



MUDDY CREEK MESSENGER



Fall/Winter, 2024



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Supervisors:

*Dale R. Kerr, Chair
*Eric "Rick" Saunders,
Vice-Chair
*Dale A. Hall

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Tax Collector:

*Abbie Flinner

Auditors:

*Ron Flinner
*Derek 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 Flinner

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*Marnie Chuba

Planning Commission:

*Cindy Hinkle, Chair
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*Jim Jancse, Secretary
*Sean Gramz
*Chris Smith
*Jay Wack, Alternate
*Dale A. Hall, Alternate

ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

Summer, 2024 saw a good amount of promised improvement work on Muddy Creek Township roads. Here is a list of projects that have been completed:

- ✓ Crack sealing was completed on Pfeifer Rd., Walker Rd., Bauder School Rd., and the upper end of Sawyer Road.
- ✓ Single seal was completed on Sawyer Rd., Pfeifer Rd., Bauder School Rd., and the upper end of Stanford Road.
- ✓ Double seal was completed on the newly paved portion of Sawyer Road, which was paved in 2023.
- ✓ Surface treatment was completed on Walker Road.
- ✓ Pipe replacement has been done on Bauder Mill Rd., Hufnagel Road and Hutchins Lane.
- ✓ Sub-base repair has been done on Guillard Rd., Kildoo Rd., and Johnson Road.
- ✓ Right of way clearing has been completed on all of Cheeseman Road and a section of Stone Church Road.

On May 15, 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved for the purchase of a new 2024 Ford F550 truck. The new truck replaces the 2008 Ford F550 truck.

Paving plans are in the works for Yellow Creek Road in 2025. The estimated cost of this project is \$922,832. A \$50,000 Use-Fee Grant has been awarded to us from Butler County. The Township has applied for additional grant funding, but allocations are still pending.



ELECTION DAY, 2024
Tuesday, November 5

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!**



Muddy Creek Township's Trick or Treat!
Thursday, October 31, 2024
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM



FALL BACK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Daylight Savings time ends
 November 3, 2024.

This means it's time to change your clocks. It is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms.



How Long Does It Take Trash to Decompose?

- Paper towel – 2-4 weeks
- Paper bag – 1 month
- Newspaper – 1.5 months
- Apple core – 2 months
- Cardboard – 2 months
- Orange peel – 6 months
- Milk carton – 5 years
- Cigarette butt – 10-12 years
- Leather shoes – 25-40 years
- Styrofoam plastic cup – 50 years
- Plastic container – 50-80 years
- Plastic bottle – 450 years
- Disposable diaper – 550 years
- Monofilament fishing line – 800 years
- Plastic bag – 200-1000 years





Closed for the Holidays

*Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28, 2024*

*Christmas Holiday
Tuesday, December 24 through
Thursday, December 26, 2024*

*New Years Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2025*



As Pennsylvania's bears try to pack on the pounds for a long winter's nap, many are coming closer to residential areas to hunt for food. Please don't put garbage out until pick up day. If a bear does get into your garbage and makes a mess, please be kind and pick it up. It's your garbage, so it's your responsibility. Thank you.

THE WHITE HOUSE



Located at the Country's most well-known address, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, DC, the White House is America's most iconic home. The official residence and office of the president of the United States, the White House has been the home of every president since John Adams. Set on 18 acres of land, the White House is made up of the Executive Residence, the East Wing, and the West Wing, and its famous Oval Office. Today, the residence includes six levels with 132 rooms, including 16 family and guest rooms and 35 bathrooms, and is spread over 55,000 square feet. It has a swimming pool, a 42-seat movie theater, a bowling alley, a putting green, and a tennis and basketball court.

President George Washington, who lived in presidential residences in New York and Philadelphia, selected the site of the nation's capital on the Potomac River for an executive mansion with the help of French architect Pierre Charles L'Enfant, who designed the plan of the city. Washington and his secretary of state, Thomas Jefferson decided that the design would be chosen through a national competition. Jefferson announced the competition, which offered a prize of \$500 (or a medal of equal value).

In July of 1792, Irish-born architect James Hoban's submission was selected by Washington, and he was hired to build the White House. The building was constructed between 1792 and 1800. In 1800, President John Adams and first lady Abigail Adams moved into the still unfinished building on November 1. The building was the largest home in the country and retained that title until after the Civil War. According to the White House Historical Association, the cost of construction was \$232,372. A major renovation of the White House took place during the war of 1812. On August 24, 1814, British troops marched on Washington, DC, and burned the White House, the Capitol, and several other public buildings. Hoban returned to rebuild the residence, and while work was completed in 1817, he continued to work on additions for several more years.

President Theodore Roosevelt had the presidential offices moved to a new building, which would eventually be known as the West Wing. William Howard Taft would add the Oval Office to the new extension. A small East Wing was first added in 1902 as an entrance to the White House. Today's structure was built in 1942 and sits atop the Presidential Emergency Operations Center. The two-story East Wing houses the office spaces of the First Lady and her staff. The West Wing's centerpiece is the Oval Office. It also houses the Vice President's office, the Situation Room, the Cabinet Room, the Press Room, and offices for advisors and the chief of staff. Like all high-profile buildings, the White House has a secret entrance for the president and secret visitors. It opens onto H Street in Washington, DC and passes through two tunnels and an alleyway before arriving at the White House basement. This secret entrance was designed in part as a response to World War II, as an underground bomb-shelter was built beneath the White House.

While you might assume that being the Commander-in-Chief means that everything at the White House is free, you'd be wrong. One of the perks of being president is living rent-free, but that hardly makes up for the hefty expenses that come with moving into the White House. Despite making a six-figure salary, the President is still responsible for paying for all meals, at the White House and elsewhere, all events (and the wages for those working the events), transportation, dry cleaning, hair and makeup.

Moving day at the White House is very stressful. It all takes place as soon as the sitting president leaves the White House for the president-elect's inauguration ceremony. From then, staffers and movers have five hours to move out all of the sitting president's belongings and move in the belongings of the president-elect. Not only is furniture changed and artwork swapped, but the walls are even repainted too, as per the requests of the incoming first family. All in Five hours!

If you would like to know more about the US President's residence, visit architecturaldigest.com



Friendly Winter Reminders

- *Please be patient. Our road department makes every effort to clear snow in a timely manner. Our two-man road crew is working long hours in harsh conditions to keep our roads clear and residents safe. Our crew will make an initial pass to open all roads. As the hours and days progress, they will return to open the roads even more. Keep in mind, if you live on a state road, your road will be cleared by PennDOT. Only township roads are cleared by our road department.*
- *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.*
- *Please run with your lights on during snow events.*
- *Often, the weight of wet, heavy snow being pushed by a plow will damage an insecure mailbox or post. The township is NOT responsible for damage from the weight of snow being removed from the road. Always ensure that the mailbox and post installation are secure.*
- *Please be mindful of where you place your garbage cans. Again, the heavy snow being pushed by a plow can damage cans being placed too close to the road.*
- *Please slow down and drive at a safe pace.*



The Portersville Food Pantry will be giving out Thanksgiving Food Baskets for anyone that needs help this Thanksgiving. To qualify, you need to be a resident of Butler County, with proof of your address. To register, please leave a message at 724-368-4014 by Monday, November 18, 2024. Pickup for the food baskets will be on Saturday, November 23 from 12:00-1:30 pm.

Also, during their regular monthly food distribution in December, the Food Pantry will be giving out some extra food items for Christmas. The distribution will be on Tuesday, December 3 from 1:00-3:00 pm. If anyone would like to donate to the Christmas distribution, the food pantry needs cooking oils, cake mixes, cookie mixes and brownie mixes.

If you have any questions, please call the Food Pantry at 724-368-4014.

CONTACT US



Administrative Office:

Address: 420 Stanford Road
Prospect, PA 16052

Phone: 724-368-3438

Fax: 724-368-3432

Email: muddycreektwp@gmail.com

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 at 6:00 PM as needed.

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 for permit applications, letters, etc.



NOTES FROM YOUR TAX COLLECTOR

Common questions regarding the \$10.00 PRCAP bill?

Q: What is this tax?

A: This is a flat rate “per capita” or “head tax” levied on all residents of Slippery Rock Area School District 18 years of age and older. This is not a tax on real estate. The law permits Muddy Creek Township/Slippery Rock School District to use a “real estate” tax card to bill you. Property owners have this tax included on their real estate bills and are not billed separately. The tax has no connection with employment, income, voting rights or any other factor except residence within the community.

Q: I make under \$5,000 a year; do I have to pay?

A: Students and others meeting exoneration requirements must fill out an exoneration form and submit it to the Slippery Rock Area School District by their deadline. Please note that additional documentation may be required.

If you have moved out of Muddy Creek Township, please call me at (724) 473-5269 or email me at muddycreektwptc@gmail.com and provide me with your new address so your bill can be exonerated.

Life is short, so live it. Love is rare, so grab it. Fear controls you, so face it. Memories are precious, so cherish them. We only get one life, so live it!

