

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



Douglass Township 6th Annual Community Day Saturday October 3, 2015 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Mark your calendar to join in on the fun

8:30 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 the beautiful Ironstone Park. Registration forms for the race / walk can be found on the Township website, or at the office. Pre-registration is preferred.

Activities Begin at 10:30 AM

Games * Hayrides * Music * Moon Bounce

Yard Sales & Crafts * Food * Face Painting Pumpkin Decorating

Pony Rides (11-1:00) * Multi Service Food Drive * Pumpkin Patch (bring your camera)

Local Businesses, Churches and Fire Companies

To sign up as a yard sale / craft vendor: contact the Township office at 610-367-8500, or dougberks@comcast.net to reserve a table. There is no fee.

Volunteers are needed to work the day of the event. If you are interested, please contact the township office.

Boyertown Area Multi Service Food Drive

The food drive will run the entire month of September, ending on Community Day. All items can be brought to the Township building. The following list is of their most current needs. Please consider donating.

1. Tuna / Canned Meats
2. Beverages: Drink Mix, Coffee, Tea, Juice
3. Condiments: Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo
4. Canned Pasta
5. Peanut Butter and Jelly
6. Pancake Mix and Syrup
7. Personal care Products: Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste
8. Paper Towels / Tissues / Napkins
9. Dish Soap/Laundry Detergent
10. Crackers and Cookies

Toys For Tots - Douglass Township will once again be a drop off site for this worthy cause. All gifts must be unwrapped and dropped off at the Township Building by the first week of December. Check out the Township website for more details.

Congressman Patrick Meehan's office has a representative at the Amity Township Offices every Monday from 9am - 2pm to assist all residents.

General Election November 3, 2015

Berks County Recycling Collection

Household Hazardous Waste - October 24 at the First Energy Stadium Route 61 Reading, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM rain or shine.

Pharmaceutical Collection - Amity Township Police Department

Shredding Event - October 17 at the First Energy Stadium Route 61 Reading, 8AM - 2PM, rain or shine

Electronic Recycling Center

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 8:00 AM - Noon, 1316 Hilltop Road, Leesport (near the Reading Fairgrounds). All electronics are accepted.

Plastic, aluminum, tin, glass food containers

The landfill in Earl Township accepts recyclables. They are located at 583 Longview Road. Directions:Route 73 west, left on Longview Road (fruitstand across from Earl Elementary), straight up the hill bearing right onto Shenkel Road the recycling center is located at the top of the hill on the right. The center is open to the public Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm.

The Berks County Solid Waste Authority at www.countyofberks.com/swa has more details on all recycling opportunities offered to the residents of Berks County. Information is also available at the Township office.



A Paper Retriever bin is located at the Township building, at the park driveway entrance for your use. Welcome are:

newspapers, magazines, catalogs, office and school papers, mail. NOT accepted: cardboard, food boxes, phone books or hard cover books. Our average yearly paper recycled is 15-20 tons.

Tenant Registration

Douglass Township Ordinance states that all landlords shall notify the Township of their tenants within 30 days of the date of occupancy, and on an annual basis, by January 13.

Information required: Tenant names, age, address and phone number. Forms can be found on the Township website.

Tax Collection

When paying your taxes to the Tax Collector, if you request a receipt, please bring both copies of the bill. If not, the tax collector will charge for creating duplicate bills.

Thank You to Douglass Village Residents for your assistance with folding and preparing 1500 newsletters for mailing.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Residents, if you see any activity that seems suspicious to you, no matter how big or small, please call the Police.

You know your neighborhood, so when something seems not right to you, most likely, it isn't. Remember, times have changed and it is necessary to keep your house and cars locked.

Please be aware of the different phone scams going on all over the country lately. If you receive a phone call when anyone is asking for any type of personal information, hang up and notify the police. The most recent scam is phone calls from someone identifying themselves as an IRS employee demanding payment. The IRS NEVER calls taxpayers. Their only form of communication is through the mail. Another scam is a call that you need to send money to help a relative. Always check personally with your relative to determine its validity.

So remember, if anything seems "off" to you, it most likely is. Don't hesitate to contact the police department. Never be too embarrassed to report that you might have been victimized or swindled. Our department strives everyday to maintain your safety and well being.

The Pennsylvania State Police website maintains all current information on trending scams that we all need to be aware of. For more information on "Community Awareness" visit their website at: www.psp.pa.gov

Thank You to Pine Forge Sportsman Association. The association has graciously offered their facilities, free of charge, to the Douglass Police Department to be used for their required qualifications.

Road Work 2015

Through the ongoing effort to maintain Township roads, contracts have been awarded to conduct some base repair and oil and chip on various Township roads. Also planned for this year: the replacement of the catch basins and pipe at Poplar Road and Reading Avenue,; stream bank stabilization on Creek Road and Cedar Lane storm water pipe replacement.

Pine Forge Historical Society

Along with their many activities, the Society has begun a new Youth Program for children ages 5-12. For more information on becoming a member, or their other activities, contact Phyllis Mitchell at tutorphyl@gmail.com or 610-367-7881.

Trestle 5K Run and 2 Mile Walk

Saturday, October 3, 2015 - 8:30 AM - Boyertown



GENERAL INFORMATION: Start & Finish at the Douglass (Berks) Township Building - 1068 Douglass Drive, Boyertown PA Register and Check-in at 7:45 a.m. The terrain for 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk course is rolling hills on roads that will be closed for the event. Course map available upon request. RAIN or SHINE The race is part of the Douglass (Berks) Township Community Day.

DOUGLASS (Berks) COMMUNITY DAY is a fun family event from 10 am - 2 pm. The activities include moon bounce, face painting, hay rides, pony rides, flea market, children's games & prizes, pumpkin decorating, music AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

DIRECTIONS: From the intersection of Rt. 73 & Rt. 562 in Boyertown, travel southwest towards Reading 2.1 miles to Douglass Drive, turn left and travel 1.7 miles to the Township Building. **Douglass Township Web Site:** www.co.berks.pa.us/Muni/douglass

5 K AWARDS: Awards for the overall male & female winners. First, second and third place male and female awards in the following age groups: 10 yrs. & under, 11 to 15 years, 16 to 19 years, 20 to 29 years, 30 to 39 years, 40 to 49 years, 50 to 59 years, 60+ years.

ENTRY: \$20.00 Pre-registration postmarked by 9/17/15 includes custom designed T-shirt on race day.
\$25.00 Postmarked after 9/17/15 or on race day, includes T-shirt if available.

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND MAIL WITH ENTRY FORM TO: Douglass Township, 1068 Douglass Drive, Boyertown PA 19512

OR REGISTER ONLINE: www.pretzelcitysports.com Closes midnight, Wednesday, September 30, 2015 (nominal service fee applies)
Race timing and consulting provide by Pretzel City Sports

RACE DIRECTOR: *Sally Stetler, 610-327-2902, sally.stetler@comcast.net*

.....Please Print Clearly.....

Last name _____ First name _____

Address _____ City/State _____ Zip _____

Race day age: _____ Date of birth ____ / ____ / ____

Race (circle one): 5K 2 Mile Walk Gender: M F Phone: (____) _____

Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL email _____@_____

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE: I give my full consent and permission to Douglass Township, Berks County, the Pine Forge Athletic Association, Pretzel City Sports and its affiliates, sponsors and corporate sponsors, their successors, licensees, and assigns the irrevocable right to use, for any purpose whatsoever and without compensation, any photographs, videotapes, audiotapes, or other recordings of me that are made during the course of this event (the "Event"). **WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS:** I understand that my consent to these provisions is given in consideration for being permitted to participate in this Event. I further understand that I may be removed from this Event if I do not follow all the rules of this Event. I am a voluntary participant in this Event, and in good physical condition. I know that this event is a potentially hazardous activity and I hereby voluntarily assume full and complete responsibility for, and the risk of, any injury or accident that may occur during my participation in this event or while on the premises of this event. I, for myself, my next of kin, my minor children that attend the event, my heirs, administrators, and executors, hereby release and hold harmless and covenant not to file suit against Douglass Township, Berks County, The Pine Forge Athletic Association, Pretzel City Sports, or their affiliates and any affiliated individuals, any event sponsors and their agents and employees, and all other persons or entities associated with this event (collectively, the "releasees") for any injury or damages I might suffer in connection with my participation in this event or while on the premises of this event. This release applies to any and all loss, liability, or claims I may have arising out of my participation in this event, including but not limited to, personal injury or damage suffered by me or others, whether such losses, liabilities, or claims be caused by falls, contact with and/or actions of other participants, contact with fixed or non-fixed objects, contact with animals, conditions of the premises of the event, negligence of the releasees, risks not know to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time, or otherwise. This Photographic Release and Waiver and Release of Claims (collectively, the "Release") shall be construed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing this Release, and have signed it freely and voluntarily without any inducement, assurance or guarantee being made to me and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Signature _____ date ____ / ____ / 2015

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1068 Douglass Drive
Boyertown, PA 19512

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DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

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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 - Harold Wagner Jr., Roadmaster;
Duane Duncan, Kevin Albiser, Patrick McDevitt

Police Department - Sgt. John Dzurek, Patrolman Bryan Sockel
PT Patrolman: Christopher Sacks and James Yost

Elected Auditors: Cheryl Baro, Shirley Birmingham, Linwood
Dunning

Planning Commission - Chairman, Kenneth Kirch, Patricia
Follweiler, Pete Dannecker, Grant Yergey and Jerry Silberman

Emergency Management Coordinator - David Babb

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 - Donald Grim, David
Howerter, Warren Lloyd, Gunnar Scott and Doug Rhoads

2015 Township Meetings:

Board of Supervisors: 7:00 PM -January 5, February 9, March
9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14,
October 12, November 9, and December 14

Planning Commission: 7:00 PM -January 20, February 17,
March 17, April 21, May 18, June 16, July 21, August 18,
September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15

Park and Recreation Committee: February 2, March 2, May
4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 8, October 5, November
2, and December 7

Zoning Hearing Board: 7:00 PM the 4th Monday of the month
as needed

Agricultural Security Area Committee: 6:00 September 15