



# SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

March 2016

Given what we have experienced in past winters, at least this far, we have been quite fortunate and only time will tell if we can trust Punxsutawney Phil and realize spring is just around the corner or not. As you know, in preparation for the predictions of 18" to 24" of snow for the recent storm unofficially named, "Jonas," the Board of Supervisors declared a Snow Emergency, requiring all vehicles to be removed from Township Streets. Each of the Supervisors wish to extend a personal, "Thank You," to the citizens of the Township for their excellent cooperation in abiding by the Ordinance and removing their vehicles, enabling the plow operators to do a much better job than had they remained on the street.



For everyone's information, we expended the following just during the 48 hour period from 4:00 AM Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> until 4:00 AM Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>:

230 Road Crew Man hours at a cost of: \$7,055.10  
201 Vehicle hours at a cost of: \$11,608.31  
65 Tons of Salt and Anti-Skid at a cost of: \$3,002.06

That amounts to a total cost of \$21,665 for this storm and doesn't include the hours spent in the days following when the crew tried to widen out streets and clear intersections for better visibility!

We certainly owe a tremendous amount of thanks and gratitude to our dedicated plow operators...Gerald, Kim, Terry, Jeff, Bob, Art, Lynwood and John!



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**  
(Rain date: March 26)

**Where:** South Mountain Park  
*North Galen Hall & Hill Roads  
(Overflow parking located at the Caron Administration Building above the park)*

**Time:** 2:00PM

### The event includes:

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

### Coloring Contest:

Children are encouraged to decorate one of the enclosed pages (Age 0-7 basket) or (Age 8+ egg) 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 March 11, 2016.

*Sponsored by the Recreation Board*



# South Heidelberg Township Police Department



The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) continues to hear from taxpayers who have received unsolicited calls from individuals demanding payment while fraudulently claiming to be from the IRS.

The IRS will **always** send taxpayers a written notification of any tax due through the U.S. mail. They will **never** ask for a credit card, debit card or prepaid card information over the phone.

It has been reported that the people making these phone calls are very aggressive and they are threatening people with arrest, deportation, shutting off utilities, or having driver's licenses revoked. The callers are being very hostile and trying to scare the people they are calling.

## OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS SCAM INCLUDE:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers. They generally use common names and surnames to identify themselves.
- Scammers may be able to recite the last four digits of a victim's Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof the IRS toll-free number on caller ID to make it appear that it's the IRS calling.
- Scammers sometimes send bogus IRS emails to some victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls being conducted to mimic a call site.

After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up and others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and the caller ID supports their claim.

## IF YOU RECEIVE A PHONE SCAM CALL:

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what you should do:

1. If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS employees at that line can help you with a payment issue, if there really is such an issue.
2. If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to think that you owe any taxes (for example, you've never received a bill or the caller made some bogus threats as described above), then call and report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484.

Let me also share my thoughts about the potential dangers associated with identity theft and this time of year. You should keep in mind that the documents taxpayers send and receive contain all the information identity thieves look for such as your name, address, bank and financial account information, and most importantly, your Social Security number. For a fraudster, tax time provides a wealth of opportunity to commit fraud against you.

That is why I would like to share some tips with you so you can protect yourself against fraud during tax season.

### • **Carefully Consider your Tax Preparation:**

The IRS has a list of authorized e-file partners where you can check for references.

- **Paper Security:** Keep tax paperwork in a safe and locked location.

### • **Document Disposal:**

Put papers you no longer need through a cross-cut shredder. These include receipts, papers with credit card account and Social Security numbers, and loan documents.



### • **Computer Security:**

Since many taxpayers now file online, it's vital that you install up to date security programs.

### • **Mail Theft Prevention:**

Be sure to retrieve your mail every day. Uncollected mail is an invitation for an identity thief especially this time of year. When mailing your tax documents, always take them directly to the Post Office.

While there is no way to completely protect against identity theft this Tax Season, you can reduce the chance that it will happen to you if you keep these simple tips in mind.

## **Sergeant David McQuate**

South Heidelberg Township Police Department

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### **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

Phone: (877) FTC-HELP; (877) 382-4357 [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)  
Victims are strongly encouraged to report frauds to the FTC, which maintains a comprehensive scam database called Consumer Sentinel.

### **Internal Revenue Service (IRS)**

Phone: (877) 829-5500 [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)  
To avoid charity frauds, individuals should research organizations on the IRS website.



**How can I get a copy of the 2016 Recycling Schedule?**

Copies may be printed from the Township website: [www.sheidtwp.org](http://www.sheidtwp.org) or you may stop by the Township office where copies are available.

**Where can I apply for a refund of Local Services Tax since I earned less than \$12,000 in 2015?**

All Local Services Tax (LST) refunds are processed by the Berks Earned Income Tax Bureau. You may contact their office directly at 610-372-8439 or visit [www.berkseit.com](http://www.berkseit.com) for the necessary forms.

**When can I expect to receive my Township & County tax bill in the mail?**

Berks County & Township real estate taxes are printed on the same bill and mailed out by the County around the beginning of March each year.

**May I pay my taxes at the Township Municipal Building?**

Yes, but only during the Tax Collector's designated sitting dates and times. These dates are published on the tax bills. Payments made other times must be done so through the mail using the following address: P O Box 98, Wernersville, PA 19565.

**Since 2016 is a presidential election, won't the Pennsylvania Primary be earlier than in other years?**

Yes, the Pennsylvania primary date is Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

**I've heard there is a room available in the Municipal Building for private rentals. What are the terms?**

Yes, the portion of the Administration Building at 555A Mountain Home Road, known as the Community Room is available for private rentals. Please see the Township website for details including fees, insurance requirements.



# Wernersville Public Library

100 North Reber Street, Wernersville PA 19565  
Phone: 610-678-8771 • [wernersvillepl@berks.lib.pa.us](mailto:wernersvillepl@berks.lib.pa.us)  
Like us on FACEBOOK  
Visit our website: [www/berks.lib.pa.us/swe](http://www/berks.lib.pa.us/swe)

New Permanent Hours:	Monday-Thursday	10am-8pm
	Friday	2pm-7pm
	Saturday	9am-4pm

As the officially designated library for Wernersville Borough, South Heidelberg Township, and Lower Heidelberg Township, the Wernersville Public Library dedicates its services to providing all patrons with information, technology and literature, empowering them with knowledge to enhance their lives now and in the future.



## Welcome

Donna Zeglen—Library Clerk  
Ron Schiding—Pollywog Artist

*If you would still like to contribute to our 2015 Fund Drive please feel free to use the form below.*

*Thank You!*

### What's New at the Library!

#### 3D PRINTING SERVICES

FREE training for all South Heidelberg library card patrons!  
Print your design on your own, OR have a print done on demand by staff.  
Check with library to schedule a time (24 hrs. notice, please) and for more details.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to South Mountain YMCA Camp Bynden Wood for receiving the 2015 Berks County Public Library Outstanding Community Organization Award by partnering with the library for "WPL's Goes to Camp" this past summer! We look forward to our continued partnership this year.

**BOOK DONATIONS** are needed for the Friends of WPL's SPRING BOOK SALE  
- contact the library for details about donations and dates for the sale.

**FRIENDS of WPL** seek new members to help the library continue to thrive!  
Check with the library for more information.

Stop by the library for a brochure detailing events and programs held at the library this SPRING and to get a jump on SUMMER READING 2016.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation to the Wernersville Public Library.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please help with your donation.    \_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_ Other



*Please detach this portion and mail with your contribution to:*

**Wernersville Public Library**  
100 North Reber Street  
Wernersville PA 19565



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

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

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

  
**Picture  
Deadline:  
March 11th**

**Return to:**  
South Heidelberg Township  
Recreation Board  
555A Mountain Home Road,  
Sinking Spring, PA 19608

  
**Coloring  
Contest  
Entry  
Ages  
up to 7**



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

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

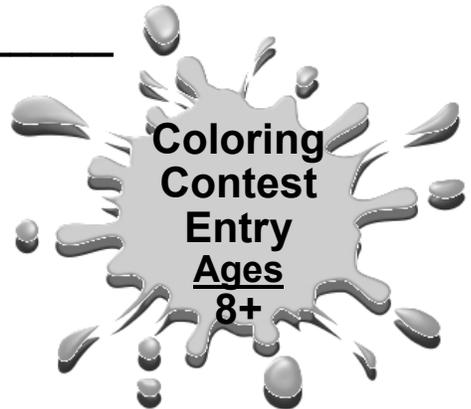
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8+**



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## South Heidelberg Township

555A Mountain Home Road

Sinking Spring, PA 19608

Phone: 610 678-9652 Fax: 610 678-9411

Office Hours: Mon-Fri. 8am—5pm

Visit our website: [sheidtpw.org](http://sheidtpw.org)

### Board of Supervisors

Thomas R. Byrne, Chairman

David A. Schaeffer, Vice-Chairman

Richard E. Hummel, Secretary —Treasurer

### Township Manager

Ronald R. Seaman

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

#### Board of Supervisors

■ General Business 2nd Thursday

■ Subdivision Business 4th Thursday  
(as needed)

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 18 12pm — 2pm

April 21 12pm — 2pm

April 22 2pm — 4pm

April 25 12pm — 2pm

April 28 12pm — 2pm

April 29 11am — 12pm

All payments made by mail should be sent to:

**Ann Marie Girard, Tax Collector**  
P.O. Box 98, Wernersville, PA 19565

## Employment News

Several openings are anticipated for  
**SUMMER PLAYGROUND LEADER**

Positions for the 2016 season.

These positions are part-time for a  
duration of eight weeks over the summer.

Interested persons,

**18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER**

may contact the Township office

610-678-9652 for more information.

Experience and/or coursework in

education or the human services

fields is desirable.



### BERKS COUNTY WASTE AUTHORITY 2016 Special Waste Collections

#### \*Household Hazardous Waste Program

April 16, 2016 & October 22, 2016 - 8am to 2pm

#### \*Community Paper Shredding Event

April 23, 2016 & October 15, 2016 - 8am to 2pm

#### \*Electronics and Tire Recycling Center

Open Tues, Thurs, and Sat. (year round) 8am to noon

#### \*Pharmaceutical Disposal

Drop Box Location Listing—linked from our website: [sheidtpw.org](http://sheidtpw.org)

Event details are available on our website.

[sheidtpw.org](http://sheidtpw.org) (under Trash & Recycling)

or [Countyofberks.com/swa](http://Countyofberks.com/swa)