



SOUTH HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

September 2014

- Marching Bands**
- String Bands**
- Orchestras**
- Floats**
- Horses & Wagons**
- Military Vehicles**
- Antique Cars**
- Classic Cars**
- Brownie & Girl Scouts**
- Cubs & Boy Scouts**
- Historic Groups**
- Civic Groups**
- Government & Twps.**
- Church Groups**
- Libraries**
- Media Groups**
- Fire Departments**
- Sports Mascots**



100th YEAR Anniversary PARADE

South Heidelberg Township and Wernersville Borough proudly present the 100th Year Anniversary Parade!

Saturday

Sept. 13th

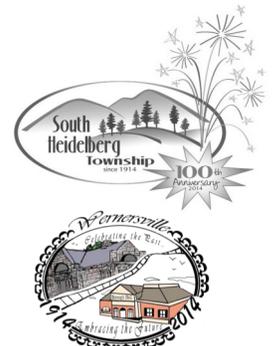
Rain date 9/20

10AM



Parking Information:

Wernersville Fire Company Grounds
Stitzer Avenue and Washington Street.
Hoover Motor Parking Lot.
Herb Motor (Handicap parking only).
Other—public side streets.

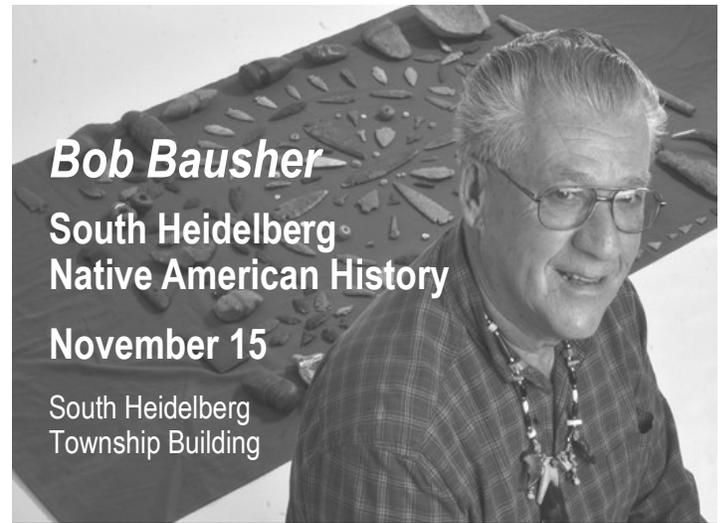


We would like to thank everyone who has attended and volunteered at our 100th Year Anniversary Events!

More Info: sheidtpw.org



**Charlie Adams
Ghost Talk
October 25
South Mountain
YMCA
Bynden Wood
Lodge**



**Bob Bausher
South Heidelberg
Native American History
November 15
South Heidelberg
Township Building**

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
- Tulpehocken

**Individuals only please;
no businesses accepted**

10 boxes per vehicle (maximum)

**DATE:
Saturday, October 18**

**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

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The Anniversary Committee would like to thank the Pastors and congregations from the Hillside Church and Green Terrace Mennonite Church for making the Peach Fest a great success! Thank you to the event sponsors and participants.

Congratulations peach pie bake-off winners!

Western Berks Fire Department

WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

When was the last time you tested the smoke alarms in your home? Was it last week? Last month? A year ago?

If you're like many people, you may not even remember. Smoke alarms have become such a common feature of U.S. households that they're often taken for granted, and aren't tested and maintained as they should be.

Working smoke alarms are a critical fire safety tool that can mean the difference between life and death in a home fire. According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), smoke alarms can cut the chance of dying in a home fire in half. Meanwhile, NFPA data shows that home fires killed more than 2,300 people in 2012; many of these deaths could have been prevented with the proper smoke alarm protection.

Here are some additional smoke alarm tips to follow:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test alarms each month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear the smoke alarm.



As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, 2014, NFPA is promoting "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" to better educate the public about the true value of working smoke alarms. In support of these efforts, the **Western Berks Fire Department will be hosting an open house on Monday October 6, 2014 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm** at our fire station located at 111 Stitzer Ave. in Wernersville. Everyone is welcome to attend to meet the personnel, view equipment, and have the opportunity to see demonstrations and more.

To learn more, visit the Western Berks Fire Department website at <http://www.westernberksfire.org>

Western Berks Ambulance Association

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS OF A HEART ATTACK!!

You're attending a summer picnic with your family and friends, enjoying your favorite summertime foods, when you begin to notice an odd sensation in your arm that seems to travel up to your neck and into your chest. You dismiss the sensation as a muscle strain after having played volleyball. On your walk to the car, you notice that you are having trouble catching your breath. You wait a few hours and decide that you should get checked by a doctor. You ask your friend or family member to drive you to the hospital and arrive at the emergency room in extreme pain and having a very hard time breathing. You are taken into the emergency room and have an echocardiogram (EKG) performed. You then hear the words, "you are having a heart attack".



This above scenario is one that occurs all too often, and in many cases does not end very well because of the delay of treatment. Heart disease is responsible for approximately 25% of all deaths in the United States with many of the symptoms going unrecognized or ignored. If you ignore the symptoms, you run the risk of suffering sudden cardiac death. About 50% of sudden cardiac deaths occur outside of the hospital, leading us to believe that many people do not act on early warning signs.

Western Berks Ambulance, as well as other local ambulance services, in collaboration with Reading Hospital and St. Joseph's Medical Center, have developed a comprehensive process for identifying and caring for heart attack patients. We will perform an EKG in your home or in the ambulance and immediately transmit it to the hospital. This allows the hospital to activate a team of physicians and nurses long before the patient arrives at the hospital and shortens the amount of time to stop the heart attack.

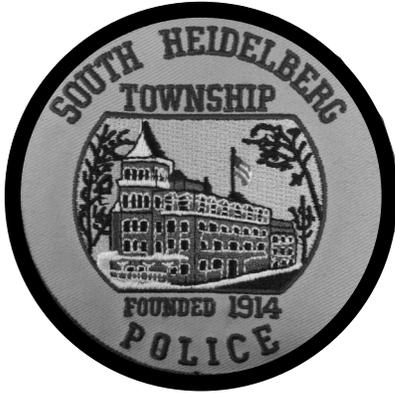
We encourage everyone to follow the directions below when experiencing chest pain.

WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL 911

It is much easier to have an ambulance come out and examine you than it is to suffer life-altering damage to your heart. If you are not sure that you are having a heart attack, try answering these questions:

1. Are you having discomfort in the middle of your chest?
2. Are you having any of the following chest discomfort symptoms: Within the chest are you feeling fullness, burning, aching, tightness or similar type symptom?
3. Do these chest discomfort symptoms come and go?
4. Are these chest discomfort symptoms worse with activity and disappear when you rest?
5. Are you reluctant to tell someone of these symptoms?
6. Are you reluctant to call 911 because you think your symptoms do not warrant doing so?
7. Do you have any of these other associated symptoms: Discomfort that goes from the chest to your left arm or to your jaw, clammy perspiration, and shortness of breath, nausea or dizziness?
8. If you carry nitroglycerin, does using it seem to take away the discomfort within 5 minutes?

If you answered yes to most of these questions, you owe it to yourself to get these symptoms checked out **immediately** by calling 911 so your local ambulance can begin the assessment. Every second counts!



For your protection, our Police Department wishes to pass along the following information which may help you to safeguard your property. Consider the following scenarios and how they might affect you if employed by would-be thieves:

An individual's own GPS and garage door opener is used to burglarize them . . . A car is broken into while parked at a football game in an area designated for fan parking. Stolen from the vehicle was some money, a garage door remote control and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dash. Upon returning home, the family found their house ransacked and many valuables stolen. The thieves had used the GPS' programmed "Home" location to find their way to the house and used the garage door opener to gain easy entry. Since the thieves knew the family's whereabouts and when the game was scheduled to finish, they knew how long they had to complete the act before the family would return. Consider programming your GPS with the location of a landmark (store, gas station, etc.) nearby your home instead of your home address in the event it is ever stolen.

Wallet stolen from a purse placed in a grocery cart scam . . . A woman who was shopping placed her purse in the child seat of a grocery cart. As she reached for something on a shelf, her wallet was stolen. She reported the theft to store security. After returning home, she received a call from someone identifying themselves as Store Security who stated that they had her wallet and although there was no cash in it, it did still contain her personal papers. She immediately returned to the store to pick up her wallet only to be told by Security that they had no wallet and did not call her. By the time she returned home, her house had been broken into and burglarized. The thieves had gleaned her address and phone number from items in the wallet and placed the call to lure her from the house and provide an opportunity to burglarize it. Don't make it easy for thieves to victimize you this way – either place your purse in the bottom of the cart or carry it securely under your arm.

RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

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 meeting, 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.

THANK YOU!

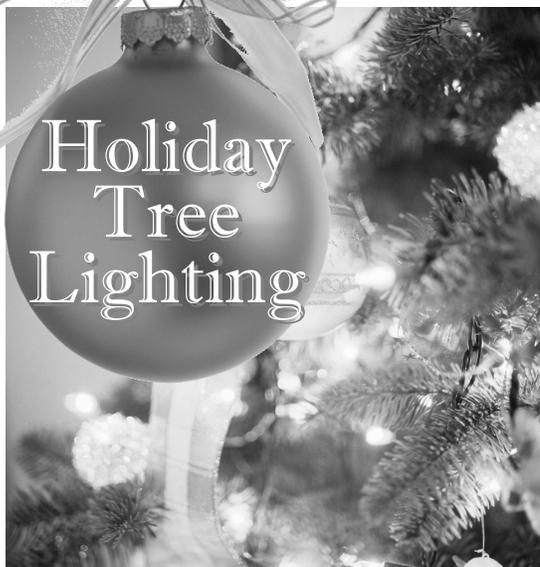
The South Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors wishes to extend their sincerest, "Thank You," to the Officers and Members of the Community Fire Company of Fritztown Social Quarters, for their generous contributions from the proceeds of their Small Games of Chance sales. These donations have provided the means to secure new police equipment, new playground equipment and new equipment for our parks maintenance. The officers are to be commended for their willingness to invest in their community. We will pledge that their contributions will be used wisely.

Thank You again for your generosity!



**Saturday
October 4th
2 to 4pm
Heidelberg Run West
Recreation Pavilion
South Arthur &
East Clearview Drives**

Activities include...
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!



**Sunday
December 7th
7pm
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 your holiday season off! Santa Claus will be joining our merriment, so make sure to bring along your letter to share with him.



The 100th Year Anniversary Committee is co-sponsoring this event with the Recreation Board.

These events graciously provided by the South Heidelberg Township Recreation Board.

Berks County Solid Waste Authority Events



Pharmaceutical Collection

OCTOBER 11, 2014
FirstEnergy Stadium (Rt. 61, Reading)
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Bring your unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications, in their original containers, to FirstEnergy Stadium to have your unwanted medications disposed of in an environmentally-friendly manner.



Household Hazardous Waste

OCTOBER 18, 2014
FirstEnergy Stadium (Rt. 61, Reading)
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

For more information: www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

2014 Leaf Collection

Monday, October 20th through Wednesday, November 26th 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.

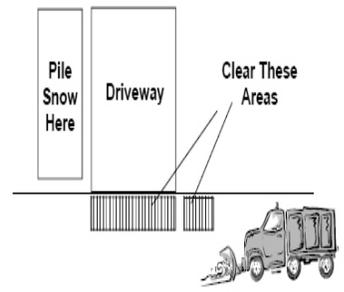
SNOW PLOWING

- ◆ 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.

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 6:00AM 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 use of the same media.

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:



Wernersville Public Library



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

CHANGING HOURS AND NEW FACES

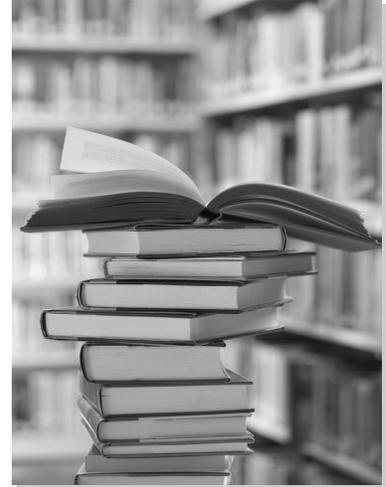
Stop by the library to welcome new Library Director, Tina Santoro.
HOURS: for Saturdays change back to 9:00am—4:00pm on Sept. 13, 2014

Available at the Library:

- All new patron computers funded in part by Eisenhauer Nissan:
- Faster internet.
- A separate Teen Computer with sturdy carrel. Stay turned for upcoming Teen Events.



Support Friends of WPL
"Costumes of Downton Abbey"
Bus Trip to Winterthur
Wednesday, September 24, 2014
\$60/person
Call the library for details!



STORY TIME!
Wednesdays at 10:30am
Join us for songs, stories,
& crafts!

2014 Reader-powered fund drive

Keep this portion for your records
Tax deductible contribution to the
Wernersville Public Library

\$ _____
_____/_____/_____

Celebrate your Library

In 2014 two municipalities in our service area, South Heidelberg and Wernersville, have celebrated 100th Anniversaries. It's amazing that the Wernersville Library, established 108 years ago, has been a constant presence in these communities. Through changes and challenges, your library has always been here. We hope to be here for the next 100 years. To ensure our future, we need your financial support.

Currently, the library provides the public with many services and programs:

- Preschool and toddler story times
- Summer reading programs for all ages
- Free computer and WiFi access
- Reading Public Museum Pass—free
- Nook E- readers
- Fax service
- Income tax forms

And, of course, the newest books, audio-video materials, and periodicals.

Your donations are critical to maintain a high level of service and, hopefully, expand our programming in the future. Please help with your donation.



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

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Please help with your donation. ___ \$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ Other

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. 8am—5pm

Visit our website: sheidtwp.org

Board of Supervisors

David A. Schaeffer, Chairman

Richard E. Hummel, Vice-Chairman

Dennis E. Mulally, Secretary—Treasurer

Township Manager

Ronald R. Seaman

Monthly Meeting Schedule

Board of Supervisors

General Business 2nd Thursday

Subdivision Business 4th Thursday
(as needed)

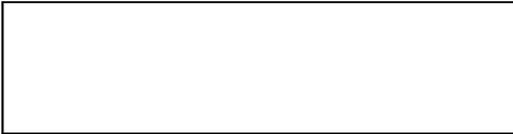
Planning Commission 1st Tuesday

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.



**2014
Trick or
Treat
Night**

**Friday,
October
31st**

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



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 the 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 clippings, leaves, small tree limbs, shrub clippings. No other types of recyclables or other material are acceptable. The following hours will be in effect from November 2 through March 8: 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.

