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Welcome To Our 2026 Fall/Winter Newsletter

Dear Residents,

We are excited to introduce a new format for the Township Newsletter, designed to keep our community informed while being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars.

Beginning with this issue, the newsletter is being produced through an advertising-supported model. This means that local businesses and organizations have generously purchased advertising space to help offset the cost of design and printing of this publication. As a result, the Township can continue providing residents with important information about Township services, projects, events, public meetings, and community initiatives while reducing the direct cost to taxpayers.

This new approach creates a partnership that benefits everyone. Residents continue to receive valuable Township news and updates, local businesses gain an opportunity to connect with the community, and the Township can maximize the efficiency of public resources.

By choosing to advertise in this publication, these businesses have demonstrated their support for our Township and its residents. We encourage you to remember these businesses when seeking products and services and to thank them for helping make this community resource available.

We hope you enjoy this new edition of the Township Newsletter and find it both informative and valuable.

Thank you for your continued support of our community— and for supporting the local businesses that help make this publication possible.

Just a reminder to check out our Facebook page for any updates regarding Trash & Recycling pick up, Road work, Job openings, etc.



NEW TRASH & RECYCLING HAULER INFORMATION INSIDE



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Ask About Our Exporting Services

Mount Joy Township Boards

Please check the website for meeting times

Board of Supervisors - 3rd Monday
Debra E. Dupler - Chairperson
Delmar J. Oberholtzer - Vice Chairman
Kevin M. Baker
David W. Sweigart III
H. William Weik Jr.

Zoning Hearing Board - 1st Wednesday
Planning Commission - 4th Monday
Park & Recreation - 2nd Tuesday
Police Commission - 4th Tuesday
Elizabethtown Area Water Authority - 2nd Monday (EAWA Building)
Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority - 2nd Tuesday (ERSA Building)

Mount Joy Township Holidays

Closed Thanksgiving - November 26 & 27 • Closed Christmas - December 24 & 25 • Closed New Years - January 1

Mount Joy Township Thanksgiving Community Food Drive
November 2nd – November 20th, 2026

Mount Joy Township will be accepting non-perishable food items to be donated to the Community Cupboard in Elizabethtown. Items can be dropped off at the Mount Joy Township office located at 8853 Elizabethtown Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022 during the hours of 8a.m. – 4p.m. Monday – Friday
Thank you for your donation

LEAF PICKUPS 2026

Saturday, November 21
Saturday, December 5 & 19

Trash Billed: December 31st
Payment Due: February 1st



Payments will be considered late if submitted online, in our office or drop box after February 1st.

Mount Joy Township does not use the postmark date on the envelope.

Your payment would be processed using the date we receive the payment.

NEW RATE CHANGES FOR 2027

The cost of the trash and recycling program will remain at $310.00 for the year, billed $155.00 semi-annually. You should receive your trash bills December 31st with a due date of February 1st and July 1st with a due date of August 2nd. There will no longer be a prepay discount. If the payment is received after the due date a $15.00 late fee will be added. As a reminder if mailing your trash payment please allow enough time for us to receive your payment. Payment date is established by the date received at the Township, not the postmark date on the envelope.

There will be a discount for residents 75 years and over. The discount will be available to anyone who is 75 years or over as of the due date of the current trash bill. **This will allow the residents to pay $210.00 for the year,** (That is a discount of $100.00 off for the year). Residents must show proof of age when signing up for this discount. Payment MUST be received by the due date, if payment is not received by the due date, you will be billed semi-annually for the year. Discount will only be available at the January billing.

The Township Utilizes MuniciPay For Online Trash & Rental Payments

A question we often receive at the township is "Why did I receive a late fee, when I log on it shows there is a $0.00 balance." When logging onto MuniciPAY you will need to click "I Agree" to continue to make a payment. It states there will always be a $0.00 balance, and you will have to enter the amount due found on the invoice. Please verify that the account number and address are correct for the account you are paying to make sure the payment will be applied to the correct account.

Just a reminder when making a trash payment for a rental property you will need to enter the account number and where it asks for the last name you will need to enter the resident number only, not the last name. The resident number is located at the top of the bill.

New Trash And Recycling Hauler Information

BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2027

INFORMATION / FAQ SHEET:

What is the name of our new Hauler? Good's Disposal Services

Who do I call with customer service questions? Good's Disposal Services - Customer Service at 717-859-1879 or by email: info@goodsdisposalservice.com. All calls regarding missed pick-ups or if you need to schedule an oversized item pick-up(s), replacement carts and route change questions.

What is changing?

- Each customer will now have a (1) 96-gallon trash curb cart and (1) 64-gallon recycling cart delivered from Good's to their residence sometime in December. These curb carts may not be utilized until after January 1, 2027.
- There are some customers whose pick-up day will change, as the new hauler is attempting to equalize pickups across the four service days. You can expect to receive a letter from Goods Disposal Service in December indicating your new pick-up schedule. We will also be posting a map on our website in December that will assist with identifying your pick-up day. If you have any questions regarding your scheduled route change, please contact Goods Disposal Services.
- **Oversized items now must be scheduled to be picked up on your trash day**. Please call Good's Disposal Services at 717-859-1879 to schedule your oversized item pick-up(s) at least 24 hours in advance to have your item(s) picked up. Oversize items will only be picked up on your trash day. Tags are $4.00 each and can be purchased at the township office, we accept cash or check only. There is a limit of two items per week.

How do I get rid of any existing containers I no longer need for trash and recycling disposal?

If they loosely fit, they can be put in the new curb cart. If they don't fit, place them next to the toter with the word "Trash" written on it.

Reminders!

- **All communications, other than billing, should be directed to Good's Disposal Services at 717-859-1879.**
- Township offices are open Monday through Friday 8:ooam until 4:00pm to purchase tags or yard waste bags. Payment can be made by cash or check only.
- Although the curb carts hold a significant amount of trash, extra bag tags are available for sale at the township office for $2.00 each. Bags with tags must be visible to the driver or they will not be picked up on your trash day. Each bag must have an extra bag tag.
- White Goods and Tires need to be scheduled with Good's. These items are picked up twice a year in March and September. Tags are available for purchase at the township office for $15.00 each.

White Goods & Tire Pickup March 8, 9, 10, 11, 2027

White Goods and Tires will be picked up on your scheduled trash day. Put the items out the evening before your scheduled trash pickup day.

Tire Tag: $5.00
Limit 10 tires per address
(on or off the rim)
No Commercial Tires



White Goods Tag: $15.00
Including, but not limited to, appliances, treadmills and large metal items

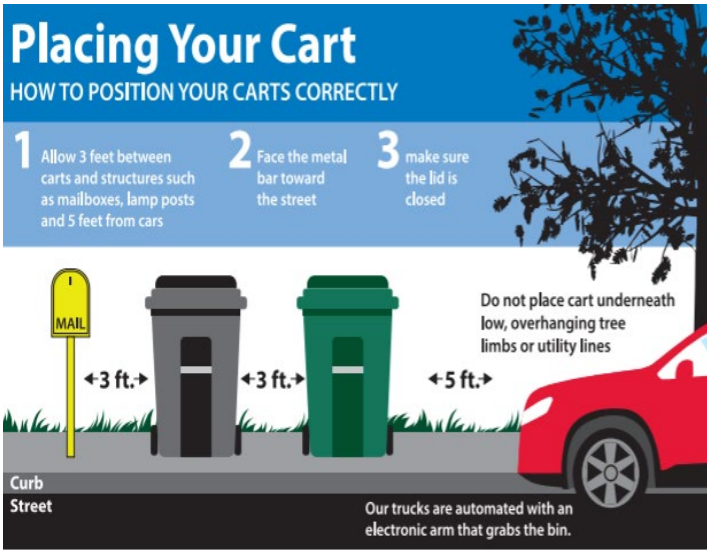


Questions? Call Good's Disposal Service at **717-859-1879** or email info@goodsdisposalservice.com Tags must be purchased by **Thursday, March 4, 2027** using Cash or Check. Already have a tag? **Call 717-859-1879** to be placed on the list.

Mobile Waste & Recycling Carts

Good's Disposal Service will be utilizing automated collection trucks beginning January 4, 2027. Each household will be receiving a 96-gallon waste and 65-gallon recycling cart, which will be delivered in December. Please review the following guidelines to ensure efficient service:

- Begin using the carts on the first collection in January.
- Place carts at the curb by 5:00 AM or the night before.
- Do not place carts in the road or on sidewalks, carts should be placed behind the curb line or behind the edge of the roadway.
- Place carts approximately three feet apart from the other cart and maintain three feet of clearance around any other collection obstacles, such as mailboxes, and utility poles; maintain five feet of distance with parked cars.
- Face the metal bar toward the street and have the lid closed.
- All waste and recycling must be placed in the carts, any excess material that does not fit in the cart must have an Extra Service Tag.





2027 Rental License

Invoices for the 2027 rental licenses are being sent to property owners in November 2026. ***Rental license applications and fees are due to the Township by December 31, 2026.*** The license fee for Short-Term and Long-Term rentals is $85.00 for the year. Payment can be made online or by cash or check at the Township office.

The application may be sent by U.S. mail to 8853 Elizabethtown Rd., Elizabethtown, PA 17022 or may also be dropped off at our office between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday or placed in the exterior secure red drop box in front of the office 24 hours a day. If you have any questions about the 2027 rental license process, please call Dan Ford at 717-367-8917.

Reminders From Public Works

- Do not place leaves on Township roads, in drainage ditches or over storm drains. If you have a storm drain in front of your property, please keep it clear of leaves and all debris.
- Basketball nets that hang over any portion of a Township road must be removed. They are hazards to any passing vehicles, including garbage trucks, delivery trucks and, especially, snowplows that need to get close to the curbing.
- When snow falls, please be patient. We do our best to get a plow truck to your street as quickly as possible. Plowing main arteries will be our first priority, followed by secondary roads and then developments.
- Do not throw snow into the street. When the plow truck comes by, the snow will inevitably end up back on your property. It is NOT the responsibility of the Township to clear the end of your driveway once the plow has passed through.
- When a snowstorm is forecast, please remove all vehicles from Township roads so the entire road can be plowed.
- Sidewalks and fire hydrants must be cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snow or ice event.



Mount Joy Township - Special Pickups 2027

PLEASE CUT OUT TO KEEP FOR THE UPCOMING SPECIAL PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Christmas Trees:
January 11, 12, 13, 14 - Will be picked up on your scheduled trash day. NO tinsel, ornaments, stands, or bags!

White Goods & Tires:
March: 8, 9, 10, 11
September: 13, 14, 15, 16
**** Purchase tags by the Thursday before the pickup date! ****
*** White Goods & Tires will be picked up on your trash day ***
**** All tags can be purchased by CASH or CHECK only ****

Woody Yard Waste:
WYW bags can be purchased at the Township for $.50 each.
April: 5, 6, 7, 8 * 19, 20, 21, 22
May: 3, 4, 5, 6 * 17, 18, 19, 20
June: 1, 2, 3, 4 * 14, 15, 16, 17 * 28, 29, 30
July: 1, * 12, 13, 14, 15 * 26, 27, 28, 29
August: 9, 10, 11, 12 * 23, 24, 25, 26
September: 7, 8, 9, 10 * 20, 21, 22, 23
October: 4, 5, 6, 7 * 18, 19, 20, 21

**** Place WYW curbside with your trash on your pickup day in the designated WYW weeks.***

*** WYW should be bagged or bundled with twine in lengths no longer than 4'. WYW bags may be purchased from the Township.**
**** Limit of 20 bags and/or bundles per WYW pickup.***
*** Never include grass clippings, dirt, or stones with WYW.**

Fall Leaf Pickups:
November 8, 9, 10, 11 ~ 22, 23, 24, 26
December 6, 7, 8, 9 ~ 20, 21, 22, 23
Leaves ONLY for these pickups!
No Limit on leaf bags.

Holiday Pickups:
New Year's 2027: No change to pick up schedule
Memorial Day: May 31 - No pick up
M picked up T, T picked up W, W picked up Th, Th picked up Friday
Independence Day: No change to pick up schedule
Labor Day: September 6 – No pick up
M picked up T, T picked up W, W picked up Th, Th picked up Friday
Thanksgiving Day: November 25 – No pick up – Th picked up Friday
Christmas Day: No change to pick up schedule

NEW CHANGE FOR 2027
PLEASE CUT OUT THE CONTACT INFORMATION BELOW FOR YOUR RECORDS

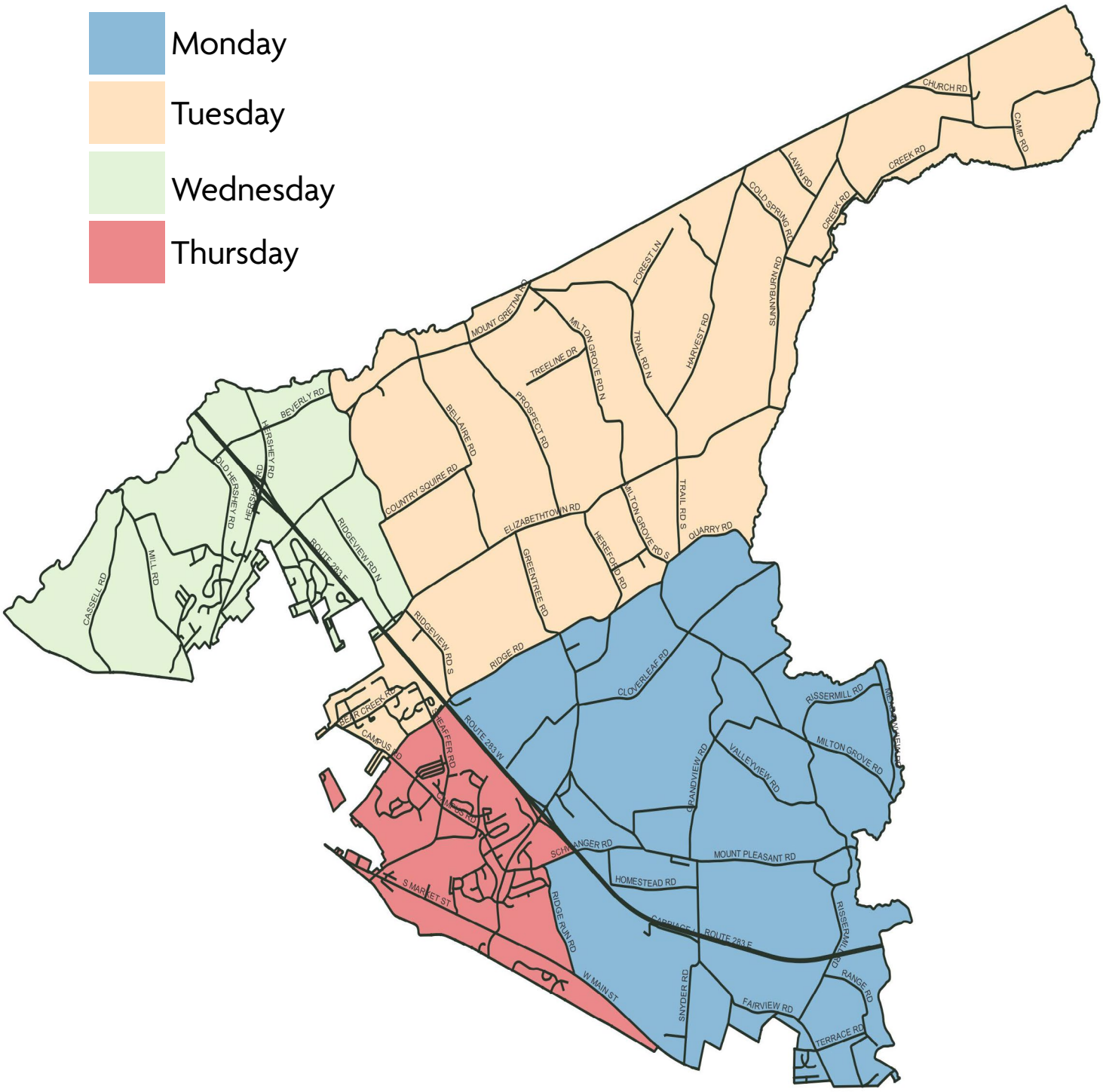


Contact Good's Disposal Service for the following:

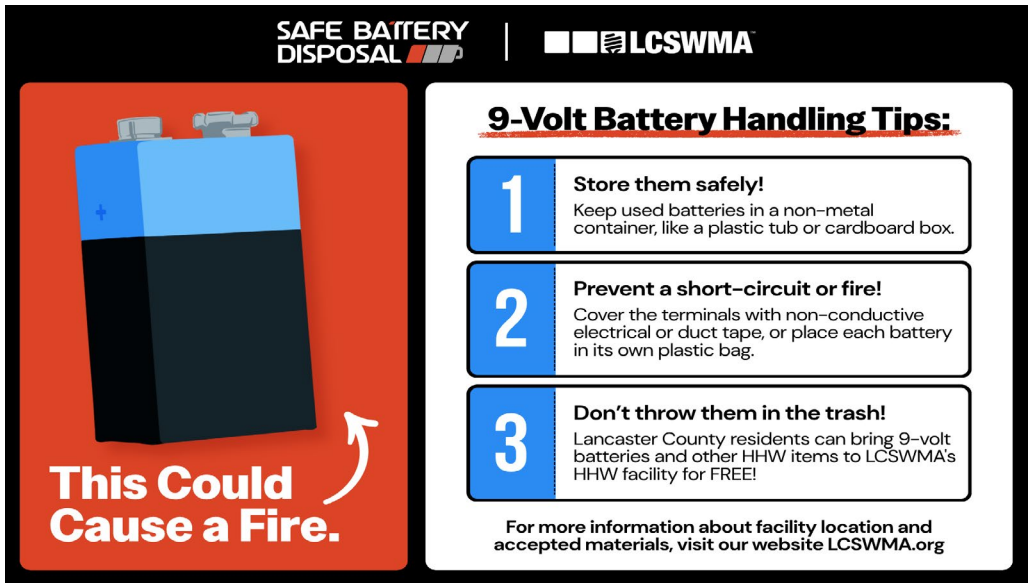
- Missed pick-up
- To schedule an oversized item pick-up
- If you would need a replacement cart
- To schedule a White Goods Tire pick-up (Available only in March & September)

at **717-859 1879** or by email at **info@goodsdisposalservice.com**

Trash Pick-Up Day




Rechargeable batteries are causing fires.
Keep all batteries out of trash and recycling.
SafeBatteryDisposal.com
We need the community's help!
Rechargeable batteries found in many common household items can spark and explode when damaged. Fires in garbage trucks and processing facilities are on the rise. Help protect our employees, haulers, property, and community.
HERE'S WHAT TO DO:
Alkaline Batteries (single-use: AA, AAA, C, D): Collect in storage bag. Once full, time for disposal.
Rechargeable Batteries: Don't store. Properly dispose of immediately.
LCSWMA
FREE, Proper Disposal:
Lancaster County Residents: Bring to LCSWMA's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA, 17603
Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am to 4:00 pm; Sat. 7:00 am to 11:00 am
Ask your trash collector if they take filled battery bags. If so, place on curb beside trash. Bags are brought to LCSWMA.
All Counties:
To find rechargeable battery drop-off locations near you: www.Call2Recycle.org
Participating retail collection points include:
Home Depot, Lowes & Staples


SAFE BATTERY DISPOSAL
LCSWMA
This Could Cause a Fire.
9-Volt Battery Handling Tips:
1
Store them safely!
Keep used batteries in a non-metal container, like a plastic tub or cardboard box.
2
Prevent a short-circuit or fire!
Cover the terminals with non-conductive electrical or duct tape, or place each battery in its own plastic bag.
3
Don't throw them in the trash!
Lancaster County residents can bring 9-volt batteries and other HHW items to LCSWMA's HHW facility for FREE!
For more information about facility location and accepted materials, visit our website LCSWMA.org

From The Desk Of The Finance Department

Who's watching the Township's wallet? Spoiler alert: A lot of people-and that's a good thing.
Every year, Mount Joy Township gets a full financial check-up to make sure your tax dollars are handled responsibly and in line with state law. It's all about accuracy, accountability, and transparency.

An independent auditing firm, White, Rudy LLC, reviews the Township's finances from top to bottom – revenues, expenses, assets, and liabilities. Their job? Make sure every dollar is accounted for and used exactly as intended.

Once the audit is complete, a report is shared with the Board of Supervisors and filed with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), where it becomes part of the public record.

Roads, Snow, and Potholes: Enter the Liquid Fuels Audit
The Township undergoes a **Liquid Fuels Audit**, focused solely on state funds used for roadwork. These funds pay for things like **paving, snow plowing, bridge repairs, and general roadway maintenance**.

Each Year, PennDOT checks the books to ensure those dollars were spent properly and only on approved projects. Bottom line: road money goes to roads.

Why it Matters (Even if Audits Aren't Exciting)
Audits keep everyone honest and on track. They confirm that Mount Joy Township is managing public funds carefully, correctly, and with residents' best interest in mind. It's transparency you can trust and proof that your tax dollars are working for you.

Celebrating Patricia Bailey's Retirement





After 24 years of dedicated service to Mount Joy Township, Pat Bailey, who serves as the Township's Secretary and Assistant Zoning Officer, will retire on January 29, 2027. Throughout her career, Pat has served our community with professionalism, reliability, and a steadfast commitment to our residents.

Since joining the municipality in 2003, Pat has played an important role in most of the operations of our local government. Pat obtained her Building Code Officer Certification in January of 2007 and became the Assistant Zoning officer thereafter in May of 2007.

If you speak to the many people that Pat has worked with, you will hear a common theme of hard work, a deep knowledge of municipal government, and genuine care for serving our residents. Her knowledge, experience, and willingness to help have made a lasting impact on colleagues and the community alike.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Pat for her many years of service and wish her good health, happiness, and many rewarding adventures in retirement. Please join us in congratulating Pat and thanking her for a job exceptionally done.

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6 - 8:30 PM Laserdome

Kids Center
(717) 367-0119
Hours: Weekdays 6:30 AM - 6 PM
wendymusser@getintogears.org
Preschool
Kindergarten
Before & After School Programs

Senior Center
(717) 367-7984
SeniorCenter@getintogears.org
Hours: Weekdays 8:30 AM - 4 PM

Pancake Breakfast & Fall Bazaar
November 14
Breakfast: 7 AM - 11 AM
Fall Bazaar 7 AM - 12 PM

Mother/Son Axe Throwing Adventure
Saturday November 14
1-3 PM Stumpy's, Hershey

EXTRA GIVE
Friday
Nov. 20, 2026

Holiday Parade
Saturday December 5
4 PM on Market St.
Theme: Santa's Workshop



Safe Winter Driving

Winter driving can be hazardous and scary, especially in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional preparations can help make a trip safer, or help motorists deal with an emergency. This sheet provides safety information to your residents to help prevent motor vehicle injuries due to winter storms.

THE THREE P'S OF SAFE WINTER DRIVING:

PREPARE for the trip;
PROTECT yourself;
and **PREVENT** crashes on the road.

PREPARE

- **Maintain Your Car:** Check battery, tire tread, and windshield wipers, keep your windows clear, put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir, and check your antifreeze.
- **Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material (sand, kitty litter, even floor mats), shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets. For long trips, add food and water, medication and cell phone.
- **Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert, put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light, and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.
- **Plan Your Route:** Allow plenty of time (check the weather and leave early if necessary), be familiar with the maps/ directions, and let others know your route and arrival time.

Practice Cold Weather Driving!

- During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
- Steer into a skid.
- Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes, pump on non-antilock brakes.
- Stopping distances are longer on water-covered snow and ice.
- Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.



PROTECT YOURSELF

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

PREVENT CRASHES

- Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Avoid fatigue – Get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours, and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

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FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)



1. I own a house that I want to rent. Do I need a permit or a license?
Answer: Yes. Mount Joy Township requires that all rental properties need to be licensed and inspected.

2. How do I obtain a Mount Joy Township rental license?
Answer: Mount Joy Township has two types of rental licenses -
The first is a long-term license for tenants that will be living there for more than 30 days.
The second is a short-term rental license (i.e. Airbnb.) A short-term rental license is for tenants that are staying for less than 30 days.
Both applications can be obtained at our office located at 8853 Elizabethtown Road or on our website www.mtjoytwp.org

3. Can I burn in Mount Joy Township?
Answer: A recreational fire pit with masonry walls which is not greater than three feet in diameter and two feet high may be used but shall be covered by a wire mesh and be greater than 15 feet from any building or flammable material. Items such as trash, recyclables, construction material and yard waste including leaves, branches and grass may NOT be burned.
Limited burning is permitted for agriculture waste associated with farming.

4. My neighbor does not cut his grass, and it looks bad. Can Mount Joy Township do something about that?
Answer: Yes, Mount Joy Township Ordinance requires that grass and weeds be maintained under 6 inches. Please notify our Codes Enforcement Officer.

5. How do I reach the Mount Joy Township Code Enforcement Officer?
Answer: Dan Ford is our Code Enforcement Officer and can be reached by calling the Township at 717-367-8917 or by email at dan@mtjoytwp.org.

Fire Tax

Every cent of your fire tax stays right here in our community —supporting the people and equipment that protect you 24/7.
Mount Joy Township provides financial support to our 4 local Fire Companies (Elizabethtown Friendship Fire & Hose Co. #1, Fire Department Mount Joy, Mastersonville Fire Co. & Rheems Fire Department) through a dedicated fire tax. Thanks to the Township's fire tax, we're able to provide vital funding to our fire companies – supporting the brave men and women who respond when our community needs them most.

Where Your Fire Tax Goes
Every dollar from the Township's dedicated fire tax goes straight to supporting our local fire companies. This funding helps cover:

- **Life-saving equipment** – from protective gear to modern firefighting tools
- **Training & certification** – keeping our firefighters ready for any emergency
- **Operational costs** – fuel, maintenance, and essential supplies

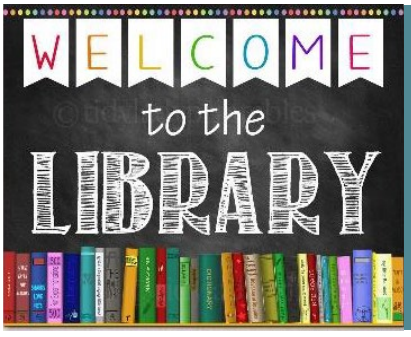
Your contribution through the fire tax ensures our firefighters can respond quickly, safely, and effectively—24/7, 365 days a year. It's an investment in the safety and security of our entire community.

Volunteer with Your Local Fire Department.
Fire departments are eager to welcome people of all ages, backgrounds, and expertise.
Junior programs begin as young as 14 years old, and older adults have found volunteering at their fire department to be a fulfilling opportunity in retirement.

Fire departments don't just need firefighters, either. They can always use help with events, fundraising, bookkeeping, and more.

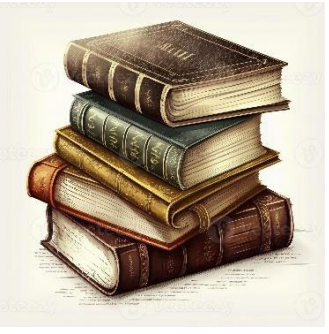
Volunteers can also benefit from property tax breaks.





Milanof-Schock Library
1184 Anderson Ferry Road Mount Joy, PA 17552
717-653-1510
www.mslibrary.org

Elizabethtown Public Library
10 South Market Street
717-367-7467
information@etownpubliclibrary.org



Summers Over! Remember Back to School Safety

Ah yes, you can almost hear the unified groans of children around the community over the parents cheers of joy as we welcome the back to school season. The Northwest Regional Police Department would like to remind everyone to drive safely and keep a sharp eye out for our local youth as they travel back and forth between home and school. Whether they are walking, driving, riding bicycles, or being transported by school buses, please keep the safety of our local students in mind while you are travelling the roadways in the course of your daily travels. Please remember to account for the increased traffic as school transportation operations resume here in our local school districts. Please be patient as the most valuable members of our community travel back and forth to their "Daily Grind" in the pursuit of their futures and finding their place shaping the future of our community and our world.



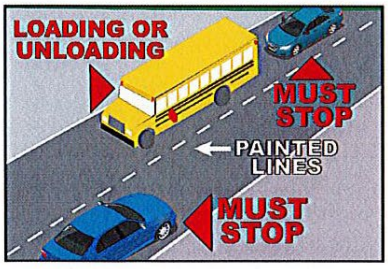
PENNSYLVANIA'S SCHOOL BUS STOPPING LAW

Keeping Children Safe

- 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.
- You MUST STOP at least ten (10) feet away from the school bus.
- You MUST WAIT until the red lights have stopped flashing and the stop arm has been withdrawn before moving.
- DO NOT MOVE until all the children have reached a place of safety.

KNOW YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

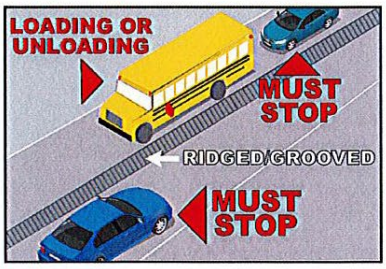
- 1.5 million children are transported on Pennsylvania roads each day.
- These children are transported approximately 400 million miles to school each year.
- Every year, children are needlessly injured or killed by drivers passing stopped school buses.



You MUST STOP on roadways with painted lines.



You MUST STOP at an intersection, whether it is or is not marked with a stop sign. All traffic MUST stop.



You MUST STOP on roadways with ridged/grooved dividers.

Our Children's Safety Is In Your Hands.

School Bus Safety, MESA's Billing Process and Career Opportunities

As students are back in school and traffic increases on our roads, the Municipal Emergency Services Authority of Lancaster County (MESA) reminds drivers to stay alert and follow traffic laws to keep your community safe:

- **Watch for Children** – Be especially vigilant in school zones and during peak morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off hours, as children may cross unexpectedly.
- **Slow Down for Yellow Flashing Lights** – Yellow flashing lights indicate a bus is preparing to stop to pick up or drop off children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop.
- **Stop for Red Lights** – When a school bus extends its stop arm and flashes red lights, drivers traveling in ALL directions must stop at least 10 feet away.
- **When It's OK to Go** – Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.

Violating school bus stopping laws carries stiff penalties, including driver's license suspension, points and fines — but most importantly, staying alert and following bus stop laws keeps children safe.

Understanding MESA's Billing Process

What happens when you call 911 and you are treated and/or transported by an ambulance crew? After MESA responds to a 911 call and evaluates, treats and/or transports a patient, there are three factors that determine if or what the patient is charged for ambulance services including:

- Whether or not the patient has health insurance
- Whether or not MESA has the patient's insurance information
- Whether or not MESA's annual fee has been paid

If you have insurance and have paid your annual MESA fee:

- If your insurance pays MESA, you will receive no residual bill.
- If your insurance pays you, you must submit payment for that amount to MESA.
- If your insurance allowance is applied to your deductible, MESA will bill you 50% of the charge.

If you have insurance and *have not* paid your annual MESA fee:

- If your insurance pays MESA, MESA will bill you the remaining balance.
- If your insurance pays you, you must submit payment for the full amount to MESA.
- If your insurance pays nothing, MESA will bill you the full amount.

Even with this explanation, we recognize that this process is not necessarily easy to follow! That is why you can also find a visual chart that details this process on MESA's website at mesalancasterpa.gov/ems-services/.

Join Our Team: MESA is Hiring!

Are you a paramedic, AEMT, or EMT looking for a career that makes a difference in Lancaster County? We pride ourselves on cultivating a welcoming, family-like work environment that offers competitive pay, strong benefits, and paid time off. If you are ready to serve your community alongside a dedicated team, apply today by visiting mesalancasterpa.gov/join-our-team.

Permit Information

- There is a 3-week processing timeframe for most permits.
- Applications are accessible on our website at www.mtjoytwp.org
- The fee schedule is on our website at www.mtjoytwp.org
- Payment is due prior to/and with application. Payment can be made by Cash or Check.

Spring and summer are the busiest time for permit requests so please plan your project accordingly and allow time for any questions or issues that may arise.

A **Uniform Construction Code (UCC)** permit is required for any project involving structural construction, significant alterations, or the installation of regulated utility systems in Pennsylvania and get sent out externally for a review.

A **Stormwater Permit** is required for any project that disturbs the earth or any change to impervious coverage.

A **Zoning Permit** ensures your project follows local rules about property lines, building heights, lot coverage, and allowed land uses.

Some examples of projects you do not need a zoning permit for:

- **Routine maintenance:** Repairing a roof, replacing siding, or painting.
- **Like-for-like replacements:** Swapping old windows or doors with new ones of the exact same size.
- **Basic yard items:** Planting a garden, putting up a swing set, or setting up a small children's wading pool

Some examples of projects you need a permit for:

- Building a new house, garage, shed, gazebo, or other accessory structure.
- Additions and expansions: Adding a deck, porch, room addition, or patio.
- Exterior installations: Putting up a fence, retaining wall, sign, or new driveway.
- Change of use: Changing a residential space into a business or altering how a commercial building is used.
- Interior conversions: Changing interior spaces to create a new living area, such as finishing a basement or converting a garage into a room.

**** Remember to check with Mount Joy Township before starting a project to see if a permit is required. You can stop in or call the office at 717-367-8917 ****





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