

South Heidelberg Township
 555A Mountain Home Road
 Sinking Spring, PA 19608
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Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 8 AM-5 PM

Board of Supervisors

David A. Schaeffer, Chairman
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 Dennis E. Mulally, Secretary-Treasurer

Township Manager

Ronald R. Seaman

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors

- General Business 2nd Thursday
- Subdivision Business 4th Thursday
- Planning Commission** 1st Tuesday
- Recreation Board** 1st Wednesday
- Municipal Authority** 1st Thursday
- Zoning Hearing Board** as needed

All meetings held at the Municipal Building & begin at 7PM unless otherwise advertised.

TAX COLLECTION

Sitting Dates at the Municipal Building Community Room:

April 17	12 PM – 2 PM
April 18	12 PM – 2 PM
April 22	12 PM – 2 PM
April 23	12 PM – 2 PM
April 29	2 PM – 4 PM
April 30	2 PM – 4 PM

All payments made by mail should be sent to:
Ann Marie Girard, Tax Collector
 P O Box 98, Wernersville, PA 19565

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SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

March 2014



Mark Your Calendar

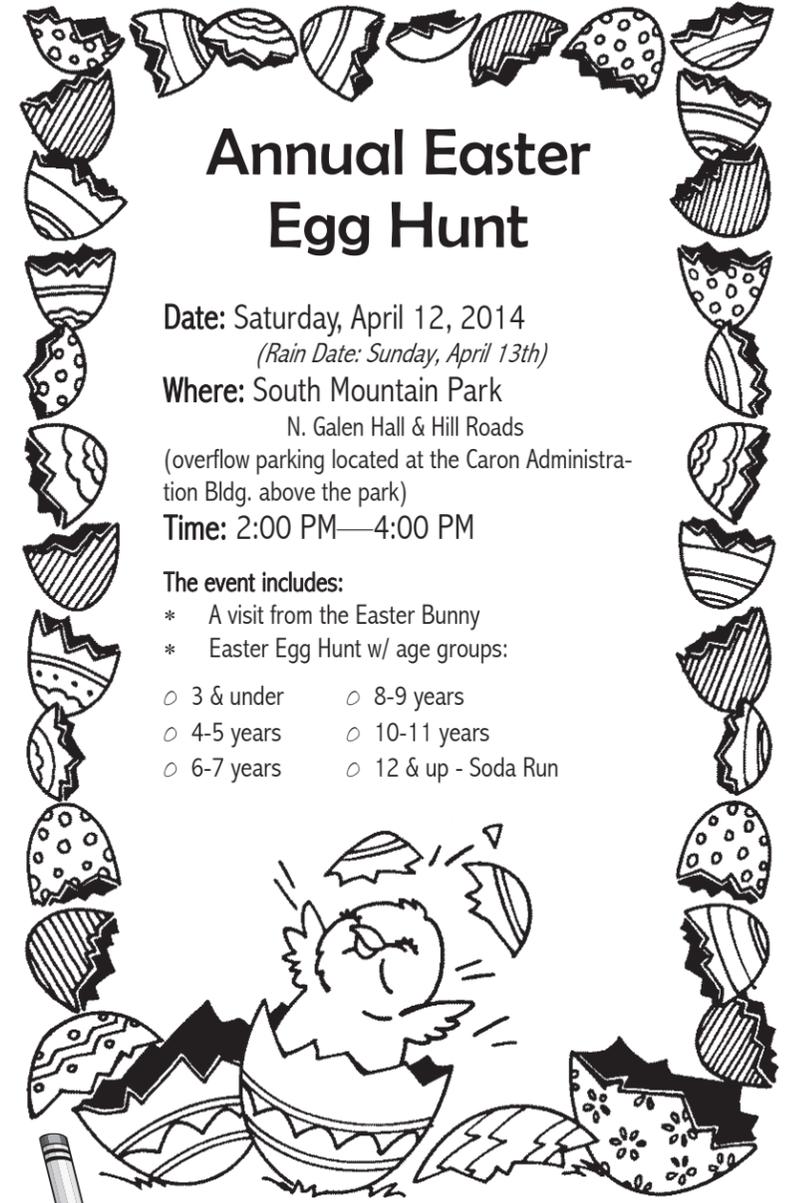
Summer playground registration will be held on Wednesday, June 4th from 6PM to 8PM in the South Heidelberg Township Building Community Room, 555A Mountain Home Road. Watch for more information coming in our May newsletter and on the our website.

There are currently openings on the RECREATION BOARD for interested and enthusiastic residents. This is an advisory board which reports to and serves to assist the Board of Supervisors in providing recreational opportunities for Township residents to enjoy. In addition to attending board meetings, held the first Wednesday of the month, members will plan and execute recreation activities such as the annual Egg Hunt, Summer Playground, Fall Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony. Please feel free to contact the Township office at 610-678-9652 or forward a letter of interest.



It has already been three years since competitive bids were received for the collection and disposal of trash and recycling. At that time, the quarterly cost of these services decreased. While we could have accepted the first of two options for continuation of the same contract we were currently under, that would have resulted in an increase in the quarterly costs. Consequently, the Board of Supervisors again chose to solicit competitive bids. As a result, Republic Services, successor to Allied Waste, our current waste and recycling hauler, submitted a low bid price of \$36.90 per quarter for trash collection and disposal and \$10.50 per quarter for recycling collection and disposal for a combined total of \$47.40 per quarter. This again, is less than you are currently paying and these rates will hold for the next three years. One downside to the bid is that the cost of the per bag program increased to \$5.70 per bag. This means that if you are currently placing one bag of trash curbside per week, especially if you are aged 60 or above and are eligible for the Senior Discount of 10%, it would be more cost effective for you to terminate the per bag program and sign-up for regular trash service. Additionally, the pre-pay discounts have been eliminated. The new costs should already have been reflected in the invoices you recently received.

If you need to change your service from the per bag program, or the billing frequency, a new service request form must be completed and submitted to Republic Services. Forms are available at the Township Office or on the Township Web Site. We will gladly assist you in completing the forms and faxing them in to Republic Service if you come into the office. If you have any questions about your service or the new rates, please contact the Township Staff at (610) 678-9652.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 12, 2014
(Rain Date: Sunday, April 13th)

Where: South Mountain Park
 N. Galen Hall & Hill Roads
 (overflow parking located at the Caron Administration Bldg. above the park)

Time: 2:00 PM—4:00 PM

The event includes:

- * A visit from the Easter Bunny
- * Easter Egg Hunt w/ age groups:
 - o 3 & under
 - o 4-5 years
 - o 6-7 years
 - o 8-9 years
 - o 10-11 years
 - o 12 & up - Soda Run

COLORING CONTEST Children are encouraged to decorate one of the enclosed pages (Age 0-7 Bunny) or (Age 8+ over Basket) to enter the contest. Entries will be placed on display at the Egg Hunt and prizes will be awarded for the most creative pictures in each age category! Children need not be present to win. Return completed entries to the Township office by April 9, 2014.



Check Your Polling Location...

The PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY ELECTION May 20, 2014.

Residents of South Heidelberg Township Precinct No. 3 are reminded to note the change of your polling location. Beginning with the May 20th election, you will be voting at the Wernersville State Hospital Fire House Building, 160 Main Street on the hospital grounds. Residents of Precinct No. 1 and Precinct No. 2 will continue to vote at their current locations.

**Engineering, Building,
Zoning & Sewage
Enforcement Officials
Appointed**

Effective January 6, 2014, the Board of Supervisors made the following professional staff appointments:

The firm of Czop/Specter, Norristown, PA was appointed to serve as the **Township Engineer**. John Bucanelli, P.E. will be the primary individual performing subdivision and land development reviews and providing general engineering consultation.

Quinn Haller of Technicon Enterprises, Inc. II, of Morgantown, PA will serve as **Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO)**. He will address all matters relating to on-lot sewage disposal systems.

Building codes and zoning officer duties were assigned to PA Certified Inspectors, Inc. of Wernersville, PA. Ralph (Skip) Cross will be issuing building and zoning permits and performing related inspections.

Please call the Township office at 610-678-9652 with your questions and you will be directed to the appropriate individual.

**RESIDENTIAL
PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE**

BUILDING PERMITS		ZONING PERMITS	
New Dwelling Unit Townhome	\$1,000 \$850	Accessory Structure Less than 1,000 Sq. Ft	\$75
Attached & Detached Accessory Structures, Additions.	\$100 min.	Uncovered Deck or Patio (Floor height of 30" or less above finished grade)	\$75
Plan Review Inspections	\$60 \$60 each	Fence (Less than 6' in height)	\$50
*Patios & Decks greater than 30" above finished grade	\$250	Use and Occupancy (Change in use of an existing building with no structural change, i.e. in-home business)	\$75
Alterations/Renovations of Existing Building	\$100 min.	New Construction	\$75
Plan Review Inspections	\$60 \$60 each		
*Above Ground Pool	\$250		
*In-ground Pool	\$400		

NOTE: A state mandated fee of \$4.00 is associated with all building permits. Plumbing, electrical & driveway modifications may also require permits.

* Includes Zoning & Administrative fees

Vandalism Alert

Be advised that recently a number of incidents have occurred in South Heidelberg as well as several neighboring municipalities where rocks have been thrown at parked vehicles, smashing through windows. We ask for your assistance in reporting any suspicious activities you observe at any time to the Police Department by calling 610-655-4911 or 911.

We need your help to keep our community safe!



Public Safety

As warmer weather arrives we would like to remind residents of a few simple precautions to take that will assist you in protecting your property.

- Be sure to lock all doors and downstairs windows when leaving your home or going to bed.
- Make sure no valuables such as handbags are left in locations where they are visible from the outside windows.
- Lock all doors to your vehicle whether it is parked on the street or in your driveway.
- If you need to leave valuables in your car, be sure to lock them in the trunk where they are not visible and will not attract attention.



**Animal
Rescue
League**

South Heidelberg Township contracts with the Animal Rescue League (ARL) located at 54 Kennel Road Birdsboro, PA for domestic animal control and humane services. The ARL may be contacted at 610-373-8830 if you encounter a stray or injured animal or to report suspected cruelty. More information about other services provided by the ARL can be found on their website: www.berksarl.org.

Remember that State law requires that all dogs over the age of three (3) months be licensed. Residents are advised that while all the animal rescue organizations in the community provide valuable services contacting an organization other than ARL will result in the individual incurring charges to themselves as well as subjecting the Township to service fees.



ORGANIC MATTER DROP OFF SITE
South Heidelberg • Lower Heidelberg • Wernersville

The seasonal change of hours for the Organic Matter Drop Off Site located along Point Road went into effect on March 10th and continue through November 2nd. During this period the Site will be open from 8AM to 8PM, Monday through Saturday. Sunday hours remain 1PM to 5PM. Dropping off any materials outside of these hours or along the fence line constitutes illegal dumping and is prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted. Use by non-residents or any commercial entity i.e. contractors, landscapers, lawn mowing operations, etc. is strictly prohibited regardless of business location or origin of the organic matter... This site is for depositing yard residuals only, consisting of leaves, grass clippings, tree limbs, shrub clippings, etc. No other type of recyclables or any other materials will be accepted at this location.

**Wernersville
Public Library**

New Hours & New Faces
Stop in the Library to welcome new Library Director, Michelle Kehoe and new staff members Carrie Coleman & Kris Fedeli.
New Hours for 2014:
Mon. - Wed. 10 AM - 8 PM
Thursday 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday 9 AM - 4 PM



Wednesdays
10:30 AM and 1:30 PM
Children ages 3-6 and their caregivers.
Thursdays at 9:45 AM
Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers.

Available At the Library

- FIZZ BOOM READ**
- ⇒ 6 computers for patron use. New computers for Teens and Children's area will be added this spring.
 - ⇒ Wireless internet for your laptop.
 - ⇒ E-books and e-magazines for your personal device. All you need is your library card number and password.
 - ⇒ Lots of books, audio books, DVD's, music and magazines for all ages.

Read to Reese
2nd Tuesday of each month 6:30 to 7:30 PM
Reese, a Chocolate Labrador Retriever, is a certified Therapy dog and a Reading Education Assistance dog. Children may read to him for 10 minutes. A sign up sheet is available at the circulation desk.

Support the Friends of the Wernersville Public Library
Book Sale -Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Book Sale -Saturday, May 3, 2014
Yard Flag Sale - \$6.00 each - Stop in the library to order.

AWESOME EVENTS AT LIBRARY THIS SUMMER. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR PROGRAMS. SUMMER READING RUNS JUNE 9TH-AUG. 16TH www.berks.lib.pa.us/swe

LEGOS WANTED - We need your help to start a Lego Club for kids. Needed donations of Legos or a monetary donation to purchase supplies. Drop off donations at library.

Library Giving Tree- Support the library by picking an item from our tree... items needed include paper towels, pens, Clorox wipes.



Anniversary News

From the Anniversary Committee

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Township is in full swing! The Fire and Ice/Chili Cook-off started the celebration. Intricate ice sculptures took shape outside the Township Building (under a tent) as chili sampling and judging took place inside. Childrens' activities were available in the Springrose Childcare building next door. Despite the rain (and did it ever rain!), a good time was had by all.

The Township and the Borough of Wernersville shared a fun afternoon of BINGO at the Western Berks Fire Station on February 8th (better weather). On March 2, despite threats of yet another snow event, over a hundred folks turned out for a tribute to area farm families. A collection of 85 pictures of local farms were featured as well as farm artifacts. Our farm families shared their pictures and their knowledge of farms past and present. Eagle Scout Mitch Boyer had a display of his efforts to bring attention to the historic but rapidly deteriorating Krick/ Ruth/Hain farm house on Route 422. And there were hot dogs, cookies, popcorn and pretzels thanks to Redners', Sturgis Pretzels, Clover Farms, the Township, and the bakers. As the weather warms and hopefully becomes more cooperative for Anniversary events, more celebration-centered happenings are scheduled for spring. A full day event is scheduled for May 31: a History Tour of South Heidelberg Township. This is a "don't want to miss it" event! Several locations will be open for in-house tours, other historic sites are drive-bys. Advance tickets will be discounted. Details for these events are listed separately.

Watch for the South Heidelberg Nite at the Fightin' Phils, Family Day at Galen Hall, and the July 19 Car Show (you can enter your car now-see flyers at Township Building), fireworks, parade, ghost tour, etc.!



Thank You!

Our Farmers Round Table Talk event was a success due to the many people who lent us their farming equipment and photographs for display. Thank you to all who contributed! Special thanks to all of our sponsors and to our committee members who make these events possible.



Please visit us online for more information.
Township website: sheidtpw.org
OR
facebook
Search: South Heidelberg Township
100th Year Anniversary

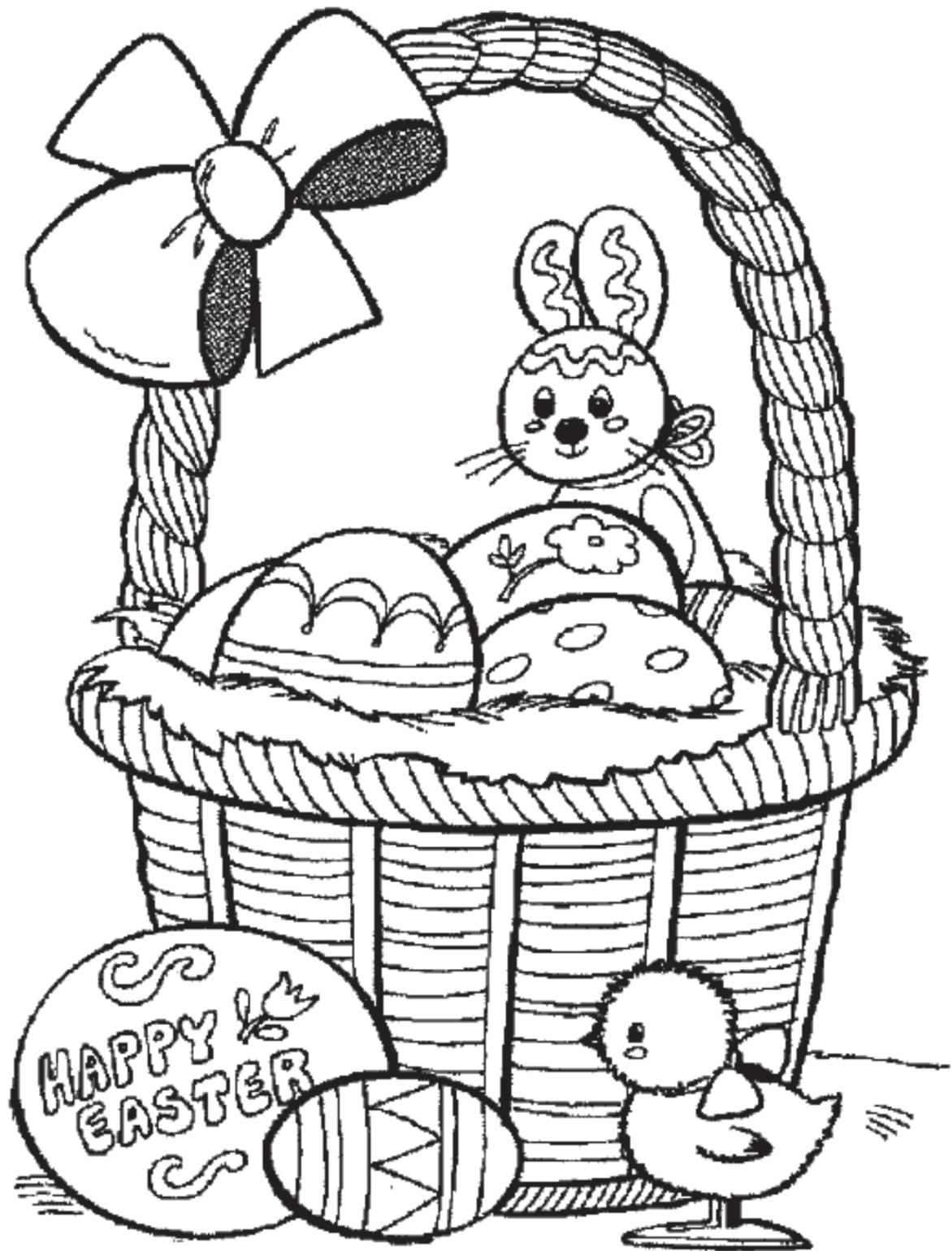
2014 Events		
JAN. 11 2014	FIRE & ICE* Township Building	Chili Cook-Off, Ice Sculpture Demos. Time: 9:30am -3:00pm
FEB. 8 2014	BINGO/CASH* Wernersville Fire Hall	Time: 1:00pm-4:00pm
MAR. 2 2014	FARMING ROUNDTABLE TALK	Farming Slideshow Time: 2:00pm-4:00pm S.H. Township Building
APR. 26 2014	SOUTH MOUNTAIN HISTORY Galen Hall Pub/ Grill Room	Paul Miller (Historian) Time: 3:00pm-Opens Time: 5:30pm-Slideshow
APR. 26 2014	MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE*	Time: 8:00am
MAY 31 2014	SHT HISTORICAL LANDMARK TOUR S.H. Township Building	Historical Displays & Artifacts Time: 10am-4pm
JUNE 27 2014	FIGHTIN PHILS	Time: 7:05pm
JUNE 29 2014	G.H. FAMILY DAY Galen Hall Golf	Family Golf Day Time: TBA
JULY 19 2014	CAR SHOW* S.H. Township	Time: 10am-4pm
AUG. 24 2014	WORSHIP SERVICE PEACH FESTIVAL Hillside Church	Time: 11:15am Time: 12:00pm
SEPT. 6 2014	FIREWORKS! (Rain date 9/13)South Mountain YMCA	Bowmansville Band Time: 7:30pm
SEPT. 6 2014	TRAP SHOOT Lebanon Valley Sporting Assoc.	Time: TBA
SEPT. 13 2014	PARADE* (Rain date 9/20) Route TBA on website	Time: 10:00am
OCT. 25 2014	GHOST TOUR South Mountain YMCA	Charlie Adams Time: TBA
NOV. 15 2014	S.H. NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY S.H. Township Building	Times: (Presentations) 1:00-1:30pm (children) 2:00-3:00pm (adult)
DEC. 7 2014	TREE LIGHTING South Mountain Park	Time: TBA

* South Heidelberg Township and Wernersville Borough event.



Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Telephone: _____ Age: _____
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South Heidelberg Township Anniversary Upcoming Events



South Mountain History April 26



Step back in time with local historian Paul Miller, featuring his historic South Mountain resort slideshow "Memories of a Bygone Era" which include many new additions.

Some of the featured grand castle-like resorts date back 125 years with names such as; Walters Park Sanatorium, Grand View Sanatorium, and of course, the Galen Hall Resort.

Galen Hall Golf Club and Restaurant

Times/details will be posted online.

100th Year Anniversary Souvenirs available for purchase, and Paul and Kathy Miller History Book signing.

Reservations recommended—Seating is limited Please make reservations by April 18th. Phone: 610-678-5424

More information will be posted on our website at a later date. www.sheidtwp.org

The Wernersville - South Heidelberg 100th anniversary celebration continues on April 26 with the quiet excitement of bicycle racing. Races will begin at 8AM and continue until about 1PM with four separate races for men and women grouped by USA Cycling categories of experience level. The four mile lap will head east on Lincoln Dr. then west on Belle Alto Rd. and north on Hill Rd. to a finish line at the South Heidelberg Township - Wernersville border at Hill & Glen Tilt. The speeds of the racers will usually be between 20 to 25 mph with the finishing sprints above 30 mph.



For residents on the course and drivers approaching the course: The race packs will be lead by a police vehicle and trailed by a USA cycling referee on a motorcycle. If you are crossing the course or traveling in the direction of the race and see the police vehicle approaching: WAIT until the race passes. Do NOT pass the trailing motorcycle. Any stragglers off the back of the enclosed field may be passed giving them 4 feet of clearance as required by PA law. You may travel in the opposite direction of the race, just be alert that the oncoming race may be close to the centerline, especially exiting corners. For safety, there will be no street parking along the course from 7AM till racing is over.

For residents near or inside the course: There will be some closed intersections but there will be multiple ways to get you to where you are going. Course marshals will help you safely enter the course. See the race information at www.southmountainpt.com for a detailed map of the plan for intersections.

For spectators: Find a place to park without crossing the course and find a stretch of sidewalk and enjoy the show. The races will be zipping past every 10 to 12 minutes. Like NASCAR only quieter.

For riders: Entry information can be found at www.southmountainpt.com or on paper at The Crank bike shop. Online pre-registration with BikeReg.com is until April 24th at 11PM at <https://www.bikereg.com/wernersville-south-heidelberg-100th-anniversary-road-race> and race day registration opens at 7AM and closes 20 minutes before the scheduled start of each race. Parking for racers is at 422 and Werner St.

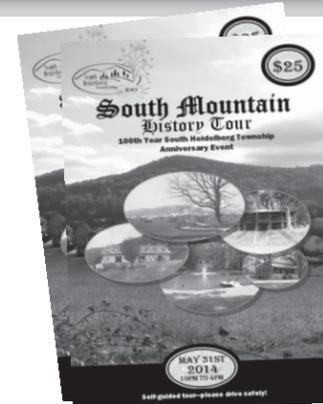
Bike Race April 26

South Mountain History Tour - May 31

Join us for a fascinating tour as you step back in time and learn about some of the origins, operations, and people of South Heidelberg Township. Beginning at 10am you can visit these destinations in any order you choose. Anniversary representatives will be available to answer questions at each "welcome in" location.

A detailed copy of the tour booklet and tour map will be online for viewing. www.sheidtwp.org

Purchase: (AVAILABLE APRIL 21st)
Tour booklets/tour bracelets will be available at the Township Office. (555A Mountain Home Road, Sinking Spring PA 19608)
\$20.00/per person— if purchased before event date.
\$25.00/per person—day of event.



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