

Penn Township Newsletter

Partners in Progress 2026 – Spring/Summer Newsletter



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 21, 2026 - 10:00am

Penn Township Community Park,
4601 Grandview Rd.

Rain date March 22, 2026 at 1:00pm.

Penn Township residents 10 and under.

EVENTS



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 **Monday, April 27, 2026**. All material must be placed curbside on a dedicated Township street or road by this date, **but not before, April 17, 2026**. If material is placed curbside prior to April 17th, 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 717-632-7366 ext. 3302.**

You can also dispose of this material at Oldcastle Lawn & Garden (formerly H & H Excavating) located at 660 Old Hanover Road in Spring Grove. They 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 833-719-2729 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 Township's 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 25, 2026**. 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**. Proof of residency will be required.

Hanover Area Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company 79

MAY 30, 2026

CHICKEN BBQ

CANCELLED

For more information please visit:
www.79firevolunteers.com

Hanover Area Night Out

National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2026 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

SPRING FORWARD 3/8



TRASH & RECYCLING

Anthracite Waste Services is the contracted and exclusive hauler for removal of Penn Township residential refuse & recycle.

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 municipalities with a population of 5,000 or more in Pennsylvania to recycle the following items: Aluminum, Steel and bimetallic Cans Corrugated Paper High Grade Office Paper Newsprint Plastics Clear and Colored Glass Leaf Waste

Trash and Recycling Curbside Collection Service

Trash and recycling service for the Township is provided and billed by Anthracite Waste Services. New homeowners are required to sign up for collection service by calling 877-789-2468 or contact them online at www.anthracitewaste.com (if you are a tenant please contact your rental agent). **All collection questions/issues will be addressed by Anthracite Waste Services.**



Contract Year	35 Gallon Cart	65 Gallon Cart	95 Gallon Cart
2026 & 2027	\$80.25/quarter	\$89.25/quarter	\$91.50/quarter
2028 & 2029	\$81.00/quarter	\$90.00/quarter	\$93.00/quarter
2030	\$84.00/quarter	\$93.00/quarter	\$95.25/quarter



Trash service includes one bulk and one large metal item pick up per week. Please contact Anthracite Waste Services in advance of your collection day to schedule a pick up.



anthracitewaste.com
877-789-2468

RECYCLING GUIDE

KEEP IT CLEAN. PLACE ITEMS LOOSE.

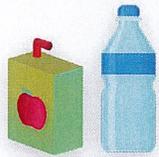
UNACCEPTABLE

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

PLASTICS

Bottles, Jugs & Containers

#1, #2, & #5 plastics only. Remove caps and rinse.



METALS

Aluminum & Steel Cans

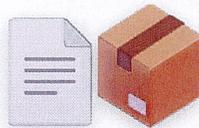
Food and beverage cans only. Rinse clean.



PAPER & CARDBOARD

Newspaper, Magazines, Paper, Cardboard & Cartons

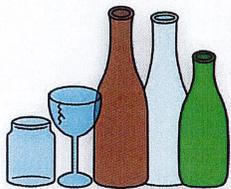
Break down cardboard. Flatten boxes to fit in cart. No shredded paper.



GLASS

Bottles & Jars

Clean, empty glass containers in any color. Remove caps and lids.



NO PLASTIC BAGS

Return these to retail or grocery store collection bins. Loose items only in the cart.



NO PLASTIC PACKAGING MATERIAL

Bubble wrap, shrink wrap, styrofoam peanuts, plastic packing pillows, and foam inserts. Cardboard boxes are OK.



NO FOOD OR LIQUID

Please empty and rinse all containers before placing in the recycling cart.



NO CLOTHING OR LINENS

Donate usable items to charity or reuse worn items as rags.



NO SMALL APPLIANCES OR EXTENSION CORDS

No cords, power strips, small electric items, or extension cords.



NO FOIL PRODUCTS

Foil sheets, pans, and foil serving trays.



NO WOOD OR BUILDING MATERIALS

No lumber, boards, drywall, construction debris, or scrap metal.



NO ELECTRONICS

View yswa.com/services/recycling/electronics for electronics recycling options.



NO MEDICAL WASTE

Medical waste is a health hazard and must go in proper trash or sharps containers.

IMPORTANT: please empty and rinse all containers. Do NOT bag recyclables.

? FAQs

- When should I put my trash out?**
Please place carts at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup. The pickup times and routing you may be used to will change.
- What if I have a large item (freon item, couch, large glass, etc.)?**
Please call ahead to schedule pickup of these items.
- What do I do with paint?**
Latex-based paint should be dried out or absorbed with kitty litter before being placed in the trash. Oil-based paint is hazardous waste and must be disposed of in accordance with DEP regulations.

CART PLACEMENT RULES

- 3 feet apart:** Keep carts at least 3 feet from mailboxes, parked cars, poles, and each other.
- Face the street:** Place carts with the handle and wheels facing your house.
- Bag trash:** All trash must be bagged. Keep recycling loose in the cart.

Proper spacing helps our trucks service your cart quickly and safely.

AFTER COLLECTION

Please remove carts from the curb/street and place them to the side or rear of your home.

MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE

We have made it easier than ever to manage your service online, without the need to make a phone call.

- Pay your bill online 24/7
- Set up secure Auto-Pay
- Enroll in Paperless Billing

Visit anthracitewaste.com and click "Pay My Bill" to quickly and securely pay your bill any time that works for you.

HOLIDAY AND WEATHER UPDATES

If your pickup day falls on or after a listed holiday, service is delayed by one day.

Observed holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Always check our website or Facebook page for the latest schedule updates and weather-related service alerts.

Bulk Item Collection

The Township's bulk item pickup program was established to give residents a convenient method to dispose of **LARGE** bulk items. **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

Limit of one item per week.

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

Large Metal Item Collection

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 collection day.

To schedule a Bulk or Large Metal Item please call Anthracite Waste Services at 877-789-2468

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

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 cart.

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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event
MAY 2ND
This is a FREE Event held between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm
YCSWA
Visit www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/ for more details.
***Registration is required!**

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.

Holiday Schedule for Recycling Center, Trash/Recycling Collection and Township Office



Good Friday - April 3, 2026

**Recycling Center & Township Office Closed,
NO CHANGE IN COLLECTION**

Memorial Day - May 25, 2026

**Recycling Center & Township Office Closed,
COLLECTION DELAYED 1 DAY FOR THE WEEK**

Independence Day - July 3, 2026

**Recycling Center & Township Office Closed,
NO CHANGE IN COLLECTION**

Labor Day - September 7, 2026

**Recycling Center & Township Office Closed,
COLLECTION DELAYED 1 DAY FOR THE WEEK**

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

THIS IS A SELF-SERVE FACILITY

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

SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR UPDATES www.penntwp.com

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.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Thinking About a Yard Sale?

1. Yard sale permits can be issued for any 3 consecutive days from dawn to dusk Monday through Saturday. No Sunday sales are allowed. The permit fee for 2026 is \$10.00
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.

For information on rental prices and how to reserve a pavilion, please call 717-632-7366. No pets are allowed at any Township park.



YOUNG'S WOODS

The facilities at Young's Woods located at 357 Blooming Grove Rd., include playground equipment, shaded picnic areas, grilling facilities, picnic tables, electric, bathrooms and 4 pavilions available to rent. Pavilions hold up to 50 people. The rental fee for 2026 is \$50.00/day per pavilion.



TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK KID'S KINGDOM

The facilities at the Township Community Park located at 4601 Grandview Rd., include ball fields, soccer field, volleyball, horse shoes, shaded picnic areas, grilling facilities, picnic tables, portable toilets, Kids Kingdom play area, and two pavilions available to rent. The front pavilion holds 80 people, the rear pavilion holds 50 people. The 2026 rental fees are:
front pavilion \$125.00/day
rear pavilion \$75.00 /day



STORY TIME

AT PENN TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK
Home of Kids Kingdom

4601 Grandview Road in Hanover

TUESDAY MORNINGS • 10-10:45 A.M.
JUNE 9 - AUGUST 11

Join Miss Kelly from Guthrie Memorial Library, for a FREE weekly program featuring story time and an activity 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 at Penn Township Community Park.



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

Community Room Rental

Are you looking for a space to hold a meeting or small gathering? Our Community Room is available to rent at \$50/day and \$30/day for non-profits. The space holds up to 50 people. For more information please contact the Township office at 717-632-7366.

Outdoor Burning

Open burning is prohibited within the limits of Penn Township with the exception of agricultural burning on ten (10) contiguous acres or more of land that is owned by or leased by the individual doing the burning. A permit is required for this type of burning and can be obtained at the Penn Township municipal office.

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

Per the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance Section 801, a permit must be obtained from the Township Zoning Officer before the erection, enlargement, repair, alteration, moving or demolition of any structure.

This includes, but is not limited to swimming pools (regardless of whether they are permanent or seasonal), fences, storage sheds, gazebos, decks, patios, and driveway extensions.

Please remember to schedule your inspections.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding building/zoning permits, please contact the Penn Township Municipal Zoning Office at 717-632-7366 (ext 1150)



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 are tattered and torn, you can drop them off at the Penn Township recycling center. The flags will be disposed of properly.

COMING SOON

NEW SEWER BILLING AND PAYMENT PORTAL

Starting in April, your sewer bill will have a new look. Please keep an eye out for it in your mail. Residents can also use the new online payment portal for sewer accounts, where you can set up automatic payments and receive text alerts and reminders. Visit www.penntwp.com for details and to sign up.

FREE VETERAN MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

In partnership with the York County Department of Veterans Affairs, transportation to the Lebanon VA Clinic and the York VA Clinic is provided at no cost to veterans within York County.

Service offered Monday-Friday.

Required application and reservation process. Reservations must be made by noon the business day before appointment.

All vehicles are ADA accessible. Escorts are permitted when scheduled at time of reservation.

Call 1-800-632-9063 (press option 3) today to find out what you may qualify for! Scan the QR code for more information.

New Food Truck Ordinance No. 879

- No person or business entity, including a religious or charitable organization, shall operate a mobile food truck in any public, private or restricted space without a permit issued by the Township.
- A separate mobile food truck permit is required for any mobile food truck operated within the Township by an individual, partnership, corporation or limited-liability company.
- An applicant shall submit an application to the Township Zoning Officer on a form provided by the Township, making sure to provide all additional information requested. The food truck permit fee, as set by the Township Board of Commissioners, shall be paid with the submission of the application.
- The applicant shall provide proof to the Township that the food truck has a valid Pennsylvania State motor vehicle registration and a valid Pennsylvania State Motor Vehicle Inspection. Registrations and inspections from other states may be acceptable at the discretion of the Township Zoning Officer if they meet all State and Local operating requirements.
- Applicants shall provide proof of a valid Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture mobile food facility license with their application to Penn Township.
- The Township Zoning Officer shall issue a food truck permit to the applicant upon receipt of a complete application and the applicant's food truck passing an initial inspection. Permits shall be valid for one year and will expire one year after the permit issue date.
- Food truck permits shall be renewed annually by the applicant, prior to the expiration date. An inspection is required for each annual renewal.



For more information please visit www.penntwp.com/directory/township-ordinances/

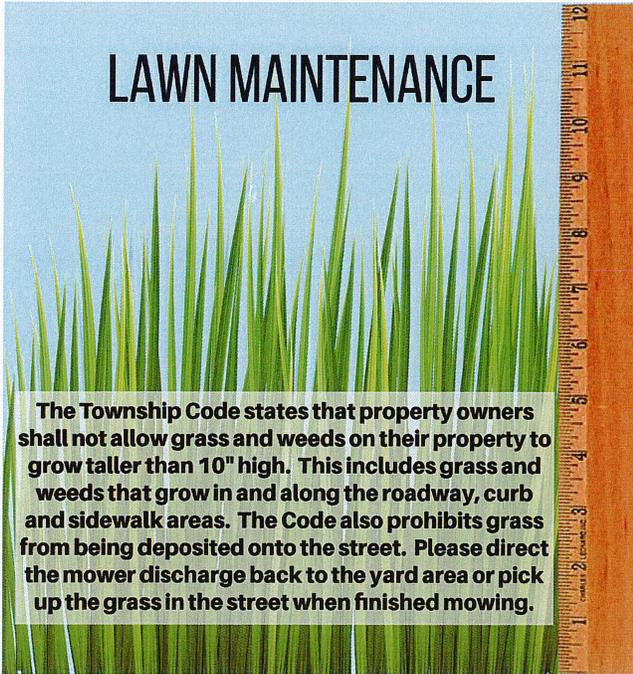
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

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.



BEING A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER

Pennsylvania law states "It shall be unlawful for the owner or keeper of any dog to fail to keep at all times the dog in any of the following manners:

1. Confined within the premises of the owner
2. Firmly secured by means of a collar and chain or other device so that it cannot stray beyond the premises on which it is secured
3. Under the reasonable control of some person, or when engaged in lawful hunting, exhibition, performance events or field training."



Please remember that your responsibility to clean up after your pet doesn't end when your dog leaves your yard. There are probably fewer things that aggravate neighbors more than a dog that "goes" in their yard. Pet owners need to clean up after their pet every time they "go to the bathroom".

The Penn Township Code Enforcement department has been busy responding to your complaints and observations.

From 7/2025 to 1/2026 there have been 609 violations. They are categorized as follows.

Junk/Garbage/Sanitation - 59	Brush & Limb – 53	Residential Lighting - 19
High Grass / Weeds - 172	Sidewalk - 45	Sign Violations - 75
Vehicles/Parking - 84	Storm Water, Drainage - 30	POD Registration - 3
Accessory Structures - 9	Failure to Apply for Permit – 42	Misc. - 18

Spring is a Time for Clean Up and Property Maintenance!

General maintenance is required of all properties. Owners and occupants are responsible for keeping the property clean, sanitary and safe.

Rubbish and garbage cause odors and rodents to congregate. All exterior property and premises, as well as the interior of every structure, needs to be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. Garbage needs to be kept in an approved container. These containers should be leakproof, covered, and kept alongside or at the rear of the property.

If you are doing work on your house and purchase materials, keep them alongside or in the back of the house. No outdoor stockpiling of materials is permitted in the front yard.

Parking on grass is not permitted. Off-Street parking areas must be a stabilized base and paved with concrete or compacted/rolled asphalt material.

Residents should know that all complaints are investigated and a determination is made by a Code Enforcement Officer, even if you are not contacted personally. Also, complaints are confidential.

***References: International Property Maintenance Code and Penn Township Ordinances 763, 750, 741, 712, and 880.**

HANOVER AREA FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION

Fire Prevention Tips

As we enter the spring season, a good spring cleaning is sometimes in order. We would offer some tips to keep in mind while doing the dreaded job of spring cleaning.

Smoke Detectors –

Check the manufacturer's date on the back of the detector. If it is ten years old, it is time to replace it. If you rely on battery only detectors, we suggest one with a 10-year Lithium-Ion battery.

Blow any dust out of the detector.

Clothes Dryer Care –

Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe for your dryer is not restricted and that the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. The dryer vent hose should be as short as possible and not kinked or pinched.

Move things that can burn, such as boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, away from the dryer.

Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

Grills –

Inspect your grill carefully and make sure it's free of grease or fat buildup. Clean out any nests, spider webs, or other debris you may find.

For propane grills, check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year.

Exterior of Your Home –

Dispose of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings to reduce fuel for fire.

Remove leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on or under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.

Remove dead vegetation and other flammable materials within ten feet of your home.

Painting & Staining –

Never leave cleaning rags in a pile. When you're finished using the rags, take them outside to dry, keeping them well away from the home and other structures.

Put dried rags in a metal container, making sure the container is tightly covered. Fill the container with a water and detergent solution, which will break down the oils.

Keep containers of oily rags in a cool place out of direct sunlight and away from other heat sources.

Electrical –

Inspect electrical cords for wear or damage after winter.

Check outdoor outlets for animal nests.

On February 12th, our EMS units were inspected. After passing all inspections, our DOH license to operate EMS service was renewed for another 3 years.

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.

Grilling 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.

POLICE

Penn Township Police Services

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

Memorial Day Parade

The 2026 Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 25, 2026 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 7:45 am.

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.



GOD BLESS AMERICA MOTORCYCLE COLOR GUARD
HANOVER, PA

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH



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.

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.

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

Sources: NHTSA and NCJ

Driver and Occupant Safety

Every occupant of a vehicle 8 years old to 18 years old must be properly secured in a seatbelt. Failure to comply is a primary vehicle code violation. Children under the age of 8 years old must be properly secured in the proper child restraint device (child seat, booster seat, etc...) The Penn Township Police Department continues to participate in the Pennsylvania Aggressive Driving and Occupant Protection (seat belt enforcement) initiatives. Officers have been and will continue to be on patrol looking for these violations. Remember to buckle-up, slow down and drive defensively!

PUBLIC WORKS

HIGHWAY & SEWER

KNOW YOUR HOMES AND COMMUNITY EASEMENTS AND ENCROACHMENTS

Columbia Gas is committed to delivering energy safely with community support. We rely on employees and neighbors working together to keep pipelines safe and maintained. Please help us by spreading the word about pipeline rights-of-ways, easements and encroachments for quick access.

A pipeline right-of-way is a strip of land next to a pipeline. To keep it safe and maintain it, rights-of-way must be obstacle-free so Columbia Gas can protect, operate, patrol, inspect, maintain, and repair pipelines. It's important to inform communities and remind property owners not to build structures, store items, or plant trees or shrubs along the right-of-way. Before digging or building, contact 811 to ensure underground utilities are marked, rights-of-way are identified and safety is maintained.

An easement is a right-of-way agreement between Columbia Gas and the property owner, granting us a permanent, limited interest in the land to access, operate, test, inspect, maintain, and protect our pipelines. Rights-of-way usually extend up to 25 feet from the pipeline's center. If Columbia Gas has an easement on your property, it's helpful to know the guidelines for encroachment - being mindful of structures, plants, or debris that extend onto, over, or across the easement. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Structures (pools, decks, sheds)
- Dwellings
- Garages
- Operation of equipment
- Planting and/or removal of trees and shrubs
- Septic tanks, lines, or leach beds
- Grading operations (cut or fill)
- Restriction to access (fences, brush piles, etc.)
- Unapproved utility installments

For more information about easement or encroachment, call Columbia Gas at 1-800-460-4332.



SOME PROJECTS ARE NOT DIY

HIRE A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL

TO MAKE SURE THE NATURAL GAS IS TURNED OFF AND THE LINE IS PROPERLY CAPPED

BE SAFE AROUND NATURAL GAS

DON'T DIY

For your safety, a qualified professional should perform all work on natural gas lines, equipment and appliances inside your home. To learn more and find a contractor, visit ColumbiaGasPA.com/safety/home-safety/appliance-safety

WORK ZONE SAFETY

TEMPERATURES RISING AND BETTER WEATHER BRINGS TOWNSHIP ROAD WORK. HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO FOLLOW TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE.

-  Always follow the posted speed limit.
-  Stay alert and avoid distractions.
-  Always buckle up.
-  Keep a safe following distance.
-  Pay attention to signs and flaggers.
-  Headlights should be on.



Grass Clippings in the Street

Grass clippings in the street continue 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.



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

Recycling Center Office - 717-637-1561

Anthracite Waste Services - 877-789-2468

Hanover Borough Water - 717-637-3877

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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) Ron Arnold, Matthew Baile, Lenny Rice
(seated left to right) Mark Elksnis - President, Justin Heiland - Vice-President,*

2026 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 August, September and November, the meeting will begin at 6:00pm. The September meeting will be held the first Monday at 6:00pm.

Planning Commission - 7:00pm on the first Thursday of each month, except January 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.*