



MUDDY CREEK MESSENGER

Fall/Winter, 2021

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Supervisors:

- *Dale R. Kerr, Chair
- *Eric "Rick" Saunders, Vice-Chair
- *Robert J. Jesteadt, Sr.

Real Estate

Tax Collector:

- *Abbie M. Flinner

Auditors:

- *Ron Flinner
- *Duwayne Flinner

Solicitor:

- *Thomas L. Smith, Esq.

Engineer:

- *Tom Thompson

Sewage Enforcement Officer:

- *Doug Duncan

UCC Building Code Official:

- *John Nath

Road Department:

- *Glen Hempfling: Foreman
- *Cody Lunn: Road Worker

Secretary/Treasurer/Permit Officer:

- *Abbie M. Flinner

Assistant Secretary:

- *Marnie Chuba

Planning Commission:

- *Cindy Hinkle, Chair
- *Larry Coble, Vice Chair
- *Jim Jancse, Secretary
- *Sean Gramz
- *Chris Smith
- *Eric "Rick" Saunders, Alternate
- *Robert J. Jesteadt, Sr., Alternate



ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

Summer, 2021 saw a good amount of promised improvement work on Muddy Creek Township roads. Here is a list of projects that have been completed:

- ✓ Paving was completed on Flinner Hill and a portion of Kelly Road.
- ✓ Single sealing was completed on Pfeifer Road, Walker Road, Stanford Road, Hutchins Lane, Flinner Road and Ragan Road. Crack sealing was done prior to single sealing these roads.
- ✓ Double sealing was completed on Walker Road, Badger Hill Road, and Miller Road.
- ✓ Pipe replacement was completed on Yellow Creek Road, Kelly Road, Hufnagel Road and Sawyer Road.
- ✓ Asphalt patching has been done on Miller Road & Badger Hill Road.
- ✓ Tree trimming was done on Kelly Road.

If you come upon our road department working, please let them know what a great job they are doing!

WELCOME

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Abbie Flinner as our new Secretary/Treasurer/Permit Officer. Abbie was hired on August 12, 2021. We are thrilled to have her with us. Congratulations and Welcome aboard Abbie!

BEST WISHES

We would like to send a special thank you and heartfelt gratitude to Kelly Livermore for her years of dedicated service to Muddy Creek Township as our Secretary/Treasurer/Permit Officer. Kelly held this position since 2009. Kelly will be greatly missed! We wish her the very best!





REPORTING DEAD DEER



Requests for removal of dead deer along the roadways within Muddy Creek Township can be reported to the Franklin Office of the Pennsylvania Game Commission at 814-432-3187.

2020 CENSUS RESULTS



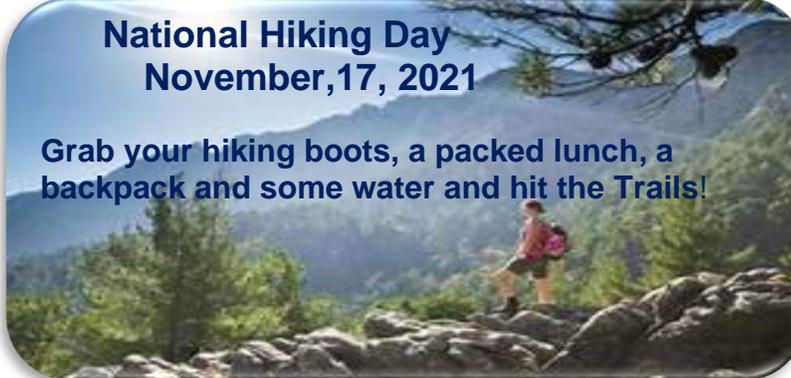
The U.S. Census Bureau has released detailed 2020 Census results that will direct the flow for federal and State funding for the next decade. States will use the data to redraw congressional and state legislative district boundaries. Overall, the 2020 Census recorded 331 million people in the U.S., a 7.4% increase over 2010. However, Pennsylvania's

population only grew 2.4% since 2010 and now is a little more than 13 million. As a result, Pennsylvania will lose one congressional seat, dropping from 18 to 17. In the 2010 census, Muddy Creek township's population was 2,254 people and in 2020, it has dropped to 2,207.



**National Hiking Day
November, 17, 2021**

Grab your hiking boots, a packed lunch, a backpack and some water and hit the Trails!



“A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer’s wave goodbye”

PORTERSVILLE FOOD PANTRY

The Portersville Food Pantry has a new location. It has moved to 160 East Portersville Road in the old medical building. Food is given out on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 1-3 PM. Please call to pre-register.

Thanksgiving baskets will be given out on Saturday, November 20 for anyone that needs help this Thanksgiving. To qualify, you need to be a resident of Portersville, Prospect, or Muddy Creek Township, with proof of your address. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, November 10.



With the winter season just around the corner, the Muddy Creek Township road department is responsible for plowing and salting over 32 miles of public roadways and would like to give you these friendly reminders:

- Please make sure all trees along the roadway are trimmed. Tree branches hinder the plow trucks from cleaning the entire street.
- There is NO parking on the roadway and cul-de-sacs during snow and ice events.
- When following a snowplow, please remain a safe distance behind the vehicle so that the operator can see you in their mirrors. These trucks stop and backup often, as well as deposit anti-skid on the road surface.
- Make sure your mailbox is firmly supported to the post and the post is secured in the ground. Any damages caused by snow or ice, are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Please do not deposit snow onto the roadway when clearing your driveway.
- Please run with your lights on during snow events.
- Please slow down and drive at a safe pace.
- Please be patient as our crew are working long hours in harsh conditions to keep roads clear and residents safe.

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Main Street — now Route 19 — as it appeared in Portersville about 1900

**Main Steet, Portersville. Now Route 19
As it appeared around 1900.**

BUILDING PERMITS

A permit is required for new construction, additions, alterations, and any project that requires structural changes. Building permit applications are available on the township website or at the township office. Here are some of the improvements that require permits:

- Building a home
- Putting a mobile home or modular home on your property
- Garages
- Driveways, new or alterered
- Sheds, Greenhouses
- Structural repair or replacement
- Decks
- Swimming pools
- New buildings and additions

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!

Muddy Creek Township Supervisors are asking all residents to please slow down through the township. Your speeding is a risk to yourself, your passengers, and everyone else on the road.

Here are some tips to stop yourself from speeding:

- Relax yourself before driving. Being anxious or angry can make you drive more erratically. Maintaining control is key to resisting the urge to speed.
- Leave earlier so you don't rush to your destination. Many people speed because they feel like they are running late. Give yourself plenty of time to get to where you need to go.
- Pay close attention to the speedometer. Occasional glances at the speedometer will keep you in check. Take a quick look down to see how fast you're going. The act of looking forces you to stay engaged instead of zoning out and driving by instinct.



We would like to recognize and thank all those who are on the front lines of the fight against COVID-19. For the doctors, nurses, and health care workers that continue to go to work and keep us safe and healthy. For all the essential workers who protect and care for our communities. We would like to express our gratitude to these workers. They are our heroes!

HOME SAFETY TIPS FOR OLDER ADULTS

With a growing number of adults living independently, it's increasingly important to make sure that they're safe at home. Falls, burns, and poisonings are among the most common accidents involving older people. Older adults who live alone may also become the victims of criminals who target older people. If you're an older adult living on your own, or care for an older person living alone, here's some tips on how to stay safe.

KEEP EMERGENCY NUMBERS HANDY

PREVENT FALLS

- *If you have fallen before, or are scared of falling, think about buying a special alarm that you wear as a bracelet or necklace. Then, if you fall and can't get to the phone, you can push a button on the alarm that will call emergency services for you.
- *Don't rush to answer the phone. Either carry a cordless or cell phone or let an answering machine pick up.
- *When walking on smooth floors, wear non-slip footwear, such as slippers with rubber/no-slip bottoms.
- *If you have a cane or a walker, use it at all times instead of holding onto walls and furniture.

SAFETY-PROOF YOUR HOME

- *Make sure all hallways, stairs, and paths are well lit and clear of objects such as books or shoes.
- *Use rails and banisters when going up and down the stairs. Never place rugs at the bottom or top of stairs.

PROTECT AGAINST FIRE AND RELATED DANGERS

- *If there is a fire in your home, leave and call 911.
- *When you're cooking, don't wear loose clothes or clothes with long sleeves.
- *Replace appliances that have fraying or damaged electrical cords.
- *Don't put too many electric cords into one socket or extension cord.
- *Install a smoke detector and replace the battery twice a year.

AVOID BATHROOM HAZARDS

- *Set the thermostat on the water heater no higher than 120 F to prevent scalding.
- *Have grab bars installed in the shower and near the toilet to make getting around easier and safer.
- *Put rubber mats in the bathtub to prevent slipping.
- *If you are having trouble getting in and out of your tub, or on and off the toilet, ask your provider to help you get a special tub chair or raised toilet seat.

PREVENT POISONING

- *Make sure there is a carbon monoxide detector near all the bedrooms, and be sure to test and replace the battery two times a year.
- *Keep all medications in their original containers so you don't mix up medicines.
- *Ask your pharmacist to put large-print labels on your medications to make them easier to read.
- *Take your medications in a well-lit room, so you can see the labels.

PROTECT AGAINST ABUSE

- *Keep your windows and doors locked at all times.
- *Never let a stranger into your home when you are there alone.
- *Talk over offers made by telephone salespeople with a friend or family member.
- *Do not share your personal information, such as social security number, credit card, and bank information, with people you do not know who contact you.
- *Do not let yourself be pressured into making purchases, signing contracts, or making donations.

For more information, please visit www.healthinaging.org.

CONTACT US



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Office Hours:

Monday: 8:30 – 4:00

Tuesday: 8:30 – 4:00

Wednesday: 8:30 – 4:00

Thursday: 8:30 – 4:00

Friday: By Appointment Only

Monthly Meetings:

Planning Commission meetings are held on the
1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Board of Supervisors meetings are held on the
3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

All Meetings are held at
420 Stanford Road, Prospect, PA 16052.

*Please use our after-hours drop-off box located
right outside of our front door for your after
hours drop off of permit applications, letters, etc.



With the winter months upon us, please take note of the following warning terms that PEMA (Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency) uses when broadcasting alerts:

WINTER STORM WATCH: Be alert. A storm is likely.

WINTER STORM WARNING: Take action. The storm is in or near the area.

BLIZZARD WARNING: Snow and strong winds combined will produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts and life-threatening wind chill. Seek refuge immediately.

WINTER WEATHER ADVISORY: Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists.

FROST/FREEZE WARNING: Below freezing temperatures are expected to cause significant damage to plants, crops or fruit trees.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH: Be alert to signs of flash flooding and be ready to evacuate on a moment's notice.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING: A flash flood is imminent. Act quickly to save yourself because you may have only seconds to react.

FLOOD WARNING: Flooding has been reported or is imminent. Take necessary precautions.

**TODAY
WILL NEVER COME AGAIN.
BE A BLESSING.**

BE A FRIEND.

ENCOURAGE SOMEONE.

TAKE TIME TO CARE.

**LET YOUR WORDS HEAL, AND NOT
WOUND.**

**Did
you
know?**

Did you know our sharpest memories are from early childhood? Usually called the "reminiscence bump", this psychological concept theorizes that as adults reflect on their lives, they remember more events from their twenties than from any other time!