

# Douglass

## Township Newsletter

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Township Office: 610-367-8500 Fax: 610-367-0360 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30  
www.co.berks.pa.us/Muni/Douglass Email: dougberks@comcast.net

## Citizens Police Academy

**DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS!** Here is your opportunity to meet your Douglass Township Police Officers and also find out **ALL** you ever wanted to know about police work. The Douglass Township Police Department will be conducting our first ever **Civilian Police Academy** at the Township building during the month of March. Dates for the class are March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. The academy is an 8 hour program, meeting from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on each of the four nights, teaching you about the police department and police work. The Academy will cover Traffic Laws, Drug Laws, Internet Scams, and many other relevant topics. The instructors are members of the **Douglass Township Police Department** and various other Berks County Law Enforcement professionals. The academy is **FREE** - all that you need to do is fill out an application which will be posted on our Township website and return the application to the Township building or email the application to Douglass Township Police at [Police@dougberks.com](mailto:Police@dougberks.com). The class size is limited to the first 25 applicants so don't wait. Deadline for applications is February 26, 2019

### MEDICATION DROP BOX

*Protecting Yourself and Your family*



Did you know 1 in 4 teens has misused or abused prescription drugs. Most teens get them from the family medicine cabinet.

Keeping unused opioids or other common drugs of misuse in a medicine cabinet is no longer safe or responsible.

Douglass Township supports the free and safe disposal of unused, unwanted or expired medications to not only prevent accidental and intentional misuse, but to also help protect the environment.

This is a Berks County Program operated through the Berks County District Attorney's Office in conjunction with CVS Pharmacy.

The Drop Box is located at the Township Office and is accessible Monday-Friday 8:30am – 4:30 pm.

Items Accepted: Any unwanted or expired medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, including pet medications, ointments, inhalers, powder or patch form medication.

Items NOT Accepted: Any loose pills that are not in their standard container or a bag, syringes, thermometers, bandages, sun block.

For More information: <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/DA/Pages/Prescription-Drop-Box.aspx>

A special thank you to the volunteers at Douglass Village who assisted with the mailing of this newsletter.

Douglass Township's Park & Recreation  
Committee Presents:

# EASTER EGG HUNT 2019

April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am



- Open to all Township Residents and their families
- Infants, Preschoolers, Kindergartners thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade students can participate
- Children Must be pre-registered by April 1, 2019
- THE EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE
- In case of rain the event will be held inside the Township Building

Return Completed form to the Township By April 1, 2019

Adult Douglass Township Resident: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Recycling Events for 2019

## Household Hazardous Waste:

April 13th from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Governor Mifflin Intermediate School

October 19th from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Berks County Ag. Center (1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA)

## Paper Shredding:

April 20th from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Governor Mifflin Intermediate School

October 12th from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Berks County Ag. Center (1238 County Welfare Road, Leesport, PA)

## Electronic Recycling:

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 AM to Noon at the County Recycling Center in Leesport

## Tire Collection (Fees Apply):

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 AM to Noon at the County Recycling Center

The County has a new Recycling App that will make recycling even easier. Scan the QR code above for more information or look for the Recycle Coach app in the app stores. For additional information please call 610-478-6362



## Douglass Township's Annual Community Day

October 5, 2019 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

We are always looking to add new vendors to our event. Also, if you would like to volunteer to help with this event for a few hours, please contact the Township Office at 610-367-8500 or email [managerdouglass@comcast.net](mailto:managerdouglass@comcast.net)

## 2019 Operating Budget

### GENERAL FUND

#### Income

Taxes	\$1,352,048.00
Licenses & Permits	\$65,000.00
Fines	\$31,000.00
Interest / Land Rental	\$41,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$56,100.00
Charges for Service / Misc.	\$117,223.00
Interfund Transfers and Refunds	\$175,682.20
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,841,553.20</b>

#### Expenses

General Government	\$348,246.00
Police	\$840,746.00
Public Safety	\$177,681.00
Health & Human Services	\$7,975.00
Roads, Streets, Sanitation	\$362,566.00
Hydrant Fees / Recreation	\$52,979.00
Insurances	\$40,499.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,830,692.00</b>

### SEWER FUND

#### Income

Interest	\$8,800.00
Tapping Fees	\$358,400.00
Use Charge	\$213,600.00
Finance & Surcharges	\$3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$590,020.00</b>

#### Expenses

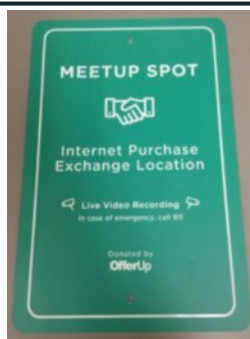
Operating Expenses	\$19,300.00
Sewage Treatment	\$76,400.00
Capital Improvements	\$200,000.00
Transfer to Other Funds	\$115,482.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$411,182.20</b>

### LIQUID FUELS FUND (road projects)

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$174,399.87</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>

## Internet Purchase Exchange Location

With the increased popularity of online purchases through yard sale sites such as Facebook and Craigslist, Douglass Township is pleased to provide a safe location for your exchanges. Please feel free to meet buyers or sellers in the parking lot at the Township Building for your exchange. Our parking lot is under 24 hour camera surveillance.



## Permit Office Hours

Every Tuesday from 1-4 PM, John Wascavage, our Zoning and Building Code Officer, is in the Township office to assist residents with any questions they may have about building and zoning permits.

## IRS Phone Scams

Tax season is upon us, which also means there will most likely be increased scams over the phone involving that they claim to be the IRS. Here are some helpful tips to remember:

The IRS will **NEVER**:

1. Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
2. Demand that taxes be paid without giving taxpayers the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
3. Call you about an unexpected refund.
4. Demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.

If you receive a call that you believe to be a scam, do not give out any personal information and hang up the phone immediately. You can report the call to TIGTA. Use their IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting web page [https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact\\_report\\_scam.shtml](https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml) or alternatively, call 800-366-4484.

Never hesitate to report to the Police Department that you might have been victimized or swindled.

## Committee Vacancies

We have 2 vacancies to fill on our Township Committees. They are the Park & Recreation Committee and the Zoning Hearing Board. If you are interested in either position please contact the Township office at 610-367-8500 or by email to [managerdouglass@comcast.net](mailto:managerdouglass@comcast.net).

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## **Elected and Appointed Officials:**

### **Township Supervisors:**

Chairman Douglass Rhoads

Vice Chairman John Bauman

Supervisor Grant Yergey

**Township Manager**-Toni Hemerka

**Township Solicitor** - The law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullen, Maxwell & Lupin- Joseph McGrory, Esq.

**Township Engineer/Zoning Officer/Sewer Enforcement-Systems Design Engineering**-Thomas Unger, P.E.

**Tax Collector**-Mary K. Heimbach

**Treasurer/Asst. Secretary**-Kaleena Breitbarth

**Public Works Department** -Roadmaster: Harold Wagner, Jr., Kevin Albiser & Robert Alberts

**Police Department**-Chief: John Dzurek, Sergeant: James Yost, Patrolmen: Bryan Sockel, Duane Duncan, Micah Long & Ryan Foltz

**Planning Commission**-Chairman: Kenneth Kirch, Vice Chairman: Jerry Silberman, Grant Yergey, Patricia Follweiler & Peter Dannecker

**Zoning Hearing Board**-Chairman: Joseph Cioa, Vice Chairman: Eugene Rinehimer, Dr. David Szymanski, Alan Golden,

**Park & Recreation Board**- Richard Zuber, Peter Dannecker, Lawrence Martin & Sally Stetler

**Agricultural Security Committee**- Douglass Rhoads, Gunnar Scott, Donald Grim, David Howerter & Warren Lloyd

## **2019 Township Meetings:**

**Board of Supervisors**-7:00 PM, January 7<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup> & December 9<sup>th</sup>

**Planning Commission**-7:00 PM January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 18<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>st</sup>, September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup>, November 19<sup>th</sup> & December 17<sup>th</sup>

**Park & Recreation**- 7:00 PM March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>

**Zoning Hearing Board**- 7:00 PM the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month as needed.