



# NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP

## Newsletter

December 2008  
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### CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

The Township Budget for 2009 is completed and will be ready for public inspection on November 19th thru December 16th at the Township Building. The Budget will not include a tax increase. However, some fees will be increased due to the growing cost to our Township. Garbage will be raised to \$200.00 per year; however, if a resident pays the annual fee by July 1st, there will be a \$15.00 savings. Our Staff and Supervisors will continue to provide the same services. Equipment for all departments, improvements to the roads, and maintenance of the park and Township building is included in the budget.

Can we find you? Where are you located? It has been brought to our attention that some of you do not have your street numbers clearly visible or even showing. **IF NOT - DO SO NOW!!** Remember, every minute counts in an emergency call to the fire department and ambulance or police service.

Our ambulance and fire companies are in need of volunteers. If you have any time and would like to give service to your community, please contact : Tri Community Ambulance at 428-9600 or Spring Grove Ambulance at 225-2401. The North Codorus Fire Department can be reached at 225-6026.

Have a safe and Happy Holiday!

*John B Rebert,*

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

**REMINDER:** A 10% penalty shall be imposed on refuse bills not paid by January 31st. See Section 154-11 of the North Codorus Township Code available on the website: [www.northcodorustwp.com](http://www.northcodorustwp.com)

### ON-LOT SEPTIC PUMPING

There are 8 areas in North Codorus Township that are required to have their septic tanks pumped and inspected every 4 years. The Township website has a map of the 8 required areas. The other areas are not required but should be pumped to keep your system maintained and functioning properly.

Letters are scheduled to be mailed out in January to the next areas in the rotation for the required pumping and inspection.

### HORN FARM CENTER

Celebrate the season with **Holidays at the Farm:** Friday December 12th from 6:00-8:00 pm at 4945 Horn Road in Hellam Township. This event will explore what the holidays were like in the 1800s. Victorian story tellers will share their holiday tales by the bonfire while you enjoy hot chocolate and mulled cider. The evening will also include crafts made from nature and caroling wagon rides around the Horn Farm property. Participants are asked to bring a sampling of home-made holiday treats to share, along with the recipe, as part of a cookie exchange.

Further information about Holidays at the Farm or the Horn Farm, call (717) 654-0571 or visit

[www.hornfarmcenter.org](http://www.hornfarmcenter.org).



### NEWSLETTERS

Due to our active website, we will now produce only 2 newsletters per year-June and December.



**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Christmas Holiday**  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2008  
**New Year's Day**  
January 1, 2009  
**Presidents Day**  
February 16, 2009  
**Good Friday**  
April 10, 2009  
**Memorial Day**  
May 25, 2009

### TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

#### Board of Supervisors

December 16	7:00 PM
January 5 reorganize	4:00 PM
January 20 w/plans	7:00 PM
February 17	7:00 PM
March 17	7:00 PM
April 21	7:00 PM
May 19	7:00 PM
June 16	7:00 PM

#### Planning Commission

4th Tuesday each month 7:00 PM  
(No Dec. meeting)

#### Zoning Hearing Board

Held on an as needed basis the 3rd Thursday each month 7:00 PM

#### Recreation Board

4th Monday each month 7:00 PM  
(No May, Nov. or Dec. meeting)

#### Sewer Authority

3rd Monday each month 7:00 PM

**All meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building located at 1986 Stoverstown Road**

#### Regional Police Board

2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00 PM Southwestern Regional Police Building, 6115 Thoman Drive, Spring Grove (across from Porters Fire Station)

Looking for NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP information?

Try our website:  
[www.northcodorustwp.com](http://www.northcodorustwp.com)

## ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The "York County Weatherization Program" is for both homeowners and renters. This is a program to help people who have a limited income, lower their fuel bills, save energy and have warmer, more comfortable homes in the process. Renters need to have the consent of their landlord to participate. Homes which have been previously served are not eligible for reservice. The work is done for those eligible **FREE OF CHARGE**. **No lien** is filed against your home. More information about this program is available by contacting York County Planning Commission at 771-9870. Copies of the brochures are available at the North Codorus Township Municipal Building during regular business hours.



## WILL YOUR TV WORK ON FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup>?

If you are connected to our local cable provider (Comcast) or another paid video type service (dish or satellite), you will not notice a difference. If you still have an analog TV that only gets reception from "rabbit ears" or an antenna, you will not be able to watch TV channels like ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, PBS or Univision as of February 17, 2009. "So, what do I do?" You have 3 options: 1) Converter boxes can be used with your current analog TV. A \$40.00 coupon can be obtained by calling 1-888-388-2009 or visiting [www.DTV.gov](http://www.DTV.gov). You may request up to two (2) coupons which are good for up to 90 days from the time it is received. Eligible converter boxes sell from about \$40.00 to \$70.00 each - this is a one - time cost. 2) Purchase a new digital TV. 3) Connect your analog TV to cable service or another video service provider. February 2009 will be here sooner than you think, so make your decision today and take action.



ON SALE: Recycle Bins \$1.00 each



## WINTER WORDS OF WARNING

ICE STORM, FREEZING RAIN, FREEZING DRIZZLE means a coating of ice is expected; HEAVY means the weight of the ice will cause extra damage. SNOW means a steady fall unless OCCASIONAL OR INTERMITTENT is used.

HEAVY SNOW means a fall of 4 or more inches is expected in the next 12 hours, or 6 or more inches in the next 23 hours. But heavy snow can mean 2 - 3 inches where winter storms are infrequent.

SNOW FLURRIES mean intermittent snowfall that can reduce visibility.

SNOW SQUALLS are brief, intense falls of snow, with gusty surface winds.

BLOWING AND DRIFTING SNOW means strong winds and greatly reduced visibility.

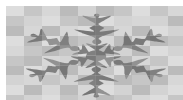
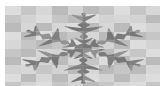
BLIZZARD means wind speeds of at least 35 miles per hour and temperatures of 20 degrees Fahrenheit or less, over an extended period.

SEVERE BLIZZARD means wind speeds of at least 45 miles per hour, dense snow and temperatures of 10 degrees or less.

COLD WAVE means a rapid fall in temperatures within a 24 hour period that will require emergency protective action.

WATCH - a winter storm is approaching.

WARNING - a winter storm is imminent.



## NOW MORE CAN BE RECYCLED

Penn Waste now recycles the following CONTAINERS:

### Plastics

#1 - #7 containers & bottles with necks smaller than their bases

### Glass

Clear, brown & green glass food and beverage containers

### Metal Cans

Aluminum beverage cans

Steel food and beverage cans

Aerosol cans



How to prepare these items:

1. remove caps/lids
2. rinse thoroughly
3. it is ok to leave on labels & neck rings

### Paper, Paperboard and Cardboard

Cardboard boxes

Pizza boxes

Food boxes (cereal, macaroni & jello boxes)

Paper towel & toilet paper rolls

Paperboard packaging (tissue & shoe boxes)

Office paper (any color)

Shredded paper

Newspaper & inserts

Magazines & catalogs

Junk mail & envelopes

Paper bags

Phone books



How to prepare these items:

1. remove all packaging (Styrofoam, peanuts, plastic, bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.)
2. flatten ALL boxes
3. cover loose paper with heavier containers to prevent it from blowing away

### UNACCEPTABLE:

Plastic tubs, cups, trays nor bags

Broken glass

Windows, mirrors, ceramics & light bulbs

Drinking glasses

Aluminum foil

Scrap metal

Plastic bags

Food soiled material



## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

December 26, 2008 through January 31, 2009

Drop off locations for Christmas trees: William H. Cain County Park (Lake Redman Boat Launch Area), the York County Solid Waste Authority's Yard Waste Transfer Facility or H & H on Old Hanover Road.

### PLEASE REMOVE:

Ornaments, tinsel, lights and protective bags from the tree.

Tree may be placed curbside for paid refuse customers.



## 25<sup>th</sup> edition of Christmas Magic A Festival of Lights

Rocky Ridge County Park off of Rte. 24  
November 28 – December 31 (closed Dec. 24 and 25)  
Hours Monday-Friday: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$7.00; children ages 4-12 \$5.00  
Children under 4 Free; Seniors (60+) \$6.00

### SEE NORTH CODORUS TWP WEEK COUPON BELOW

Group Rates (over 12): Adults \$6.00/Children \$4.00

Trail may be closed due to inclement weather

Event hotline: (717) 840-7443

Website: [www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org)

## Minimizing Your Risk of Becoming a Victim of Identity Theft or Fraud

Identity Theft has become an ever-increasing occurrence in the United States. ID thieves obtain personal information of their victims in various ways; internet, trash searches, mail theft, etc. The results can be devastating both emotionally and financially for the victim and their family.

### **Facts:**

- Over 9 million victims a year for two years running - (Better Business Bureau and Javelin Strategy & Research, January 2005)
- Over 30 million victims in past five years - (Federal Trade Commission, 2003 and Better Business Bureau, 2005)
- Top consumer complaint to FTC five years in a row - (Federal Trade Commission, National and State Trends in Fraud and Identity Theft, February 1, 2005)

### **Tips:**

- Never give your personal information out over the phone.
- Do not carry extra credit cards, your social security card, birth certificates or passports in your wallet or purse.
- Get a copy of your credit report once a year.
- Regularly check your banking and financial accounts. Do not throw away pre-approved credit offers or financial information without shredding.
- Deposit outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at the post office, instead of your residential mailbox.

If you become a victim of Identity Theft - Act immediately to minimize the damage to your financial accounts. Contact EQUI-FAX 1-800-525-6285, EXPERIAN 1-888-397-3742, TRANS UNION 1-800-680-7289, Social Security Administration 1-800-269-0271.

### Protecting Yourself from Holiday Crime

Police nationwide report a 15 to 40% increase in crime during the holiday season. During the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, decorating and visiting we often overlook some of the most basic ways we can protect ourselves from becoming a victim of crime.

### Shopping Tips

- Always park in well-lighted locations and shop with a friend or family member whenever possible – Safety in numbers.
- Be careful and discreet with cash and credit cards. Criminals often look for people carrying large amounts of cash or credit cards.
- Always lock car doors and never leave your car running outside a gas station or convenience store.
- Report suspicious persons and cars to the police immediately.
- Never leave valuable items or packages in plain view in your car at the mall or restaurants.
- Lock packages in your trunk and consider changing parking locations if you are going back in the mall.

### Stay alert at all times!!

Article by:  
Sergeant Lisa A. Layden  
Southwestern Regional Police



## North Codorus Township Week at the 25<sup>th</sup> edition of Christmas Magic – A Festival of Lights at Rocky Ridge County Park December 7 - 13, 2008

Hours Monday-Friday: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Present this coupon at the admission booth to receive a  
“Buy One-Get One Free” of equal or less valued rate  
Good for up to 2 (two) “Buy One-Get One  
admissions”

Trail may be closed due to inclement weather  
Event hotline: (717) 840-7443

Website: [www.yorkcountyparks.org](http://www.yorkcountyparks.org)

## Recycle Your Electronic Equipment

### Saturday, January 10, 2009 9AM to 2PM at York County Solid Waste Authority's Yard Waste Transfer Facility

Residents may bring up to three (3) of each type of electronic equipment accepted (three computers, and three printers, and three cassette players, etc.). There is no fee to residents to participate in the program. Residents are responsible for removal of any personal data contained on electronic devices and computer hard drives. Businesses and other non-profit entities are not eligible to participate in this program.

### **E-cycling Accepted Items:**

Items accepted include answering machines, compact disc players, electric typewriters, fax machines, hard drives, laptops, mobile phones, modems, microwave ovens, pagers, personal computers (CPU, monitors, keyboards, mouse, and peripherals), printers, printed circuit boards, radios, remote controls, stereos, tape players, telephones/telephone equipment, televisions, and VCR's.

### **Do Not Bring:**

*Electric* equipment (such as toasters, hair dryers, wall clocks, or electric razors) OR construction demolition materials, furniture, appliances, white goods, or household hazardous waste.

## NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP

1986 STOVERSTOWN ROAD  
SPRING GROVE, PA 17362

PHONE (717) 225-4812

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

### TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

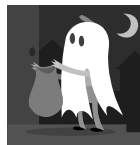
John B. Rebert  
(225-4859)

Dennis G. Luckenbaugh  
(225-3304)

Tanya L. Crawford  
(741-9672)

### THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU

Parents can be very proud of their little "ghosts and goblins". Courtesy abounded with the "Please and Thank Yous". The Township attempted something new this year, enabling more children to benefit, by going out to areas of the community and handing out "goody bags". This would not have been possible without the help of our Regional Police Department, Fire Department and Township employees. The Fire Company arrived with their new fire truck and the police with their new SUV with all lights flashing. The Township even took out a utility truck with lights flashing. Parents and children alike were drawn to the lit up displays and thoroughly enjoyed "positive communication" with police, fire and Township personnel. Many thanks to the wonderful people who gave up their evening to help out: Chief Greg Bean on behalf of SW Regional, Fire Chief Larry Wildasin, Firefighters Chad Hess and Joel Brenneman on behalf of NCT Fire Dept., Esther Clark and her daughter Jennie Clark, Russell Fuhrman, Harold Luckenbaugh, Supervisor Barry Rebert and his wife Pat and Manager Joy Strausbaugh from the Township. It was really an enjoyable experience making so many children smile. Donations made very nice treat bags - special thanks to those who made this possible: Twin Pine Farm Store and Supervisor Tanya Crawford generously donated gift cards placed in various treat bags, Gail Groft who facilitated her connections, snaring comic books and toys from Diamond Comic Distributors of Timonium, MD and Geppis Entertainment of York, PA and Supervisor Barry Rebert and his wife who donated pencils and candy treats for the bags. Barry and Pat also volunteered their time to put the bags together. Overall, Halloween Trick or Trick night was a huge success and will be repeated again next year. Look for us!

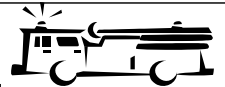


### 2008/09 NCT ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL YORK NEW SALEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Playing Dates - The following Mondays 7pm to 9pm  
Dec. 8, 15, 22, 29; Jan. 5, 12, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 23; Mar 2, 9, 16,  
23; Apr 6, 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 25

Cost: \$1.00 per session payable on arrival each night. No sign-up required. More information, contact Paul Hershey at 792-1437 or paulhersh@aol.com.

## FIRE COMPANY



Now that we are into the heating season, there are many precautions to take to be fire safe during the winter months. First and very important, replace your smoke detector batteries if not done within the last six (6) months. If you have any combustible type appliances, make sure to have a carbon monoxide detector. Also, if using any type electric heater, be sure to keep combustible items away from the heater. DO NOT overload electrical circuits. When using a kerosene heater, be sure to use the proper fuel and never refill the fuel indoors nor when the heater is working. Those residents who have wood, coal or pellet stoves, make sure to clean the chimney or stove pipe before use and every month thereafter. Finally, one item you can do to help the firefighters - if there is a fire hydrant near your home, please keep it shoveled open when it snows. If you have a question, please call the Fire Department at 225-6026.



### UNIQUE GIFT IDEA



Looking for a unique AND inexpensive gift for the holidays or holiday gatherings. The Fat Trapper is a plastic, airtight canister with a lid that uses a foil lined disposable bag. The canister can be stored in your refrigerator, freezer or even in your cabinet or on the counter top. When the bags are full, just dispose of it in your trash. This is a great way to discard of unwanted hot grease, oil and fat from cooking and grilling. Cooking grease should NEVER be poured down the drain, as this causes unnecessary blockages and costly plumbing bills. Fat Trappers are available at the Township office for just \$2.00 each. Additional bags are 30 cents each.