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DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP	NEWSLETTER	MARCH 2018
<p>Elected and Appointed Officials:</p> <p>Township Supervisors:</p> <p>Chairman Douglass Rhoads Vice Chairman John Bauman Supervisor Grant Yergey</p> <p>Township Manager-Toni Hemerka</p> <p>Township Solicitor - The law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullen, Maxwell & Lupin- Joseph McGrory, Esq.</p> <p>Township Engineer/Zoning Officer/Sewer Enforcement- Systems Design Engineering-Thomas Unger, P.E.</p> <p>Tax Collector-Mary K. Heimbach</p> <p>Treasurer/Asst. Secretary-Kaleena Breitbarth</p> <p>Public Works Department -Roadmaster: Harold Wagner, Jr., Kevin Albiser & Robert Alberts</p> <p>Police Department-Chief: John Dzurek, Sergeant: James Yost, Patrolmen: Bryan Sockel, Duane Duncan, Micah Long & Ryan Foltz</p> <p>Planning Commission-Chairman: Kenneth Kirch, Vice Chairman: Jerry Silberman, Grant Yergey, Patricia Follweiler & Peter Dannecker</p>	<p>Zoning Hearing Board-Chairman: Joseph Cioa, Vice Chairman: Eugene Rinehimer, Dr. David Szymanski, Alan Golden, David Babb</p> <p>Park & Recreation Board- Richard Zuber, Peter Dannecker, Lawrence Martin, Eileen Gilbert & Sally Stetler</p> <p>Agricultural Security Committee- Douglass Rhoads, Gunnar Scott, Donald Grim, David Howerter & Warren Lloyd</p>	<p>2018 Township Meetings:</p> <p>Board of Supervisors-7:00 PM, January 3rd, February 12th, March 12th, April 9th, May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th, October 8th, November 12th & December 10th</p> <p>Planning Commission-7:00 PM January, 16th, February 20th, March 16th, April 17th, May 16th, June 19th, July 17th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th & December 18th</p> <p>Park & Recreation- 7:00 PM March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 4th, October 9th</p> <p>Zoning Hearing Board- 7:00 PM the 4th Monday of the month as needed.</p>

Douglass Township's Annual COMMUNITY DAY
Saturday, October 6, 2018
Douglass Township Building, 1068 Douglass Drive

10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Free Activities:
Games & Prizes - Moon Bounces ,Music > DJ - Pony Rides - Hayrides
Pumpkin Decorating - Raffles - Face Painting
Fire Companies > Touch-a-Truck - Local Businesses & Churches
Vendors / Yard Sales / Crafts
Food Drive for the Boyertown Multi Service
Food and Bake Sale provided by "Relay for Life" of Pottstown
Proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society

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

Volunteers are needed to work the event. If you are interested contact the Township Office.

Come and join in on the fun!

MEDICATION DROP BOX

Protecting Yourself and Your family

Douglass Township supports the free and safe disposal of unused, unwanted or expired medications to not only prevent accidental and intentional misuse, but to also help protect the environment.

This is a Berks County Program operated through the Berks County District Attorney's Office in conjunction with CVS Pharmacy.

The Drop Box is located at the Township Office and is accessible Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Items Accepted: Any unwanted or expired medications, both prescription and over-the-counter, including pet medications, ointments, inhalers, powder or patch form medication.

Items NOT Accepted: Any loose pills that are not in their standard container or a bag, syringes, thermometers, bandages, sun block.



For More information: <http://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/DA/Pages/Prescription-Drop-Box.aspx>

Recycling Information

Household Hazardous Waste:

October 20th from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Berks County Ag. Center

Paper Shredding:

October 13th from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Berks County Ag. Center

Electronic Recycling:

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 AM to Noon at the County Recycling Center in Leesport

Tire Collection (Fees Apply):

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 8 AM to Noon at the County Recycling Center

The County has a new Recycling App that will make recycling even easier. Scan the QR code above for more information or look for the Recycle Coach app in the app stores.



Spotted Lantern Fly

As you may well be aware the spotted lantern flies are now in their adult stage. Many have asked where they should turn to for more information regarding what they should do to help eradicate them. Please go to:

https://www.agriculture.pa.gov/Plants_Land_Water/PlantIndustry/Entomology/spotted_lanternfly/Pages/default.aspx



Police Department

From the desk of Chief Dzurek:

I would like to take this time to remind the residents that school is back in full swing, which means the bus traffic is also affecting your travel routes. Please plan accordingly and allow yourself some extra time to get to where you need to go. And please never pass or overtake a school bus that is stopped with its red signal lights and side stop signal arms activated. Not only are you endangering the life of another but you are violating PA vehicle code section 3345-Meeting or overtaking School bus. If found guilty you will face a fine \$250 and loss of license for 60 days and 5 points assessed by PennDot.

Berks County's 211

Pennsylvania 2-1-1 East is a free, confidential, non-emergency, comprehensive information and referral service that connects Berks County residents with the health and human services they need.

Contact them by dialing 2-1-1 or (855) 567-5341, you can also find more information online at <http://pa211east.org/berks>

PENNSYLVANIA 2-1-1 EAST IS YOUR COMMUNITY HELP LINE



DIAL 2-1-1. FIND HELP. GET CONNECTED.

2-1-1 connects you to information about:
 Aging Services
 Child & Youth Services
 Counseling
 Education/ Training
 Food/Shelter/Clothing
 Health Services
 Parenting
 Support Groups
 Substance Abuse
 Volunteer Opportunities
 And Much More!

Free, confidential information and referral available 24/7:
 Phone: 2-1-1 or 855-501-6785
 Web: www.pa211east.org
 Email: 211@uwlancc.org



Resident Information

Road Work 2018

Through the ongoing effort to maintain Township roads, contracts were awarded this year to conduct the following work: various base repair work on Creek Road, Douglass Drive, Rattlesnake Hill and Poole Hill Road as well as a double application of oil and chip on Creek Road, Rattlesnake Hill and Poole Hill Road. This work is funded by the approximately \$170,000 the Township receives yearly through the PA Liquid Fuels Program, which is dedicated to improving the condition of the Township roads.

2018 Hunting Information

Hunting Permits will be issued to Township residents, and a guest (if desired), to hunt on land owned by Douglass Township, at the Township office beginning September 1st. Hunting will be permitted from September 15, 2018 through January 26, 2019 and is to be conducted in accordance with all State Game Commission Rules and Regulations.

Goose Run Park - Hunting will be allowed on the 82 acres of Goose Run Park, which can be accessed from Goose Run Road or Levensgood Road. The hiking trail remains open so extreme caution must be used.

Douglass Drive Property - Hunting will also be allowed on the 74 acres owned by the Township located in the area of 900 Douglass Drive known.

Permit Office Hours

Every Tuesday from 1-4 PM John Wascavage, our Zoning and Building Code Officer is in the Township office to assist residents with any questions they may have about building and zoning permits. Call or stop in with any questions you may have!



Douglass Township is now accepting credit and debit card payments. The Township will be using GovPayNet, which allows the Township to accept payments by credit and debit card. We will begin by accepting payments for sewer bills and building permits. A convenience fee to GovPayNet will apply for those who wish to use their card. The fees are as follows:

Charge Amount \$0.01 - \$50.00	Service Charge \$1.00
Charge Amount \$50.01 - \$100.00	Service Charge \$2.00
Charge Amount \$100.01 - \$150.00	Service Charge \$3.00
Charge Amount \$150.01 - Above	Service Charge 2.65%

Internet Purchase Exchange Location



Just a friendly reminder that the Township offers a safe place to meet buyers and sellers. Please feel free to meet in the parking lot at the Township Building for your exchange. Our parking lot is under 24 hour camera surveillance.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Officer James Yost for the promotion from patrolman to Sergeant this past May. Sergeant Yost has been with Douglass Township since May of 2017. Prior to coming to us he was an officer with Pottstown Police Department for 25 years.

Welcome to the Department

There is a new face on in our Police Department. Officer Ryan Foltz joined the department this past March. Ryan, who graduated from the police academy July 2017 is eager to assist the residents of Douglass Township.

A Special Thank You To:

Daniel Martignetti from Scout Troop #523 for his Ironstone Park Baseball Field Renovation Project. Daniel replaced fencing, benches and infield mix to provide an updated baseball field for our residents to enjoy. Thank You Daniel! **Also...**

Morning Star Fellowship for including us in their "Love Week". In July members of their congregation came to Douglass Park and gave our play set a fresh coating of paint. Thank you everyone! **And we can't forget...**

Daisy Troop #1740, they have engineered the Township some amazing bird houses to hang down at Ironstone Park. Please be sure to head out to the park to check out the great job they have done for us. Thank you Daisy Troop!



A special thank you to the volunteers at Douglass Village who assisted with the mailing of this newsletter.