

THE MUDDY CREEK MESSENGER

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Welcome to the first edition of the Muddy Creek Messenger!! We are thrilled to produce this newsletter for the citizens and businesses in Muddy Creek. We hope the information contained herein is useful.

Inside this newsletter you will find information about new additions to Muddy Creek, information about storm water management, and our website just to name a few things. If you have any questions or concerns never hesitate to call the Township Office at 724-368-3438.

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Did you know, that Muddy Creek Township was one of the thirteen townships into which Butler County was divided in 1804? At that time the area included Franklin, portions of Connoquenessing and Worth township.

The township's name is derived from Muddy Creek, which forms its northern boundary and separates it from Worth township. The land in Muddy Creek is popular for its mineral resources, consisting of coal, iron ore and limestone.

The first settler in Muddy Creek was named Caesar. He was presumably a runaway slave and lived in a cabin in 1794. Then on 1796 Robert Stewart found him and later on acquired by him and called village of Stewartsville, then later call Portersville.



What happen this past summer!

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Building Permits!

You must contact either the township office or the building code official to obtain information on whether the type of work you wish to perform requires a permit.

- . Permit applications.
- . Requirements for plans and construction documents required for the type of work you wish to perform.
- . Permit fee schedules.
- . Inspection requirements.
- . Occupancy permit applications and requirements.

Please keep in mind that doing work regulated by the UCC without a permit will result in an enforcement action being taken against you by the municipality, and upon conviction, you may be subject to fines and penalties up to and including \$1,000 per day of each violation.

Also, occupying a structure without a Certificate of Occupancy issued by the Building Code Official is a serious violation and will also result in enforcement action. Please do not occupy or begin using any structure without a Certificate of Occupancy!

WHAT NEEDS A RESIDENTIAL PERMIT?

By state law, you will need a permit, inspections and a certificate of occupancy for:

- Any new house (one or two family dwelling)
- Any addition to an existing house
- Constructing a new one or more new stories on top of an existing house.
- Increasing the perimeter of the existing house.
- Installing a new manufactured home (HUD Code)
- Installing a new modular home.
- Relocating and installing a used manufactured home.
- Any garage or carport that is attached to the house.

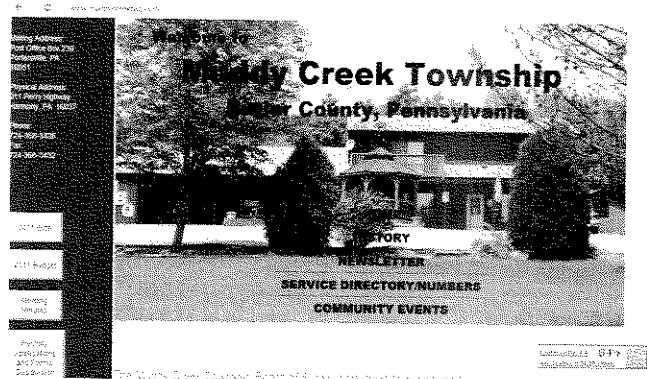
- Any garage, carport, shed, or greenhouse that is not attached to a single family dwelling and is 1,000 square feet or larger (measuring the perimeter)
- Any garage, carport, shed, greenhouse or agriculture building that is not attached to a two family dwelling or townhouse and cost \$1000 or greater.
- Enclosing a porch or patio.
- Installing/building a sunroom or three season room.
- Installing any deck that is more than 30" above ground level at any point around the perimeter of the deck.
- Installing any deck less than 30" above ground level if it has a roof/covering above it.
- Installing an indoor or outdoor hot tub or spa
- Constructing an in ground swimming pool (inside or outside).
- Installing any swimming pool (including inflatable type) that has a water depth of 24' or more.
- Installing a fence higher than 6'.
- Installing any retaining wall higher than 4'.
- Structural alterations to an existing dwelling unit (BCO will determine if the work you intend to perform involves structural alterations).
- Changes to an existing means of egress (exit door, stairs, handrails, guard systems, ramps).
- Any portion of a dwelling or residential accessory structure that will be used for commercial purposes (open to employees or the public). Examples include:
 1. Professional offices
 2. Business offices
 3. Notaries
 4. Beauty shops nail salons, barber shops.
 5. Car or equipment repair.
- Move or demolition of a manufactured home.

This list is not all inclusive. You should contact the township office or building code official.

Muddy Creek Website!

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Welcome to Muddy Creek's website. Our website is the information path way to your needs. The website was created to provide residents with township information. This is where you can find the history of the township, our permit applications, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes, and activities for your family to do.



Ordinance number 59

The Muddy Creek Township Board of Supervisors passed ordinance 59 on September 8, 2008. This ordinance is to require the owner or owners of residential or commercial rental property within the township to register rental property and tenant information with the township and provide periodic and annual updated registration information. The Board of Supervisors seeks to insure a more uniform collection of local taxes and this is the most efficient system of obtaining information regarding rental properties and rental property tenants. Landlords are required to submit annual registrations on tenant. Registration forms can be obtained at Muddy Creek Township building. Failure to register rental properties and tenants convicted in violation of Ordinance 59 can be fined.

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State Legislation News!

Storm Water Management

Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act or Act 167 as it is known as was in response to the impacts of accelerated stormwater runoff resulting from land development. This required counties to prepare and adopt watershed based stormwater management plans. It also required municipalities to adopt and implement ordinances to regulate development consistent with these plans.

On May 18th, 2001 Muddy Creek Township adopted the new a StormWater Management Ordinance from Butler County. The purpose of this ordinance is to promote health, safety and welfare within the township to minimize erosion, water runoff, sedimentation and other damaging effects of water runoff. Some key highlights of this ordinance are: a single family residential are exempt from the Rate Control, Volume Control or the Storm water Management site if the new impervious area (a surface that prevents the infiltration of water into the ground. This includes roofs, additional indoor living spaces, patois, garages, storage sheds, parking or driveway areas, or sidewalks) is less than 2,500 square feet. If the new impervious area is between 2,500 to 5,000 square feet then you will need documentation of the new impervious surfaces. If it is 5,000 square feet or more than one must undergo rate control, volume control and SWM site plan.

Prior to any storm management application submission the land owner or developer must meet with the township for a consultation meeting on a concept plan for the post-development stormwater management system to be use in the proposed project.

Act 32

What is Act 32? How is it going to affect you? Pennsylvania's Act 32 was signed into law by Governor Rendell on July 2th, 2008, and it consolidates the collection of local income taxes and imposes several new withholding requirements on the Pennsylvania employers. On January 1st, 2012 Pennsylvania employers will be required to obtain certificate of residency form from all employees and withhold local earned income taxes from their paychecks. Under this act, employers are required to withhold the greater of the employees' resident tax or the nonresident tax of the jurisdiction in which the work place is located and remit the withheld taxes to the jurisdiction where the employer's workplace is located. There is a provision known as the Wal-Mart exception. This provision provides that if an employee has more than one place of employment in more than one tax collection district, the employer may file the return and play the total amount of income taxes deducted from employees in all work location to the tax officer for either the tax collection district in which the employer's payroll operation are located or as determined by Pennsylvania Department of Revenue.

The Muddy Creek Township Political Subdivision Code is 10065, It is extremely important to know this code to ensure that your taxes are remitted to the correct political subdivision in this case, Muddy Creek Township.

Muddy Creek Township
Officials

Board of Supervisors

Dale R. Kerr, Chair
Eric "Rick" Saunders, Vice
Chair
Sean Gramz, Supervisor

Real Estate Tax Collector

Mary Jo Meisel

Auditors

Nola Youngman
Susan Taimuty

Planning Commission
Members

Sean Gramz ,Chair
Donald Hutchins, Vice Chair
James Jancse, Secretary
Cindy Hinkle
William Hynes
Pat Moore, Alternate
Bob Badger, Alternate
Larry Coble, Alternate

Solicitor

Thomas L. Smith

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Doug Duncan

Building Code Official

John Nath

Road Department

Larry Flinner, Road Foreman
Glen Hempfling, Road Worker

Secretary/Treasurer

Kelly Livermore

Township Meetings

Supervisors Monthly Meetings
are held on the third
Wednesday of each month
beginning at 7:00 PM at the
Muddy Creek BBQ, 911 Perry
Highway, Harmony, PA 16037.

Planning Commission
Meetings are held on the
fourth Thursday of each
month beginning at 7:00 PM
at the Muddy Creek BBQ, 911
Perry Highway, Harmony, PA
16037.

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