



# NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP Newsletter

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## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



It is a pleasure for all of us to see so much pride in our community over the summer months. Our park has been used every day, whether it was a ballgame, walkers on the path, family gatherings under the pavilion, children enjoying the play equipment, pets and their owners cooling off in the breeze or just taking a "time-out" for yourself in the warm summer air. We have all been working hard to show off our impeccable, groomed yards and picking up the stray "trash" left by others. Our gardens and farmers' fields have looked so bountiful which comes from lots of hard work. Southern York County is a beautiful place to live - the country!

Now, as we buckle down from the summer activities, let us find a few extra hours to devote to our Township organizations and committees. Attend the Township meetings and give us your ideas, so that we continue to grow positively and PROUD.

*John B. Refert,*

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

## ROAD MASTER'S ROAD REPORT

\* By the time you read this article, Tunnel Hill and Messersmith Roads will have seen major improvements, stormwater updates, widening and an overlay with blacktop.

\* The roads that were scheduled for oil and chipping have been completed for this year.

\* The Dirt & Gravel Project on Bungalow Road is continuing, the majority funded by grant monies.

\* The mowing of the Township roads has been completed for the second round with one more mowing to be done this growing season.

\* Hoff Road was converted from a dirt road to a hard road by the process of oil and chipping.

\* REMINDER: If there are any trees that hang out into the roadway or block the view, please trim them for better visibility, site distance and everyone's safety.

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
Veteran's Day November 11th  
Thanksgiving November 27th  
Day after Thanksgiving November 28th

Daylight Savings  
Time Ends  
November 2nd  
Set Clocks Back 1  
Hour



**Remember to Vote**  
**GENERAL ELECTION**  
Tuesday November 4<sup>th</sup>

## 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

Sept. 16 w/plans	7:00 PM
Oct. 21 w/plans	7:00 PM
Nov. 18 w/plans	7:00 PM
Dec. 16 w/plans	7:00 PM

### Planning Commission

4th Tuesday each month	7:00PM
<i>(No Dec. meeting)</i>	

### Zoning Hearing Board

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

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

### Sewer Authority

3rd Monday each month	7:00 PM
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### 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*)



## SOUTHWESTERN REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT New Bicycle Patrol

When the Southwestern Regional Police decided on providing the community with new police service; bicycle patrol, we knew it would have several benefits over conventional patrol. For one, Officers on bicycles can see things that they normally can't from a two-ton vehicle. Secondly, Officers are also much more accessible to the residents when traveling in this mode.

Ofr. Shaun Dickmyer, a 4 1/2 year employee, began patrolling on our *Cannondale* bicycle on August 31<sup>st</sup>. The bicycle is very well marked as a police unit as is the officer/rider. There is no mistaking this bicycle as its civilian counterpart. Red and blue strobe lights will make it stand-out from the rest of the two-wheelers. Residents in Spring Grove were first to see the bicycle on their streets and the initial reactions was "surprise" and "complimentary." Ofr. Dickmyer put himself through a weeklong class that specialized in tactical riding on all sorts of terrain and conditions. He was the likely choice for the rider position when the bicycle became a reality, thanks to special funding by the Borough of Spring Grove and the Township of North Codorus.

When you see the officer in your area, he may have certain duties that won't allow him to stop and chat; but at other times that's exactly what he is hoping to do. So if you see him in your neighborhood, a friendly "hello" is appreciated. Also, let him know what's going well in your community and what could use our help.

Your police department is looking forward to many other benefits for this type of police service. Some other benefits include use on the expanding York County Rail Trail. As a manager, I am looking forward to stretching my gasoline fuel fund just a little further. In addition to these benefits, Ofr. Dickmyer will tell you that he won't have to go to the gym on the day that his only power is from his pedals...

*Chief Greg Bean*

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[www.northcodorustwp.com](http://www.northcodorustwp.com)



## RECYCLE FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS

Home Depot will now be among other retailers like True Value and Ikea that recycle the energy efficient, compact fluorescent light bulbs (commonly called CFLs). These bulbs use up to 75% less energy and last 10 times longer than traditional light bulbs. With electric prices set to soar in Pennsylvania, the CFLs are a great way to go. Properly disposing or recycling CFLs is important because the bulbs contain small amounts of mercury. No mercury is released when CFL bulbs are intact or in use. Just another safe, effective way to save money!

## DISPOSING OF SHARPS

Often Penn Waste finds needles, knives, broken pottery, broken drinking glassware, broken window glass and other sharp non-recyclable items on the recycling sorting line. The proper way to dispose of sharp items including needles:



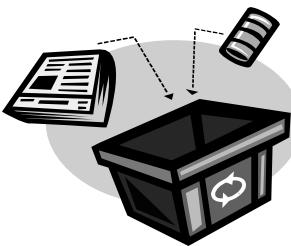
- \* put sharps in a puncture resistant container with a screw top, like a laundry detergent bottle
- \* wrap heavy duty tape around the top to secure the lid on the container
- \* label the container "DO NOT RECYCLE"
- \* put the container in a bag with your regular trash

**DO NOT:** put sharps in glass containers or containers that may break or puncture

**DO NOT:** flush sharps in the toilet

**DO NOT:** label the container "Medical Waste"

**DO NOT:** put the container in your recycle bin



## RECYCLE

According to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), recycling 1 can saves enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for 3.5 hours. Recycling a ton of glass saves the equivalent of 9 gallons of fuel oil.

## CLOTHING BOXES EVERYWHERE

For Clothes & Shoes ONLY - the following boxes benefit the Cancer Society

\* Twin Pine Farm Store along Route 616 (Seven Valleys Road)

\* Chuck's Automotive Sales near the Post Office in York New Salem

Have you noticed the CLOTHES & SHOES ONLY boxes popping up everywhere? Recycle unused items and help others in need. Donating clothes and shoes will benefit the Cancer Society in many ways. Another location to donate is at the York County Solid Waste and Refuse Authority located at 2653 Blackbridge Road, York. Clothing and shoes may be dropped in the Salvation Army's box during daylight hours, seven days a week. CLEAN clothing and shoes ONLY for donation in the boxes.

## COMMUNITY PARK

**ONLY 8 LEFT!**

The Memory Tree Program was received very well, so well that there are only 8 trees available for sponsoring. The cost is \$150.00 each. The trees can be In Honor Of or In Memory Of someone. A map of available locations is available at the Township office.



## Trick-or-Treating

Door to door Trick-or-Treating will be allowed for children aged 12 years and younger on October 31, 2008 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. Residents that want to participate are asked to turn on a porch light. "Trick-or-Treaters" are asked to go only to those homes that have porch lights lit.

North Codorus Township Fire Company and Southwestern Regional Police Department will be handing out treats in various neighborhoods through out the Township. Look for the Fire Company's new Pumper Truck.

## Just for Kids



Hey Trick or Treaters: Check the treat bags that you received from the Fire Company or a Southwestern Regional Police Officer. There will be 30 different \$5.00 gift certificates from Twin Pine Farm Store placed randomly in the treat bags. This generous donation was from Twin Pine Farm Store located at 1428 Seven Valleys Road just south of New Salem and Township Supervisor Tanya Crawford. THANKS!



## TAX COLLECTION

The Tax Collector will be sitting at the Township Building to collect taxes on the following:

Tuesday	September 2	1:00 - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	September 3	8:30 - 11:30 am
Monday	September 8	1:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday	September 9	8:30 - 11:30 am
Thursday	September 11	8:30 - 11:30 am
Thursday	September 11	1:30 - 4:00 pm
Friday	September 12	8:30 - 11:30 am
Monday	September 15	8:30 - 11:30 am
Monday	November 17	10:00 - 11:30 am

**NOTE:** The Tax Collector does NOT collect at her home. She collects at the Township on the above hours or you may pay by mail.

**REFUSE CUSTOMERS** - PLEASE NOTE: AFTER A HOLIDAY FOR PENN WASTE, THE REFUSE COLLECTION WILL BE ONE DAY LATE THAT WEEK. WATCH THE NEWSPAPER!



# LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will begin the week of November 3rd and continue through December 5th. Households are encouraged to MULCH and COMPOST as many leaves as possible on-site. Leaves should be curbside at the beginning of the collection week. NOTE: NO pickup is done on private roads.

November 3rd - 7th	East of Route 616, also Little John Drive
November 10th - 14th	Between Route 616 and Route 516
November 17th - 21st	West of Route 516
November 24th - 26th	East of Route 616, also Little John Drive
December 1st - 3rd	Between Route 616 and Route 516
December 4th - 5th	West of Route 516

## COMPOST, COMPOST, COMPOST

H & H General Excavating Company at 660 Old Hanover Road, in addition to accepting tree branches and brush, also accepts LEAVES. (NO grass clippings, weeds or yard waste). The acceptable items may be taken to their facility FREE OF CHARGE. This may be done seven days a week during daylight hours only. NO TREATED LUMBER PLEASE.

## THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW



- \* **YOU MUST STOP** when you meet or overtake a stopped school bus with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- \* **YOU MUST STOP** when you approach an intersection where a school bus is stopped with red signal lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- \* **YOU MUST STOP** at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign.
- \* **YOU MUST STOP** at least ten (10) feet away from a school bus.
- \* **YOU MUST STOP** on roadways with ridged or grooved divisions.
- \* **YOU MUST WAIT** until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving your vehicle.
- \* **YOU MUST NOT MOVE** until all departing children have reached a place of safety.

Drivers on the opposite side of the highway do not have to stop when a physical barrier provides roadway separation. If in doubt, STOP! If you are convicted of violating the Pennsylvania School Bus Stopping Law, you will receive all of the following penalties:

1. A \$250.00 fine.
2. Five (5) points on your driving record.
3. A 60-day license suspension.

Each year, more than 1,000 motorists do not obey the School Bus Stopping Law.

## ADULT CO-EDVOLLEYBALL PROGRAM



Look in the December's newsletter for upcoming dates for the volleyball program to be held at the New Salem Elementary School. This program is currently scheduled to begin Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CODE / ZONING ADMINISTRATOR



*Jay Little*

I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy in North Codorus Township. My travels have gotten me around the Township and allowed me to acclimate myself with the surroundings, which brings me to the subject of this article.

There seems to be an over-abundance of unused items sitting forlornly around the Township. One notable item is old and unusable mobile homes - most in a state of disrepair that would not even make them usable for storage. There are unused and uninspected autos, in various stages of disrepair. Some folks have even pulled in semi-trailers for storage. While this may seem like a good solution to you, your neighbor may not appreciate the view. You also need to remember - this use needs to have a permit to be an allowable use on any property.

All of these are situations that need to be addressed. The Zoning Ordinance of North Codorus Township is very clear about the outside storage of all materials. Did you know that you can access all of the Township Ordinances on our website ([www.northcodorustwp.com](http://www.northcodorustwp.com)) - there is a small brown book on the left hand side that you can click on. Section 195-34.C deals with unenclosed storage. It spells out what can be stored unenclosed outside and how long it can remain there before it becomes a violation. Take a look around your property - decide what needs to be taken care of and do it voluntarily before it becomes an enforcement issue. Remember that many people take great pride in the way they maintain their properties - avoid neighborhood problems and clean up! After all, your property value depends on it as well. Violations of this section can carry heavy penalties: fines can actually be set up to \$1,000. It could become very costly if these proceedings need to be initiated.

Due to the state of the economy, more and more properties are falling into disrepair - grass gets high and things become run down. Unfortunately, those perennials and shrubs that were so small and pretty when we planted them, have a tendency to outgrow their space. Think about what you plant - how large will it grow? Will it block someone's sight distance to pull out of their driveway? That two (2) foot "shrub" you plant may become a six (6) foot wide and twenty (20) foot high evergreen that blocks the entire view of the roadway. Think about the end result BEFORE you plant, particularly when you are planting close to a roadway or intersection. Good maintenance strategies of your landscaping and yard will only give value to your property and make you a "good neighbor". Maybe that elderly or handicapped person next door could use a little help, why not even help that widow or single parent - trimming shrubs, raking leaves, whatever you see that needs done. Keep in mind - overall property maintenance lends to a beautiful and peaceful neighborhood. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

**REMINDER: Daylight Savings Time is also a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors.**

## **NORTH CODORUS TOWNSHIP**

1986 STOVERSTOWN ROAD  
SPRING GROVE, PA 17362

PHONE (717) 225-4812

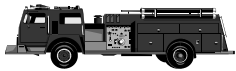
# **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**

John B. Rebert  
(225-4859)

Dennis G. Luckenbaugh  
(225-3304)

Tanya L. Crawford  
(741-9672)



# **FIRE COMPANY**

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

Fire Prevention week is October 5<sup>th</sup> thru 11<sup>th</sup>. The North Codorus Township Fire Department will hold an open house on Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. This would be a great time to stop by and see the new Rescue/Pumper. (Read about the Rescue/Pumper below.) Firefighters will be on hand to answer any questions that you may have.

## **RESCUE/PUMPER**

The Fire Company is proud to announce that on July 12<sup>th</sup>, we placed into service our new KME custom Rescue/Pumper. It is a dual purpose piece that replaces two (2) pieces of equipment. It replaced a 1984 Ford Engine (Pumper) that was only capable of carrying two (2) firefighters and a driver. The other truck being replaced was a Ford F350 with a walk in style utility box. The old Rescue Truck has been put into service by the Township Road Crew as a maintenance vehicle.

The new Rescue/Pumper is capable of carrying up to six (6) firefighters and will be used for firefighting and for vehicle rescue. The truck is equipped with all the necessary equipment to extract a trapped person from a vehicle involved in a collision, including two (2) sets of Amkus rescue tools (Jaws of Life). It also carries medical equipment such as oxygen and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and will be QRS (Quick Response Service) certified. The truck has a 650 gallon water tank and a 1500 gpm (gallons per minute) pump. Several ground ladders as well as fire hose and other firefighting hand tools and equipment are carried. The truck has a light tower that will brighten the scene at night and make the scene much safer for the firefighters. North Codorus Township Fire Company is striving hard as a department to provide the best service possible to the residents of the Township.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Truck Committee for all of the hard work over the last two (2) years designing and equipping the new truck and getting it into service. Also, to all the firefighters who were there over the past few weeks preparing to transfer all of the equipment into its proper place on the truck. All Township residents are invited to stop by the Fire House and check out the new Rescue Truck.

Submitted by: Jeremy Stein Lt 12-1  
Truck Committee Chairman

## **KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD LITTER-FREE**

Summer storms are still brewing and Autumn winds will soon pick up. Please help to keep your neighborhood litter-free by securing lids on your trash cans and bundling paper and cardboard.

## **DO YOU DIG DAFFODILS?**



The York County Community Foundation's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Daffodil Dig in York City will be held on Saturday October 11, 2008 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Rain date is Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>. Over the last 3 years, more than 1,000 volunteers have helped plant 100,000 bulbs in pocket gardens, green spaces and parks throughout the city. This year there are 25,000 more bulbs to plant. For more information contact (717) 848-3733 or email [info@yccf.org](mailto:info@yccf.org).

## **SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE**

On  
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**

