



MUDDY CREEK MESSENGER

Spring/Summer 2020

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Supervisors:

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

Real Estate Tax Collector:

*Abbie Flinner

Auditors:

*Ron Flinner
*Duwayne Flinner

Constable:

*Thomas Marak

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:

*Kelly Livermore
Assistant Secretary:
*Marnie Chuba

Planning Commission:

*Cindy Hinkle, Chair
*Larry Coble, Vice Chair
*Jim Jancse, Secretary
*Don Hutchins
*Sean Gramz
*Megan Stephenson, Alternate
*Mr. Saunders, Alternate
*Mr. Jesteadt, Alternate

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Muddycreektwp.com



ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

TENTATIVE ROAD WORK PLANS FOR SUMMER, 2020:

- ✓ Replacing all culvert pipes on Fisher Road
- ✓ Reinforce bridge embankment and replace culvert pipes on Bauder Mill Road
- ✓ Crack sealing & Single seal for Burnside Rd., Fisher Rd., Currie Rd., Cheeseman Rd., Johnson Rd., and Sunset Ridge Rd.
- ✓ Widening & Paving on Kern Rd., and Pleasant Valley Rd. Ext.
- ✓ Paving 1500 ft. of Badger Hill Road
- ✓ Base Repair on Burnside Road
- ✓ Mowing is scheduled to begin at the end of May or the beginning of June
- ✓ Right of way tree trimming on Kelly Rd., Kern Rd., and Badger Hill Rd.

If you come upon our road department working, please slow down and pass with care.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome Abby Flinner as our new Muddy Creek Township Real Estate & School Tax Collector. Abby will be replacing long-time tax collector, Mary Jo Meisel. Abby was hired on January 16, 2020. You may drop off your tax payments or correspondence to Mrs. Flinner at her office located at her home at 148 Ragan Rd., Prospect, PA 16052. She also has a drop box outside her home to receive tax payments.

BEST WISHES

We would like to send a special "Thank You" to Mary Jo Meisel for her many years of dedicated service as the Muddy Creek Township Tax Collector. Mary Jo held the position since 1981. We wish her all the best.





NEW HIRE: Muddy Creek Township would like to welcome Cody Lunn. Cody began working for our road department on March 23, 2020.

BEST WISHES: Muddy Creek Township would like to thank Jason Rice for his years of service, and we wish him the best of luck on his future endeavors.

MUDDY CREEK TOWNSHIP COVID – 19 PLAN

ALL VISITORS **MUST** WEAR A MASK WHEN ENTERING THE MUDDY CREEK TOWNSHIP BUILDING

CDC GUIDELINES FOR MASKS:

- ✓ Reach above the nose, below the chin, and completely cover the mouth and nostrils
- ✓ Fit snugly against the sides of the face
- ✓ Be made of multiple layers of fabric that you can still breathe through
- ✓ Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damaging the material or shape

ALL VISITORS ENTERING THE MUDDY CREEK TOWNSHIP BUILDING:

- ✓ Practice social distancing by putting **SIX (6) FEET** of space between yourself and others.
- ✓ Continue to practice healthy habits to help slow the spread of COVID -19.

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS:

- ✓ Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. Hand Sanitizer is available in the building.
- ✓ The Muddy Creek Township Administrative staff continue to clean and disinfect frequently used surfaces in the building.
- ✓ **DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING IF YOU ARE SICK.** Stay home if you're sick. We will gladly help you over the phone, via email, via postal service or leave documents at the township drop box.
- ✓ Avoid touching your face.

Learn more about staying safe and healthy at [cdc.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19).



THINK SPRING!!!



As the weather starts to warm up, there is a tendency to want to make our outdoor living areas more livable. Often times, we are in a rush to soak up the first bit of nice weather and get started on our "To-Do" projects without much of a second thought. Did you apply for and receive a permit or even know that a permit was required? 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:

- Driveways ➤ Structural repair or replacement
- Sheds, Greenhouses ➤ Decks ➤ Swimming pools ➤ New buildings and additions

HELP KEEP OUR TOWNSHIP CLEAN!!

PLEASE

Do Not Litter



CONTACT US



Administrative Office:

Address: 420 Stanford Road
Prospect, PA 16052

Phone: 724-368-3438

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Email: Muddycreektownship@zoominternet.net

Website: Muddycreektwp.com

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.

Board of Supervisors meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

All Meetings are held at 7:00 PM at
420 Stanford Road, Prospect, PA 16052.

Calling 9-1-1:

As a reminder to all residents, 9-1-1 is not just for emergencies anymore. Residents are advised to call 9-1-1 for the following:

- To request a police response to a non-emergency situation
- To speak with a police officer concerning a non-emergency situation
- To request a response from the dog officer
- To report that a traffic signal is not working

Just let the 9-1-1 operator know that it is a non-emergency request. The operator will either dispatch a State Police Officer or will have an officer return your call.

HELP KEEP OUR ROADWAYS SAFE

Water and debris run off from driveways can cause obstructions and unsafe conditions effecting roadways. Stone washouts, flooding or other runoff problems, rock or mud slides, overgrown vegetation and other conditions can pose hazard to property owners and the public. Not only are hazardous conditions created by washouts onto the roadways, but the township road department must spend extra time cleaning the roads from washouts rather than fixing and maintaining the township roadways.

Remember that all driveways shall be maintained by the owner as to prevent unsafe conditions on the roadways. Regular maintenance of driveways to prevent stormwater runoff and washouts should be done regularly. Vegetation should be cut to prevent sight distance obstructions.

Simple maintenance of your driveway will help provide a safe roadway for motorists.

BLAST *PAST* from the



PORTERSVILLE HOTEL

This hotel stood at the sight of today's post office parking lot. The sidewalk ran right through the hotel porch. Moore & Moore is to the right.



BRENNEMAN'S GENERAL STORE AND RESTAURANT

This restaurant was on Perry Highway at the corner of West Portersville Road.

Thank
you!

In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, first responders and healthcare employees continue to go to work and keep us safe and healthy.

We want to recognize and thank all the hard-working individuals out there that are putting their health at risk for the public every single day!

To all the doctors and nurses, first responders, police officers, firefighters, grocery store employees, truck drivers, mail carriers, hospital workers, and pharmacy workers.

You are all truly appreciated!!

FLASHBACK

1918 PANDEMIC

The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918. It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world's population became infected with this virus.

The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States. Mortality was high in people younger than 5 years old, 20-40 years old, and 65 years and older. The high mortality in healthy people, including those in the 20-40 year age group, was a unique feature of this pandemic. While the 1918 H1N1 virus has been synthesized and evaluated, the properties that made it so devastating are not well understood. With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections that can be associated with influenza infections, control efforts worldwide were limited to non-pharmaceutical interventions such as isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, and limitations of public gatherings.

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BUTLER COUNTY'S HAZARDOUS WASTE AND ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

MAKING YOUR HOME AND OUR COUNTY SAFER TOGETHER

As mentioned in the last two newsletters, Muddy Creek Township Board of Supervisors were considering partnering with ECS&R to coordinate a recycling event for the residents of Muddy Creek Township. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough interest from the residents at this time. If anyone would like to properly recycle your hazardous wastes and electronics, you can do this with ESC&R. All the information you need is as follows:

Dates: Saturdays – June 20, July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, and Dec. 19
(Winter dates are weather permitting)

Time: By Appointment Only --- ECS&R --- Toll Free: 1-866-815-0016 or www.ecsr.net

Location: 129 Ash Stop Road, Evans City, PA 16033 (corner of Ash Stop Rd and Route 68 – across from the Forward Township Building)

\$\$ NOMINAL FEES APPLY \$\$

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS (HHW) ACCEPTED:

Cleaning Products	Pesticides	Batteries
Automotive Products	Flammable Products	Fluorescent Bulbs & CFL's
Lawn & Garden	Pool Chemicals	Aerosols
Chemicals	Mercury Thermostats	Propane Cylinders
Paint & Paint Products		



CONSUMER ELECTRONICS (E-WASTE) ACCEPTED:

Televisions	Stereos/Tape Players	Laptop Computers
Computers, Printers & Peripherals	Copiers	VHS & Cassette Tapes
Phone Systems	Mobile Phones	CD's, DVD's, etc.
CD Players	Fax Machines	VCR's



SMALL FREON APPLIANCES ACCEPTED:

Air Conditioners	Dehumidifiers	Dorm-Size Refrigerators
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PENNSYLVANIA

Entered the Union: December 12, 1787

Capital: Harrisburg

State Nickname: Keystone State

State Motto: Virtue, Liberty, and Independence

Pennsylvania has been a home of innovation since colonial times- thanks in no small part to one of our most famous residents, Benjamin Franklin, and his desire for inventions. However, Ben Franklin was not the only creative soul that called Pennsylvania their home. Here's a list of some inventions and some interesting facts that you may not know about Pennsylvania:

- ✦ George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr. made his living in the railroad industry in Pittsburgh. The engineer created the world's first Ferris Wheel while living in the city, designing the ride for the Chicago's World's Fair in 1893, in an attempt to "out-Eiffel" the Eiffel Tower.
- ✦ Hyman Lipman combined the graphite pencil with a rubber eraser while living in Philadelphia, applying for a patent in 1858. We might not be able to avoid all of our mistakes, but thanks to Mr. Lipman, they're a lot simpler to fix.
- ✦ Dr. Jonas Salk made medical history when he successfully created a vaccine for the virus polio in 1955, while working as a researcher at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.
- ✦ Combining both his research on electricity and his efforts to fight fires in Philadelphia, Benjamin Franklin invented the lightning rod as early as 1749, and made later advancements in 1760.
- ✦ Ben Franklin designed the odometer in 1775 to make his carriage-borne post office deliveries more efficient.
- ✦ Ben Franklin invented a pair of glasses that combined lenses of different thickness, which would allow people with vision problems two different optical powers to choose from.
- ✦ The first all-motion-picture theater in the world was opened on Smithfield Street in Pittsburgh on June 19, 1905. The Warner brothers began their careers in western Pennsylvania.
- ✦ The first drive-in gas station was a Gulf Station that opened in Pittsburgh in 1913.
- ✦ In 1940, Pennsylvania opened the first high-speed, multi-lane highway in the nation, the Pennsylvania Turnpike, which set the pattern for modern super-highways throughout the nation.
- ✦ Edwin L. Drake drilled the world's first oil well in Titusville in 1859, and the mining of iron ore and coal led to the development of the state's steel industry.
- ✦ The World's first computer, ENIAC, was built and used at the University of Philadelphia. It was dedicated on February 15, 1946 and weighed 28 tons.
- ✦ The Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia in 1776.
- ✦ President Lincoln delivered his famous speech, "The Gettysburg Address", in Gettysburg, PA.
- ✦ Betsy Ross made the first American Flag in Philadelphia.
- ✦ Pennsylvania is the birthplace of a lot of America's favorite junk food: Rita's Ice, Hershey's, Tastykake, Just Born (makers of Peeps), Auntie Anne's, Herr's, Planters, Utz, Wise, and Snyder's of Hanover.
- ✦ Heinz ketchup was first introduced in 1876 in Pittsburgh by Henry John Heinz.
- ✦ The first daily newspaper was published in Philadelphia on Sept. 21, 1784.
- ✦ Hershey is considered the Chocolate Capital of the United States.
- ✦ Benjamin Franklin founded the Philadelphia Zoo, the first public zoo in the U.S.
- ✦ Famous Pennsylvanians include President James Buchanan, Actors, Bill Cosby, Jimmy Stewart, Gene Kelly and Grace Kelly and Golfer, Arnold Palmer.

For more interesting facts, visit thefactfile.org/Pennsylvania and awesomeamerica.com/Pennsylvania