Security Camera Registration Program

Residents can register security cameras at no charge on our Crimewatch page. This will give the Penn Township Police Department a list of possible cameras that could be used for assistance with solving any crime in the area. The police do **NOT** have access to the cameras, we would need to contact the owner to share any video. Please register your camera at: www.york.crimewatchpa.com/penntwppd and click the "Forms" tab.

We STRONGLY encourage all citizens to remove keys from their vehicles, lock the doors and keep valuables out of plain view. Over the past few months, we have received numerous reports of vehicles being rummaged through, items being stolen, and in some cases the vehicles being stolen.

In Pennsylvania, it is UNLAWFUL, to leave your motor vehicle unattended. (Title 75, Section 3701(a)) - UNATTENDED MOTOR VEHICLE: *General rule.*--No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit the vehicle to stand unattended without placing the gear shift lever in a position which under the circumstances impedes the movement of the vehicle, stopping the engine, locking the ignition in vehicles so equipped, removing the key from the ignition and, when standing upon any grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway and effectively setting the brake.

#DontBeAVictim

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Prevent Vehicle Theft:

PARK in well-lit areas.

STOW away valuables.

LOCK cars and windows.

DO NOT leave keys in car

AND

NEVER leave your vehicle while it's running.



PROTECT YOUR VEHICLE FROM THEFT

NHTSA NHTSA.gov/theft

Beware of Scams

With the coming of Spring, the Penn Township Police Department reminds residents to be aware of home improvement scams, frauds and ID theft. Common sense is your best protection against becoming a victim. We encourage you to use caution when someone asks for your personal information, routinely monitor your credit history and financial interests, note any suspicious activity and report any immediate concerns to the Police Department.

Did you know that anyone soliciting door to door in the Township must have a valid permit? An individual may only obtain a permit after registering with the Police Department and it is to be displayed at all times.

Memorial Day Parade

The 2025 Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 26, 2025 beginning at 8:30am. The parade will enter Penn Township traveling south from Hanover Borough and end at Mt Olivet Cemetery within Penn Township.

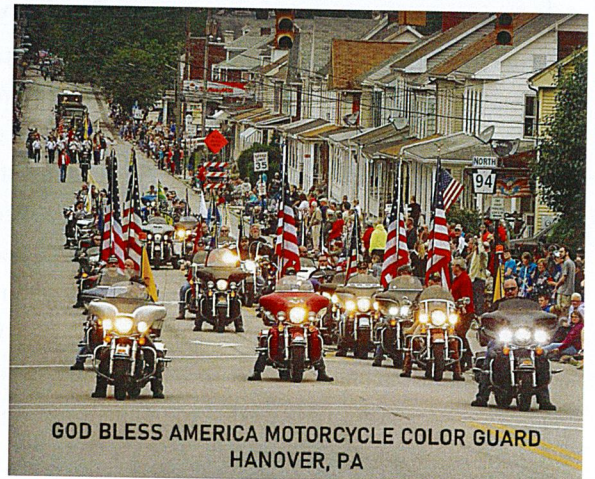
There will be No-Parking on Baltimore St from the Hanover Borough line to Footer St which will be enforced with the removal/towing of vehicles beginning at 7:00am.

All alleys and streets connecting to Baltimore St will be barricaded beginning at 7:45am.

E Granger at McAllister St will be closed, W Granger St at Franklin St will be closed, and Wirt Ave at McAllister St will be closed.

Baltimore St from Hanover Borough line to O'Neill Ave will be closed to all traffic and the parade route sealed at 8:00am. Northbound traffic will be detoured down O'Neill Ave to Baer Ave to York St. Northbound truck traffic will be detoured east on Grandview Rd.

In addition, Baltimore St will remain closed between Wirt Ave and O'Neill Ave until the ceremony at Mt Olivet Cemetery is over and pedestrians clear out of the area.



PUBLIC WORKS

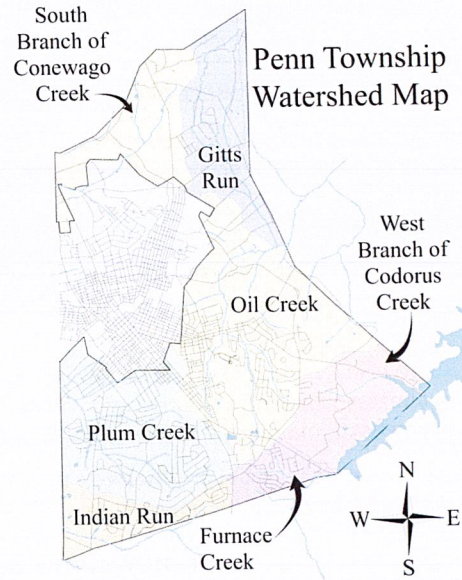
HIGHWAY & SEWER

What is a Watershed?

A watershed is an area of land whose rainwater drains to the same body of water - a stream, lake, bay, etc. We have seven main watersheds here in Penn Township.

Remember that stormwater flows from the storm sewer straight into the waterways, so anything that enters a storm drain will ultimately end up in our local streams and lakes. Please do your part to keep our waterways clean and healthy.

If you have stormwater concerns, Penn Township's MS4 Inspector is available Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 3:30pm at 717-633-6373 ext. 3304.



Grass Clippings in the Street

Grass clippings in the street continues to be a problem. While most residents are conscientious about keeping the clippings off the street, others continue to blow grass into the street and along the curb where it causes a safety problem, blocks and contaminates storm drains, and is just plain unsightly. Pennsylvania Law and the Township Code prohibits grass in the street so please direct the mower discharge back to the yard area or pick up the grass in the street when finished mowing. Your Neighbors will appreciate your consideration.



End of summer
POOL CLOSING TIPS

- Pool water may be disposed of through the sanitary sewer system **ONLY** with municipal permission
- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream
- If lowering the water level of the pool, let it drain to a lawn to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer
- If a sanitary sewer system is not available, water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer

Sanitary Sewer Right-of-Way Maintenance

The Township has over 82 miles of pipe that transports wastewater to the treatment facility. Whenever possible these lines are installed in a public street right-of-way (ROW). Sometimes, a private ROW/easement is created on a development plan and recorded on a property owner's deed to allow the installation of utilities, such as sanitary sewer, natural gas, electric, telephone, cable, storm water drainage, etc. A utility ROW or drainage easement could be located anywhere on a property. It could be located in close proximity to a house or other structure. It is important that you know the location of any ROW or easement that exists on your property so you don't build, plant or place anything that would impede access to maintain the utility. When a problem occurs with a sanitary sewer line it is difficult to gain access to correct the problem when there are trees, decks, patios, fences, swimming pools, etc. extending over and within the ROW or easement. In the future the Township will be evaluating these areas and begin to clear them so the lines and easements can be properly maintained. The Township requests that you remove anything located in the ROW or easement that can't be easily picked up and relocated. To find out if you have a sewer ROW or easement look at your property deed or call the Township at 717-637-1561 or email pennwwtp@comcast.net.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Township Web Site:
www.penntwp.com



Township Office - 717-632-7366
Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Tax Collector Office - 717-632-7366 x1165

Magistrate's Office - 717-632-0618
Call for Hours of Operation

Township Police Department Office - 717-637-8751

Fire Department - 717-637-4949

Public Works Office - 717-633-6373

Wastewater Treatment Plant Office - 717-637-1561

Trash & Recycling Office - 717-637-1561

Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Email trash & recycling questions to:

pennrecycle@comcast.net

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Stay informed of any upcoming Township events,
collection cancellations and holiday closings at:

Penn Township, York County



Information can be found about changes to existing
laws, safety tips and snow emergencies at:

Penn Township Police Department, Hanover PA



MEET YOUR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



*(standing left to right) Matthew Baile, Ronald Fanelli, Ron Arnold
(seated left to right) Justin Heiland - Vice-President, Mark Elksnis - President*

2025 Penn Township Public Meeting Dates

Penn Township Board of Commissioners - 7:00pm on the third Monday of each month.

Public Safety and Public Works Committees - 7:00pm on the first Monday of each month, except August, September and November the meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

Finance and Health and Sanitation Committees - 7:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month, except September the meeting will begin at 6:00pm. The August and November meeting will be held the first Monday at 6:00pm.

Planning Commission - 7:00pm on the first Thursday of each month, except July the meeting will be held Wednesday.

Zoning Hearing Board - 7:00pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

*Civil Service Commission - 7:00pm on the second Monday of each month.
There will be no meetings during the months of July, August and December.*

*Hanover Area Fire & Rescue Commission - 5:30pm on the third Thursday of each month.
All meetings held at 204 Clover Ln.*

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