

# 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  
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## Douglass Township

### Public Shredding Event

Saturday June 30, 2012

10:00 AM - Noon

There will be a mobile shredding company at the Township Building available at no charge to all Douglass Township residents and businesses. ID will be required for proof of residency. Assistance will be provided for unloading your car.

“ProShred” is a secure option for the destruction of your confidential documents. They use a high speed industrial shredder housed in their mobile shredding truck. The technician mechanically lifts your papers in the truck and your confidential materials are securely destroyed while you watch it happen on the closed circuit TV screen. They then transport all the shredded paper to a recycling facility.

Especially today, we all have to be extremely guarded of our personal information to protect us from identity theft.

Mark your calendar!

**Schools Out** - please be cautious of children walking or biking in the Township.

## Community Day

Saturday October 6, 2012

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Join your neighbors for a day of community fellowship Saturday October 6, 2012 at the Township building for the 3rd Annual Community Day. Activities include: pony rides, moon bounce, community yard sale, food vendors, local fire companies, games, music, hayrides, local businesses and churches.

If you would like to sign up for the yard sale, as a vendor, or as a volunteer for the day, call the Township office 610-367-8500.

The day begins with the Trestle 5K run / 2 mile walk at 9:00 AM. The run was named for the trestle at Ironstone Park which is the part of the run course. For a registration form and course map go to the Township website or stop by the office for details.



**The Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was held on Saturday March 31 at the Township Building. The event was held inside the Township building due to the rain. There were 60 children who came to meet the Easter Bunny, receive candy, prizes, and had a great time. In the future the event will always be held rain or shine.

**Many Thanks** to LaTisha Hewitt and the students at the Jesse R. Wagner Elementary School for filling 900 plastic eggs with the candy, and to John Bauman for taking such great pictures of the day.

## VOTER PHOTO ID



Pennsylvania Law requires all voters to show photo identification at the polls. The General Election will be held on November 6, 2012.



# P O L I C E   D E P A R T M E N T

From Chief Franke ....

**As we head in to the summer months, I would like to remind everyone to be aware of your actions. Your outside activity should find you locking doors if you are not in immediate eyesight. Oversee children in your care, while in pools... and see them off for a bike ride with helmets, and safety knowledge. Lock your vehicles and store your valuables securely.**

## Pine Forge Historical Society

P.O. Box 303, Pine Forge, PA 19548

Preserving the history of our Commonwealth's Iron and Steel industry, the Abolitionist Movement, the Underground Railroad, and the Thomas Rutter family.

"Friends of Thomas Rutter" was instrumental in making the Pine Forge History Day which was held in May, a success. We recorded 150 visitors from the community and look forward to see our numbers continue to grow.

Our highlight of the day was viewing the restoration of the Commissary building completed this winter as Phase I with funding from the City Block Grant.

Funding for Phase II will be our next big project but in the meantime we are inviting those of you who would like to join our "Friends" group to come and be a part of the Pine Forge Historical Society/Rutter Foundation as we pursue some small projects as well. These projects include the restoration of the colonial garden, restoration of all of the windows (\$600) at piece for starters. All donations not designated will be directed toward the Commissary structure.

In the month of July, Daniel Graham will be coming to share his research of the very early days of Thomas Rutter. The date and time will be in the newspapers. Come and enjoy your community history at the Rutter Mansion! Also coming this year will be our Community Harvest Celebration, date to be determined.

Phyllis Mitchell, President, Thomas Rutter Foundation,  
tutorphyl@gmail.com



Aerial view of Pine Forge, circa 1957

## MaPaw Siberian Husky Rescue & Referral Service, Inc.

899 Douglass Drive

Have you seen their new sign out front? This is thanks to an Eagle Scout project by Dan Harris of Scout Troop #523. With the help of his family, donations by Global Advanced Metals, USA, Inc., A.D. Moyer Lumber, Brown Construction and Mike and Annmarie Burkhart, Dan's project was a success.



We are told that the Huskies are proud to call Douglass Township, Berks County their home!

### Upcoming Events:

- Monthly Breakfasts at the Gilbertsville Fire House are held the last Sunday of each month from 8am - 12 noon. 10% of their proceeds are donated to MaPaw.
- Sunday, June 24th  
Adoption Day at Petco  
Pottstown, PA  
11 am - 3 pm

## NEWS BITS



## Berks County Recycling & Waste Collection -Free to all Berks County

### Household Hazardous Waste

**October 20, 2012** at the First Energy Stadium Route 61, Reading  
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Rain or Shine

#### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

• Oil Paints, turpentine, wood preservatives, paint thinners & solvents, oil based paints, varnishes and stains . Weed killers, pesticides, asphalt & driveway sealants, pool chemicals , herbicides. antifreeze, gasoline , transmission oil, motor oil, automotive paints, household solvents , disinfectants, oven & drain cleaners, button, lithium & nicad batteries, photographic chemicals, floor & furniture polish.

#### **DO NOT BRING**

• Latex paint, caulking compound , organic peroxides, gas cylinders explosives , ammunition , radioactive waste , infectious or medical waste , water based sealants.

### Pharmaceutical Collection

**October 13, 2012** at the First Energy Stadium Route 61, Reading  
Bring any unwanted and expired medications both prescription and over the counter in tablet, liquid, ointment, inhaler, powder or patch form, in their original containers. Do not remove labels, only cross out your name. All medications will be destroyed by incineration.

### 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.

#### Fees:

Batteries - free of charge  
TV's 20" and smaller \$5.00 each  
TV's 20" and larger \$10.00 each  
All other electronics \$1.00 each

### 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 : June 13, July 11, August 8, Sept. 5, 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](http://www.co.berks.pa.us/swa).

### Paper

There is a Paper Retriever Bin at the Township Building for all your newspapers , catalogs, office and home paper, envelopes, paperback books, brochures, receipts, etc... They do **NOT** accept: cardboard, phonebooks, cereal boxes, plastic, aluminum and trash.

## COMMUNITY

**Subdivisions:** The Yorgey 3 lot residential subdivision located on Valley Brook Road was approved by the Board of Supervisors 5/14/12.

**HELP System** - Please note that the HELP System of lettering homes for emergencies has not been in effect for many years. If someone still has the sign posted, it can be removed. Reflective house numbers are the best way for all emergency personnel to find your home.

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

**Harvest Fellowship Church** will be hosting their 2nd Annual Community Yard Sale at the Church on Colebrookdale Road on Saturday June 23 with a rain date of June 30. There is no charge for folks to come and sell, and they have tables for the first 15 people who reserve their spots. Call Harvest at 610-367-2853 to make reservations.

**Annual Closing of Pine Forge Road** - Allegheny East Conference will be holding their annual church retreat from June 28 - July 8, 2012. Pine Forge Road will be closed from Douglass Drive to Glendale Drive for that period of time.

## WELCOME

### NEW TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

**Mike's Pizzeria Restaurant** 1554 Ben Franklin Highway is under new ownership. They offer delivery as well as catering. 610-385-3220.

**Evolution Powersports** of Douglassville is a quality motorcycle dealer offering a variety of top products. They are also a full service repair shop. Located at 1413 Ben Franklin Highway, 484-624-5045 [www.evolutionpowersports.net](http://www.evolutionpowersports.net).

**Elite Salon & Spa** 1430 Ben Franklin Highway. Services offered are everything from hair, massages, facials and body treatments, to manicures and pedicures. Their comprehensive salon services offer everything you could need using cutting edge, innovative and trend setting products and techniques, 610-323-0606, [www.elitesalon12.com](http://www.elitesalon12.com).

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1068 Douglass Drive  
Boyertown, PA 19512

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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 - June 11, July 9, August 13,  
Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12 and Dec. 10

**Planning Commission** - 7 PM - June 19, July 17, August 21,  
Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, & Dec. 18

**Park and Recreation Committee** - 7:30 PM - June 4, July  
2, August 6, Sept. 4, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, & Dec. 3