

Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed
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Monday – Thursday

6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed every Friday

Board of Supervisors

Meetings: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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Road Foreman

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Planning Commission

Meetings: Third Monday, 7:00 p.m.

James E. Pennington, Chair

Anthony Nardella

Clayton Harnish

Richard Messer

Andrew Odell

Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings: Second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

James Hess

Ralph Dubree, Chair

Bradford Duvall

Anna Hipple, Alternate

**Serving approximately 6,651
residents and 2,850 households**

Zoning Ordinance Update. In the fall of 2008, the Township Board of Supervisors adopted a new comprehensive plan. This comprehensive plan was developed during public meetings with the assistance of the Township Supervisors, Planning Commission Members, Zoning Hearing Board Members and interested citizens. In order to support the comprehensive plan, which emphasized maintaining the rural character of Providence Township, the updating of the township zoning ordinance was begun in 2009. On February 12, 2009, the Board of Supervisors held its first public workshop to discuss the update of the zoning ordinance. At this initial workshop, the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission Members, Zoning Hearing Board Members and interested township residents decided it was best to “start from scratch” instead of “patching” our current ordinance. Additional public workshops were held on March 19, April 9, April 30, May 21, and June 25, to continue to update the ordinance. The progress has been very slow. No meetings have been held since the June 25 public workshop. The Board decided to take a break over the summer months and resume discussions in the fall. As Chairman Shaffer has stated at all the workshops and Board of Supervisors Meetings, public involvement is welcomed and necessary for the Township to draft a zoning ordinance that best suits Providence Township. It is important to realize that incorrect information is being circulated throughout Providence Township by a private source unknown to Township Officials. The Township is not involved in these mailings. The Board of Supervisors encourages anyone who has concerns about this zoning ordinance update to call or email the Township Office and/or attend the public workshops and Board of Supervisors Meetings. Public Workshop dates are advertised in the Lancaster Newspapers and posted on the Township website (www.providencetownship.com). In November, the Board of Supervisors will review the input from township residents that has been received from concerned residents at the public meetings. Additional public zoning workshops will begin again in February. In December, the Board of Supervisors will mail a postcard containing the workshop dates and times to each household.

THE BEST WAY TO KEEP UP WITH TOWNSHIP BUSINESS.....

www.providencetownship.com

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE. THE WEBSITE CONTAINS A LOT OF USEFUL INFORMATION! IT IS A GREAT PLACE TO VISIT TO STAY INFORMED!

REMEMBER TO VOTE...

ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

POLLS OPEN: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.



R - E - M - I - N - D - E - R

As winter approaches and brings with it the threat of snow, please remember the following:

- During a snowstorm, the road crew's main concern is having two lanes cleared on every road. Once all roads have two lanes cleared of snow, the intersections will be plowed back and widened to increase sight distance.
- Some roads require three passes from the snow plow to clear the blacktop; therefore you may want to wait to shovel your driveway until all the snow is cleared from the roadway.
- DO NOT shovel the snow from your driveway into the road. If your driveway is plowed, please be sure excess snow that is plowed into the road is cleared.
- Make sure your mailbox is securely attached to the post; and make sure the post is strong enough to withstand the force of snow being pushed by the plow.



HELP OUR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS LOCATE YOUR HOUSE

In an emergency, it is **CRITICAL** that Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical crews can find your home or business quickly. Having a clearly visible address sign is an important way to help them find you. Script numbering is hard to read. Brass or goldtone numbers often discolor and darken quickly. The best type of sign for emergency crews to find is a high-contrast, highly-reflective plain number sign.

These green address signs are available for purchase through your local fire company.

Quarryville Fire Company 786-2898

Refton Fire Company 786-9462

Rawlinsville Fire Company 284-3023

Willow Street Fire Company 464-4622

The Township has hired a new road crew member. Kevin Kreider joined the road crew in September. Kevin resides in Georgetown with his family.

WELCOME KEVIN!



H-A-L-L-O-W-E-E-N

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009

FROM 6:00 P.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.

BE SAFE!



Hunting on the railroad.

PERMIT REQUIRED.

Archery and Muzzleloader hunting is allowed on the rail line property owned by Providence Township. Please stop by the municipal office to obtain a Railroad Hunting Permit. Call the Township Office if you have questions.

If you notice someone dumping illegally or littering, please contact the Township Office 786-7596.

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE..... All residents of Providence Township are required to recycle. Recycle bins are provided free of charge at the Township Office. If you have any questions about recycling, please call the Township Office.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.....



Answer to some commonly asked questions!

Does the Township have a weed ordinance?

At this time, the Township does not have a weed ordinance in effect.

Does the Township have a dog barking ordinance?

At this time, the Township does not have a dog barking ordinance.

May I pay my real estate taxes at the Township Municipal Office?

No. All real estate taxes are collected by the Township Tax Collector, Mary Brooks. Mrs. Brooks works out of her home office. All tax questions should be directed to Mrs. Brooks. Her home office phone number is (717)284-2113. Her address is 1653 Rawlinsville Road, Holtwood, PA 17532.

Does the Township have a building code?

Yes, the Township adopted the building code on July 8, 2004. Questions regarding the building code should be directed to the Township Zoning Officer.

On Thursday, September 17th two oversized generators made their way through Providence Township on their way to Three Mile Island. As many of you know, Route 272 was closed for an extended period of time. The Board of Supervisors appreciates the cooperation of all township residents during this time.

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The Capital Construction Project is still in the planning stages. Lewis Architects and David Miller Associates are diligently working with the Township Supervisors to develop a project that considers both the current and future building needs of the township while containing costs. The Supervisors have no intention of raising taxes in order to build a new facility. As more information becomes available about this project it will be posted on the Township Website.
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Fairview Road Railroad Bridge

PENNDOT has confirmed that bids for this project will be awarded on October 29, 2009. Some work may begin this winter, with the remaining project to be completed in the Spring of 2010.



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After 22 years of service to the residents of Providence Township,

Howard Mundorff has retired.

Thanks for your dedicated service to the Township.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Township Office will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday, November 3—Election Day

Wednesday, November 11—Veterans Day

Thursday, November 26—Thanksgiving Day

Monday, November 30—Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Monday, December 28, Christmas Holiday

Thursday, December 31—New Years Holiday

You are welcome to attend all public meetings at the Township Office. The Board of Supervisors meet on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., the Zoning Hearing Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the Planning Commission meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Any changes to the meeting dates and times are advertised in the Lancaster Newspapers, on the Township website and posted at the Township office.

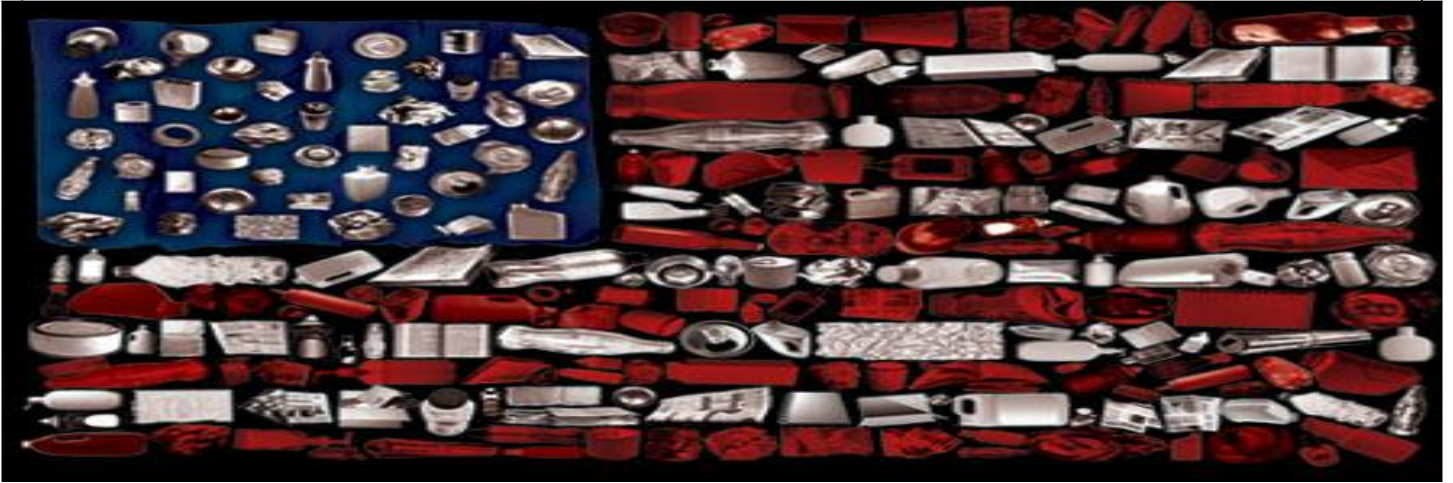
Recycle your Christmas Tree.

Township residents may drop their Christmas trees off at the Township Maintenance Sheds. The Township will put the trees through the wood chipper and offer the wood chips to Township residents free of charge!





**IT ALL
COMES
BACK TO
YOU**



Keeping our residents informed!

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