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ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

Winter Reminders...

The snow season is right around the corner. Listed below are some tips to help weather through the storm.

Please be cautious about snow build up at the end of driveways where visibility can be reduced when entering onto roadways.

Leaving a trail of snow on the roadway while plowing across the road is also a hazard. Please avoid plowing across the roadway.

Parking on the side of the road is also hazardous to plow trucks and other vehicles using the roadways. Do not leave vehicles parked on the side of the roadway.

Parking in the township turnarounds prevents the plow truck operators from making a safe turnaround to continue plowing roadways. Do not park in the township turnarounds.

Snow plow operators take precautions to avoid hitting mailboxes. Any installation of mailboxes in the township right of way is done so at the owner's risk. Muddy Creek Township shall not repair or replace mailboxes or posts damaged by the force or placement of snow.

Please note that with a simple snow fall of 2", it takes approximately 3 HOURS to plow all the township roads one time.

CAN YOU BE FOUND IN AN EMERGENCY?

If you have an emergency and require an emergency responder to find your house....can it be easily found?

Finding your home in the day or night can be the difference between life and death if your house can not be found by emergency responder.

Do you have address numbers on your house or mailbox at the end of your driveway? Are your address numbers readable or are they hidden by shrubs or tall grass and weeds. Is your address numbers well lighted or do you have missing address numbers?

If you live on a corner, do you have the address facing the street named in your address? Is your mobile home identified with a house number?

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Can you be found in an Emergency (Con't)

Help yourself out by following these guidelines:

- Address numbers must be visible from the roadway. All residence numbering must be at least 3 ½ inches height.
- Numbers should be readable with a reflective coating on the numbers for easy visibility at night.
- Repair or replace address numbers, especially on mailboxes that are distant from the front of the house.
- Cut brush, tree limbs or other growth that has covered address numbers.
- Numbers should be placed on or beside the front door. If your door is not easily seen from the street, put the numbers on a post at the driveway entrance so they can be clearly seen from the roadway. Reflective and contracting numbers should be placed on both sides of the mail box or on a post so they can be seen by and emergency vehicle approaching from either direction.

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FEMA: FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING

Congress established the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) due to escalating costs to taxpayers for flood disaster relief. The NFIP is based on the agreement that if a community practices sound floodplain management, the Federal Government will make flood insurance available to residents in that community. FEMA maps include the Special Flood Hazard Area, which is the area that has a 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year. Development may take place within the Special Flood hazard Area provided that it complies with local floodplain ordinances that meet NFIP criteria.

When FEMA maps flood hazards in a community or county, two products are produced – a Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). An FIS is a narrative report of the community's flood hazards that contains prior flooding information, descriptions of the flooding sources, information on flood protection measures, and a description of the hydrologic and hydraulic methods used in the study. A FIRM illustrates the extent of flood hazards in a community by depicting flood risk zones and the Special Flood hazard Area, and is used with the FIS report to determine the floodplain development regulations that apply in each flood risk zone and who must buy flood insurance. FIRMS also depict other information including Base (1% annual chance) flood Elevations (BFE's) or flood depths, floodways, and common physical features such as roads.

Proposed updated FEMA maps of Muddy Creek Township are available for viewing at the township office during business hours or by appointment or can be viewed on www.rampp-team.com/pa.htm.

Monthly Board of Supervisors meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at 911 Perry Highway, Harmony, Pa 16037

Monthly Planning Commission meetings are held on the first Tuesday at 7:00 PM at 911 Perry Highway, Harmony, Pa 16037

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