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COMMUNITY: NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

A LOOK AT SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

It is said that a community is not just buildings but the people who live there, work there, and strive to become one. During the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis and beyond, the Susquehanna Township Community supported and continues to support those in need. Volunteer organizations such as Salvation Army, Red Cross and Meals on Wheels continue to operate throughout emergencies. Emergencies are, in fact, the core of their service. As the community continues to rebuild after an emergency, it is good to remember those who sacrificed and sustained the community in crisis.

Fire Companies

Both Rescue and Progress Fire Companies experienced



a large loss of income during the spring and summer. With no hall rentals, no fundraisers, and a decline of donations, the loss is estimated to be

over \$100,000. In spite of these losses, both companies continued to serve the community, doubling the amount of fire calls and extrications, and assisting other local fire companies as well.

Police Department

The last seven months have been unprecedented for our **Police Department.** As we entered the pandemic, patrols were reduced, and traffic stops were limited. Calls



for service dramatically reduced in Red Phase. Now that we are in Green Phase, the call volume is back to normal.

As we continue to navigate through the pandemic all officers continue to utilize personal

protection equipment. Since the inception of the pandemic, the citizens have been inspiring. On many occasions they have contacted the department for guidance, information, and clarity on the pandemic restrictions.

Food and Meals

HANNA's Pantry, operated by HANNA Education Foundation, is located at the Susquehanna Township High



School. During the months of March, April and May, the pantry more than doubled the number of families served, jumping from 74 households to 180.

Hanna's Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month.

The Susquehanna Township Parks and Recreation Department gave out free meals for kids for seven weeks, twice a week at local parks and the Middle School. There was an average of 50 bags distributed each day (2 meals in a bag) – totaling 1562 meals throughout the seven weeks. Daily worksheets and arts and crafts were also given out. 23 volunteers participated in this program at 4 locations.



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The Coronavirus has had a profound impact on all of us. From a local government perspective, challenges from suppressed revenue to cancelled recreational programs to the first employee furloughs in township history, it will be nice in so many ways to have 2020 firmly in our rear-view mirror.

That said, there were bright spots this year that demonstrate our staff's unique ability to rise to the occasion. Our first responders - 42 sworn officers, outstanding volunteers with the Progress and Rescue fire companies, our emergency management personnel, the EMTs of the Susquehanna Twp. EMS – continued to provide the prompt public safety response throughout the pandemic. And food distribution programs – both via HANNA's Pantry and our park-based lunch pick-up partnership with Dauphin County Vo-Tech – made a difference to many families impacted by statewide virus-abatement directives. And on an even brighter note, work will finish this fall at Boyd Park, with new trails and facilities offering a taste of our township's natural preserves.

On behalf of all Commissioners and staff, we hope you find this newsletter informative, and wish you and yours a safe and healthy fall and winter.

> Frank Lynch, President **Board of Commissioners**

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2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

The Board of Commissioners meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Workshop Sessions are on the 4th Thursday at 6:30 pm January through October.

A Second Monthly Meeting is scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, when necessary.

All meetings are held in the Township Municipal Building, 1900 Linglestown Road. *Due to COVID-19, some meetings may be held virtually.

Susquehanna Township Phone Numbers

EMERGENCY....911

NON-EMERGENCY

Fire Marshal (717) 909-9255	Public Safety Director (717) 909-9282
Susquehanna EMS	Police Station(717) 652-8265
(Regarding Service)(717)545-0842	Police Non-Emergency (717) 558-6900

Township Municipal Numbers

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Township Administration Office(717) 545-4751
Manager/Executive Assistant(717) 909-9222
Building Codes Official(717) 909-9226
Code Enforcement/Property Maintenance(717) 909-9257
Community & Economic Development Director(717) 901-6050
Emergency Management Director(717) 909-9245
Finance Director(717) 909-9227
Food Safety Inspector (Retail)(717) 318-8751
Indian Wheels(717) 909-9254
Public Works Department(717) 233-7143
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

Other Oserui Numbers		
Dauphin County Treasurer's Office	(717)	780-6550
District Justice 12-1-01 Office		
(Jim Lenker)	(717)	545-4143
Emergency Management Agency	(717)	540-4296
J.P. Harris Associates	(717)	766-4099
Keystone Collections Group	(888)	328-0557
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
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Township Meetings Calendar

Numbers in columns correspond with date in month.

		ОСТ	NOV	DEC
Board Of Commissioners				
Regular Meeting	6:30 pm	8	12	3
Workshop Meeting	6:30 pm	22	None	None
*Second Meeting	6:30 pm	*4th We	d - when so	heduled
Design Review	1:00 pm	16	20	18
Health Board	12:00 pm	15	19	17
Human Relations Committee	6:30 pm	21	18	16
Industrial & Commercial Development Authority	12:00 pm	5	2	7
Planning Commission	6:00 pm	26	23	21
Property Maintenance Board Of Appeals	3:00 pm	12	9	14
Public Safety Advisory	7:30 pm	21	None	None
Recreation Advisory	6:00 pm	14	4	9
Sewer Authority	7:00 pm	6	10	1
Shade Tree Commission	4:00 pm	15	19	17
Zoning Hearing Board	6:30 pm	7	4	2

Township Offices Closed

Wedneday November 11, 2020

Thursday November 26, 2020

Friday November 27, 2020

Thursday
December 24, 2020
(closing at noon)

Friday December 25, 2020

Meeting dates for 2021 will be approved by the Board of Commissioners at the December meeting.

All meetings are held in the Susquehanna Township Municipal Building, 1900 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110. Any person with a disability requiring a special accommodation to attend a meeting should notify David W. Kratzer, Jr., Secretary-Manager at 717-909-9222 as early as possible, but no later than five (5) working days prior to the meeting. The Township of Susquehanna will make every effort to provide a reasonable accommodation.

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 Zoning Permits Use and Occupancy Fees
- Zoning Hearing Board Fees Restaurant & Food Peddlers Permit
- Transient Retail Permits Professional Contractors/Plumbing Licenses
- Recreation Program Fees Pavilion and Park Rental Fees





Payments are no longer being taken at the Township Building!

July 2020 Bill: Collected by JP Harris



- In Person: utilize the drop box located at the Susquehanna Township School District administrative offices at 2579 Interstate Drive, Harrisburg.
- Mail payments to JP Harris Associates LLC, PO Box 226, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- Pay Online: www.jpharrisassociates.com
- Pay by credit card: Contact JP Harris at 717-766-4099

February 2021 Bill: Collected by Dauphin County Tax Collector Watch for update in early 2021.

GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 POLLS ARE OPEN 7 am – 8 pm

Ward	Polling Location	Address
Ward 1	Rescue Fire Company	3701 North 6th Street
*Ward 2	Thomas Holtzman Elementary School	*1910 Linglestown Road
Ward 3	Locust Lane Chapel	2415 Locust Lane
Ward 4	Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Elementary Gym	1201 North Progress Avenue
Ward 5	Susquehanna Township Middle School Library	801 Wood Street
Ward 6	Progress Fire Company Community Building	3400 Maple Street
Ward 7	Ridgeway Community Church	525 North Progress Avenue
Ward 8	Thomas Holtzman Elementary School	1910 Linglestown Road
Ward 9	First Assembly of God	4100 North Progress Avenue

- ✓ To verify your polling place or check on voter status call 717-780-6360 or go to: votespa.com
- ✓ Voter registration deadline: Monday, October 19, 2020
- ✓ Mail-in and absentee application deadline: received by Tuesday, October 27, 2020 *Note: Ward 2 polling location change.

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Building Codes and Permits

Thinking of remodeling or adding an addition to your home? The Susquehanna Township Community Development Department can help you navigate your way through.



Steps for applying for a permit:

1. Determine if the project requires a permit:

Permits are not required for: painting, installing cabinets, flooring, installing new siding material, gutters, downspouts, replacement windows/ doors (in the same opening if the framing is not altered), installation of additional rolled or batt insulation, replacement of existing electrical devices with approved devices, communication wiring and/or wireless devices, repairs to plumbing leaks not requiring structural changes, replacing an existing faucet or sink, clearances of stoppages and replacement of existing appliances.

2. If a permit(s) is required, things to consider:

- The type of project determines whether approval is required under the Building Code, Zoning Ordinance, Health Code or all three. <u>Township staff should be</u> <u>consulted in the planning stage to determine the</u> <u>permit requirements.</u>
- 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.
- Some projects may require separate electrical and plumbing permits.
- A permit to convert from one heating source to another requires a permit. The manufacturer's installation and operation specifications must be submitted with the permit application.
- The installation of solar panels on a roof requires a structural engineer to provide verification that the roof can support said additional loading. Electrical plans are required as well.
- Please take note that the State Legislature has adopted the 2015 Codes with amendments on October 1, 2018 to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC).Information can be found on the Labor and Industry website www.dli.state.pa.us under the Uniform Construction Code section.
- **3. Obtain the applicable permit application(s)** at the Township Building or online at: www.susquehannatwp.com.

4. Submit a completed application to the Township Office.

 A completed application includes two sets of complete plans (Residential plans must be a minimum of 11" x 17" in size) including specifications and a plot (site) plan.

5. Application will be reviewed by Township Staff. Reviews can take up to 15 business days, so plan accordingly.

- Projects may also require approval under provisions of other Township Ordinances and State requirements.
- Residential plan review and inspections (except for electrical) are performed by the Building and Zoning Office. Certified Third-party Inspection Agencies perform electrical plan review and inspections.
- Projects requiring variances or special exceptions from the Zoning Hearing Board must receive approval.
- Fees are determined based on the total construction cost of a project. The Township determines the fees.
- NOTE: If other approvals are required, these are separate from the building permit review and should be taken into consideration when planning a project. These approvals must be in place prior to submission. In most cases, all approvals must be obtained in order for building, electrical, and plumbing permits to be issued for a project.

6. Permit is issued

- The Township will contact you when your permit is ready to be picked up and provide you with the amount of fees that are due.
- Your project can begin once the fees are paid and the permit is picked up.
- The Permit must be posted in a visible location on the property.
- 3 days prior to any digging, you must place a PA-1 Call to 811 to have all utility lines marked.

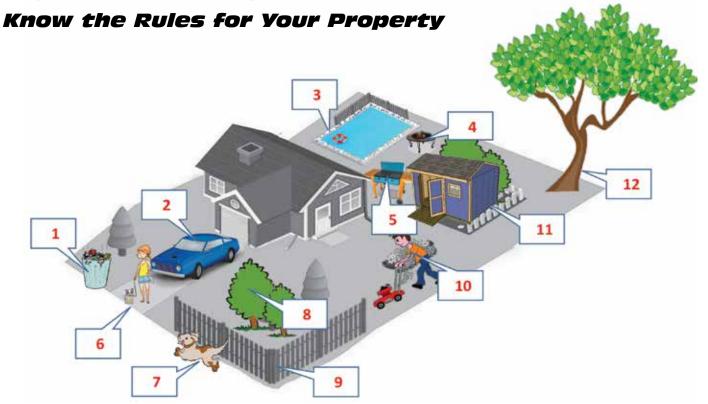
Requirements for contractors and the rights of homeowners:

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 visiting www.attorneygeneral.gov.

Need More Information?

Contact Joe Vajda, Township Building Codes Official, at (717) 909-9226 or jvajda@susquehannatwp.com. Zoning permits, subdivision/land development, and storm water management information should be addressed to Michael Rohrer, Zoning Officer at (717) 909-9225 or mrohrer@susquehannatwp.com.

Important Township Ordinances for the Homeowner



	Ordinance #	Description
1	20-104.4c	Trash cans should be put out no sooner than 24 hours before pickup and should be removed from street no more than 24 hours after pickup.
2	10-302	It is unlawful to maintain a motor vehicle that is in disrepair on property.
3	23-101-105	A permit is mandatory prior to work on a pool. Pools must be at least 8 feet from the side or rear lot lines and structures. Fences are required for all in-ground pools and above-ground pools with a height of 4 feet or less. There are also proper barrier requirements.
4	Intl Fire Code 307.4.3	Portable outdoor fireplaces must be at least 15 feet from any structure or combustible material. Exception: 1 & 2 family dwellings. Only seasoned hardwood may be burned.
5	Intl Fire Code 308.3.1	Open-flame cooking devices cannot be used on combustible balconies or within 10 feet of combustible construction. Exception: 1 & 2 family dwellings; or where building/balcony is protected by sprinkler.
6	2-301	Do not allow pet on others' property. Clean up after pet.
7	2-102	Do not allow pet to run at large in the neighborhood.
8	25-108	All trimming and pruning of shade trees shall be done in a manner to ensure natural growth and a natural appearance. Dead branches over 2 inches in diameter should be removed.
9	27-2101	Fences cannot exceed 4 feet in front of property; 6 feet on side & rear of property.
10	10-101-a	Do not blow grass onto neighbors' property or street. Grass must be maintained at 6 inches or less.
11	27-2106.4	Outbuildings must be at least 3 feet from property line, 5 feet from alley, 10 feet from house, and cannot exceed 15 feet in height.
12	25-108	Tree branch clearance must be maintained at 14 feet above street surface and 8 feet above sidewalks.
	*All townshi	ip ordinances are available on the township website: www.susquehannatwp.com.

Stormwater Management

Best Management Practices for Stormwater Management

Managing storm water runoff is often considered the job of the local government, a subdivision developer, or possibly a homeowners' association. Certainly, good planning and implementation by any or all of these entities is important to a successful community storm water management plan. However, it is also important that individual homeowners understand their role in storm water management and their impact on the larger community.

Best Management Practices (BMP) are defined as activities, facilities, designs, measures, or procedures used to manage stormwater impacts from regulated activities, to meet state water quality requirements, to promote groundwater recharge, and to ensure compliance with the Township's MS4 Permit. BMPs are classified into two separate categories, structural and non-structural.

- Non-structural BMPs operational and/or behavior-related practices that attempt to minimize the contact of pollutants with stormwater runoff.
- Structural BMPs permanent physical devices or practices that are installed on project sites and residential properties.

Examples:

Non-structural BMPs

- Protect and enhance Riparian areas
- Reduce impervious cover
- · Disconnect impervious areas
- Perform street sweeping
- Minimize total disturbed area
- Minimize soil compaction in disturbed areas
- Re-vegetate and re-forest disturbed areas using native species
- Promote sheet flow water to vegetated areas
- Prevent or clean up spills
- · Maintain existing runoff patterns

Structural BMPs

- Retention ponds
- Constructed wetlands
- Underground treatment systems
- Infiltration facilities
- Filter strips
- Detention basins
- Swales
- Rain gardens
- Permeable/porous pavement
- · Bioretention facilities
- Green roofs
- Rain barrels, cisterns, tanks
- Stormwater planters





Both Structural and Non-structural BMPs can reduce stormwater impacts on the Township's infrastructure and streams. If property owners have BMPs on their property, or are interested in adding them to their property, they should complete the Credit Pre-application form available on the Township's website under the Stormwater Fee tab.



Why Can't I Park On My Front Lawn?

It's not only because it doesn't look very nice. Driving a vehicle over soft landscaping can damage infrastructure (water & sewage pipes, hydro wires, natural gas lines, etc.) buried under the grass. There are two regulations in the Susquehanna Township Zoning Ordinance:

- Section 27-2301.4; Prohibits parking in the front yard except in the driveway.
- Section 27-2502.3; Requires residential driveways to be paved to the building and not more than 20 feet in width.





AMI PARKED TOO CLOSE?



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Trash Removal In Susquehanna Township

TRADITIONAL

Weekly - 4-bag Limit



LOW VOLUME

Weekly – 1 bag/can limit Not to exceed 32 gallons Not to exceed 50 pounds



RECYCLING

Weekly



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for information on all waste removal



Bulk Items

- 1 item weekly
- Electronics not accepted *Call Penn Waste for full list of acceptable/non-acceptable items

Non-Acceptable Bulk Items:

- **×** Batteries
- ➤ Automobile Parts
- ★ Tires on Rims
- ★ Commercial & Industrial Waste
- Construction Materials or Debris
- **★** Electronics

Yard Waste:

1st & 3rd Saturday: April, May, September & October 3rd Saturday ONLY: March, June, July, August & November

NO COLLECTION: January, February & December

- Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper bags or bundles with twine.
- Bundles may be no longer than 5 feet in length, may not exceed 6 inches in diameter nor weigh more than 30 pounds

*See other yard waste disposal option at right



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Drop off hours for Susquehanna Twp residents – free of charge – with proper identification

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- 2nd and 4th Saturdays: 9:00am Noon

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- Products available for purchase: stone, mulches, topsoil, compost and custom blends
- Products may be picked up at the site or delivery service is available

For more info:

- www.digmyearth.com for additional information on acceptable yard waste materials
- 717-921-8980

Recycling: What's Unacceptable:

Say "NO"!!

- Packaging including bubble wrap, Styrofoam, plastic inserts, etc.
- Medical waste
- Plastic bags
- Small appliances and/or extension cords
- Foil products
- Food or liquid
- Wood or building materials





When In Doubt, Throw It Out!

Alternative methods for disposal when an item is not recyclable:

ELECTRONICS

Dauphin County Recycling Center 717-982-6772 Free of charge for Dauphin County Residents

1625 S. Cameron St www.dauphincounty.org

HOUSEHOLD WASTE PRODUCTS

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weed killer, paint thinner, etc. www.pennwaste.com

ITEMS WITH FREON

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www.pennwaste.com

For more ways to dispose of your trash, contact Penn Waste at (717) 767-4456

The Impact and the "New Normal"

Spring and Summer 2020 caused everyone to adjust to the "new normal." Schools were closed. Businesses and offices were shut down. The nation was shut down. New vocabulary began to creep into everyday discussions: PPE, social distancing, essential workers, Zoom, virtual learning. This article is intended to look at the township entities: government offices, schools and organizations. It will look at how the pandemic affected these groups, how they adapted and how they are attempting to move forward.



Municipal Building Services:



The Township Municipal Building was closed to the public on Monday, March 16. The Department of Community and Economic Development has five part-time employees and one seasonal employee. Two full-time employees were furloughed, one for one month, and the other for three months. The seasonal employee was not utilized this year.

Sewer payments: Payments can be dropped off in the drop box, or paid online at www.susquehannatwp.com through credit card.

Permits: All permit forms were moved to the front vestibule for pick-up, with an area provided for large plan drop-off, in addition to the normal

Dropbox. With more people staying at home, there were more home renovation projects, increasing the number of permits for decks, fences, swimming pools, and other home improvements.

Tax payments: Drop-off payments at the Susquehanna Township Municipal Building will no longer be possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If you wish to make your payment in person (for the July 1 bill), please utilize the drop box located at the Susquehanna Township School District administrative offices at 2579 Interstate Drive.

Public Works Department:

During the month of April all staff (except management personnel) worked half the month due to social distancing. Six of the 11 highway employees were furloughed on May 1st. After 2 months, 3 were brought back to work on July 1st and the other 3 returned later in July. As a result, some of the 2020 scheduled roadway projects will be rescheduled for 2021. Sewer personnel were not impacted. Sewer flushing projects and services will proceed as normal. Leaf collection is scheduled to begin on November 2 and will end on December 24.

Recreation Department:

On Thursday, May 14, the Board of Commissioners officially cancelled all recreation programs for the summer. This shutdown included both our Day Camp and Playground programs, pavilion rentals, as well as 14 different classes and programs. The Department handed out free meals for kids on Mondays and Wednesdays for 7 weeks. Playgrounds, pavilions, and basketball courts remained closed all summer.





Susquehanna Township School District:

On Friday, March 13, by order of Governor Wolf, all public schools were closed. They remained closed for the rest of the school year with students learning virtually. The class of 2020 graduated virtually on June 5. On June 13, the School Board approved the Health and Safety Plan for the upcoming academic year, providing 3 different options for parents and students. On June 15, the Resocialization of Sports Recommendations were approved.

Susquehanna Township Alumni Association:

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted all aspects of our lives. There's NEVER a good time for a global pandemic, but this comes at a VERY tough time for nonprofits. Spring typically begins the fundraising event season for nonprofits, including the Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association. As a result of the pandemic, the Association was forced to cancel 6 fundraisers throughout the spring and summer. These events are large fundraisers for the Field House Campaign and Scholarships, adding to the impact on the community at large. Still scheduled is the Food Truck Festival on October 3.

Police News

Community Policing: Not a New Concept for Susquehanna Township PD

Now that some pandemic restrictions have been lifted, Susquehanna Township Police Officers are back to a normal patrol posture, including community policing.

The concept of community policing isn't a new one. Having origins as far back as the 1960's, by 2003 more than half of police departments were implementing some form of community policing. The concept focuses on assigning officers to a specific area called a "beat" where they interact with individuals on a regular basis. With smaller patrol areas, the emphasis becomes preventing criminal activity instead of responding to it.



In Susquehanna Township, community policing includes the following:

- 1 Daily Foot Patrols
- **2 Operation Honorable Endeavor.** This program requires our officers to stop and interact with our youth during their daily patrol routine.
- **3 Operation Vigilant Protector.** This program requires officers to take overt crime prevention measures when they see a condition on patrol.

As we move forward with our Community Policing mission, there are new initiatives being implemented to further promote lasting relationships between our officers and the citizens that we serve.

"Once the community connections and the means to use them are in place, officers and neighborhoods can work together to propose solutions to a wide array of issues." Patrick J. Solar, Ph.D.

Public Works Department

Fall Leaf Collection

- Beginning November 2: Leaves will be collected from the even-numbered address side of the street on the day following trash collection.
- On the following week, **beginning November 9:** The odd-numbered side leaves will be collected. The even and odd sides pattern will continue throughout the fall.
- Leaf collection will end on December 24.
- Leaves should be curbside the day before scheduled pickup.
- No collection November 11, 26 and 27.

Residents requiring leaf disposal prior to November 2nd are encouraged to drop them off at Susquehanna Township's compost facility, "Dig My Earth," located at 200 Fort Hunter Road Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Call 717-921-8980 or go to digmyearth.com for hours and more information.



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(717) 232-9502 • rescue37.com Hall rental: (717) 671-5446 Station #2: Public Safety Building

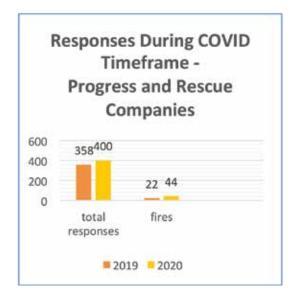
1900 Linglestown Rd. (717) 545-0608

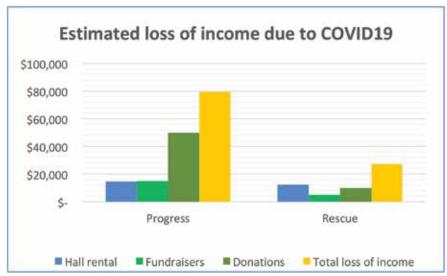
Ambulance Membership with Susquehanna Township EMS (STEMS)

- Rates: \$50 individual, \$60 couple, \$75 family
- Proudly serving Susquehanna Township, Penbrook & Paxtang
- Membership in STEMS will substantially reduce your out-of-pocket costs if insurance does not cover full-service charges
- Visit our website at www.stems.us for more information!



Both **Progress and Rescue Fire Companies** rely on the generosity of its citizens for financial support through fund raisers and hall rentals. Since March 2020, theses activities have stopped or declined significantly, resulting in a large loss of income. Despite the loss of income, these 100% volunteer companies have continued to serve the community with increases in amounts of calls and responses. Please consider donating to these valuable community heroes. Below are graphs comparing responses in 2019 and 2020 during the timeframe of COVID and the estimated financial losses.







Community Spotlight

HANNA'S PANTRY

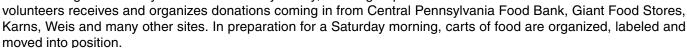
It all started in 2001 when a now retired nurse from Thomas Holtzman Elementary, Mary Olley, saw the need to help provide nutritional food to struggling families. The program was called "Adopt -a Family." After operating from Thomas Holtzman for many years with a faithful crew of volunteers and the help of Rockville United Methodist Church, the food pantry was moved to the High School in 2019 where it now finds its home. The HANNA Foundation assumed the organizational leadership and has maintained the high quality of community service patrons have come to know and appreciate.

HANNA's

Pantry

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, visitors could enjoy a "shopping" experience by visiting HANNA's Pantry and browsing the shelves for their needs. As the schools shut down in mid March, HANNA's Pantry, without skipping a beat, jumped into action by creating an extraordinarily well-organized drive-through experience. Maintaining a skeleton crew throughout the worst of the shut-down, the pantry remained open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday morning of each month. The pantry saw an immediate uptick of families in need starting in March 2020. Participation more than doubled from 74 households to over 180 households in May 2020. This represents more than 800 individuals.

As usual, there is a great deal of behind-the-scenes activity that those visiting on Saturdays will not see. Every Friday, a core group of





What can you expect when you come to HANNA's Pantry?

Arrive at HANNA's Pantry by pulling in the High School entrance from Elmerton Ave. and proceeding toward the rear of the school by the tennis courts. You will be greeted immediately by eager volunteers who will confirm registration. Registration can be done on-site, or pull up the registration on the Foundation website (hannafoundation.org) and have it ready on arrival. The registration form is available in a number of languages. Once your registration has been checked, you will be placed into one of two lines winding around to the underpass. A sign will be placed on your windshield to

indicate how many people are in your family. This will determine how much food you will receive. There will also be choices on certain products when you arrive in the distribution area.

How can you help?

Prior to the pandemic, HANNA's Pantry benefited from many food drives organized by a number of groups in the Township. Since food drives are not being conducted right now, the greatest need is for monetary donations. One dollar donated = 6 meals. For information on donations go to https://www.hannafoundation.org/waystogive.

In order to volunteer with HANNA's Pantry, you must be part of the Susquehanna Township School District Volunteer Program. Volunteer requirements and more information can be found in the STSD Volunteer Manual on the district website at www.hannasd.org.



As we emerge into the "new normal," HANNA's Pantry will undoubtedly continue to adapt to serve the community and treat everyone like family, the Hanna Family.

Susquehanna Twp HS 3500 Elmerton Ave., Harrisburg, PA 17109 10 am-noon, 2nd & 4th Saturdays





Summer 2020 Recreation Recap



The 2020 Summer Lunches Program began on Monday, June 15, 2020. Normally in our Playgrounds and Day Camp Programs, all kids receive lunches daily. With summer programs being cancelled this year, STPR began this program to help bridge the gap. Any child age 18 or younger was eligible to receive a free lunch. Lunches were distributed at 4 sites: Stabler, Veterans Park, Edgemont Park and Susquehanna Township Middle School on Mondays and Wednesdays. The meals were pre-bagged by Dauphin County VoTech with 2 lunches in each bag. Daily, there was an average of about 50 bags distributed throughout the 4 sites. That's 100 lunches each day! Total lunches distributed: 1542!

Twenty three volunteers helped to distribute lunches throughout the summer, at each site a supervisor who had completed training from Pennsylvania Department of Education was in charge. All supervisors were previous STPR employees; they volunteered for the summer, but normally would be part of the staff. There were also a number of volunteers through the Susquehanna Township Alumni Association, Susquehanna Township Police Officers, Susquehanna Township Commissioners and members of the Recreation Advisory Committee.





In addition to the lunches, children received a daily summer activity sheet. They also received STEM packets donated by WITF, "arts and crafts to go" bags, and other goodies.

The Recreation Department wishes to thank ALL the wonderful volunteers who made this program happen! Whether you were able to come one day or were there all summer, you made a difference in our community. We will be eternally grateful that you stepped up to help!

Be Part of our Team Next Summer!

STPR employs over 25 staff as supervisors and counselors for our Summer Programs! Applicants must be at least 16 years of age and pass all required clearances. Applications will be available beginning January 1, 2021. Interviews will take place in late March or early April. Watch for more information on the Township website and Facebook page.



FALL and WINTER CLASSES

AARP SAFE DRIVING CERTIFICATION



For 55 years of age or over. Completion of the course secures three years of certification as a "Safe Driver" and a percentage reduction on car insurance premium.

> AARP has cancelled all in-person classes for the rest of 2020.

*The AARP Smart Driver online course is available through December 31, 2020 with a 25% discount using the following website and promo code.

Go to: www.aarpdriversafety.org Promo code: DRIVINGSKILLS 2021 CLASSES: AT THIS TIME NO CLASSES ARE BEING SCHEDULED - WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION IN MARCH 2021.

The following classes are being tentatively scheduled for fall/winter 2020-21. Watch for updates on our website: susquehannatwp.com/parks-recreation



PSAT/SAT PREP CLASSES

All dates are consecutive Saturdays and Sundays, usually the week prior to testing. Dates TBD - Classes to be held virtually until further notice.

This course specializes in building comprehension skills in math and critical reading.





Boyd Park, located in Ward 2 on Continental Drive, is a 19.84 acre parcel that was deeded to the Township in April of 2011 by Waverly Woods Associates for the purpose of recreation. It contains an existing pond of about 3.5 acres and woodland. The pond is manmade with a dam on its southern end and has been maintained by the Township to preserve water quality and aquatic life. Fish, including sunfish and bass, abound in the pond, and waterfowl frequently visit.

Development of the park will include a parking area, pavilion and walking trail in the first phase. The planned second phase will complete the trail around the pond and will include a wooden walkway through the wetland area and a fishing dock. The contract has been awarded through competitive bidding with a target date for completion of Phase 1 for the end of October 2020. During this phase, crews have been working to clear brush and to add a trail with interpretive signage. This



park will provide a welcome passive recreation area in a quiet, wooded setting at the foot of Blue Mountain where visitors can enjoy nature.

HANNA's



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For more info or to donate:

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P.O. Box 60023
Harrisburg, PA 17106
EIN: 23-2884155
hef@hannafoundation.org
call/text: 717-220-3839
hannafoundation.org

HANNA's Pantry is a member agency of the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and is part of the HANNA Foundation.





SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION NEWS

Susquehanna Township Food Truck Festival

- Saturday, October 3, 2020
- 12:00 NOON to 5:00 PM
- Susquehanna Township High School (parking lot)
- Parking at Capital Blue Cross
- Information: sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com

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Join the Association!

- Alumni Lifetime Membership: \$15.00.
- Non-Alumni (Associate) Lifetime Membership: \$20.00
- Include Name, Maiden Name (if applicable), Telephone, Email, and Graduation Year
- Make check payable to STHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
- Send to P.O. Box 61474, HARRISBURG, PA 17106-1474

Contact info:

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- facebook.com/STHSAA
- Dwayne DeFoor at (717) 572-0901 or sthsalumniassociation@gmail.com



Capital Area Greenbelt News

• Wildwood Lake - Fort Hunter Extension.

Township Commissioners attended a ribbon cutting for the official opening. Greenbelt users can now travel between these two beautiful venues safely crossing Linglestown Road.

Harrisburg East Cemetery

A much needed road bed improvement was completed this summer as a mutual effort of the Capital Area Greenbelt, Harrisburg East Cemetery, and the Township.

• Tour de Belt

The annual fund raiser was conducted as a virtual event in this, the 20th year. 585 participants registered to ride, walk, or run on the trail. Small group rides led by Harrisburg Bicycle Club were offered from Fort Hunter hosted by Dauphin County Parks and Recreation.



SUSQUEHANNA SOCCER CLUB

- Fall and winter camps
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www.SusquehannaSoccerClub.org
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SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

is already planning for the 2021 season!

Go to www.stba.cc to check age eligibility.

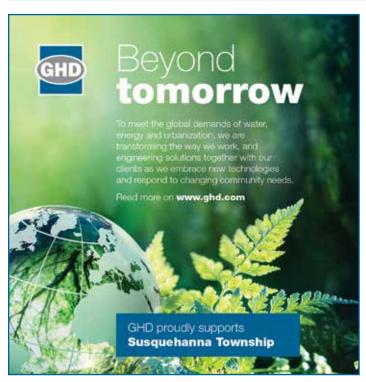
Registration "online" at www.stba.cc

Registration "in person," 9:00 am to noon

Saturday, January 23 & Saturday January 30, 2021

in the Giant Food Store, Community Room, 2nd floor

Any questions? Please email stba@comcast.net and be sure to check out www.stba.cc often for the most current information.





Smoke Alarm Safety at Home

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.



SAFETY TIPS

- INSTALL smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need **ADDITIONAL** smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, **INTERCONNECT** all smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.
- An IONIZATION smoke alarm is generally more
- responsive to flaming fires and a **PHOTOELECTRIC** smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or a combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- Smoke alarms should be INSTALLED away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms. Generally, they should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance.
- REPLACE all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

FACTS

- ! Roughly **two thirds** of home fire deaths happen in homes with no smoke alarms or working smoke alarms.
- ! Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in **half**.

AND DON'T FORGET...

All smoke alarms should be tested at least once a month using the test button.



www.nfpa.org/education

New Fireworks Ordinance Adopted

On August 27, 2020, the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners adopted a new ordinance (20-04) relating to fireworks.

Consumer fireworks may be purchased, possessed and used only by a person 18 years of age or older. The following are prohibitions under this ordinance:

- May not be used on any property of the Township, including but not limited to streets, sidewalks, public parks or public buildings
- May not be used on private property without the expressed written permission of the owner
- · May not throw fireworks from a motor vehicle or building
- May not throw fireworks into or at a motor vehicle or building
- · May not be under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or drug
- May not be within 150 feet of an occupied structure
- May not be used on a property of less than one acre in area
- May not use after **10:00 pm or before 7:00 am.** Exceptions: New Year's Eve until midnight; New Year's Day until 12:30 am; July 4 until 11:00 pm.



What you should know about COVID-19 to protect yourself and others



Know about COVID-19

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an illness caused by a virus that can spread from person to person.
- The virus that causes COVID-19 is a new coronavirus that has spread throughout the world.
- COVID-19 symptoms can range from mild (or no symptoms) to severe illness.



Know how COVID-19 is spread

- You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person.
- You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.
- You may also be able to get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, and then by touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.



Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

- There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. The best way to protect yourself is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.



Practice social distancing

- Buy groceries and medicine, go to the doctor, and complete banking activities online when possible.
- If you must go in person, stay at least 6 feet away from others and disinfect items you must touch.
- Get deliveries and takeout, and limit in-person contact as much as possible.



Prevent the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick

- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.
- Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home.
- There is no specific treatment for COVID-19, but you can seek medical care to help relieve your symptoms.
- If you need medical attention, call ahead.



Know your risk for severe illness

- Everyone is at risk of getting COVID-19.
- Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more severe illness.





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