



# NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP Newsletter

June 2009

## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Our long, cold Winter has finally turned to a colorful Spring. I want to thank the Road Crew for a "robust" good job maintaining those ice-covered roads, the Fire Dept. for their dedication, responding to emergency and medical calls, no matter what the weather conditions, and to our Police Dept. for their guidance and protection, whenever and wherever needed. Thank you to all employees and volunteers who gave of their time to get us through those cold winter months.

With Spring in the air, and a fresh boost of energy, our Community Park clean-up day, March 21st was a success. Another thank-you goes out to our Recreation Board and the many sports teams for their ambition and hard work that day.

You will notice some new faces at the Township Office. We welcome Elaine Mann, a part-time Secretary and Ray Dietrich, who is the new Zoning Officer. Please introduce yourself and give them your patience as they begin their new duties. Our Township Manager, Joy Strausbaugh, has plans to retire July 1st. Big shoes to fill over the next few months!

Wishing everyone a nice and pleasant summer - please don't hesitate to call with questions or suggestions. That's far better than wondering about hearsay or rumors!

*John B Rebert*, Chairman

## Tired of your commute to Maryland?

Rabbitransit is now offering York County residents transportation between York and Maryland. There are three trips in the morning and afternoon, Monday through Friday. Connections can be made to the MTA Light Rail and other points in northern Maryland. For more details and schedule information, visit [www.rabbitransit.org](http://www.rabbitransit.org).

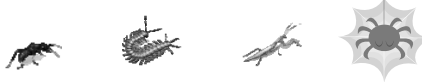


## CAMP NORTH CODORUS under the direction of the Hanover YMCA

A Summer Park Program coordinated by the Hanover Area YMCA will be held from June 15th thru June 26th. Themes will be Bugs-n-Slugs for the first week and Crafts for the second week. The camp will be held Monday thru Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. One day each week will be set aside for field trips from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM to allow for special trips and activities. Area youth from the ages of 6 through 12 are invited to participate.

Pick up a registration form at the Township Office Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM. Permission forms are **required on the first day**. Cost is \$10.00 per child per week.

*Bugs-n-Slugs Week* - We'll explore the creepy, crawly and the squiggly, jiggly. If you're a curious camper who wants to learn about insects and their role in the environment, then this camp is for you. Each day will present a variety of hands on activities, relating to the theme in addition to more traditional camp activities, such as games, teamwork, arts/crafts and more.



*Crafty Kids* - If you love crafts, then this week is for you! From the traditional camp crafts to the more wild and creative side, this week is all about creativity! We'll end the week with an art/fashion show. Each day will present a variety of hands on activities relating to the theme in addition to more traditional camp activities such as games, teamwork and more.



## OFFICE CLOSED

July 3, 2009  
September 7, 2009  
November 11, 2009  
November 26, 2009  
November 27, 2009

## TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

### Board of Supervisors

June 16	7:00 PM
July 21	7:00 PM
August 18	7:00 PM
September 15	7:00 PM
October 20	7:00 PM
November 17	7:00 PM
December 15	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 above 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)



Watch the local newspapers for the fall leaf collection schedule.



**ELECTION  
DAY**

November 3rd



## FREE YORK COUNTY JUDICIAL CENTER TOURS AVAILABLE

Have you ever wanted to learn more about the Court System? Wouldn't it be interesting to observe an actual trial? Now you can!



Volunteer Tour Guides with the York County Area Agency on Aging (YCAAA) are available to provide free tours of the York County Judicial Center. Tours for community groups can be scheduled between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM, Tuesday and Thursday. An alternate schedule may be available by special arrangement. Tours are limited to groups of 45 or less with a suggested age of middle school age or older. All individuals touring the Judicial Center will be cleared at the Security Entrance. **ADVANCE SCHEDULING IS REQUIRED** by calling YCAAA's Volunteer Coordinator at (717) 771-9006 or 1-800-632-9073, or by email at [KRO'Connor@york-county.org](mailto:KRO'Connor@york-county.org). Remember-NO cell phones allowed.

## ROAD WORK



### Roads Scheduled for Oil and Chip

Beards School Rd (Nace to Zeiglers Church), Cemetery Rd (Rt. 616 to Zeiglers Church), Grothey Rd, North Rohrbaugh Rd, Plainview Rd, Senft Rd and Stambaugh Rd

### Roads Scheduled for Skin Patch

Hoke Rd, Joseph Rd, Short Rd, Smyser Rd, Stauffer Rd and Sunnyside Rd

### Roads Scheduled for Culvert Replacement

Ambau Rd between Haar and Lischeys Church Rds, Stambaugh Rd between Waltersdorff and Dubbs Rds

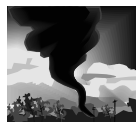
PLEASE slow down and keep alert on roadways when work of any kind is being performed. This is for the safety of the workers as well.

## ATTENTION RESIDENTS

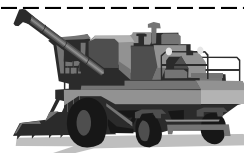
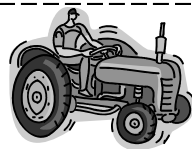
This is to inform some and to remind others, that North Codorus Township does have a Burning Ordinance. A copy of the Burning Ordinance may be obtained by stopping at the Municipal Building Monday—Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm or the North Codorus Twp. Fire Company. You may also visit the website at [www.northcodorustwp.com](http://www.northcodorustwp.com) to view the Burning Ordinance. If you plan to do any burning outside, whether it is paper, rubbish, trash, etc., please become familiar with the Burning Ordinance. The Ordinance is to insure safety of your home and property as well as others.

THANK YOU!

Chad Hess, 1st Lieutenant  
North Codorus Twp. Fire Co.  
225-6026



Spring is the most active time of year for severe weather. York County is at risk for tornadoes, thunderstorms, floods and earthquakes. Are you prepared? York County Office of Emergency Management has a dedicated website to assist all York County residents in developing their own emergency response plan. More details and tips on how to prepare are available at [www.READY-YORK.org](http://www.READY-YORK.org).



## *SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL POLICE Informational*

The following information pertains to traffic laws and regulations specifically geared for the farming and agricultural community. Some of these regulations may not be common knowledge. Therefore, in the interest of traffic safety, we are providing this information to the community.

Lighting and Marking of Farm Implements at Night – Generally, a farm implement may only be operated on a roadway after dark when it does not exceed eight (8) feet in width as a single vehicle or eight feet six inches as a combination. If you are operating a farm implement at night that meets the above requirements, it must be equipped with the following; a two headlight system, red reflectors on the rear, yellow reflectors on the front, four-way flashers, and a slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear. If towing an implement at night, the above listed safety devices must also be found on the towed item; except for the headlamps.

Markings During Daytime Operations – During daytime operation of a slow moving vehicle, the only requirement is the slow moving vehicle emblem. It should be noted that the American Society of Agricultural Engineers recommends that all agricultural equipment using public roadways use the same lighting requirements as do equipment operating at night.

Allowing Other Vehicles to Pass Your Slow-Moving Vehicle on Highways – When a vehicle travels at less than the posted maximum speed, and at such a slow speed impedes "the normal and reasonable movement of traffic", the driver should pull off and allow traffic to pass when it is safe to do so.

Any and all questions can also be answered via our website at [www.swrpd.org](http://www.swrpd.org) / "ask an officer".

*Submitted by Chief Greg Bean 225-1333*

*\*Portions of the preceding information has been provided by the PA Farm Bureau*



## FIRE HYDRANTS

DO NOT plant flowers, trees, shrubs, etc. near fire hydrants. Fire hydrants need to be highly visible.



## WEST NILE VIRUS



Every year mosquitoes return to irritate residents that would like to enjoy being outside. What can be done to reduce these pests and the chance of transmitted diseases? Tom Smith, of Penn State Cooperative Extension has some simple suggestions to help. Residents need to inspect their own yards and property for items that can hold water and dump or drain the water. These containers may be something small such as cans, buckets, tires, kiddie toys or tarps to as large as a covered swimming pool. Taking the time to perform a little yard cleanup will make your summer much more enjoyable. York County remains an area of concern for the risk of West Nile Virus. Residents that are over fifty years of age or have a compromised immune system because of an illness such as Lyme Disease, are more at risk for West Nile Encephalitis. Anytime you and your family are outside be sure to wear a repellent. Products containing DEET are most effective. Other repellents are also available. Residents need to use the repellent that works best for them. After following the above recommendations and you still have mosquito problems, try taking a fan outside with you. Mosquitoes are weak fliers and keeping the air moving on your deck or patio will keep the mosquitoes away. If you would like additional information about West Nile, Lyme Disease and repellent use please contact the York County West Nile Virus Program at 717-840-2375 or email [tls35@psu.edu](mailto:tls35@psu.edu).

### **REFUSE COSTS INCREASED**

Starting July 1st, the cost of refuse/recycling collection will increase to \$100.00 for 6 months, \$200.00 for 1 year with a \$15.00 discount for annual payment. BEFORE July 1st. Please display the new sticker by July 1st.

Recycling bins are still available for \$1.00 each.



### **Recycle scratched, warped and discolored plastics**

Reusing plastic food containers and water bottles seems environmentally friendly. Beware! Chemicals could leach into your food or drink if illness-causing bacteria breed in hard to clean places. The safest for food storage - #2s, #4s & #5s (Tupperware and name brand containers). Do not microwave, put hot food or use to store oily or acidic foods in yogurt containers, margarine tubs and/or deli take out soup containers. These types of containers are good for cool or dry foods only. If unsure, recycle the containers. Extra recycle bins are **ONLY \$1.00** each at the Township Office.



## **Mark Your Calendars For The 2009 YORK COUNTY SENIOR GAMES**

The York County Senior Games will be held **June 21 through June 28, 2009**. You must be a York County resident and 50 years of age by December 31, 2009, or older, to participate. There will be a variety of competitive and noncompetitive activities, something for everyone. If you participated in the 2008 Senior Games you will automatically receive a registration booklet for the 2009 Senior Games in March. For more information or if you would like to be added to the Senior Games mailing list, please call Melissa at (717) 852-4964 or 1-800-632-9073.



### **Taking Care of Your Wastewater System**

Sewer service line clogs caused by kitchen grease can be expensive to have a plumber remove or repair. Avoid clogs by properly disposing of kitchen grease.

Dispose of kitchen grease in a sealable container in your regular trash. Fat Trappers are available for \$2.00 each at the Township Building. Small deposits, such as those left on plates, should be washed with a dish detergent that contains surfactants. Surfactants are biodegradable ingredients that not only help cut grease from dirty dishes, but they can help lessen the stress on your wastewater system.

Save money - do your part to keep the system in good shape - the next time you purchase dish soap, pick a brand that has biodegradable, grease cutting power.

### **YARD SALES**

North Codorus Township does not charge a fee for having a yard sale. You may have two (2) yard sales a year. Take extra measures to be a courteous and considerate neighbor when hosting a yard sale. Plan for as much off street parking as possible to keep traffic flowing safely. Remember to clean up any unsold items and any trash that could blow onto a neighbor's property. Be sure to follow the rules below:

- 1) Maximum duration of each sale shall be two (2) consecutive days between the hours of 9 a.m. and sunset, prevailing time
- 2) Two (2) sales are permitted per location in any calendar year
- 3) Advertising signs must be removed no later than the day after the sale

## NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP

1986 STOVERSTOWN ROAD  
SPRING GROVE, PA 17362  
PHONE (717) 225-4812

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY 7:00 am to 5:30 pm  
TUESDAY thru FRIDAY 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

### TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

John B. Rebert  
(225-4859)  
Dennis G. Luckenbaugh  
(225-3304)  
Tanya L. Crawford  
(741-9672)

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE  
JUNE 6th, AUGUST 1st and SEPTEMBER 26th  
NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP FIRE COMPANY  
4012 SALEM ROAD from 10:00 A.M. until...



COST \$7.00  
1/2 Chicken, Baked Potato, Apple Sauce, Roll with Butter



### COMMUNITY BUILDING



Contact the Township Office at 225-4812 for available dates and rates.

### TRIM THE TREES PLEASE

Trees and scrubs within Township road right of ways and near road signs need to be maintained to permit sight distance. The following streets are scheduled for trimming:

Bahn Avenue	Blake Court	Freedom Drive
Heather Drive	Wentworth Road	Woodcliff Circle
Whispering Springs Drive		

If you don't want the Township to trim them, please take care of this before the Road Crew comes through to trim them to regulation size.

Do Not Mow



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

### NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

There are two (2) items each of you need to address – it may save your life one day. First on the list is property identification. Some residents are to be commended, they have complied with the Township regulations and identified their property with 3" reflective numbers. Then, there are those of you who have not yet done so. Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel need to be able to find you in time of emergency. When your loved one is the one that is making that call, their powers of thinking and reasoning have flown right out the window with the emergency at hand and will not be able to give clear directions to your home. Help everyone involved by placing 3" reflective property identification – on your mailbox or its post, a sign in the yard or numbers on your house. It may save your life.

Secondly, there are many issues with private lanes. There are many older lanes that are not well maintained, especially those in wooded areas. The road base is important, that emergency vehicles would be able to travel it. Road clearance is most important – trees should be cut back to allow for truck height and width. A private lane installed today has to have a minimum sixteen (16) foot clear pathway and a minimum cartway of twelve (12) feet. It is important that your lane be able to meet this in order to get emergency equipment to your home in time. In a recent incident, this factor cost one resident a great deal of fire damage because of the extra time it took to get fire hose to their fire. Don't let this be you – if you have questions about the fire equipment size, call your fire company. They are always willing to help you be safe. Thank you and have a safe and happy summer.