



MUDDY CREEK MESSENGER

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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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ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

Summer, 2020 saw a good amount of promised improvement work on Muddy Creek Township roads. Here is our list of projects that have been completed:

- ✓ Widening and Paving was completed on Kern Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd., and Badger Hill Rd.
- ✓ Single seal was completed on Cheeseman Rd., Sunset Rd., Burnside Rd., Johnson Rd., Fisher Rd., Book Rd., and Currie Rd.
- ✓ Replaced culvert pipes on Fisher Road
- ✓ Crack sealing was completed on multiple roads in the township.



Butler County Emergency Services has a new notification Resource for all residents and businesses located in Butler County. It is called CodeRED. CodeRED was selected as an Emergency Notification Warning System to be an automatic severe weather alert service, alerting citizens in the path of severe thunderstorms, flash floods, tornadoes and any other potentially life-threatening event/emergency. All residents and businesses are urged to sign up for notifications by clicking the CodeRED logo or visiting the [Butler County CodeRED page](#). Enter your contact information in the CodeRED website. There is no direct charge to you for this service. If you need assistance, please call Butler County Emergency Services administrative office at 724-284-5211.

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SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 1,
2020
AT 2:00 AM



GENERAL ELECTION DAY, 2020
Tuesday, November 3

Polling Time: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Polling Location: Muddy Creek BBQ
911 Perry Highway, Harmony, PA 16037

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

NOVEMBER 11



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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.

PLEASE NOTE

Muddy Creek Township Agricultural Security Area 7-year review has been completed. A total of 1,823.708 acres has been enrolled. Agricultural Security Area's are a tool for strengthening and protecting our quality farmland from the urbanization of rural areas.



*Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day
Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day
Friday, January 1, 2021 – New Year's Day*

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.

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.

**DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
LARRY W. FLINNER**

A tree was planted in front of the Muddy Creek Township municipal building in memory of Larry W. Flinner for his 29 years of dedicated service to Muddy Creek Township as a road worker and 6 years as a Township supervisor.



NATIONAL TAKE A HIKE DAY NOVEMBER 17

Take a Hike Day was established by the American Hiking society to encourage groups of families and friends to get out into the world and really get a taste of what it means to be away from it all. Hiking is something that really helps to rebuild our connection with nature and helps to maintain healthy hearts and bodies as well.



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).

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



Prior's Service Station and Truck Stop, Portersville, PA.

A mainstay in Portersville during the 1930's, 40's, and 50's, Prior's Service Station and Truck Stop was owned by Orlo L. Prior. Prior first set up business on old Route 19, now West Park Road. He serviced trucks and travelers with several gas pumps, a small restaurant, a garage, and a dormitory for over-the-road truck drivers.



After a fire caused excessive damage to his garage, Prior built a new service station and garage across Route 19, next to the restaurant. Prior's new facility was better than the previous one. It offered a choice of seven brands of gas.



Not only did this complex attract travelers and truck drivers, but it employed large numbers of local residents.

Portersville continued to change as the years went by. Interstate 79 opened in 1965. Many travelers and truck drivers now passed the Portersville exit without stopping. Prior's empire officially dissolved in 1972.



PORTERSVILLE FOOD PANTRY

The Portersville Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving Food Baskets for anyone that needs help this Thanksgiving. In order to qualify, you need to be a resident of Butler County, with proof of your address. You also need to pre-register by Tuesday, November 10, 2020. If you have any questions or would like to register, please contact Cyndi Burns at 724-368-9532 or Patty Ireland at 724-865-0133.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVING



Speeding and other aggressive driving behaviors are among the leading factors of highway crashes and fatalities in Pennsylvania. However, many motorists don't realize they are aggressive drivers.

ARE YOU AN AGGRESSIVE DRIVER?

If you answer yes to any of these questions, you may be an aggressive driver and are putting yourself, your passengers, and other people on the road at increased risk of a crash.

- *Do you speed excessively?
- *Do you tailgate slower vehicles?
- *Do you race to beat red lights or run stop signs?
- *Do you weave in and out of traffic?
- *Do you pass illegally on the right?
- *Do you fail to yield the right of way to oncoming vehicles?

If you encounter an aggressive driver, PennDOT offers these tips for what to do:

1. Get out of their way and don't challenge them.
2. Stay relaxed, avoid eye contact and ignore rude gestures.
3. Don't block the passing lane if you are driving slower than most of the traffic.

While many people associate aggressive driving with road rage, they are two different behaviors. Road rage, which is a criminal offense, is often the result of aggressive driving behavior that escalates into an assault with a vehicle or other dangerous weapon.

For more information, visit www.penndot.gov

REMEMBER, TAKE CARE AND SLOW DOWN, FOR SAFETY'S SAKE!

SNOWSTORMS & EXTREME COLD



Winter storms create a higher risk of car accidents, hypothermia, frostbite, carbon monoxide poisoning, and heart attacks from overexertion. Winter storms and blizzards can bring extreme cold, freezing rain, snow, ice, and high winds. A winter storm can last a few hours or several days; knock out heat, power, and communication services; and place older adults, young children, and sick individuals at greater risk.

How to stay safe when a winter storm threatens:

- *Prepare your home to keep out the cold with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping. Install and test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors with battery backups.
- *Pay attention to weather reports and warnings of freezing weather and winter storms.
- *Gather supplies in case you need to stay home for several days without power. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication. Do not forget the needs of pets. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.
- *Create an emergency supply kit for your car.

If you are under a winter storm warning, find shelter right away.

- *Stay off roads if at all possible. If trapped in your car, stay inside.
- *Limit your time outside. If you need to go outside, then wear layers of warm clothing.
- *Avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Only use generators and grills outdoors and away from windows. Never heat your home with a gas stovetop or oven.
- *Reduce the risk of a heart attack. Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow.
- *Watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia and begin treatment right away.
- *Check on neighbors. Older adults and young children are more at risk in extreme cold.

For more information, visit www.ready.gov