



# SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

September 2016

## NEW POLICE CHIEF — WELCOME!

The Board of Supervisors is pleased to announce the appointment of Barry L. Whitmoyer to the position of Chief of Police. Chief Whitmoyer has deep roots in the community as well as a broad base of supervisory experience in law enforcement having retired from the Pennsylvania State Police in July 2016 after 25 years of service to the Commonwealth.



Born and raised in South Heidelberg Township, Chief Whitmoyer graduated from Conrad Weiser High School in 1983 and from West Chester University in 1987. He currently resides in Lower Heidelberg Township with his wife Fina, his children Timothy and Erika as well as his two dogs and one cat.

Chief Whitmoyer began his career with the State Police on patrol in Troop K, Philadelphia, later transferring to the Limerick/Skipack station where he was a Criminal Investigator for 7 years. In 1998, he transferred to the Reading Station and served as a Criminal Investigator for the next 6 years. After being promoted to the rank of Corporal, he worked in Harrisburg and Fogelsville for the Bureau of Integrity and Professional Standards for several years. A promotion to Sergeant and an assignment as Station Commander of the Frackville Station in Schuylkill County came next. After serving there for 4 years, Chief Whitmoyer transferred back to the Reading Station where he became the Troop Criminal Investigation Commander. He served in this capacity for several years achieving the rank of Lieutenant and receiving an assignment to the Department Discipline Office in Harrisburg. He retired from this position to accept the new position as Chief of the South Heidelberg Police Department.

Please join us in welcoming Chief Whitmoyer to our staff!



## South Heidelberg Township is now on Facebook!

As a means of expanding South Heidelberg Township's communications to its residents, the Supervisors are pleased to announce the kickoff of the township's official Facebook page!

Please Like us! [South Heidelberg Township 1914](#)

## HAPPY RETIREMENT TERRY!

We are so happy for Terry Lutz, Foreman of our Buildings and Grounds crew, who retired this September after working almost 23 years for South Heidelberg Township.

Terry's dedication and meticulous work ethic mirrored his genuine personality. Not only did he devote years of loyal service but he formed lasting friendships with our residents and township co-workers.

Good luck, enjoy and know that you are truly missed!



Terry L. Lutz

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# SNOW PLOWING

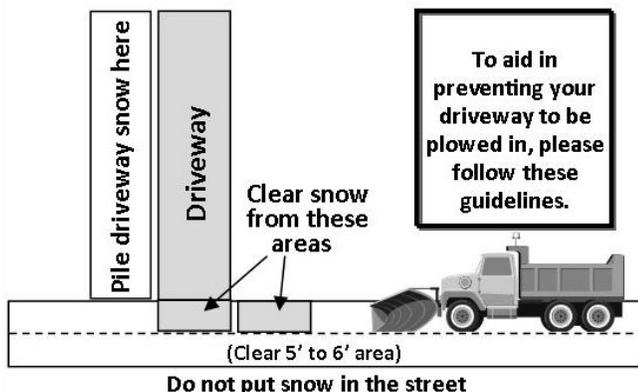


- ❄ Residents are advised to monitor local media for information concerning snow emergency declarations.
- ❄ Remember that driving in sometimes hazardous winter conditions requires a properly equipped vehicle as well as caution on the part of the operator.
- ❄ If you encounter a plow truck on the road,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

**Ord. 277** Reminder the Snow Emergency Ordinance 277 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 6am and 11pm on any day. The Board of Supervisors may declare Snow Emergencies at other times if necessary. 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.



# SNOW & ICE REMOVAL **Ord. 249**

Residents are reminded of their responsibility under Ordinance No. 249 to clear snow and ice from sidewalks and roofs within

**48 hours**

of the cessation of a precipitation event.

For further information, please review the full text of the Ordinance, available in our website.

**sheidtp.org**



# LEAF COLLECTION

**Ord. 186** Third Monday in October through Wednesday before Thanksgiving.  
*(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. If these materials are commingled with leaves, they 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.



## PARK ADDITIONS

New flag poles have been installed at South Mountain Park and Heidelberg Run West Playground. Special thanks to the 100th Year Anniversary Committee for donating funds toward this project!

These beautiful new additions were installed by our Buildings and Grounds Crew. Thank you Terry, Jeff, Gerald, Art and John for a job well done!



## ORGANIC MATTER DROP OFF SITE

This site is provided for the private use of South Heidelberg Township residents along with Wernersville Borough and Lower Heidelberg Township residents. The site is available for depositing yard residuals 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.***

***Hired workers may not use this site for disposal.***

The following materials may be deposited—grass clippings, 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 6 through March 12: 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.

Site is located on Point Road in Wernersville.



## WESTERN BERKS FIRE DEPARTMENT

These past couple of months have kept us very busy with fire prevention and public education events.

On September 17, the department and the American Red Cross brought the "Home Fire Preparedness Campaign" to South Heidelberg Township. Red Cross Volunteers and Department Personnel went door to door on parts of North Galen Hall Rd. and the immediate area installing smoke detectors and delivering fire safety information.



## OPEN HOUSE

**OCTOBER 10 | 6PM**

**The Department will be hosting its yearly Open House. Please stop by and meet members of the department and get a first hand look at our operations.**

**Wernersville Station  
111 Stitzer Ave, Wernersville PA 19565**

# MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS

The Municipal Authority of the Township of South Heidelberg ("Authority") provides public sewer service to properties throughout our township. The Authority has recently made a decision to address delinquent accounts.

## WATER SHUT OFF NOTICES

If a resident's sewer bill has not been paid in full by the due date a 10% penalty will be assessed and Final Notification letters will be generated. If the delinquency is not paid within 30 days the Authority may, in addition to all remedies provided by Pennsylvania law and Authority regulations, take the following actions:

- (i) request that your public water system provider (Wernersville Municipal Authority or Pennsylvania American Water) disconnect your water service,
- (ii) file a municipal claim against your property,
- (iii) refer your Delinquency to a third party collection agency that will impose an additional collection fee to your Account.

## BILLING CYCLE

Bills are mailed to sewer customers on the 20th day of the following months:  
**January - April - July - October.**

*If the resident does not receive their bill soon after these dates, please contact the Township office.*

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

**Make sewer checks payable to:**  
S.H.T.M.A.

**Send payments to:**

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF SOUTH HEIDELBERG  
PO BOX 37855 BALTIMORE, MD 21297-7855

**Make payment by mail or by  
visiting office:**

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF SOUTH HEIDELBERG  
555A MOUNTAIN HOME ROAD  
SINKING SPRING, PA 19608

**Payment Method Accepted:**

CASH, CHECK, OR  
MONEY ORDER



# SCAMS Guard Your Information

Many people have fallen victim to a variety of scams perpetrated by those looking to capitalize on your information and good nature. Some people don't realize that young people (millennials) are often the victim of scams originating on the computer. This occurs mainly because millennials are more vulnerable to scams since they use the internet more than senior citizens. When you put your personal information out on social media you are not only inviting a scam artist to contact you, but you are arming them with information they use to get more personal and important information from you. We all tend to give more information to people who call or contact us who already have some background information on us rather than someone calling us simply asking for all of our information.

Government agencies such as the IRS or government grant agencies will not call you on the telephone and won't email you as a means of getting information from you for a government program or penalty. Simply hang up the phone or delete the email if you are the least bit suspicious. Be on alert for scams and protect your personal information.

**According to the Better Business Bureau, several of the most utilized scams are as follows:**

**Tax Scam** (caller from the IRS threatening you with arrest if you don't pay an amount of owed taxes).

**Tech. Support Scam** (a fraudulent technician claims they can remove a virus from your computer for a monetary amount).

**Lottery Scam** (you're contacted by a person who informs you that you need to send money to secure your prize).



# Holiday Tree Lighting

**C**ome join us for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting event. Enjoy the fun as we light the beautiful Township tree, enjoy holiday treats, and listen to festive music.

Don't miss Santa who will arrive on a fire truck. He will be joining our merriment, so make sure to bring along your letter!

**Sunday, December 4  
7:00pm**

S.H.T. Municipal Building  
555A Mountain Home Road

Sponsored by: South Heidelberg Township  
Recreation Board



# Fall Festival

**Sunday, October 30**

*(Check website [www.sheidtwp.org](http://www.sheidtwp.org)  
if rescheduling is needed due to rain)*

**2:00pm to 4:00pm**

South Mountain YMCA  
201 Cushion Peak Road

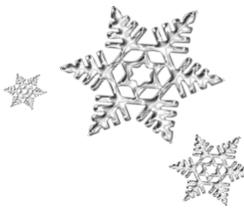
Activities include...

- Hay Rides
- Fall Crafts
- Music
- Games



**NEW DATE  
&  
LOCATION!**

*Thanks to our sponsors! South Heidelberg Township  
Recreation Board and co-sponsored by the  
South Mountain YMCA.*



## Recreation Board Winter Activities

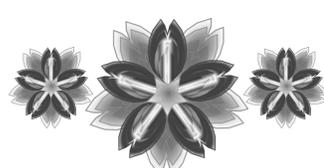
Check the township website regularly for information: [www.sheidtwp.org](http://www.sheidtwp.org)

### Winter Indoor play and crafts:

Tentatively planned for February 25th from 12pm to 2pm.

Registration links will be added to the website, and location will be announced upon finalized registrations.

**Other winter activities** and venues being finalized will be announced.



## WERNERSVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB

*Visitors are welcome and new memberships are available!  
Call Helen with any questions. Phone: 610 678-1377*

### MEETINGS

South Heidelberg Township Building  
Community Room.  
2nd Wednesday of the month.

### PROGRAMS

September 14, 2016 - 6:30PM

Guest: Ontelaunee Orchards,

"Appreciating Apples" Covered dish supper.

October 12, 2016 - 7:30PM

Guest: Vali Hiest — "Professional Organizer"

November 9, 2016 - 7:30PM

Guest: Kim Constable "Old World Christmas Ornaments"



## COMMUNITY ROOM RENTALS

Rentals are available for the Community Room located in our Township Building, 555A Mountain Home Road. The space holds a capacity of up to 75 people and is equipped with a small kitchen which can be used for warming food for an event. Other features include a dedicated bathroom, handicap compliant entrance, and multiple tables and chairs.

Copies of the Rental Policy, Application Form, Fee Schedule (residents & non-residents) and insurance requirements are available online at [www.sheidtwp.org](http://www.sheidtwp.org). At this time, applications are being accepted for single use events.

If you are interested in a possible rental, please feel free to visit the office during business hours and a member of the staff will be happy to show you the rental space.



*Small kitchen for limited food service.*



## COMMUNITY SHRED EVENT

**Saturday  
Oct. 29**

**BB&T BANK**  
402 East Penn Ave. Robesonia

**10:00am until 2:00pm**

We ask that you limit your amount to a maximum of ten (10) boxes per vehicle.

United Document Destruction and Storage will again be the vendor.

## KAUFFMANS CHICKEN

**Wernersville  
Boy Scout Troop 459**



**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 22nd  
10:00am — 2:00pm  
C.W. Middle School**

**\$8**

**1/2 Chicken,  
baked potato & roll.**

**For tickets call: 610 670-6892**

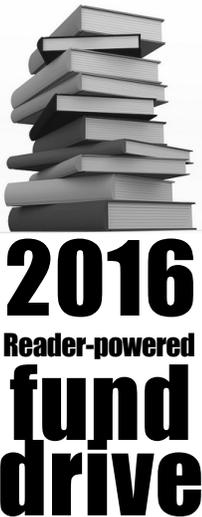
**Thank you for your support!**



100 North Reber Street,  
Wernersville PA 19565  
Phone: 610-678-8771  
wernersvillepl@berks.lib.pa.us

## Autumn 2016 @ Wernersville Public Library

- **“FRIENDLY’S NIGHT” in West Lawn** - Support the Library with the Friends of the Wernersville Public Library – Thurs., September 15, 5-8pm, - 10% of all meals/desserts sold benefit the Wernersville Public Library
- **POLLYWOG Returns**, Tuesdays at 10:15am! Autumn classes of art and stories for children ages 0-6 and their caregivers with South Heidelberg Township artist, Ron Schiding, begin September 6
- **FREE “Kids’ Yoga”**, by Kelly Arnold from Back-to-Belly Yoga, ages 5-12, Mondays, 4:30pm, beginning September 12
- **AUTUMN @ WPL 2016 Brochure** - Remember to stop by the Library to pick up your brochure which lists all events for September-November
- **Bosco’s “Friends Helping Friends”** - \$5 passes are on sale at the Library. All proceeds on ticket sales directly benefit the Library. Passes are good for 25% off merchandise – Tuesday, October 18, 9am-11pm.
- **BOOK SALE - Friends of the Wernersville Public Library** - Tuesday, October 18 – Saturday, October 22, at the Library. \*Check the Library for details on time.
- **3D Printing/Training** is FREE for all library card holders in South Heidelberg Township! Please sign up for your session – we only need 24 hours notice!
- **UNIVERSAL CLASS** is offered by the Library to all library patrons in South Heidelberg Township. 500 FREE Online Courses are available to you via our website, <http://wernersvillepa.universalclass.com/>, all you need is a library card and an email address!



### Library at a Crossroads

Have you stopped in to see your library lately? It’s a tremendous resource for the entire community. In the last year, we’ve added additional 260 operating hours to better serve your needs. We are fortunate to continue to receive generous increases in municipal contributions from all three municipalities the library serves. Despite this, with stagnation in state and county funding, these contributions do not meet the continually rising expenses the library bears in order to continue to serve the community. Without your monetary donation, the following services could be dramatically reduced and/or eliminated:

- Baby, Pre-School, and Toddler Early Literacy Programs
- Programs which serve the underserved in our community—Teen Programs, Young Adult Programs, and Senior Programs
- After-School programs which enrich School-Aged Children
- Computer access and staff assistance with technology needs
- Hours of Operation
- Availability of New Print and Audio-Video Titles

Your annual gift of \$50 (less than \$1 per week) will allow the library to continually update our books, magazines, newspapers, videos, programs, computers, and other services which you have grown accustomed to receive in service from the library.

**Wernersville Public Library is 110 years young!** With your valued financial support, we can all help sustain this community treasure!

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Please detach this portion and mail with your contribution to:

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100 North Reber Street  
Wernersville PA 19565



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#### Board of Supervisors

Thomas R. Byrne, Chairman

David A. Schaeffer, Vice-Chairman

Richard E. Hummel, Secretary —Treasurer

#### Interim Township Manager

Shelly B. Keehn

#### 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.



**GENERAL ELECTION  
TUESDAY  
NOVEMBER  
8**

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER  
31ST**

**2016  
TRICK OR TREAT  
NIGHT**

A reminder that the Township's 9:30pm curfew for anyone under 18 years of age will be strictly enforced.



- ALWAYS STAY TOGETHER IN A GROUP
- TAKE A FLASHLIGHT WITH YOU
- LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE CROSSING STREETS
- VISIT HOMES THAT ARE WELL LIT
- OBSERVE CURFEW HOURS
- ADULTS PLEASE INSPECT TREATS
- HAVE A HAUNTINGLY GOOD TIME!

