



# SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

September 2013

Dear Residents,

The large amount of rainy weather we experienced so far this year certainly has impacted the growth of our lawns and kept everything greener longer than usual. With the additional mowing occurring this year, we have also noted additional grass being blown onto our streets. While being unsightly, more importantly, the heavier rains often times carry this into our storm drains and eventually ends up clogging them or creating foul, rotting materials, which eventually reach our streams. Under the MS4 Stormwater Management Program, the illicit discharge of any substance reaching a storm drain is illegal and subjects the responsible party to heavy fines. This holds true in developed areas as well as in more rural areas because sooner or later, all runoff drains into a public waterway of some kind. The Feds have tightened up enforcement on the States who, in turn, will be more closely monitoring and enforcing regulations among the affected municipalities. Let's everyone do their part in keeping foreign matter out of our streets and gutters and keeping fertilizers, pesticides and other materials on our properties and not in our creeks and streams.

On another "Green" note, the third annual Community Shredding Event will be held on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at National Penn Bank, 402 East Penn Avenue, Robesonia. Take advantage of this free event to dispose of confidential, private printed matter and materials, while safe-guarding your identity against theft. See the notice included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone to be extra vigilant of pedestrians, bicycles and motorcycles as the days begin to draw shorter and driving at dusk makes things more difficult to observe until you are upon them. Safety is everyone's business!

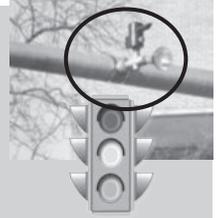
Sincerely,

Ronald R. Seaman,  
Township Manager



**Western  
Berks EMS**

*Continuing to make a difference in the community!*



You're sitting at a traffic light that seems to be taking forever to turn green. Finally, it changes and you are ready to pull into the intersection when all of the sudden it changes to yellow and then turns red again. You hear an ambulance (or other emergency vehicle) approaching and see it go through the intersection you were just about to enter. You might have been left wondering what just happened.

Western Berks Ambulances are equipped with a device known as a "preemptive emitter." When our emergency lights are activated, this emitter signals a device on the traffic light (seen in the photo above the red light) that changes the traffic light to green so we can continue through the intersection safely. Basically, the emitter preempts the normal operation of the traffic signal. The use of the device enhances traffic safety for both the ambulance and conflicting traffic.

Pennsylvania law now requires you to move out of the way of emergency vehicles displaying emergency lights and sirens. While we do everything we can to keep everyone safe as we navigate through traffic during an emergency, you can also help by following a few guidelines when an ambulance is present:

- First, DON'T PANIC
- If you hear a siren but see nothing coming towards you, check your rearview mirror to see if the emergency vehicle is coming up behind you or if it is approaching from a side street.
- Either way, plot your course to pull over to your right quickly and carefully, and allow plenty of room for the emergency vehicle to pass.
- Always check your mirrors before pulling out again as there may be more emergency vehicles following.
- If you are sitting in a line of traffic with nowhere to pull over, it is best to stay put and let the emergency vehicle navigate around you.
- Do not make any sudden moves or turns as ambulances are very heavy vehicles and cannot stop on a dime.

Always remember that emergency vehicles have the right of way. Clearing the way for them is vital as seconds count when dealing with life and death.

**This is a public service message from your friends at Western Berks Ambulance**

From the  
**Police Commissioner...**  
**GET THE MSG:**  
**Don't text**  
**while driving!**  
**IT'S THE LAW**

Sadly, too many automobile accidents caused by distracted drivers continue to occur. Many involve teen drivers and are the result of text messaging while driving. The reasons this practice is dangerous are obvious. Despite frequent warnings to the contrary, it continues with alarming frequency by teens who are typically the least experienced drivers on the road. Parents: you must set and enforce the rules of safe driving for your family. Prohibit all text messaging while driving... Make sure your son or daughter knows the only way they may use their cell phone is to pull off the road to a safe location before reading or responding to any text messages regardless of who sent them. Parents—Don't be part of the problem by sending any texts to your teen at times when you know they are likely to be behind the wheel...

**For residents of the following sponsoring municipalities:**

**The Boroughs of:**

- Robesonia
- Sinking Spring
- Wernersville
- Womelsdorf

**The Townships of:**

- Heidelberg
- Jefferson
- Lower Heidelberg
- Marion
- North Heidelberg
- South Heidelberg

**Individuals only please; no businesses accepted**

10 boxes per vehicle (maximum)

**DATE:**  
**Saturday, September 28**

**TIME:**  
**12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**PLACE:**  
**National Penn Bank**  
**402 East Penn Ave., Robesonia**

**FREE  
 COMMUNITY  
 SHRED DAY**



**Protect yourself and your family against identity theft—the fastest growing crime in the United States according to the FBI.**

**Have your personal and confidential documents shredded onsite and properly recycled by United Document Destruction and Storage**

- Obsolete tax documents
- Bank statements/cancelled checks
- Credit card statements and receipts
- Credit card offers
- Financial account statements
- Legal documents
- Credit reports and histories
- Sensitive information such as birthdates, social security numbers, PIN numbers, signatures and passwords

This event is possible with a special contribution by National Penn Bank. National Penn is not affiliated with United Document Destruction and Storage or the individual boroughs or townships listed on this flyer.



**From the WBFD Fire Commissioner**  
**“Two Icons” of the Fire Service Retire**

Since the last newsletter, two long-time members of the Western Berks Fire Department and the legacy Liberty Fire Co. of Sinking Spring have retired after a combined 104 years of service to the community.

**Richard Good**, a resident of Sinking Spring, served in a number of capacities with the Liberty Fire Co. of Sinking Spring for over 50 years, including 10 years as Fire Chief. After serving as chief, he served as a fire police officer with the Western Berks Fire Department, and also as an original member of the steering committee who studied the consolidation process which led to the creation of the Western Berks Fire Department.

**Paul Roth**, a resident of Sinking Spring, also served in a number of capacities with the Liberty Fire Co. of Sinking Spring for over 50 years, including seven years as Fire Chief. Paul also served for a number of years as the fire marshal and emergency management coordinator for the Borough of Sinking Spring.

On behalf of the Western Berks Fire Department, we wish both of them the best of luck and thank them for their service to the community and everything they have done to support and build the fire department into what it is today!!!



## Berks County Solid Waste Authority Events

### Community Shredding Event

October 12<sup>th</sup> - 8AM to 2PM  
First Energy Stadium  
2100 N. Front Street, Reading

(10 boxes per vehicle maximum. No need to remove binder covers or staples. Individuals only please. No businesses will be accepted.)

### Pharmaceutical Collection

October 12<sup>th</sup> - 8AM to 2PM  
First Energy Stadium  
2100 N. Front Street, Reading

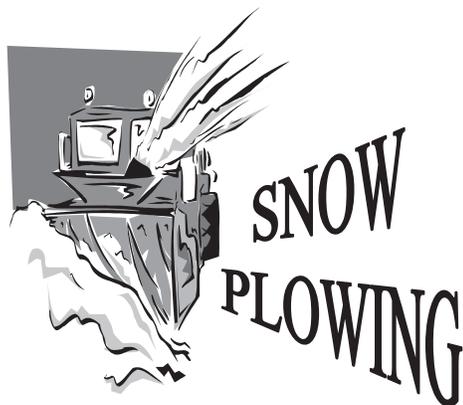
(Unwanted and expired prescription and over the counter medications in their original containers.)

For more information on  
Solid Waste Authority events,  
including applicable fees  
please call (610) 478-6362  
or see [www.co.berks.pa.us/swa](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa)

## 2013 Leaf Collection

Monday, October 21st through Wednesday,  
November 27th weather permitting.

- ◆ Leaves must be placed at curbside in the street right-of-way. Along areas where no curbing exists, leaves must be in the street right-of-way.
- ◆ Any leaves left on embankments or above curbing will not be collected.
- ◆ Do not deposit grass clippings, mulched yard waste or branches for collection with leaves. These materials clog the equipment and if commingled with leaves, will not be collected.
- ◆ Residents are requested to park off the street during this period to allow for ease of collection.
- ◆ As a reminder, leaves are designated as a recyclable material under Ordinance No. 186 and therefore it is illegal to dispose of them by burning. As an alternative to curbside collection, residents may take their leaves to the Organic Matter Drop-off Site along Point Road.

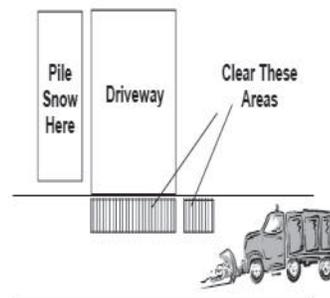


- ◆ Residents are advised to monitor local media for information concerning snow emergency declarations.
- ◆ Remember that driving in sometimes hazardous winter conditions requires a properly equipped vehicle as well as caution on the part of the operator.
- ◆ If you encounter a plow truck on the road, remember to maintain a safe following distance.
- ◆ Abusive or intimidating actions toward plow operators will result in prosecution.

Reminder—The **Snow Emergency Ordinance** declares all public streets to be snow emergency routes and requires all vehicles to be removed from them if an emergency is declared. For purposes of the ordinance, a Snow Emergency will automatically go into effect in the event there has been an accumulation of snow or ice of four inches (4") or more for one (1) or more hours between 6:00 AM and 11:00 PM of any day. This will allow Township trucks and equipment to take care of snow or ice more efficiently without dodging vehicles parked in the right-of-way. Information on the existence of a Snow Emergency will be given by the Township through radio, newspaper or other available media, and information on termination of the Snow Emergency will be given by like means.

Plowing routes are designed so that opening and maintaining major traffic arteries will receive first priority. As the storm continues or abates efforts will move on to other areas. Secondary and/or residential streets are attended afterward. As widening operations can only begin after the storm has ended; shoveling your sidewalk and driveway before widening takes place may result in the need to re-shovel these areas.

To aid you in preventing your driveway being plowed in, the following advice is provided from PennDOT: As you shovel or blow snow, you should also clear an area to the right of your driveway. This gives the plow a place to empty the snow from its blade before the plow arrives at your driveway. The graphic below illustrates what to do:





# Holiday Tree Lighting

**Sunday, December 1st**

7:00 PM

*Please note event's change of location*

**South Heidelberg Township  
Municipal Building**

555A Mountain Home Road

Come join us to view the beautiful Township tree light up, and share in holiday music & treats to start our holiday season off! Santa Claus will be joining our merriment, so make sure to you bring along your letter to share with him.



# Fall Festival

**Saturday, October 5th**

2:00 PM

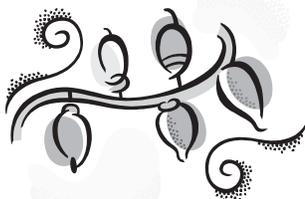
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**Heidelberg Run West  
Recreation Pavilion**

South Arthur &  
East Clearview Drives

Activities Include...Pony Rides, Pumpkin Decorating and Guess the Weight Game, Apple Bobbing, Hay Wagon, Fall Crafts, Candy Guess, Design a Scarecrow...we supply the hay—you supply your most creative outfit and remember pantyhose for stuffing!

Questions or more information can be directed to the Township Office at (610) 678-9652 or website [www.sheidtpw.org](http://www.sheidtpw.org).  
Volunteers are always needed! Teens can perform community service hours by helping with this and other recreational events.



## Holiday Light Tour

To help spread the holiday spirit, South Heidelberg Township would like to add a new event to our annual tradition. This year, we are asking residents who decorate the exterior of their homes for the holidays if they would like their address placed on our "Holiday Lights" tour map. The map will be published on the website so residents can drive around the Township and view all the spectacular lights and decorations.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Celebrate with us!

## 100 Years of South Heidelberg Township History

**2014 is rapidly approaching!** Your South Heidelberg Township 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is putting the finishing touches on celebration plans for THE BIG YEAR. Dates are being finalized, and we are collaborating with Wernersville Centennial Committee for many of the exciting events. Now, it's your turn... we invite all Township residents to participate in the events and festivities, so mark your calendars!

### SOUVENIRS

For starters, how about ordering one of the lawn flags with the anniversary logo? Pre-orders are now being accepted for the new hard bound history book, commemorative crocks, and cups. Other souvenirs are in stock at the Township building such as; woven baskets, tote bags, lawn flags and a full color afghan. For order forms log on to the Township website ([www.sheidtwp.org](http://www.sheidtwp.org)), or visit the Township building.



**History Book**  
Pre-orders available now!

### FIRE & ICE (South Heidelberg/Wernersville Event)

And.... now is the time to start thinking about showing off your mouth-watering chili recipe at the chili cook-off. Fire and Ice, a Wernersville/South Heidelberg event, is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup> (Snow date: January 18<sup>th</sup>). This event will be held at the South Heidelberg Township Building. Cash prizes will be awarded in two categories: chili prepared by professional chefs, and chili prepared by amateur chefs. Visitors paying a nominal fee will sample the chili and vote for "The People's Choice Award". For your entertainment, we will also have individuals creating ice sculptures. See the entry form in this newsletter and get cooking!

### BINGO (South Heidelberg/Wernersville Event)

Who can't stay away from Bingo? Bingo is our February Anniversary event so don't forget to bring your lucky charm! This event will be held at the Wernersville Fire Company.

### FARMING – ROUND TABLE TALK EVENT

In March we will be holding a Farmers Event, please join us at the South Heidelberg Township Building to meet our local farmers. Round table discussion will include stories about their farms, occupation, products and history. A slide show of local farms will be shown. There might even be some farm equipment on hand to examine!

Additional event information available at: [www.sheidtwp.org](http://www.sheidtwp.org)

### Schedule of Events (2014)



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| Jan. 11  | *Fire & Ice—Chili Cook off<br>(South Heidelberg Township Building)     |
| Feb. 8   | *Bingo!<br>(Wernersville Fire Hall)                                    |
| Mar. 2   | Farming—Round Table Talk<br>(South Heidelberg Township Building)       |
| Apr. 26  | South Mountain History w/Paul Miller<br>(Galen Hall Lounge)            |
| May 31   | S.H.T. Historical Landmark Tour  |
| June 29  | Family Golf Day<br>(Galen Hall Golf Course)                            |
| July 19  | *Car Show<br>(South Heidelberg Township Building)                      |
| Aug. 24  | Worship Service & Peach Festival<br>Hillside Church                    |
| Sept. 6  | Fireworks on the Mountain & Concert!<br>(South MountainYMCA)           |
| Sept. 13 | *Anniversary Parade (info. on website)                                 |
| Oct. 25  | Ghost Tour w/Charlie Adams<br>(South MountainYMCA)                     |
| Nov. 15  | S.H.T. Native American History<br>(South Heidelberg Township Building) |
| Dec. 7   | Tree Lighting<br>(T.B.A)   |

\*South Heidelberg Anniversary Committee  
and Wernersville Centennial Committee event



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**South Heidelberg Township**  
**100th Year Anniversary**



# South Heidelberg & Wernersville 100th Year Anniversary Event

Saturday, January 11, 2014 (Snow date: Jan. 18, 2014)

South Heidelberg Township Building  
555A Mountain Home Road, Sinking Spring PA 19608



## CHILI COOK-OFF!

*So You Think Your Chili is The Best!*

### Rules and Regulations:

**Sign-up and Payment:** Entry fee is \$20.00 for Professional chefs and \$5.00 for Amateur chefs (no refunds). Sign-up deadline November 1, 2013. Participation will be limited to the first 10 entrees in each category. Please pay by check to:  
*South Heidelberg Anniversary Committee Inc. Mail or drop-off, see address above.*

**Food Prep.:** Chili must be prepared the day before event (heated to at least 180 degrees for one hour), and served from chafing dishes or crock-pots on event day.  
*Electricity available.*

**Serving:** Participants are expected to make at least one/two gallons of chili and serve until 2pm, or until they are out of chili. We are hoping to serve 100 plus visitors.  
*Remember to reserve a bowl for judging!*

**Set-up/Clean-up:** Check in will start at 10am for participants to prepare for 11am visitor tasting. Participants bring their own utensils for serving. All chili must be kept warm in chafing dishes or crockpots. The Committee will remove all trash at event end.

**Judging:** Time 1pm. Participating will be Professional chef and Amateur chef judges.

**Awards:** 1st place: Professional chefs \$150.00, Amateur chefs \$100.00.

**Peoples Choice Ribbon:** Winner selected by Chili Cook Off attendees.

**Supplies/Decorations:** Tables/tables cloths, serving bowls, napkins and spoons will be provided.



*Let the cooking begin!*

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Ice Sculpture Demonstrations will begin at 9am. More info. to come.

**EVENT SPONSORS:** If you would like to be included as a Sponsor,  
please contact Marilyn 610 678-9948



## CHILI COOK-OFF! REGISTRATION



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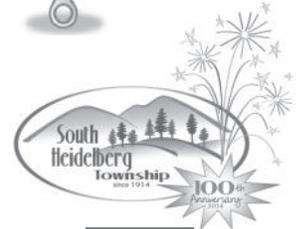
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ \$: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional information available:  
South Heidelberg Township website: sheidtwp.org  
Wernersville Borough Hall—100 North Reber Street

Questions about Chili Cook-Off call:  
Marilyn 610 678-9948 or Elaine 610 678-4839

All proceeds support the Anniversary Events and Promotions



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# WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Presents...

## Our Library is a source of community pride...

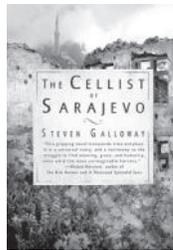
Thank you to all who contributed in the 2012 fundraising campaign. We are so grateful for your generous support. Hopefully, you will continue donating so we can keep the library open for this wonderful community. Any amount you give is appreciated; all donations add up. One hundred percent of your giving is used for our library funding..

### LIBRARY STAFF

Janet Moore, *Director*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Mary Young, *President*
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- Carole Schmehl, *Trustee*
- Roslynd Wenrich, *Trustee*



**Story Time...** songs, craft and fun for children 3-6 and their caregivers. Wednesdays at 10:00 AM beginning September 25th

**Storyriders...**stories, songs, giggles & games for preschoolers 0-5! Thursdays at 9:45 AM beginning September 12th

**Read to Reese...**Children may read to a Chocolate Lab Therapy Dog  
Second Tuesday of each month - 6:30-7:30 PM



**FALL BOOK SALE...**Used Books, DVD's & CD's  
Wednesday & Thursday October 2nd & 3rd 12 PM - 8 PM  
Saturday October 5th 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Book Plate...**We will put a book plate with a birthday wish or other text of your choice in a new children's book for your child's birthday for the cost of \$15.00



Do your part to insure another successful year.

# 2013 Reader-powered fund drive

As we approach the 100th Anniversaries at Wernersville and South Heidelberg, let's be sure we keep alive one of the treasures of these communities—YOUR LIBRARY. We provide free computer access, DVD's, books on CD's, Nooks, a Reading Museum Family pass, magazines, newspapers, children and adult programs, and of course, books,—all this plus friendly, knowledgeable staff to help with any concern. Donations may be made with cash, by check, or visit our web site [www.berks.lib.pa.us/wernersvillepl/](http://www.berks.lib.pa.us/wernersvillepl/) and use your credit card or pay pal account to donate.

Keep this portion for your records  
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Wernersville Public Library

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Date



## WERNERSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

100 North Reber Street  
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[www.berks.lib.pa.us/wernersvillepl](http://www.berks.lib.pa.us/wernersvillepl)

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

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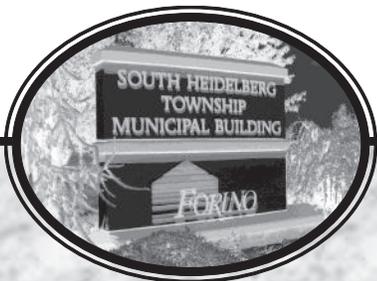
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City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach this portion and mail with your contribution to:

Wernersville Public Library  
100 North Reber Street  
Wernersville PA 19565

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Office Hours:  
Mon-Fri. 8 AM-5 PM**

**Board of Supervisors**

Richard E. Hummel, Chairman  
Dennis E. Mulally, Vice-Chairman  
David A. Schaeffer, 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 are held at the Municipal Building & begin at 7PM unless otherwise advertised.



**Organic Matter Drop Off Site**

**Organic Matter Drop Off Site – Point Road...**This site is provided for the private use of South Heidelberg Township residents along with Wernersville Borough and Lower Heidelberg Township residents to dispose of organic matter originating from properties located with these areas only and is monitored by surveillance equipment for security purposes. Use by non-residents or any commercial entity i.e. contractors, landscapers, lawn mowing operations or the like is strictly prohibited regardless of the business location or origin of the organic matter. The following materials may be deposited – grass clipping, leaves, small tree limbs, shrub clippings. No other types of recyclables or other materials are acceptable. The following hours will be in effect from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 9, 2014: 8:00AM to 5:00PM, Monday through Saturday and 1:00PM to 5:00PM on Sunday, closing on all legal holidays. Dropping off items outside of these hours or outside of the fenced in area constitutes illegal dumping and violators will be prosecuted.



**2013  
TRICK OR  
TREAT  
NIGHTS...**

**WEDNESDAY,  
OCTOBER 30TH  
&  
THURSDAY,  
OCTOBER 31ST**

**A REMINDER THAT THE  
TOWNSHIP'S 9:30PM  
CURFEW FOR ANYONE UNDER  
18 YEARS OF AGE WILL BE  
STRICTLY ENFORCED.**



*Welcome to beautiful*  
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