

Douglass Township Newsletter

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Township Office 610-367-8500 Fax 610-367-0360 Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
www.co.berks.pa.us/muni/douglass email: dougberks@comcast.net



3rd Annual Community Day

Saturday October 6, 2012

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Mark your calendar to join in on the fun

9:00 AM - the first event of the day is the 5K Trestle Run / 2 mile walk starting and ending at the Township building. The 5K loops through Ironstone Park, the walk loops through the Glendale Pool. Registration forms for the race/walk can be found on the Township website, or at the office.

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Activities begin at 10am

Community Yard Sale / Crafts

Games and Prizes

Hayrides

Moon Bounce

Local Food Vendors

Face Painting

Pumpkin Decorating

Pony Rides (10-noon)

Music

Local Fire and Ambulance Companies

Multi Service Food Drive

Local Businesses and Churches

Pumpkin Patch (bring your camera)

To sign up for the yard sale / crafts : contact the Township Office at 610-367-8500, or dougberks@comcast.net to reserve a table - there is no fee

Volunteers Needed - please contact the Township office

Food Drive for the Boyertown Area Multi Service
(see page 3 for more details)



NEWS BITS



Berks County Recycling Collection Free to Berks County Residents

Household Hazardous Waste

October 20, 2012 at the First Energy Stadium Route 61 Reading, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM rain or shine.

Pharmaceutical Collection

October 13, 2012 at the First Energy Stadium Route 61 Reading, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM rain or shine.

Electronic Recycling Center

Open every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8:00 AM - Noon, 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport (near the Reading Fairgrounds). All electronics are accepted. Anything that plugs in or runs on batteries.

Berks County Recycling

Recycling containers are placed monthly at the Boyertown Borough garage. The garage is located off South Reading Avenue, across from the Salvation Army. Drop off days are Wednesday through Sunday. Remaining 2012 dates are : Oct. 3, Nov. 28 and Dec. 26.

Items Accepted: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Tin Cans, Plastics #1 to #7. Food containers only.

For more information on Berks County recycling go to www.co.berks.pa.us/swa

**MaPaw Siberian Husky Rescue
899 Douglass Drive
"Road Rally 2012"
Sunday September 23**



Take a 60 mile, mapped ride
(car or motorcycle)

Hosted at the Gilbertsville Fire Co.

1456 E. Philadelphia Avenue, Gilbertsville PA.

Sign in Registration 9 - 10 am at the Firehouse

\$18 per person includes a Buffet from 1 - 3 pm

Proceeds benefit the dogs of MaPaw

Hunting on Township Properties

Douglass Township once again is issuing hunting permits for Township residents who have hunting licenses from the State. The season for hunting on Township property is September 15 through January 26th. Permits are issued at the Township office during regular business hours. Hunting areas are the 85 acres known as Goose Run Park as well as the approximately 75 acres the Township owns in the area of 900 Douglass Drive.

COMMUNITY

Thank You to the residents of Douglass Village who fold, seal and sort 1500 newsletters each quarter for the Township.

Food Drive The Township will be hosting a food drive for the Boyertown Area Multi Service food pantry for the month of September, ending on Community Day on October 6th.

TOP TEN PRIORITY NEEDS:

1. Instant Potatoes
2. Condiments: ketchup, mayo, mustard
3. Juice
4. Pasta
5. Personal Care Products; shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.
6. Hamburger Helper
7. Jelly
8. Brownies / Cake Mixes
9. Canned Vegetables
10. Pancake Mix and Syrup

Items can be dropped off at the Township Building during business hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM until October 9th.

You can also visit us on Community Day and drop off your items



Keep an eye on the Township website for more information as we get closer to the Christmas Holidays. The Township will be a drop off point for this worthy cause.

H I S T O R Y C O R N E R

The Reverend Richard Harrill 1846-1922

By Betty J. Burdan

A revered member of the Pine Forge Community died on June 13, 1922. He had not lived in Pine Forge long, but he visited from time to time, most likely preaching at the non-denominational Pine Forge Chapel. He was the Rev. Richard Harrill, a preacher of the Southern Baptist faith. He wasn't quite certain of his age, it was estimated at 75 to 80 years at the time of his death. Rev. Harrill, was born in Denton, Georgia, and at a very young age sold as a slave. He guessed he may have been about 15 when the war broke out, the Civil War that is. He had children living in North and South Carolina and a daughter, Mrs. Mary Butler, in Burlington, NJ. Rev. Harrill and his wife Rila, also lived in Burlington, NJ, for some years before moving to Creek Road in Pine Forge. On May 12, 1920, the Harrills purchased a small home, that for many years belonged to Frank Swavely, but recently belonged to Lewis I. and Jennie Loveland. The cost was \$1,500 including a mortgage of \$750. Sadly, his death coming a little over two years later, left his wife Rila unable to meet the mortgage. Rila was forced to sell their little home, within 6 months of the reverend's death.



So respected was the Rev. Harrill that the Pine Forge Iron Works mill shut down as a sign of respect, so those who wished to could attend his funeral. He rests in the Edgewood Cemetery in Pottstown. Whether Rila is by his side is lost to the missing records of Edgewood. There is no headstone there for Rila. Rev. Harrill's headstone has a military look to it, although no record was found indicating if he had served in the Civil War. He was only in Douglass for a heartbeat, but he obviously touched many hearts during his visits and his short stay.

Voter Photo ID



Pennsylvania Law now requires all voters show photo identification at the polls. For those without a PA Drivers License, a photo ID can be obtained by visiting a PA. Department of Transportation Driver License Center with a completed application for an Initial Photo ID Card. This form can be found online or at the Township office. You will also need a Social Security Card and one of the following: Birth Certificate with a raised seal, U.S. Passport, Certificate of Citizenship or Naturalization.

For more information go to the Department of transportation website: www.dmv.state.pa.us/voter

The General Election will be held on November 6, 2012.



Eagle Scout

Township resident Austin Robinson has completed a refurbishing project at Fritz Cemetery. With the guidance of several historians, Austin straightened the crooked headstones, restored an area which was damaged by groundhogs, painted wrought iron fencing, and installed a sign identifying all the burials and their locations.

Congratulations and Thank You Austin on a job well done!

Thank You - to Michael Heffner who earned his Eagle Scout through a fence rehabilitation project at the Township ballfields the summer of 2012.

Thank You - to Mike Kelly who earned his Eagle Scout through a landscaping project at the Township building in 2008. Mike still keeps an eye on his project when he has a college break. His Mom still comes each spring and plants the colorful petunias you see out front.

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Elected and Appointed Officials

Township Supervisors

Chairman Douglass Rhoads
Vice Chairman Grant Yergey
Supervisor Rosemarie Bauman

Township Solicitor The Law Firm of Hamburg, Rubin,
Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin - Joseph McGrory, Esq.

Township Engineer/Zoning Officer/Sewage Enforcement

Systems Design Engineering, Inc. - Thomas Unger, P.E.

Tax Collector Mary K. Heimbach

Township Manager Toni L. Hemerka

Treasurer / Clerk Roseann Garman

Public Works Department John J. Groff, Roadmaster;
Charles Miller; Terry Seyler

Police Department: Chief David K. Franke, Sergeant
John W. Dzurek, Patrolman Nicole L. Marth

Elected Auditors: Cheryl Baro; Shirley Birmingham;
Linwood Dunning

Planning Commission

Gary Twardowski, Chairman, Kenneth Kirch, Vice
Chairman, Richard Stoudt; Grant Yergey and Patricia
Follweiler

Zoning Hearing Board

Joseph Cioa, Chairman
Eugene Rinehimer, Vice Chairman
Dr. David Szymanski; Alan Golden; David Babb;
Solicitor Eugene Orlando Esq.

Park & Recreation Board

Richard Zuber, Chairman
Pete Dannecker, Vice Chairman
Lawrence Martin; Michael Yarnall; Eileen Gilbert; Sally
Stetler

Agricultural Security Committee

Robert Shaner; Donald Grim; David Howerter; Warren
Lloyd; Douglass Rhoads

2012 Township Meetings:

Board of Supervisors - 7 PM - Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12
and Dec. 10