



NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



Congratulations to Sgt. Jack Greene, of our Southwestern Regional Police Dept., for being one of the three officers nominated for the 2007 York County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. This is quite an achievement. We applaud your good work and thank you for your service.

Since 2001, the Township has assigned street addresses to all residences and businesses. I would like to remind everyone to check your number, make sure that it is still visible, not faded or have missing numbers and is in a prominent place. If you have not posted your number, please take this time to do so. This assures that all emergency personnel can find you. It also allows business and service people to locate you easier.

Another school year will soon be over and our Township will continue its Summer Park Program. We do have a wonderful program for children under the direction of the Hanover YMCA. However, due to its rising costs, a \$10 fee per week for each child will be charged. This will assure the same quality program which includes supervision with games, crafts, bus trips, etc.

The Glatfelter Memorial Library Summer Reading Program will also be available to children, beginning June 9th. Registration will begin at noon. A Township staff member and Supervisor will be there to help you. For further information, call the Library at 225-3220.

Be sure to read the Fire Department article for news about Fire Chief Marvin Stine and his devoted 25 years of service to our community. Thank you, Marvin. Also read about our NEW emergency fire truck which is now at the Fire Station. What an update for our community!

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

John B Rebert,

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

SEWER AUTHORITY UPDATE

The construction phases of the Public Sewer Project for North Codorus Township are completed. Thank you to all the residents who received their notices, made their payments and completed their connections. Connections are 78% completed. The deadline for connection of the last area notified, Salem Springs, is August 7, 2008. The Noss Road area should receive notice this fall and the final phase with Colonial Crossings will then be completed.

Sewer billing is done on a quarterly schedule (January, April, July and October). Past due notices had to be sent to those not paying the user fees. Non-payment will mean that homeowner could become responsible for additional attorney fees and court costs.

Your patience and cooperation has been greatly appreciated during the sewer construction time. Additional lawn restoration was done this spring and road resurfacing projects will be included with the Township's annual street maintenance programs over the next several years. Restoration money for Tunnel Hill Road and Messersmith Road has been paid to the Township for a complete overlay to be done this spring/summer. The contractor has guaranteed the road work for three years.

Any questions regarding the sewer project can be directed to the Sewer Authority Office (255-1324).



ROAD WORK

North Codorus Township will be doing a road reclamation on Messersmith and Tunnel Hill Roads this summer. Please be patient during this work. The Roadmaster has also asked that when mowing lawns throughout the Township do not blow cut grass onto the roads. Not only does this create a hazard, it also causes more work, time and expense for the road crews to clean up when doing their road work.

A large culvert project is planned on Ambau Road between Lischeys Church Road and Haar Road. The Township is in the process of obtaining the permits required for this job.

OFFICE CLOSED

July 4, 2008 Independence Day
September 1, 2008 Labor Day



TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building located at 1986 Stoverstown Road

Board of Supervisors

June 17 w/plans 7:00 PM
July 15 w/plans 7:00 PM
August 19 w/plans 7:00 PM
September 16 w/plans 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

Regional Police Board

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

NOTE: If you have plants growing along the road right of way that you do not want mowed - **REMEMBER** - Place a sign at each end of the property along the roadway.

Do Not Mow



Visit the Township Web Page

www.northcodorustwp.com

REFUSE COLLECTION



July 1st - time to display the new refuse sticker.

The price is now \$95 for six months or \$180 if paid for the year, which is a \$10 savings. The yearly payment must be received by July 1st to receive the discount for the year. After July 1st, the yearly fee will be \$190. Penalties will be imposed on all bills unpaid by

July 30th. (See Section 154-11 of the North Codorus Township Code available on the website)

When paying by mail, please remember to send your self-addressed, stamped envelope for your new sticker(s). If you have any questions or wish to be added for collection services, please call the Township Office at 225-4812.

RECYCLING REMINDERS

If everyone in our municipality recycled the same volume they trash residents would have much lower trash bills. Why? In addition to paying for the fuel and maintenance for trucks, companies like Penn Waste must pay a fee to dump the garbage they collect. The fee is charged per ton of trash dumped, so as the volume of garbage collected rises, the garbage haulers' operating costs rise. Everyone benefits from increased recycling. The municipality benefits in the form of grants. The more our municipality recycles, the more dollars it creates in performance grants for community improvements. Start recycling more today. Designate a member of your household to police your family's recycling habits; believe it or not, children are the best Recycling Police.

Please crush and flatten all plastic bottles before placing them into the recycle bin. This helps eliminate these items from being blown out of your bin and into the neighboring yards and/or fields and along the roadways. It is so nice to see walkers carrying a bag to pick up recycling blown from bins. As mentioned in the West Nile Virus article, removing trash and recycle items from the roadways, eliminates breeding areas for the mosquitoes.

New recycle bins may be purchased at the Township office during regular business hours for \$2.00 each. Removing items from a curbside recycling bin is theft (from the Township) and the Police Department can make an arrest. The Township also loses money for the Recycling Grant from these thefts. Large bulk items are different, as this is considered "trash".

- One Large Item may also be placed at curbside each week on the same day as the scheduled trash pick-up. **However, if you have a large item containing Freon (refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier or air conditioner), call the Township Office the day before your scheduled pickup day and give your name, location and what item you are placing out.**
- Have all your items out by 6 AM. on your pickup day.
- Labor Day, September 1st is a holiday - your collection will be picked up one day later that week.



Branches & Brush Only

H & H General Excavating Company at 660 Old Hanover Road will accept branches and brush for their mulching operation. NO Grass clippings, weeds or yard waste. Branches and brush may be taken to their facility free of charge seven days a week during daylight hours only.

MOSQUITOES

Get rid of mosquitoes the natural way

Bti for Home Use

State DEP and County mosquito control professionals have been using Bti, a naturally occurring bacteria, to kill mosquito larvae for years. This material is now becoming widely available for you to buy and use yourself at home.

Bti can be purchased in small, donut-shaped form, often called "mosquito dunks", which are useful in small areas of standing water, such as a birdbath or small puddle of water that may gather in a low spot on your property. A granular form of Bti is available, and effective for larger areas, such as backyard ponds.

Bti can be purchased in many lawn and garden, outdoor supply and home improvement stores. The great thing about this bacteria is that it kills only mosquito and black fly larvae. It is not harmful to people, pets, aquatic life (such as fish) or plants.

The best way to control mosquitoes is still to get rid of standing water on your property. And, make sure you follow all label instructions carefully if you use Bti at home.

West Nile Virus Program

The 2008 mosquito season has started and the West Nile Virus Program of York County is expecting more cases this year. Most cases occur in mid-summer or early fall, although mosquito season is April - October. In 2007, York County was ranked 9th out of 25 counties in PA for risk of West Nile Virus. This is only based on the information publicly reported and does not include information about human West Nile virus cases that have occurred in York County every year since 2002. The West Nile program is expecting to receive more complaint calls about exotic (non-native) mosquitoes that are now living in York County. As we continue to purchase more imported products from Asia, we have imported Asian mosquitoes into York County. The Asian tiger mosquito is black with striking white markings on the body and legs.

It's favorite meal is human blood, but will feed on other mammals and birds. It is a very aggressive, daytime biter. She lays her eggs in artificial containers sometimes before they collect water or above the water level. These areas can be as big as an abandoned swimming pool or as small as a bottle cap. Additional places she may lay her eggs are tires, flowerpots, roadside trash (cups, cans and bottles) and black corrugated drain pipes. Eliminating standing or stagnant water is one of the best defenses. Places they can be found during the day: anywhere cool and shady, ivy, azaleas, bushes and shrubs. The Asian tiger mosquito is known to be an effective carrier for a variety of diseases including West Nile Virus, Yellow Fever, Dengue Fever and dog heartworm. Help keep your property and community free of trash (cans, bottles, plastic bags, cups, etc.) and yard clutter. Tires also remain a problem throughout York County. These breed many more mosquitoes. Elimination of these potential breeding areas help to reduce mosquito populations that can transmit West Nile and many other diseases.

The West Nile Virus Program has purchased a truck sprayer system but it is ineffective against the Asian tiger mosquito. Because many other beneficial insects are active during the day, spraying can only be performed at night. More information is available at www.westnile.state.pa.us or please contact the local Penn State Cooperative Extension Office <http://york.extension.psu.edu/Agriculture/wnv.htm> or call 840-2375.

CAMP NORTH CODORUS



under the direction of the Hanover YMCA

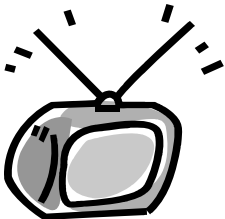
North Codorus Township will again sponsor a Park Program coordinated by the Hanover Area YMCA. The program will begin June 16th through July 25th, (No July 4th) Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to Noon with certain days designated to include field trips. Field trip days will be 9 AM to 3 PM. Area youth between the ages of 6 and 12 are invited to participate in this program at a charge of \$10 per child each week. Registration forms are required on the first day and may be picked up at the Township Office. Don't miss this summer of fun!

YORK COUNTY SENIOR GAMES

Calling all Seniors to come out and show your stuff. Senior Games to be held June 15th - 22nd, organized by York County Area Agency on Aging.

This event is for York County residents age 50 years and older as of December 31, 2008. More information is available by contacting York County Area Agency on Aging at 771-9610.

Cable Changes



Comcast has changed a few channels in the Basic Channel Lineup. ACTV/Community Bulletin Board moved from Channel 10 to Channel 19. Home Shopping Network (HSN) has moved from Channel 15 to Channel 10.

LYMES DISEASE

You can decrease the chances of being bitten by a tick carrying Lyme Disease by taking a few precautions:

- * avoid tick - infested areas especially in May, June and July
- * wear light - colored clothing - ticks can be spotted more easily
- * wear a long sleeved shirt tucked into your long pants and long pants tucked into your boots or socks or tied at the bottoms
- * wear a hat
- * avoid contact with tall grass and scrubs
- * apply insect repellent containing DEET onto all clothing and exposed skin (NOT the face)
- * After being outdoors, remove clothing and wash and dry them at a high temperature. Inspect the body carefully especially at the hairline, behind the earlobe, under the arms and breasts, at the beltline, groin and behind the knees. Remove attached ticks with tweezers, grasping the tick as close to the skin as possible and pulling straight back with a slow steady force; avoid crushing the tick's body.

More information may be obtained at Penn State's website www.ento.psu/Lyme/default.htm or Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/lyme/index.htm Printed booklets are available at the Township office during regular business hours.

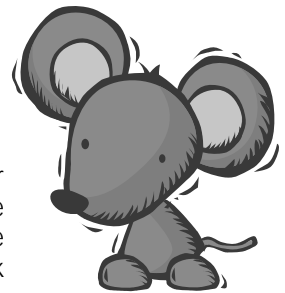


811 BEFORE YOU DIG

ALLIANCE LAUNCHES NEW CALL-BEFORE-YOU-DIG TELEPHONE NUMBER

There's a new number in town, and the Common Ground Alliance (CGA) is urging the public to dial it before they dig. CGA, a utility damage-prevention coalition in Alexandria, Va., and its partners launched 8-1-1, the nation's new standardized "Call Before You Dig" number, this past spring. Already, it is available in much of the United States, including Pennsylvania. The organization is hoping that more people will use the three-digit alert - much like they dial 9-1-1 in an emergency - to prevent unnecessary injury, protect underground utilities and avoid expensive repairs and fines when excavating. "Every minute, 680,000 utility lines are damaged nationwide and 40 percent of the damage is caused by people who fail to call before they dig," says Khrysanne Kerr, CGA's director of program development. These statistics, she adds, were alarming enough to prompt Congress to mandate the creation of 8-1-1 in 2005. Now, CGA is on a mission to educate the nation, particularly do-it yourselfers, about the phone number and the need to make that all-important call. The effort includes a large-scale public awareness campaign and a Web site, www.811.com. According to CGA, roughly 90 percent of homeowners are unaware that they MUST dial 8-1-1 when they intend to move dirt, even if it's for a small project, such as planting a tree or installing a mailbox. "We realize it will take time to change behavior," Kerr says, "so we're on a marathon, not a sprint." Although in its infancy, the campaign appears to be working: 8-1-1 has been dialed more than 5.7 million times since it was introduced earlier this year, according to the Web site. "Now that there is a single number to call, any time, there is no excuse for putting lives at risk by striking a utility line," U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary E. Peters said at the 8-1-1 launch event. "If 9-1-1 is the number you call to report emergencies, 8-1-1 is the number to call to prevent them."

We are all EARS!



Please note, we are listening to your comments. Residents have prompted the Supervisors to expand the Township Office hours to accommodate residents work schedules. Starting June 2nd the Township office will extend the hours on Mondays from 7:00 AM until 5:30 PM. If a holiday falls on a Monday, the extended hours will move to Tuesday. Please be advised that if you need to deal with a specific person within the office, call to arrange a time.

If the need for additional hours becomes evident, the Township will consider expanding on this program. If you have any comments or concerns, feel free to contact us at 225-4812 or send an e-mail to info@northcodorustwp.com.

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM
TUESDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

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FIRE COMPANY



The North Codorus Township Fire Company held their annual banquet in April to show appreciation to all of their volunteer firefighters and to honor a special long-time comrade. Marvin Stine was recognized for his many years as a firefighter and his 25 years of service as a dedicated Fire Chief. Marvin was presented citations from our State Representative, Beverly Mackereth and our State Senator, Mike Waugh. He also received plaques from our Fire Company and our Board of Supervisors. Marvin is a mentor and friend to his fellow firefighters and many members of other fire companies. His years of service have been greatly appreciated. The evening was filled with friendship, a good dinner, and a great surprise to Marvin and his wife.

NEW FIRE TRUCK

In April, the North Codorus Township Fire Company took possession of their brand new 2009 Rescue/Pumper Fire truck shown to the left with Chief Stine. This fire truck was built by KME in Nesquehoning, PA. one of the leading manufacturers of fire equipment. The combination truck serves as a fire and rescue truck. It carries all tools needed to be state certified for rescue as well as medical equipment, a 6000 watt light tower and the jaws of life. It can carry six firefighters at one time. We are proud to have it replace our 24 year old fire engine and our 20 year old rescue truck. Stop by the Fire Company and check it out.



**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
FIRE DEPARTMENT
CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE**



On

JUNE 14th

AUGUST 9th and SEPTEMBER 13th

at the

NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY

4012 SALEM ROAD

from 10:00 A.M. until.....

**1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Apple Sauce, Roll with
Butter**