

Providence Township Patriot

Keeping Providence Township Residents Informed
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Township Hours:

Monday – Thursday

6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed every Friday

Board of Supervisors

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

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Wayne S. Herr

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Vicki Eldridge

vicki@providencetownship.com

Zoning Officer

Constance Peiffer

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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**

REMEMBER TO VOTE...

PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 19

POLLS OPEN: 7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.



ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE. Public input is welcome! The Board of Supervisors has begun the process of updating the Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to coincide with the updated Township Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 2008. Public workshops have been scheduled to begin discussions. These workshop dates are published in the legal advertisements in the Lancaster Newspapers. The dates are also updated on our township website, www.providencetownship.com. To begin, workshops are scheduled for Thursday mornings at 8:00 a.m. on March 19, April 9, April 30 and May 21. As additional dates are approved, they will be advertised and posted on the Township Website.

BUILDING/FACILITIES COMMITTEE. The Providence Township Building Committee has moved into the next phase of planning for a capital construction project. The committee has interviewed prospective architects and civil engineering professionals to obtain proposals for the initial land development and design phases associated with a proposed capital construction project at the township. At the Board of Supervisors Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2009, the building committee recommended that the Board of Supervisors enter into a contract with David Miller/Associates for land development planning and Lewis and Associates Architects for architectural services. The Board of Supervisors voted to enter into a contract with both firms. These professionals will guide the township in the direction they feel is most appropriate to improve our municipal office and maintenance sheds.

KEEP UPDATED ON THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

@ www.providencetownship.com, click on Building Committee.

Thanks Gentlemen! The Providence Township Board of Supervisors wishes to thank our dedicated volunteers that have served on the Township Building Committee. These volunteers are professionals residing in the township. Chairman Dan Fichtner, Vice Chairman Ron Snyder, Secretary Rick Rankin, Greg Collins, Paul Hollinger, and John Kirk have been very diligent in serving the township in this capacity.

DID YOU KNOW THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS REQUIRE A PERMIT?

- driveway paving/resurfacing
- shed installation
- shed replacement
- ALL swimming pools—even the pools with inflatable sides.
- additions
- decks
- porches
- ramps
- some roofing projects
- barns



DID YOU KNOW

AN ADDITIONAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED IF YOU BEGIN YOUR PROJECT PRIOR TO PERMITTING. THE TOWNSHIP STRICTLY ENFORCES THIS POLICY.

The Township Zoning Officer advises you to call to clarify if your project needs to be permitted. Connie may be reached at 786-7596, Ext. 2.

BE CONSIDERATE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS AND GET THE PROPER PERMITS FOR YOUR PROJECT!

FREE wood chips are available to all township residents on a first come, first serve basis.



These chips are the product of tree trimming performed by the road crew.

Please help us recycle!

✓**REMINDER.** Spring taxes are due by April 30th to receive a discount. The deadline for payment is June 30th, after that time, a penalty is assessed. If you did not receive your tax bill or have questions about your tax bill, please call Mary Brooks, Tax Collector at 284-2113.

Fairview Road Railroad Bridge

PENNDOT officials have assured the Township Officials that the Fairview Road bridge will be removed and replaced with an at-grade crossing in 2010.

ENOLA LOW GRADE LINE. The railroad bridge at Sigman Road and the railroad tunnel on Oak Bottom Road have been removed. The township is working with legal counsel to petition the PUC to save the Hollow Road railroad tunnel. **REMINDER—MOTORIZED VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED ON THE RAIL LINE. VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.**

The township has contracted with the Quarryville Borough Police Department to patrol the rail line and provide enforcement to ensure motorized vehicles are not utilizing the rail line.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION. This spring the intersection of Schoolhouse Road and Route 272 is slated to be realigned. The township will award the contract for this project at the April Board of Supervisors Meeting. Also, the township road crew will be completing major storm water improvements on Schoolhouse Road from Earl Drive to Truce Road. We apologize in advance for any delays this may cause you.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!

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.



POLICE COVERAGE. The Pennsylvania State Police is our primary Police Force. You may see Quarryville Borough Police around the township, however, they are only under contract with the township to perform speed control operations.

IN THE EVENT OF ANY EMERGENCY, ALWAYS DIAL

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SIDE GUTTER CLEAN-UP. Beginning in April, the road crew will be cleaning side gutters on all township roads. This process may result in the removal of sod along your property. This process allows the water to run off the roadway. In the winter time this becomes very important since water that remains on the roadway creates icing problems. The side gutter cleaning also allows the snow to be pushed off the roads easier and lessens the damage done to yards.

SEASONAL HELP WANTED. We are looking for a seasonal FLAGGER. This position will be mostly full-time during the summer months. The prospective employee must be 18 years of age. We would love to hire a student for this position. There is a possibility of continuing employment each summer. This employee would work 6:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Friday off. The Flagger needs to be able to walk all day, flagging for the township mowers and various other projects.



If you are interested, please stop by the Township Office to complete an application.

ILLEGAL DUMPING. If you notice someone dumping trash illegally or littering, please contact the Township Office. Help keep our township clean.

FARMERS please remember to leave a buffer of grass between the road and your field when plowing. The road right of way should not be plowed. If you need to know the width of the right-of-way, please call the Township Office.

TRASH HAULERS. Did you know trash haulers are licensed by the township? If a trash hauler is not licensed in Providence Township, they are not authorized to pick up your trash in Providence Township. Current licensed haulers in Providence Township are:

- Allied Waste ♦ Cauler Containers ♦ Church's Garage**
- ECON, LLC ♦ Waste Management**

If you currently utilize a hauler other than those listed above, please contact the Township Office. Thanks!

OPEN RECORDS LAW. Beginning in January 2009, the Commonwealth of PA instituted a new open records law. Copies of the Township's Open Record Policy can be found on our website or at the Township Office. Following is some imperative information for you to know:

Providence Township Open Records Officer:

Vicki L. Eldridge, Township Secretary

Providence Township Municipal Office

200 Mt. Airy Road

New Providence, PA 17560

Telephone: (717)786-7596, Ext. 1

Facsimile: (717)786-2565

Website: www.providencetownship.com

Email: vicki@providencetownship.com

Commonwealth of PA Office of Open Records:
Office of Open Records

Commonwealth Keystone Building

400 North Street Plaza Level

Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

Telephone: (717)346-9903

Website: www.openrecords.state.pa.us

Email: openrecords@state.pa.us

Open records requests shall be made in writing to the Providence Township Open Records Officer on a form provided by the township. To request records from the township, complete the Right-To Know Request Form. This form is available at the Township Office or can be found on the township's website under "Open Records".

Equipment Purchase.

Did you know that in 2008 the township purchased a used 1999 International Dump Truck from Millersville University. This truck is in excellent shape with very low miles. Keep your eye out for it!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

The Township Office will be closed on the following dates:

Monday, April 13 — Easter Monday ♦ Tuesday, May 19— Primary Election Day ♦ Monday, May 25—Memorial Day
Monday, July 6— July Fourth Holiday ♦ Monday, September 7 — Labor Day



Celebrate Earth Month by exchanging your Mercury Thermostats and Thermometers for a heating and cooling savings and a cleaner environment with a \$5 Lowe’s gift card and a digital thermometer

Throughout April 2009, during regular operating hours, Lancaster County residents can:

Deliver mercury thermostats or thermometers from households to the Resource Recovery Facility in Bainbridge or the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Lancaster to receive a \$5 gift card to Lowe’s and a digital thermometer. Only mercury thermometers and thermostats will be accepted at the Resource Recovery Facility.

Monday – Friday 6:30 am to 4 pm & Saturday 7 am to 11 am

Keeping our residents informed!

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