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## **SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP HIRES DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



Susquehanna Township has hired its first Director of Community and Economic Development. Elizabeth "Betsy" Logan started with the Township on August 8, 2016. According to David Kratzer, Township Manager, "The hiring of Betsy Logan is ultimately reflective of and fundamental to the Township's ongoing commitment to develop and deploy an overall strategy and approach, which recognizes the competitive environment that we operate, the existence of choice among our constituencies, and as a result of such, seeks to be more deliberate, strategic, and intentional."

Some of the areas on which she will focus include:

- Economic and community development
- Storm water management
- Susquehanna Township's land use ordinances
- Community outreach

Originally from Minnesota, Betsy grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in City and Regional Planning from Arizona State University. She has worked for a number of years in both the public and private sectors in land planning and development. Most recently, she worked for Penn Township in Lancaster County as the Director of Community Development and Public Outreach. Betsy has been a Certified Planner through the American Planning Association since 2003.

Betsy and her husband, Jack, have been married for 21 years. They have two daughters, both of whom attend college in the Pittsburgh area. For fun, she enjoys hiking, reading, and spending time with her family.

Betsy can be reached at (717) 901-6050 or by email at [blogan@susquehannatwp.com](mailto:blogan@susquehannatwp.com).

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# **WELCOME LETTER FALL/WINTER 2017**



In its 200 years of existence, Susquehanna Township has developed from an unremarkable riverside outpost to a vibrant first-class community because of three magic "L" words – location, land, and luck.

Location? That elusive asset that brings people here, marked by proximity to job opportunities; access to transportation; and being close enough to – but far away enough from – urban, commercial, and cultural centers like New York, Washington, Baltimore and Pittsburgh.

Land? That irreplaceable commodity that can support evolution from agrarian beginnings to a residential-

business-commercial mix, which contributes to a stable living and economic structure.

Luck? Well, either you have that or you don't, but Susquehanna Township has been fortunate in reaping the benefits of location and land that have fueled our managed growth, resulting in a great place to live and do business.

So, after maximizing the serendipitous advantages of location, land, and luck, how does a municipality take the next step and chart a future worthy of its heritage? Another "L" word – leadership. And in this case, leadership involves knowing that from now on we've got to make our own luck.

That's why, at the suggestion of Manager Dave Kratzer, we've formed the Office of Community and Economic Development (see accompanying story welcoming our first Director, Betsy Logan.)

This office will take the lead and help the Board of Commissioners design a vision for the kind of future our residents deserve – from aggressively identifying opportunities to revitalize and enhance commercial and commuter corridors, to encouraging adaptive reuse or replacement of aging building stock, to guiding desirable development of the land we have left.

We recognize that no plan ever created is worth the dust it collects without commitment, follow-through, and professional execution. And a plan can only succeed if it's developed with full engagement of, and communication with, those the strategy is supposed to benefit – citizens, business partners, community stakeholders – as well as key allies at all levels of government. Fostering those relationships and utilizing all available resources is critical to turning a plan into reality.

It's a big assignment, but an essential one if we're to move beyond "location, land, and luck" as our growth initiators, and are instead to chart a future based on smart, engaged, and intentional governance. This marks the start of an exciting chapter in the Township's evolution, and we're happy to have Betsy on board to help us write it!

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## **CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS MAY BE USED FOR PAYMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING**

### **ITEMS THAT MAY BE PAID BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD:**

- Sale of Maps/Supplies
- Building Permits
- Electrical Permits
- Plumbing Permits
- Use and Occupancy Fees
- Zoning Hearing Board Fees
- Restaurant & Food Peddlers Permit
- Transient Retail Permits
- Professional Plumbing Licenses
- Recreation Program Fees
- Amusement Park/zoo/aquarium tickets
- Rental fees for pavilion and park rentals



**PLEASE NOTE: A 3% TRANSACTION FEE WILL  
BE APPLIED**

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

2nd Thursday of each month; 7:30 pm  
**WORKSHOP SESSIONS** – 4th Thursday of  
 each month; 6:30 pm – January through  
 October

### SECOND MONTHLY MEETING

4th Wednesday when necessary; 7:30 pm  
 Except November – 5th Wednesday; 7:30 pm

### CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

1st Monday of February  
 Even Numbered Years; 7:30 pm

### HEALTH BOARD

3rd Thursday of each month; 12:00 Noon

### HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

3rd Wednesday of each month; 6:30 pm

### INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

1st Monday of each month; 12:00 Noon  
 Except September – 1st Tuesday; 12:00 Noon

### PLANNING COMMISSION

4th Monday of each month; 6:00 pm  
 Except December – 3rd Monday; 6:00 pm

### PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

3rd Wednesday of January, April, July, and  
 October; 7:30 pm

### PENSION COMMITTEE

4th Wednesday of April & October; 12:00  
 Noon

### RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2nd Wednesday of each month; 7:00 pm

### SEWER AUTHORITY

1st Tuesday of each month; 7:00 pm

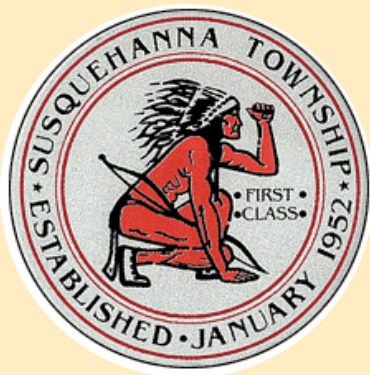
### SHADE TREE COMMISSION

3rd Thursday of each month; 4:00 pm

### ZONING HEARING BOARD

1st Wednesday of each month; 7:30 pm

All meetings held at the  
 Township Municipal Building  
 1900 Linglestown Road  
 Harrisburg, PA 17110



## SUSQUEHANNA TWP. QUICK REFERENCE

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**EMERGENCY** ..... 911

### DAUPHIN COUNTY EMERGENCY

**Emergency Management Agency (E.M.A.)** ..... (717) 558-6900

### NON – EMERGENCY

**Fire Marshal** ..... (717) 909-9255

**Susquehanna EMS (Regarding Service)** ..... (717) 545-0842

**Public Safety Director** ..... (717) 909-9282

**Police Station** ..... (717) 652-8265

**Police Non-Emergency** ..... (717) 558-6900

### TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL NUMBERS

**Township Administration Office** ..... (717) 545-4751

**Manager/Administrative Assistant** ..... (717) 909-9222

**Building Codes Official** ..... (717) 909-9226

**Community & Economic Development Director** ..... (717) 901-6050

**Health Codes Officer** ..... (717) 909-9257

**Highway Department** ..... (717) 233-7143

**Indian Wheels** ..... (717) 909-9254

**Recreation Department** ..... (717) 909-9228

**Sewer Authority** ..... (717) 545-0116

**Sewage Enforcement Officer** ..... (717) 564-1121

**Shade Tree Commission** ..... (717) 909-9226

**Zoning Officer** ..... (717) 909-9225

### OTHER USEFUL NUMBERS

**Dauphin County Treasurer's Office** ..... (717) 780-6550

**District Justice 12-1-01 Office (Jim Lenker)** ..... (717) 545-4143

**J.P. Harris Associates** ..... (717) 766-4099

**Emergency Management Agency** ..... (717) 540-4296

**Capital Region Water** ..... (717) 238-8566

**Suez Water** ..... (717) 564-3662

**Penn Waste** ..... (717) 767-4456

**State Police Troop "H" Headquarters** ..... (717) 671-7500

**Susquehanna Township School District** ..... (717) 657-5100

**Voter Registration** ..... (717) 780-6360

## GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

On November 8, 2016, the 2016 General Election will be held.

If you haven't voted since the last presidential election in 2012, a few things have changed in Susquehanna Township that may impact where you go to vote. In late 2012, a reapportionment plan was approved by the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners in compliance with the need to balance the populations of the nine wards. In early 2013, as required by Commonwealth law, county-assigned election districts were moved to mirror township-drawn ward lines.

To verify your polling place, or to check on the status of your voter registration, you can go online to [www.register.votesPA.com](http://www.register.votesPA.com) or call the Dauphin County Bureau of Registration and Elections at (717) 780-6360. Also, those who reside in the 1st and 3rd Wards should be aware that these two wards have split Congressional Districts and now fall in either the 4th or 11th Congressional District.

**\*\*POLLS ARE OPEN 7 AM – 8 PM\*\***

Following is a listing of the polling places for Susquehanna Township:

1st Ward	Rescue Fire Company 3701 North 6th Street
2nd Ward:	Pheasant Hill Estates, Community Center 4400 Pheasant Hill Road
3rd Ward:	Locust Lane Chapel, 2415 Locust Lane
4th Ward:	Susquehanna Township High School Auditorium 3500 Elmerton Avenue
5th Ward:	Susquehanna Township Middle School Library 801 Wood Street
6th Ward:	Progress Fire Company, Community Building 3400 Maple Street
7th Ward:	Ridgeway Community Church 525 North Progress Avenue
8th Ward:	Susquehanna Township Municipal Building Lower Level Susquehanna Room 1900 Linglestown Road
9th Ward:	First Assembly of God 4100 North Progress Avenue





## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR! KNOW THE RULES!

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining a clean and safe environment surrounding their home. Lawn, pets and trashcans are just three of the responsibilities covered in the township ordinances regarding home ownership. Below is a brief explanation of these ordinances. All township ordinances are available on the township website. Go to <http://susquehannatwp.com/code-of-ordinance/> for the full text.

### BLOWING GRASS INTO THE STREET

Ordinance: Chapter 10, Section 101-A

The Basics: When mowing, do not blow grass onto neighbors' property or onto the street.

Fine: \$50- \$600 per day per occurrence; possible 30 days in jail



### CONTROLLING OF PETS

Ordinance: Chapter 2, Section 102

The Basics: Do not allow pet to run at large in the neighborhood

Fine: Up to \$600 per day per occurrence; possible 30 days in jail



### ORDINANCE: CHAPTER 2, SECTION 301

The Basics: When walking your pet, try to maintain pet between curb and sidewalk. Do not allow pet to go on another's property and always clean up after your pet.

Fine: \$600 per day per occurrence; possible 30 days in jail

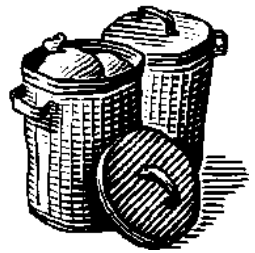


### PLACEMENT OF TRASHCANS

Ordinance: Chapter 20, Section 104.4c

The Basics: Do not place trashcans out earlier than 24 hours before trash day, and do not leave out longer than 24 hours after trash day

Fine: \$50 - \$600 per day per week



## STOPPING THE CYCLE TRAP/NEUTER/ RELEASE PROGRAM



Susquehanna Township is partnered with Steelton Community Cats (SCC) in a local Trap/Neuter/Return (TNR) program. "Stopping The Cycle" is the SCC's campaign to humanely reduce the overpopulation of feral and free-roaming cats. It provides a "NO-KILL" Population Control Service, saving

taxpayers' money, saving cats' lives, and doing the best possible for feral and free-roaming cats -- not euthanizing them but allowing the cats to live out their lives in the environment they know and love.

SCC provides services such:

- Assistance with trapping feral cats
- Monthly 2-day surgery clinics (held on a Thursday and Friday)
- Post-surgery care
- Additional medical care, as needed

Volunteers and donations are needed to run this continuing program. For more information, call Steelton Community Cats at 717-877-4146 or visit their website at [steeltoncats.org](http://steeltoncats.org) for upcoming trapping and clinic dates.



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## THINKING OF REMODELING OR ADDING AN ADDITION TO YOUR HOME? FINDING IT A LITTLE CONFUSING? WELCOME TO.... **BUILDING CODES AND PERMITS 101**

Thinking of remodeling or adding an addition to your home? The Susquehanna Township Building and Zoning Departments can help you navigate your way through. Joe Vajda, Building Codes Official and Michael Rohrer, Zoning Officer are ready to answer your questions. Susquehanna Township enforces provisions of the 2009 International Codes as promulgated by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Here are the basics:



issued. Commercial applicants should note that due to regulatory action by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry, while the 2009 codes are still enforced, accessibility provisions of the 2015 International Building Code have been adopted for use in the Commonwealth. Effective December 31, 2015 international codes may apply. Please see the Labor and Industry website under "uniform construction code," (UCC codes) for details.

### **What is the first step when considering a project?**

The first step is to acquire a building and zoning application. This application can be obtained in person in the Township Building or online at <http://susquehannatwp.com/building-zoning-application..>

### **What must be submitted with the application?**

It is important that complete plans and specifications be submitted with the application. Two copies of all plans and specifications are needed. For non-residential and multi-family projects, plans and specifications must be signed and sealed by a Pennsylvania-licensed architect or engineer. Incomplete information will delay the review and require applicants to resubmit the required information. There is a checklist that will explain exactly what needs to be submitted with your application. This checklist can be found at: <http://susquehannatwp.com/building-zoning-application-plan-review-checklist-3>

### **After the application is completed, what comes next?**

Once you have completed all of the paperwork including the items on the checklist, bring everything into the Building and Zoning Office. The application will be reviewed and any permits and fees will be explained and determined. No fees are assessed until the permit is issued. Third party fees may also be applicable. This will all be determined with the review of the application.

### **How long does it take for the application to be approved?**

Applications and plans should be submitted well in advance of the proposed commencement of a project. Under provisions of the UCC, the planning/zoning office has 15 business days to review residential applications and 30 business days to review commercial and multi-family applications. If other approvals such as zoning or subdivision/land development, health department, etc. are required, these are separate from the building permit review and should be taken into consideration when planning a project. All approvals must be obtained in order for building, electrical and plumbing permits to be issued for a project.

### **What department(s) need to approve a project?**

The type of project determines whether approval is required under either the Building Code, Zoning Ordinance, or both. Projects may also require approval under provisions of other township ordinances as well. Multi-family residential and commercial/industrial projects are examples of projects that may be subject to other ordinances such as the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance. Projects requiring variances or special exceptions from the Zoning Hearing Board must receive said approval before any other permits are

### **Who reviews the application and plan?**

Residential plan review and inspections (except for electrical) are performed by the Building and Zoning Office. Third-party inspection agencies perform electrical plan review and inspections. A township-appointed third-party inspection agency reviews plans and inspects work done as part of non-residential projects. All applications are to be submitted to the Building and Zoning Office.

### **Are separate electrical and plumbing permits needed?**

Projects may require separate electrical and plumbing permits. A township-licensed master plumber must obtain the plumbing permit and perform the plumbing work. Both master and journeyman plumbers must be licensed to work in the township. Said plumbers must take either the township test or provide proof of having taken a test in another municipality or state.

### **What projects do not require building permits?**

Projects that do not require building permits may require zoning permits. These projects would include fences, certain accessory structures under a certain size, new or expanded driveways, gazebos, etc. There may be height or location restrictions that apply to these projects. Again, township staff should be consulted in the planning stage so that you can make plans accordingly.

### **Do I need a permit to convert from oil heat to natural gas or solar panels?**

These type projects do require permits. The installation of solar panels on a roof requires a structural engineer provide verification of the ability of a roof to support said additional loading.

### **What are the requirements for contractors and the rights of homeowners?**

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania requires various contractors performing home improvement to be registered with the Attorney General's office. Besides the registration requirement there are regulations affecting contracts, the duties of contractors, and the rights of homeowners. More information is available by calling the Attorney General's office at 1-888-520-6680 or [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov).

### **Where can I obtain further information?**

More information may be obtained by contacting Joe Vajda, Building Codes Official at (717) 909-9226 or [JVajda@susquehannatwp.com](mailto:JVajda@susquehannatwp.com). Zoning and subdivision/land development information should be addressed to Michael Rohrer, Zoning Officer at (717) 909-9225 or [MRohrer@susquehannatwp.com](mailto:MRohrer@susquehannatwp.com).



## LEAF COLLECTION AND SNOW REMOVAL

The Susquehanna Township Highway Department will collect leaves this fall.

### Guidelines for Leaf Removal:

- Parked vehicles: Move from the collection area
- Curbed streets: Rake leaves onto the street adjacent to the curbs.
- Uncurbed streets: Rake leaves onto the gutter line.
- Do not cover storm drains with piles of leaves.



### LEAF REMOVAL SCHEDULE Beginning Monday, October 17, 2016 (Weather permitting)

**Oct 17 – 21 LMA #1**

All of Wards 1 & 2 and areas in Wards 8 & 9 north of Linglestown Rd.

**Oct 24 – 28 LMA #2**

South side of Walnut St. to Old Township Rd.

**Oct 31– Nov 4 LMA #3**

North side of Walnut St to South side of Elmerton Ave.

**Nov 7 – 11 LMA #4**

North side of Elmerton Ave to South side of Linglestown Rd.



NO POSTING OF STREETS FOR PICK-UP WILL BE DONE, due to the uncertainty of weather conditions and volume of leaves to be collected. Leaf pick-up will continue after the initial cycle, weather permitting. **After completing the entire first cycle, we will return to the beginning of the cycle to begin the second round of leaf collection.**

Leaves that are raked out after the leaf picker passes through the cycle will not be picked up until after all cycles have been completed.

**\*No leaf pick-ups will be made after December 16, 2016.**

## SNOW REMOVAL

The Susquehanna Township Highway Department is preparing for snow and ice removal. Here are some facts and reminders:

- The Department maintains more than 100 miles of township roadways and alleyways.
- Our snow removal process begins with major routes, then residential streets, cul-de-sacs, and alleys.
- Clearing of snow around mailboxes is the responsibility of the homeowner.
- Wait for the snow plows to pass before clearing mailboxes and driveways.
- It is illegal to place snow or any other obstruction on the roadway.



## IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

From time to time, sewer lines may unfortunately experience backup conditions resulting in sewage entering your home through drains or other plumbing facilities. If such conditions do occur, please immediately contact the Authority (717- 545-0116) which will promptly assist in determining the location and cause of the backup.

The Susquehanna Township Authority is generally not legally responsible under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for any costs for cleanup or repair. However, and more importantly, many insurance carriers do provide insurance coverage for such expenses under their homeowners' policy at a reasonable cost, but normally only by specific coverage endorsement or modification. You are strongly urged



to contact your insurance agent to discuss obtaining coverage providing for damages resulting from backup of sewers and drains.

Water damage is the toughest of all claims. If water comes in through a sewer, drain, or sump pump backup, it will only be covered if you have the Sewer and Drain Endorsement or Enhancement Endorsement.

The endorsement on your policy will cover the damages up to the limit that you set when buying the policy. It is important for the limits of the endorsement to be enough to protect all of the niceties of your underground basement/den. If you have made improvements, make sure to let your insurance agent know.

### SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY – UPDATED DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS COLLECTION POLICY 7-31-16

## Notice: Susquehanna Township Authority will now be shutting off water\* for non-payment!

This notice serves as your notification of the Susquehanna Township Authority's updated collection policy; it is being provided to all customers regardless of the balance on your sewer bill. If you do not owe a balance, we thank you for your prompt payments. **If you owe a balance on your sewer bill, it is very important that you read the Authority's updated collection procedure below.** Should your account go to collections, require a lien be filed against your property or require that your water service be shut off\*, you will be responsible to pay any and all collection fees, attorney fees and water shut off fees as they apply. This is not a complete list of possible fees, just a few examples. If you would like to know the rates of these fees, you may contact the Authority office to receive those figures.

#### **The following are the steps for the Authority's new collection policy:**

- Quarterly bill is mailed and payment is due by last day of following month.
- The day after the due date, a 5% late fee is assessed on all bills that remain unpaid.
- One week after the late fee is assessed, a delinquent notice is sent to customer, at the mailing address on file, via certified mail, stating they have 14 days to pay their entire outstanding balance in full.
- The cost to send the certified mail is added to the customer's account.
- If payment is not received in full at the Authority office, for the balance due on the account, by the due date on the delinquent notice, the account is forwarded to a collection agency without any further notice. All fees incurred by the Authority to collect this balance will become

the responsibility of the customer to pay and will be added to their account.

- A collection fee, of 25% of the balance, is added to the customer's account.
- The collection agency will attempt to secure payment of the past due sewer account.
- All payment plans will have to be made through the collection agency's office.
- The collection agency, based upon the Authority's guidelines, which state that **all customers who are not considered indigent, upon charity review, will be subject to water shut offs,** will recommend a customer for water shut off\*.
- Once the collection agent recommends an account for water shut off, the water shut off procedure\* begins.
- For an account that has more than one dwelling or commercial unit on one water meter or for an account that is on a well and therefore not able to have their water shut off, a lien will be placed in lieu of water shut off.
- Once water service has been shut off to a property, the Authority will notify the Susquehanna Township Codes Officer who will then, based on Township Ordinance, tag the property as unfit and **the property will have to be vacated until the water service has been restored.**
- When the Authority is notified that a property is in foreclosure, up for Tax or Judicial sale, a lien will be placed on that account, regardless of where that account is in the collection policy.

\* Water shut off will be performed in accordance with PA PUC regulations



## Fall Fertilizer Tips

Early fall is an important time for fertilizing home lawns. Unfortunately, fertilizers are among the many common storm water pollutants that can degrade water quality. Though fertilizers contain chemicals that are good for lawns and plants when used properly, excessive amounts applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. Fertilizers are made of nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorus. When it rains, these nutrients are carried by storm water into the nearest stream, river, or other water body. Too many nutrients in water can cause algae to grow, which uses up the oxygen in the water. Low levels of oxygen in water can hurt aquatic wildlife and even lead to fish kills.

- If you've been in the habit of fertilizing more than once, consider cutting back and fertilizing just in September.

- For the greatest benefit to your lawn, be sure to use a "slow release" fertilizer. This long-lasting type of nutrient also is more likely to stay in the root zone rather than washing off the lawn and into the street and down the storm drain during the next rainstorm.

- More is not better! Use only the amount directed. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Read the label. More application does not mean a greener lawn – it means more watering and mowing.

- Check the weather forecast. Never apply fertilizers if a heavy rain is anticipated.

- Clean up any spills by sweeping the product back onto the lawn. Never sweep or hose fertilizer toward a paved surface or a storm drain.

- Water the lawn with about 1/4-inch to 1/2-inch of water after a fertilizer application. This helps move the fertilizer into the soil and reduces the potential of being lost in storm water runoff.

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- Anything postmarked on or before January 3, 2017 will be accepted.
- **NOTE: Payments that are postmarked after January 3, 2017 cannot be accepted by the Treasurer's Office.**

Payments may be:

- Mailed
- Paid in person (IN CASH) at the Treasurer's Office in the County Courthouse located at 101 Market Street, Room 105, Harrisburg, PA.
- Mailed payments may be made by personal check or money order. Please include a postage-paid self-address envelope if you wish to have a receipt immediately mailed back to you.
- If you need a receipt for 2016 real estate taxes that have been paid for Dauphin County and Susquehanna Township, you may receive one by calling (717) 780-6550.
- Property information can be viewed at [www.dauphinpropertyinfo.org](http://www.dauphinpropertyinfo.org).



The County Treasurer's Office also processes the following licenses:

- Annual and Lifetime Dog licenses
- Small Games of Chance and Bingo licenses
- Hunting and Fishing licenses



CAPITAL AREA

**Cindy Armour-Helm, Broker/Owner**

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Direct: 717-234-4663  
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# TRASH COLLECTION

## KEEP IT CLEAN, SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP!

Township residents have the benefit of many different programs for trash collection and recycling. Here's a list to help you break it down:

### OPTION 1



**TRADITIONAL**  
Weekly – 4 bag limit

OR

### OPTION 2



**PAY-BY-BAG**  
Weekly

### Regular Trash Collection: 2 options

1. Traditional service
2. Pay-by-bag program (orange bags) - Minimal purchase of 26 bags. Bags are available through Penn Waste. Residents can change service once each year.

Call Penn Waste for more details:  
(717) 767-4456

### Other services:



**RECYCLING**  
Weekly – unlimited  
See next page for Recycle info



**YARD WASTE**  
3rd Saturday of March, June,  
July, August, and November 1st  
and 3rd Saturday of April, May,  
September, October



**BULK ITEMS**  
1 item weekly  
See Electronic Below:



**ELECTRONICS**  
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County residents.  
1620 Cameron Street



**ITEMS WITH FREON**  
Call Penn Waste at  
(717) 767-4456  
to arrange pick up



**HOUSEHOLD WASTE PRODUCTS**  
Paint, weed killer, paint thinner, etc.  
Contact Penn Waste for proper  
disposal.



### Yard Waste/Woody Waste - Free of Charge - Organic Endeavors

- Front Street at the end of Fort Hunter Road beside the barn
- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Open 2nd and 4th Saturdays 9:00 am - Noon
- Maximum Diameter of the woody waste is six (6) inches
- [www.Digmyearth.com](http://www.Digmyearth.com)



## Susquehanna Township Recycles!

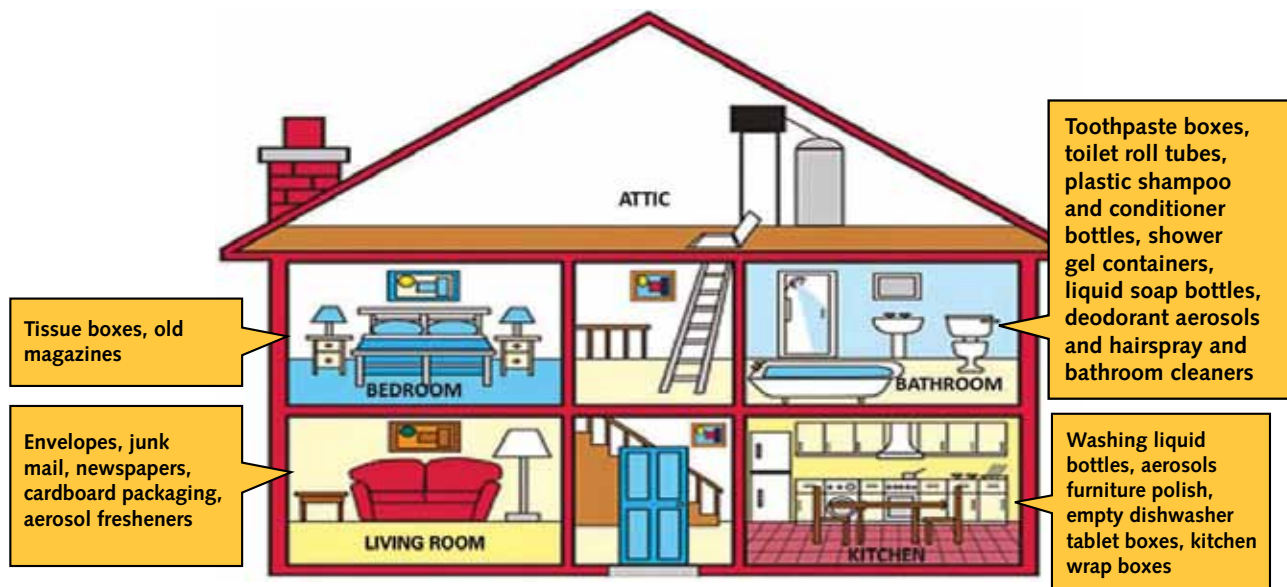
What's your Recycling IQ?



Recently Susquehanna Township rolled out its new recycling containers. But, are you recycling everything you can? Besides the environmental benefits, recycling will cut down on trash you put out weekly.



Look around your house. Are you recycling as much as you can?



Food Related containers: Food containers probably take up the bulk of most recycle bins. Are you recycling all food containers that you can? Last year Penn Waste began accepting cartons. Also accepted: pizza boxes, yogurt containers, milk cartons, orange juice cartons, cereal boxes, boxes for snacks and cookies, waterbottles and much, much more! To double check that a plastic or glass container is recyclable, just check the bottom of the container for the triangle symbol and number. It's that easy! *Penn Waste accepts plastic containers and bottles #1 through #7.* Just remember, all food containers should be rinsed out and free of food. Labels and neck rings do not need to be removed.

### WHICH OF THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE?

- Needles and Medical Waste
- Broken Glass
- Windows, Mirrors, Ceramics
- Drinking Glasses
- Aluminum Foil
- Scrap Metal
- Plastic Tableware
- Plastic Bags
- Shredded Paper
- Solvents, Oil and/or Chemical Containers
- Soaked and/or Wet Papers or Cardboard
- Waxy Cardboard
- Plastic Food Wrappers
- Used Paper Towels or Tissues
- Light bulbs and Christmas Lights
- Hoses
- Propane Tanks

**NONE** of these items should be recycled! Call Penn Waste at (717)767-4456 for other options

## FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE WINTER SEASON!

### SEASONAL EMERGENCIES

As fall and winter approach, our fire services are preparing for seasonal emergencies and events in addition to the regular calls for emergency services received all year round. Seasonal emergencies include such things as:

- chimney fires
- furnace malfunctions
- water leaks & flooding
- carbon monoxide events
- electrical outages
- overheated wiring

### OUR VOLUNTEERS KEEP UP PROFESSIONAL-LEVEL SERVICE BECAUSE OF SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THEIR FAMILIES

- When floods, storms, hurricanes, blizzards and ice storms hit, knowing their families are safe helps our volunteers to concentrate on helping others.
- Their homes and family members are ready to deal with the demands of these natural disasters through preparedness and education.
- Support our volunteers any way you can, even if it is only by staying safe!



### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Keep combustibles away from heating elements.
- Have your heating system serviced by a professional technician.
- Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors.
- Think ahead – prevent accidents before they happen by being prepared.
- Consider how you would survive in an “Amish-type” environment for 12, 24 or even 48 hours.
- Think about what you would do if you lost electronic technology for 3 days to a week.
- Think: Prepare/Practice/Prevent

### CAN WE GET DOWN YOUR STREET DUE TO TREE HEIGHTS?

- ALMOST ALL neighborhoods in Susquehanna Township have low tree limbs. Please have them removed.
- The Shade Tree Ordinance requires homeowners to keep a minimum clearance of tree branches at 14 feet above street surface and eight (8) feet above sidewalks, to ensure our fire apparatus can get to your house. This prevents costly damage and downed communication lines that are needed in an emergency.

### OUR VOLUNTEERS SAVE US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAX MONIES!

- Grants often support our fire services, but they are starting to dry up.
- Every volunteer firefighter saves us money; replacing our volunteers with career firefighters will cost another \$3 million per year from our budget.
- Our volunteers provide a professional service at a volunteer price. –This does NOT mean the job they do is free. The materials it takes to do the job cost money.

### WHAT'S IN OUR FUTURE?

Currently the Public Safety Building is under a \$1.8 million expansion project. This in part is being funded by two gaming grants totaling \$450K. Follow its progress on Facebook at [facebook.com/37construction](https://facebook.com/37construction). In 2017 we are looking at replacing Progress Truck 32 at an estimated cost of \$1.4 million (delivery in 2018); in 2019 delivery of replacement Rescue 37 for \$800k and in 2020 delivery of Edgemont Engine 31 for \$720k. Yes, there is a cost to maintaining a volunteer fire service. Anything that you can do to support your professional volunteers helps. Even if it is nothing more than to stay safe.

I thank you for all your time and commitment to the safety and health of the citizens of Susquehanna Township and of the Firefighters that risks their lives to serve all of us.



## SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP EMS, INC.

Thanks to all who have already responded to this year's Susquehanna Township EMS (STEMS) membership drive. Haven't joined? It's never too late!

**Question:** “Why join? My insurance will pay for the ambulance; right?”

**Answer:** Your health insurance plan may cover the cost of an emergency transport (not including co-pays, deductibles, or co-insurance), but not always.

Your insurance will not cover the following situations:

- Call 911 for an ambulance. However, after being checked out, you decide to call your doctor instead of going to the hospital.
  - **STEMS member? No cost for two events during the membership year.**
  - **Not a member? You will be billed as much as \$550.**
- Need assistance such as help getting up from a fall.
  - **STEMS member? No cost for two events during the membership year.**
  - **Not a member? You will be billed \$100 for a request for service.**
- Having a life-threatening event, but STEMs' paramedics are busy helping other patients. A paramedic is dispatched from a neighboring ambulance service.
  - **STEMS member? You will not be billed for paramedic service.**
  - **Not a member? You will be billed 1,000-\$1,500; possibly more.**

**Question:** How much is a yearly membership?

**Answer:** Just \$45/individual or \$60/couple or family.

**Question:** How do I join?

**Answer:**

- Apply and pay on-line at [www.stems.us](http://www.stems.us)
- Complete and mail in the application that was sent to you.
- Call the STEMs office at (717) 545-0842 during normal business hours Monday-Friday and another application will be mailed to you.

Thank you for your support!



## SUSQUEHANNA TWP FIRE COMPANIES

### EDGEMONT FIRE COMPANY

Chief Kelvin Seigle  
1407 N. 25th St.  
(717) 236-7463  
Hall Rental: (717) 236-746



### PROGRESS FIRE COMPANY

Chief John Brindle  
3440 Maple St.  
(717) 545-3031  
Website: ProgressFire.com  
Hall Rental: (717) 525-4761



### RESCUE FIRE COMPANY

#### Chief Rod Calhoun

Station #1 – 3701 N. 6th St.  
(717) 232-9502  
Website: rescue37.com  
Hall rental: (717) 671-5446

#### Station #2

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
1900 Linglestown Rd.  
(717) 545-0608



## RECURRING CODE QUESTIONS

### Section 307 Open Burning and Recreational Fires

**307.1 General.** A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

**307.1 Prohibited open burning.** Open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions or when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous shall be prohibited.

**Under Section 105.6 of the 2009 edition of the International Fire Codes,** Permits may be issued for Open Burning from the Office of the Fire Marshal. These permits are issued on a case by case basis and all applicable safety requirements must be maintained.

**Section 307.3 Extinguishment Authority,** gives the fire code official or his designee the authority to cause extinguishment of non permitted fires or permitted fires that have become hazardous or objectionable.

**Section 307.4.3 Outdoor Fireplaces,** shall be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material. Note- seasoned hardwoods and not trash, leaves or brush.

**Exception-portable outdoors fireplaces** used at one- and two-family dwellings. **Section 307.5 Attendance.** Fires shall be constantly attended until fire is extinguished. An approved fire extinguisher or charged garden hose shall be available for immediate utilization.

### Section 308 Open Flames

**308.3.1 Open-flame cooking devices.** Charcoal burners and other open-flame cooking devices shall not be operated on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

#### Exceptions:

- One and two family dwellings.
- Where buildings and balconies and decks are protected by an automatic sprinkler system.

**308.3.1.1 Liquefied-petroleum-gas-fueled cooking devices.** LP gas burners having an LP-gas container greater than 2.5 pounds shall not be located on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction.

**Exception:** One and two family dwellings

The advertisement for Barry's Auto Service LLC features the company name in large, bold, red letters at the top. Below it is the phone number 717.230.8003. The address 3408 N. 6th St. • Harrisburg, PA is listed, along with a note that it is next to Harrisburg Magazine. At the bottom, there is a black and white photograph of a dark-colored car, possibly a Ford Mustang. To the left of the car, the text "Your neighborhood auto care center" is written in a cursive font.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS & INITIATIVES



### CORPORAL CHERILYN SINE RETIRES

In July, the Susquehanna Township Police Department bid farewell to Corporal Cherilyn Sine. She will be remembered as a kind, considerate, and friendly officer to all of our citizens. Corporal Sine's resume includes:

- 30 year member of the department
- Last officer in the department who worked out of the old police station on South Progress Avenue.
- Second female officer in the history of the police department
- First female detective in the history of the department

To replace Corporal Sine, Casey Behrendt, currently in the Police Academy, will be joining the department. She is a graduate of Kutztown University, where she was a collegiate athlete.

### COMMUNITY POLICING

The Susquehanna Township Police Department embraces Community Policing, and we have for about the last twenty years. The following are part of the department's Community Policing efforts:

- **Operation Honorable Endeavors:**

This program requires that when officers are on patrol and they see kids outside, they must stop, get out of the car and interact with the kids. This interaction is then documented in a report.

- **Operation Vigilant Protector:**

This program requires that when officers are on patrol and view a condition that could invite crime, they must stop and take preventative action. For example, car windows down at night with valuables inside or a lawn mower unattended in a front yard.

- **Operation Stand In The Gap:**

This is a program we use in the schools to promote discussion between students and our officers. We establish a word of the month, and the officers talk to students about what the word means to them. Some of the words for this fall: dedication, citizenship, and redemption.

### TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016 | 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

The Board of Commissioners and Township Staff wants to make this Halloween our safest ever. Please follow these suggestions to keep our children safe.

**For Parents:**

- Make sure the pathway to your home is well lit. If you are using candles to light the way, make sure they are a safe distance from the sidewalk or driveway.
- Talk with your children about eating candy before they get home. You should inspect candy before they eat it. Make sure you inspect ALL candy. Anything that looks like it was tampered with should be thrown out. It's best to err on the safe side. Never eat unwrapped candy, opened candy, or fruit given to you.
- Make sure your child walks or rides around with an adult or a group and NEVER ALONE.
- Children should be told that under no circumstance are they



to go up to any vehicle or stranger during the evening. Use the word "vehicle" because some children might think it's o.k. to go up to a van or bus if you tell them to stay away from all "cars."

**For Trick-or-Treaters:**

- Use clothing or a costume that allows others to see you from a safe distance. Use reflective tape to make yourself more visible.
- If a mask is worn, be sure you can see out of it clearly. Consider using face paint instead of a mask to provide better vision. Take off the mask while walking from house to house.
- Carry a white bag for candy or a bag/container with reflective tape on it. Carry a flashlight.
- Walk on the sidewalk and cross only at an intersection or crosswalk. Look both ways before crossing. WALK, don't run.
- Only stop by houses that have their front entrance light on.

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# SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Susquehanna Township Shade Tree Commission (STC) would like to remind residents that certain regulations govern the pruning, planting, care, and maintenance of street trees within the Township. This includes trees in the tree lawn of a property (the area between the sidewalk and the street), and trees along public highways.

If you are a new resident or need a copy of the Shade Tree Ordinance, please contact the Township office to obtain a copy, or visit the Township website at [susquehannatwp.com](http://susquehannatwp.com) to print a copy.

The Commission would like to highlight some of the requirements of the Ordinance:

1) PRIOR to pruning, planting or removing a tree, or disturbing a tree and/or its roots (laying sidewalk or driveway), the homeowner or contractor must submit an application to the Township for review by the STC. If approved, a permit will be granted. Applications are available on the Township website <http://susquehannatwp.com/policies-procedures>.

2) It is the responsibility of homeowners to prune trees in their tree lawn area to remove dead branches, and maintain a minimum clearance of branches over streets and sidewalks. Minimum clearance of branches is eight (8) feet above the public sidewalk and fourteen (14) feet above streets and alleys and includes trees and bushes that grow over from the property. No permit is required to perform this required maintenance.

3) All tree pruning must be performed according to accepted arborist practices. It is not acceptable to top trees, or have stubs remaining after pruning. In many cases, pruning should only be performed by a commercial tree service.

The Commission is currently conducting an inspection of the Township to determine where there are tree limbs that need to be trimmed, to remove dead branches or to meet the minimum height requirements of the Ordinance. Homeowners will be notified by letter if pruning is required.

Remember that the STC is available as a resource to all residents to assist with

any questions regarding street trees, permit requirements, pruning, and tree planting recommendations. They can be reached by calling 909-9226.

Residents are encouraged to plant trees in their yards and tree lawns. As older trees in the Township die, it is very important that they are replaced with young trees to take their place. Without tree replacement, established neighborhoods with tree lined streets lose much of their appeal. The STC can assist in selecting the best tree for your planting location through the Preferred Tree List available on the website. You

are reminded that before planting a tree, you should contact PA One Call by dialing 811 or going online to [pa1call.org](http://pa1call.org). Any time you excavate, whether to plant a tree or even install a fence, utility lines need to be marked to avoid damage to electrical, communication, water, and sewer utilities.

If you have any additions questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at (717) 909-9226 or visit our website at [susquehannatwp.com](http://susquehannatwp.com). Click on the DEPARTMENTS tab and then "Shade Tree" on the pull down menu.



## Shade Tree Permit Application

**SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP  
SHADE TREE COMMISSION  
1900 LINGLESTOWN ROAD  
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17110  
(717) 909-9226 • [www.susquehannatwp.com](http://www.susquehannatwp.com)**

**Property Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contractor:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of work (removal, planting, trimming, root pruning for sidewalk repair):**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Description of tree(s) (location, species, health, size):**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Petition for Review:**

**I, the undersigned, have read and understand the Township's Shade Tree Commission Ordinance and/or the Frequently Asked Questions.**

**Signature of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended: Draw a map below to show location of house and tree(s)**



## SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP PARKS

# Spotlight on Veterans Park and Edgemont Park

## VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK



Situated nearly in the middle of Susquehanna Township is Veterans Memorial Park. This 16 acre park, located in Ward 7, offers a wide variety of amenities for every park enthusiast. The park is located at 1955 Elmerton Avenue, across from the State Police Headquarters and in between the State Game Commission and Fish & Boat Commission. Opened in 1991, Veterans Park has hosted the Keystone State Games, RBI Tournaments, and paint runs. It is currently home to the Susquehanna Township High School and Middle School Cross Country Teams and Central Penn College Baseball Team, as well as Susquehanna Township Baseball, Softball and Soccer Associations.

The complex includes lighted baseball and softball fields, lighted tennis courts, shuffle board, sand volleyball, and basketball courts. In addition, younger citizens can enjoy a playground equipped with swings and climbing structures. At the lower end of the park, hiking/biking enthusiasts will find the trailhead to the Capital Area Greenbelt. This is the perfect place to begin the journey around the township by foot or bike. During the summer, Veterans Park is also home to one of the four playground programs operating in Susquehanna Township.

The pavilion at Veterans Park can comfortably seat 70 - 75 people. Those renting Veterans Park for picnic gatherings will find it equipped with nine picnic tables, restrooms, a kitchen with refrigerator and microwave, and two charcoal grills.

The park is accented by a stunning Memorial Plaza that currently houses monuments honoring veterans from World War II and Korean Conflict. Plans are already underway for future memorials to honor Vietnam and Desert Storm Veterans.

## EDGEMONT COMMUNITY PARK



The Township's second largest park, Edgemont Community Park, is nestled in the heart of Ward 3 on Locust Lane at the intersection of Edgemont Road. This 11 acre park is home to Senior Softball games and community basketball leagues, as well as a summer playground program. Edgemont Park was originally dedicated to the Township in 1969 and renovated in 2011, adding a new and improved pavilion as well as landscaping upgrades. A fully equipped playground structure includes swings, slides, and climbing structures. In addition to the softball field, there are also two basketball courts.

The main pavilion has six tables, comfortably seating 40. The pavilion includes electrical outlets and restrooms. There are also charcoal grills available for use. The original pavilion also remains standing for additional space and includes a grill, as well.

The pavilions at both of these beautiful parks are available to rent from April through mid-October. The staff at Susquehanna Township Parks & Recreation would be happy to assist you in securing a pavilion for a get together. But hurry, they fill up fast throughout the summer months! Call (717) 909-9228 for further information.



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## SUMMER RECREATION IN SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SUMMER 2016 RECAP



The heat was certainly on this summer! Luckily, the Susquehanna Township Parks & Recreation Department (STPR) had lots to do to keep cool and busy! We continued to offer a wide variety of programs to entertain, teach, and just have fun! The Summer Recreation Program is comprised of three components: Summer Day Camp, Neighborhood Playgrounds, and Classes and Camps.

STPR's Summer Day Camp was all about change this summer! New hours, new days, new registration procedures, but the same quality program for well over 100 kids for seven weeks this summer. The Camp provides ample opportunities for learning new games, crafts, and trips to round out their full day. Housed at Holtzman Elementary, the Camp is open to kids age 5 – 13. The Camp develops all activities based on a weekly theme. Beach Week and Heroes Week continue to be two of the favorites. The older kids, age 9 – 13, had an opportunity to attend a field trip every week. Annual favorites included mini-golf, bowling, roller skating, Lake Tobias, and Little Buffalo State Park. They also went on two new excursions to the Army Heritage Center and a Senators baseball game. Meanwhile, the little ones had their own adventures visiting Monkey Joe's, the State Museum, Hershey Story, Hands-on-House, and (along with the older kids) Lake Tobias. Every Tuesday, the Camp splashed down at Wedgewood Pool. If that wasn't enough, while in camp, kids were visited by Zoo America, Mr. SnoCone, Rescue Fire Company, and the Ice Cream Man. And we can't forget the weekly Zumba class!

The second part of the Summer Program is the operation of our Neighborhood Playground Program. This is a free program, with field trips at an additional charge. We are proud to say that Susquehanna Township Parks & Recreation Department is one of the few in the area to continue to offer a free playground

program. Open to ages 8 – 14, there were four playgrounds operating in the township this summer –Stabler, Crown Point, Edgemont, and Veterans Park. They were open weekdays from 9 am to 2 pm. Besides sports and under the pavilion games, participants were treated to an arts and crafts project each week. They also had the option of attending a weekly Wednesday field trip where they joined the kids from Day Camp. Swimming at Wedgewood Pool was not forgotten, of course! Participants were able to go every Thursday. For the third year in a row, the final day of the Playground Program was held at Edgemont Park. Over 35 kids participated in kickball, dodge ball, and carnival games. There were hot dogs on the grill, as well as visits from the Susquehanna Township Police, Edgemont Fire Company, and the Ice Cream Man. Summer playgrounds wouldn't be the same without the annual basketball game between Edgemont and Veterans Park. We even saw some playground alumni show up to enjoy this tradition!

In addition to our seven-week programs, we also offered several classes and camps to round out the summer. Camps included PSAT/SAT Prep, Drama Camp, Tennis Camp, Kids' Cooking Classes, and a Paint and Create Class.

STPR was happy to provide programs to over 200 children throughout the summer and employ over 30 seasonal workers. Keeping it "in the family," about 90% of these employees were Susquehanna Township Residents. Programs for next summer are already in the planning stages. Employment opportunities are available for a variety of positions for applicants age 16 and over. STPR begins accepting applications in mid-January and continues through mid-March. Interviews for summer positions are generally conducted in late March. Watch for announcements on the Township Website at [www.susquehannatwp.com](http://www.susquehannatwp.com), visit us at our office at 1900 Linglestown Road, or give us a call at (717) 909-9228. You can also find us on Facebook at SUSQUEHANNATWPREC. Come and join our team next summer!





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Ski Lift Tickets: Tickets will be available later  
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## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVES FALL/WINTER 2016 THRU SPRING 2017

Susquehanna Township Parks & Recreation in  
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BANK is sponsoring the following Community Blood  
Drives at the Susquehanna Township Building. All drives  
are from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and are located in the  
Susquehanna Room on the Lower Level.

Friday, September 30, 2016

Friday, October 21, 2016

Friday, November 18, 2016

Friday, December 09, 2016

Friday, January 20, 2017

Friday, February 24, 2017

Friday, March 24, 2017

Friday, April 7, 2017

Friday, May 12, 2017

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### ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

WHEN: Fridays 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm  
Session I: September 9-December 16, 2016  
Session II: January 6-May 12, 2017  
WHERE: Susquehanna Township  
Middle School Gym  
COST: \$5 per night  
Walk-in Program – No  
Preregistration Required!



### GINGERBREAD HOUSE CLASS

WHEN: Saturday, December 3, 2016  
Two classes: 9:00 am – Noon: Grades K-4;  
12:15 pm – 3:15 pm: Grades 5 and up!  
WHERE: Susquehanna Township  
Building,  
Lower Level – Susquehanna Room  
COST: \$50 per participant  
INSTRUCTOR: Holly Cassatt  
Pre-registration Required. Forms  
available on the website or at the Parks and Recreation Office.  
Registration Deadline: November 19, 2016



Come and create a magical gingerbread house. The house you create will be yours to display throughout the holidays. This class will be filled with gumdrops and more candy that you could imagine. So come and join us for some holiday fun.

### YOGA HIKE ALONG THE GREENBELT

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 2016 &  
October 9, 2016 at 10:00 am  
WHERE: Meet at the Greenbelt Trailhead in Veterans Park,  
near the Maintenance Building  
INSTRUCTOR: Traci Wolfe  
COST: FREE  
Join yoga instructor Traci Wolfe  
for a hike and yoga together!  
Total hike distance is five miles  
on a flat, paved surface.



### ZUMBA

WHEN: Thursdays, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Session Dates: September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27;  
November 3, 2016  
WHERE: Thomas Holtzman Elementary School Cafeteria,  
1910 Linglestown Rd  
Cost: \$5 per session  
INSTRUCTOR: Joy Bechtel  
Walk-in Program – No Preregistration  
Required!  
(Susquehanna School District and  
Township Employees receive one Free  
Session on September 15 with Proper ID)  
Improve your health and have fun doing it! According to a  
recent article, dancing regularly may:

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- o Give you better mental health
- o Decrease the risk of dementia
- o Alleviate symptoms of some serious diseases



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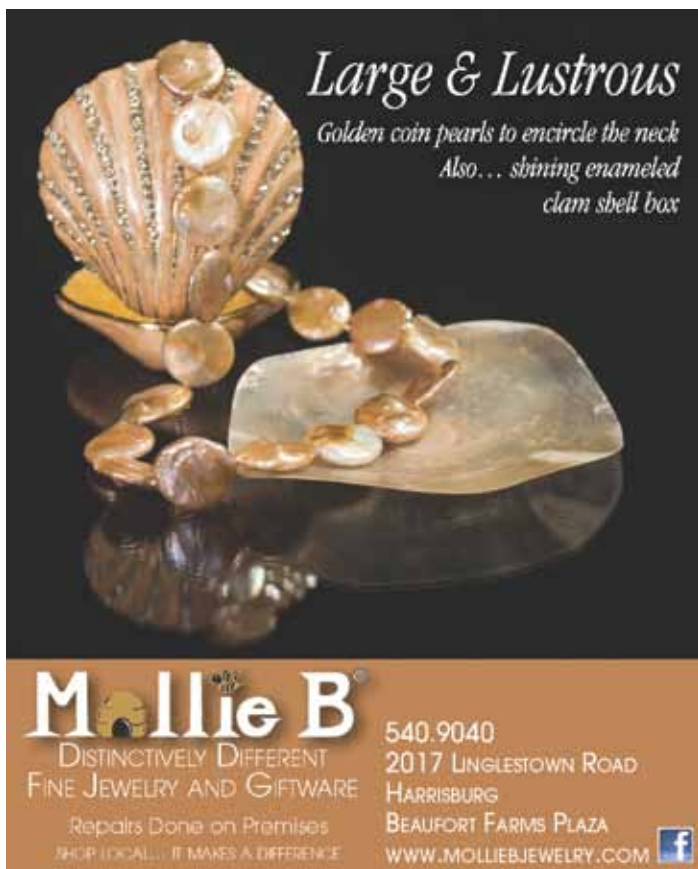


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## AARP TAX-AIDE SEEKS DAUPHIN COUNTY VOLUNTEERS FOR UPCOMING TAX SEASON

AARP TAX-AIDE is searching for volunteers to help with the coming tax season. Last year, AARP local Tax-Aide Volunteers prepared tax returns for more than 2000 taxpayers at four locations in Dauphin County.

### Volunteers

- do not need to be AARP members or retirees.
- should be comfortable using a computer and have some familiarity with tax forms (such as from preparing their own returns.)
- should ideally be available during weekday business hours from February 1st and April 15, 2017.
- should be able to contribute a minimum of 10 hours per week during the tax season.
- should be available for training in January.
- must pass an IRS certification exam based upon that training.

Deadline for application is December 1, 2016. For more information, visit the AARP Foundation website at [www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8](http://www.aarp.org/tavolunteer8) or call (717) 418-0080. A team member will be in touch to answer your questions and give you more details. (AARP Tax-Aide is a program of the AARP Foundation, offered in conjunction with the IRS.)

## SENIOR PROGRAMS

### AARP SAFE DRIVING CERTIFICATION CLASS\*

WHEN: Monday & Tuesday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Both Days Are Mandatory

Session I: September 26 & 27, 2016

Session II: November 14 & 15, 2016

Session III: January 9 & 10, 2017

Session V: May 8 & 9, 2017

WHERE: Susquehanna Township  
Municipal Building, Susquehanna  
Room, Lower Level

INSTRUCTOR: Certified instructor, Henry Dreher

COST: \$15 AARP members (\$20 non AARP members)

Susquehanna Township Recreation in conjunction with AARP is offering the Defensive Driver. The course is for anyone over the age of 55, Township residency not required. Attendance in the class secures you three years of certification as a "Safe Driver" plus the percentage reduction on your insurance premium.



### AARP FOUR HOUR SAFE DRIVING REFRESHER COURSE\*

WHEN: 9:00 am -1:00 pm

Session I: October 3, 2016

Session II: November 21, 2016

Session III: January 23, 2017

Session IV: March 27, 2017

Session V: May 15, 2017

WHERE: Susquehanna Township Municipal Building,  
Susquehanna Room, Lower Level

INSTRUCTOR: Certified instructor, Henry Dreher

COST: \$15 AARP members (\$20 non AARP members)

This is a four hour refresher class for those previously certified by AARP instructors. Attendees must show proof (i.e. certificate) of completion of a previous course.

**\*ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR BOTH DRIVING CLASSES IN ORDER TO SECURE MATERIALS AND PROVIDE ADEQUATE SEATING. PLEASE CALL (717) 909-9228 TO SECURE YOUR SPACE FOR EITHER CLASS. SPACE IS LIMITED, AND IT IS ON A FIRST COME**



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## MEDICARE 101

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WHEN: Tuesday, October 18;

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

WHERE: Susquehanna Township  
Municipal Building, Susquehanna  
Room, Lower Level

PRESENTER: Toyia Plater, Capital Blue  
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COST: FREE!

Please register with the Recreation Office to secure your seat! Call (717) 909-9228



## SENIOR FITNESS AND WELLNESS

WHEN: Every Wednesday at 10:00 am

WHERE: Susquehanna Room of the Township Building

INSTRUCTOR: Certified Fitness Instructor Dorothy Bangert

COST: \$2.00 per session

An hour-long fitness session, this program stresses balance exercises, stretching, and muscle building with a low impact safe level for the mature body. The program is adapted for all, especially those dealing with the effects of diabetes, arthritis, joint replacements, rheumatoid osteoarthritis and other ailments. No pre-registration necessary.

## SENIOR SOFTBALL PICK-UP

WHEN: April through October;

Monday & Wednesday; 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

WHERE: Edgemont Park Softball Field

COST: Free program (bring glove)

Anyone interested in playing Senior Softball for ages 55 and over please contact Bill Regan @ (717) 533-9874.

## SENIOR TENNIS PICK-UP

Pick-up tennis for senior men and women

WHEN: April through October; Tuesday & Thursday;

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

WHERE: Veterans Park Tennis Courts

COST: Free program (bring racquet and appropriate shoes)

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- Must give 48 hour notice

### What information must I supply when calling?

- Name
- Phone number
- Your destination, including address

*\*In the event of inclement weather, our office will be closed if the Susquehanna Township School District is closed.*

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS



The Susquehanna Township Alumni Association has several events planned where you can have FUN while supporting our extended township family. You can make a difference in the lives of our school district students while networking with our extended community.

### VIETNAM WAR MEMORIAL

Work continues on our Vietnam War Memorial. There are now 225 verified names to be engraved on the memorial. Please notify us if you are aware of anyone that was on active military duty during the Vietnam War (February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975) and:

- attended or graduated from STHS OR
- were township residents during the time of their tour of duty

Please provide any information to Mrs. Shirley Kannegieser at [sjkann50@comcast.net](mailto:sjkann50@comcast.net) or (717) 921-8536 or Richard Veet at (717) 564-6597.

The Susquehanna Township Alumni Association's purpose is to promote, support, and carry out programs and activities for the benefit of alumni, current students, and community members. We are an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

### UPCOMING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EVENTS

#### "Welcome Home" Football Game (in partnership with STHS Touchdown Club)

Friday, September 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Roscoe Warner Field, 3500 Elmerton Avenue

We invite alumni and anyone associated with our high school football program throughout its history to come back to the September 23rd football game. If you are interested, please email us at [sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com) so you may be recognized during the game.

#### Fall Breakfast

Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 9:00 AM

STHS Cafeteria, 3500 Elmerton Avenue

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#### Corporate Basketball Challenge

October 1, 2016 at 7:30 AM (\$300 per team)

STMS, 801 Wood Street

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#### PINK OUT Breast Cancer Awareness Football Game

Friday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Roscoe Warner Field, 3500 Elmerton Avenue

#### 3rd Annual "No Time to Spare" Charity Bowling Event

Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2:00 PM

ABC North Lanes, 5303 Locust Lane

Register at [EVENTBRITE.COM](http://EVENTBRITE.COM) by searching on "Bowling for a Cause" or call Tammi at (717) 215-7583

#### For general alumni information, please contact:

Dwayne DeFoor at (717) 236-3557 or [defoord@verizon.net](mailto:defoord@verizon.net)

John A. Fabian at (717) 717 730-1842 or [John.A.Fabian@gmail.com](mailto:John.A.Fabian@gmail.com)

Look for us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/STHSAA](http://www.facebook.com/STHSAA) or on our website at [www.sthsalumniassociation.com](http://www.sthsalumniassociation.com).

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You can be a part of our program as a sponsor, coach, player or volunteer. Join us as our program gets bigger and better.

If you have an interest, any interest, email [stba@comcast.net](mailto:stba@comcast.net) or visit our website at [www.stba.cc](http://www.stba.cc).

## Susquehanna Soccer Club (For Boys and Girls Ages 4-18)



- Winter Soccer Training Programs

- Registration for Spring 2017  
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