



# The Township Times

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## The Mount Joy Township Road Improvement Plan



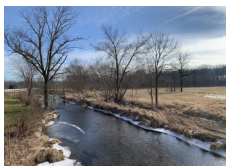
In 2018, the 2019-2023 Road Improvement Plan was adopted to best allocate our Road Projects Fund and Highway Aid money to road restoration and surface management activities. Projects initiated in the last three years have resulted in 2.9 miles of road reconstruction and 3 more miles of widening and repaving. Repairs to Bear Creek Road, Spring Road, and the eastern segment of Beverly Road will be capped off with a paving overlay this summer. Stauffer Road and newly widened Country Squire Road will also be repaired and paved by the Township Public Works Department. To see all of the work planned for 2020—including the Harvest Road reconstruction—visit our Roads page of the township website at [mtjoytwp.org/township-roads](http://mtjoytwp.org/township-roads).

Two years later, it is time to assess road improvements for the next five-year period: 2021-2025. The Mill Road bridge replacement should be complete next year, and most of the 2021 and 2022 project dollars have been programmed. Difficult decisions involving project prioritization in years 2023, 2024, and 2025 must be made. This planning process will continue through the spring before a draft plan is proposed to the Board of Supervisors in the summer. Our overarching goal is to make the township's 65 miles of roadway a safe and structurally sound transportation network. You can view the 2019-2023 plan and the draft 2021-2025 plan on the Roads page listed above.

*By Justin Evans, Township Manager*

## Community Involvement in Local Water Quality

As a resident of an MS4 municipality (owner of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System), it is crucial for you as residents and landowners to play a part in improving local water quality. Consider preventable measures like not over-fertilizing your lawn, limiting erosion from your property, and promptly repairing fluid leaks from vehicles. Every action counts!



Conewago Creek

Mount Joy Township is located within three watersheds: Chiques Creek, Conoy Creek, and Conewago Creek. We are fortunate to have two active volunteer watershed groups in our community that hold family-oriented educational events and work days like tree plantings and stream cleanups. Check out the websites of the Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance ([www.chiquescreekwatershed.org](http://www.chiquescreekwatershed.org)) or the Tri-County Conewago Creek Association ([conewagocreek.org](http://conewagocreek.org)) to find out how you can get involved.

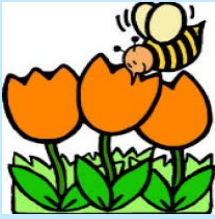
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**Please see page 4 for details.**

## Mount Joy Township Boards

7:00 PM

Mount Joy Township Meeting Room



### **Board of Supervisors** 3rd Monday

Debra E. Dupler—Chairperson  
Lisa S. Heilner—Vice Chairperson  
Gerald G. Cole  
David W. Sweigart, III  
Kevin M. Baker

### **Zoning Hearing Board** 1st Wednesday

Thomas N. Campbell—Chairman  
James E. Hershey—Vice Chairman  
Gregory R. Hitz, Sr.—Secretary  
Robert F. Newton, Jr.—Alternate

### **Planning Commission** 4th Monday

Delmar Oberholtzer—Chairman  
Kevin M. Baker—Vice Chairman  
Michael G. McKinne—Secretary  
Lisa S. Heilner  
John W. Dice  
Richard C. Gates  
Rodney Boll

### **Park & Recreation** 2nd Tuesday

Jeff Phillippe—Chairman  
John L. Felix, Jr.—Vice Chairman  
Donald W. Bush—Secretary  
Karen Boyer  
William Duncan

### **Police Commission** 4th Tuesday

Debra E. Dupler—Chairperson  
Eric W. Kreider—Vice Chairman  
Kevin M. Baker  
David W. Sweigart, III  
Douglas Hottenstein  
Mark Mayberry—Chief of Police

### **Elizabethtown Area Water Authority**

2nd Monday 6:30 PM

EAWA Building

C. Dale Treese—Chairman  
Keith Murphy—Vice Chairman  
Jeff McCloud—Secretary  
Richard A. Erb—Assistant Secretary  
Richard Sheidy—Treasurer  
Charles A. Brewer—Assistant Treasurer  
John O'Connell—Community Relations

### **Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority**

2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM

ERSA Building

Richard A. Erb—Chairman  
P. Allen Sollenberger—Secretary  
Roger Snyder—Assistant Secretary  
Kenneth Shaffer—Treasurer  
David W. Sweigart, III—Assistant Treasurer  
John O'Connell—Member

## Short-Term Lodging Approved

Mount Joy Township adopted an amendment to the Township Zoning Ordinance to allow for and regulate short-term lodging (VRBO, Airbnb, etc.). Essentially, any unit being leased as lodging for a period of less than 30 days is under the short-term lodging (STL) use. This amendment requires:

- An annual permit for each short-term rental unit
- A safety inspection of all short-term rental units once every two years

Applications for a short-term rental license can be obtained from the township or by calling 717-367-8917, ext. 206.

If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact Dan Ford at the above number or via email at [dan@mtjoytwp.org](mailto:dan@mtjoytwp.org).



## REGIONAL SHREDDING EVENT

Saturday, September 19 8:00 AM—12:00 PM

West Donegal Township

One Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown



All Mount Joy Township residents are welcome to participate!

### Help Prevent the Spread of Coronavirus:



The CDC and PA Department of Health both emphasize that the best way to prevent the spread of coronavirus is to practice these good health habits:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.



Additionally, practice social distancing, such as no longer shaking hands and staying six feet apart. Have basic supplies on hand, such as a two-week supply of food and medicine, in the event that you become sick or need to be quarantined.

You are cordially invited to:

# Old Trolley Line Park

## Park Dedication

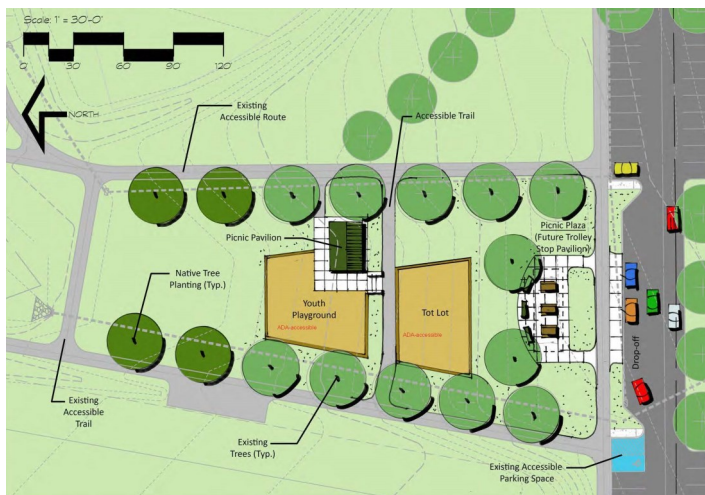
Please join the Supervisors of Mount Joy Township

In Dedicating the Township's Newest Park

Tentative Date - Saturday, September 12, 2020

11:00a.m. - 2p.m.

475 Beverly Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022



You can use your mobile phone or computer to make a trash & recycling payment online at [www.mtjoytwp.org](http://www.mtjoytwp.org), effective May 1! You will need your trash account number. Service fees will be applied.



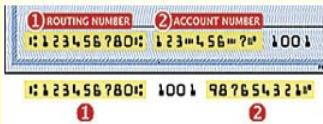
### Credit Card Payments Made Online

Now you can pay your trash & recycling bill from the comfort of your home or office by using our online payment service. Credit cards accepted: MasterCard, Discover, American Express or Visa. The account number will be needed. **A per-transaction service fee of 2.65% or \$1.50 minimum will be charged by the payment processing company for this service.**



### Electronic Check Payments

Mount Joy Township now accepts electronic check payments using our online payment service. Payments will be charged to your checking or savings account at your bank. You will need your 9-digit routing number, as well as your account number from your personal checks (see example below). You will also need your trash account number. **A per-transaction service fee of \$1.50 will be charged by the payment processing company for this service.**



**IMPORTANT:** When "Payment Options" appears, click on the "Switch to Pay with Check" link and then continue entering your information.

**\*If you have questions about the online payment process, call 717-367-8917 or email Kristina at [kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org](mailto:kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org).**

### 2020 Woody Yard Waste Pickup Dates

(Check our website for date changes due to COVID-19)

- May 4, 5, 6, 18, 19, 20
- June 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 29, 30
- July 1, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, 29
- August 10, 11, 12, 24, 25, 26
- September 8, 9, 10, 21, 22, 23
- October 5, 6, 7, 19, 20, 21



*WYW is picked up on your trash day.*

*Kraft bags are available free of charge at the township office.*

### Woody Yard Waste Includes:

- Shrubs
- Garden Residue
- Twigs
- Leaves
- Branches
- Tree Limbs



May be "bundled" in lengths no longer than 4 feet or bagged in Kraft bags. No tag required. **Grass clippings are not accepted.** Limit of 20 bags or bundles per pickup, rain or shine.

Just focus on the **Big 4** & Place **ONLY THESE ITEMS** in your bin:

1. CORRUGATED CARDBOARD



2. PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS



3. METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS



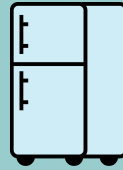
4. GLASS JARS & BOTTLES



**Flatten boxes. Empty, rinse, and remove lids ([recyclerightlancaster.org](http://recyclerightlancaster.org)).**

## White Goods & Tire Pickup Saturday, September 26, 2020

The March 28 pickup will be rescheduled. Please check our website for details.



\*Put items out Friday evening to be picked up on Saturday.



Tire Tag \$1.50

(no tractor tires)  
Limit 10 tires per address  
(on or off the rim)

White Goods Tag: \$12.00

Includes, but not limited to  
appliances, treadmills, and  
large metal items.

Questions? Call the number below or email [kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org](mailto:kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org).

**Tags must be purchased by Thursday, September 24.**

**Have a tag? Call 717-367-8917 to be placed on the pickup list.**

### Do You Have Woody Yard Waste and Leaves Outside of our Scheduled Pickups?

Zeager Bros., Inc. will take woody yard waste and leaves from residents of Mount Joy Township. They are located at 4000 E. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown.

John Fisher at 1117 Long Lane, Mount Joy, will take leaves from residents free of charge. You may call the township for his contact information.

\*Please do not use our brown Kraft bags when utilizing either of these locations.



Lancaster City's Recycling Center accepts books, magazines, and newspapers. All materials should be separated prior to arriving at the facility. Please call or visit their website for hours and availability.

850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster  
[cityoflanasterpa.com/recycling-center](http://cityoflanasterpa.com/recycling-center)  
717-291-4744



717-367-0355

Programs & Services Available

- Recreation
- Child Care
- Senior Center
- Community Center

GetintoGEARS.org



### Mother Daughter Craft Night

Fri, May 8  
6:30-8 pm  
GEARS Community Center

### "Spring Mix" golf tournament

Fri, April 24 at 1 pm  
Sunset Golf Course

**MOVIES IN THE PARK**  
Tue, June-Aug  
E-town Park Amphitheater

### Senior Center

**Basket Bingo**  
Sat, Sept 19 at 2 pm

**Fall Bazaar & Pancake Breakfast**  
Sat, Nov 14 from 7 am-1 pm  
GEARS Community Center

**fall festival**  
Sat, Oct 24  
10 am-2 pm  
E-town Fairgrounds

**Holiday PARADE**  
Sat, Dec 5  
4 pm  
Market Street,  
E-town

**Kids Center**  
For ages 3-12

- Preschool
- Kindergarten
- Summer Camp
- Before & After School

717-367-0119

## A Message from the Rheems Fire Department...

The Rheems Fire Department would like to emphasize the importance of every home having working smoke/fire detectors. Smoke alarms that are properly installed and maintained play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads fast, and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out. There are numerous types of smoke detection technologies in the market that include ionization and photoelectric smoke detection.

*Ionization smoke alarms are generally more responsive to flaming fires. They have a small amount of radioactive material between two electrically charged plates, which ionizes the air and causes current to flow between the plates. When smoke enters the chamber, it disrupts the flow of ions, thus reducing the flow of current and activating the alarm.*

*Photoelectric smoke alarms are generally more responsive to fires that begin with a long period of smoldering (called "smoldering fires"). Photoelectric-type alarms aim a light source into a sensing chamber at an angle away from the sensor. Smoke enters the chamber, reflecting light onto the light sensor; triggering the alarm.*

The ideal solution is to install "dual sensor" detectors to ensure that you and your family are safe from fire. They are available fully encapsulated, with a 10-year battery life so you never need to worry about changing batteries.

It's important to have enough smoke alarms in your home. For many years, the National Fire Protection Association has required as a minimum that smoke alarms be installed inside every sleep room, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (larger homes require additional smoke alarms). Homes built to earlier standards often don't meet these minimum requirements. Homeowners should recognize that detection needs have changed over the years and take proactive steps to make sure that every home has a sufficient number of smoke alarms.

**Be informed and be safe. #firesafety #smokealarmssavelives #rheemsfire**



100th Year Celebration

May 16, 2020 3:00-9:00 PM

Food—Fun—Live Band—Fireworks



**8855 Elizabethtown Road—Elizabethtown**  
 Phone 717-367-8481  
 8 AM—4 PM      www.nwrpd.org

## Lieutenant Carl Steinhart and Sergeant Daniel George Retire

In January, 2020, Lieutenant Carl Steinhart and Sergeant Daniel George retired from the Northwest Regional Police Department.

Lieutenant Carl Steinhart started working for the Mount Joy Township Police Department in August, 1985. He was promoted to Lieutenant when the Northwest Regional Police Department was formed in October, 2003.



Lt. Carl Steinhart



Sgt. Dan George

Sergeant Dan George started working for the West Donegal Township Police Department in December, 1992. He was promoted to Sergeant in April, 2016, becoming the first Sergeant promoted with the Northwest Regional Police Department.

### Officer Daniel Gordon Joins the Northwest Regional Police



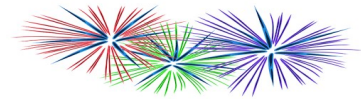
Officer Daniel Gordon was hired as a patrol officer in February. He previously worked for Mount Joy Borough Police Department. Officer Gordon graduated from the Temple Police Academy in March, 2013.

## National Night Out

Hosted by the Northwest Regional Police Department

West Donegal Township  
 1 Municipal Drive  
 Elizabethtown  
 August 4, 2020  
 6 PM—9 PM

There will be plenty of activities for kids and a fireworks display at the end of the event.



### Do You Have an Outside Recording Surveillance Camera?

The Northwest Regional Police Department would like the help of the residents in helping solve crimes that may have occurred in or near their neighborhoods.

Detective Frank H. Ember, Jr. and Officer Frank Jones hope to create a directory of MJT residents who have outside recording surveillance cameras. This would provide detectives and officers with a reference directory of locations with outside cameras in the event a crime occurs nearby and is captured on video. The department would then be able to contact the resident with the camera and ask the owner to check if the camera has recorded any video which would help with an investigation.

The police department will not have direct access to any cameras. The owner would only be contacted and asked to check for possible video footage if something would happen in the area. This will significantly increase the ability to solve crimes by locating area cameras quickly. Recorded footage would be beneficial to an investigation.

Residents are asked to email Officer Frank Jones at [FJones@nwrpd.org](mailto:FJones@nwrpd.org) with their name, phone number and email address, along with the location of the camera.



### Mastersonville Volunteer Fire Company

Saturday, April 11—Annual Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM (until sold out)  
 Saturday, April 25—All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast 6—10 AM  
 Saturday, June 6—Open House 10 AM—1 PM **Tour the new station! Meet our volunteers! Bring the kids and enjoy complimentary ice cream!**

### 2121 Meadow View Road, Manheim

717-665-5192

Saturday, September 19—Chicken BBQ 10 AM (until sold out)  
 Saturday, November 14—Annual Pig Roast & Bake Sale 3 PM (until sold out)



**Community Paper Shredding at the Library: Saturday, April 25 from 9-11 AM**

This event is made free to the community thanks to the Rotary Club of Mount Joy. Paper shredding is performed by Tri-State Shredding. Line-up begins at 8:45— plan to arrive early, as this event is quite popular! Non-perishable food items will be collected for the Mount Joy Food Bank.

**Community Yard Sale: Saturday, May 2 from 7 AM—2 PM**

The Friends of Milanof-Schock Library are holding their annual Community Yard Sale at the library. There will be a variety of private vendors, and the Friends will have a food stand with beverages, hot food, and baked goods for purchase. Anyone interested in being a vendor can call the library for details.

**Golf Tournament: Saturday, May 16**

The Friends of Milanof-Schock Library are hosting its *1st Annual Golf Tournament* at Highlands of Donegal. Interested in golfing in this event? The cost is \$80 per golfer and includes a greens fee, cart, and lunch. Contact Charissa Merrill for registration information at 717-371-1873. Visit [www.mslibrary.org](http://www.mslibrary.org) for registration information and details. If you are interested in being an event sponsor, contact Kim Beach at the library at 717-653-1510. There are a variety of tax-deductible sponsorship levels.



**Summer Reading Kickoff: Saturday, May 30 from 9 AM—1 PM**

Miss Jan is so excited to kick off another summer of reading at the library!

Drop in to register for summer programs and events, participate in fun crafts & activities, and pick up reading logs for all ages of readers!

This is the first day to sign up for programs and get reading logs, but both can be done throughout the summer. This year’s summer reading theme is “Imagine Your Story.” Please make sure to check the website, Facebook, and Instagram for an array of engaging and entertaining programs all summer for all ages!

**Annual Used Book Sale: June 11—13**

The sale will be held at Donegal High School.

\*Thursday, June 11 from 6—8 PM is Preview and Purchase Night! There is a \$10 admission fee to get the best books we have. Volume buyers are asked to bring their own boxes or bags.

\*Friday, June 12 from 8 AM—8 PM: Free admission and a food stand will be available.

\*Saturday, June 13 from 8 AM—2 PM: Free admission...fill a bag for \$5...a food stand will be available.



**Annual Benefit Auction: Saturday, August 22 at 5:30 PM**

This year’s theme is “All That Jazz!” The event will be held at the Gathering Place in Mount Joy. Tickets will go on sale in mid-July. Please visit the website for further details as the auction approaches.



Looking for a room to hold a meeting or host an event? Check out the rental space options at Milanof-Schock Library, including the newly renovated and equipped Grissinger Tech Space!

Remember to check social media and the website for program and library updates.



**Leadercast 2020—Positive Disruption: Thursday, May 7 from 8:30 AM—4:30 PM**

This will be held at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church, Elizabethtown. For tickets and more information, visit [tinyurl.com/Leadercast2020](http://tinyurl.com/Leadercast2020).



**Youth Programming:** Please visit the library’s website at [www.etownpubliclibrary.org/events/](http://www.etownpubliclibrary.org/events/) to register for story times and other youth programs.

**Monthly Programs at the Library for Adults:**

\***Book Discussion Group** meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:15 AM in the first floor turret room. Visit the library’s website for each month’s titles.

\***Community Knitters** meet the second and fourth Thursdays at 6 PM, and the third Saturday of the month at 11 AM by the first floor Market Street windows.

\***Evening Cards & Coffee** meets Tuesday nights at 6:30 PM by the first floor Market Street windows. The charge is \$5 to make two Stampin’ Up cards. No registration is needed.

\***Saturday Cards & Coffee** meets some Saturdays at 10 AM by the first floor Market Street windows. The charge is \$5 to make two Stampin’ Up cards. No registration is needed. Please check the library website calendar to confirm the meeting.

\***Lace Cottage Tatting** meets the second Saturday of the month at 10 AM in the 2nd floor business center.



**Summer Reading begins May 30th!** A full schedule of programs will be available soon at the library.

**Digital Resources:** Don’t forget the library has a number of digital resources that can be accessed from home with your library card! Learn a language online with Mango Languages. Read articles with ProQuest or research your family history with HeritageQuest. You can also borrow eBooks and audio books from home. Visit the “Resources” tab on our website for a full list of online offerings.

To stay up-to-date on library services, programs, and closures, be sure to visit our website at [www.etownpubliclibrary.org](http://www.etownpubliclibrary.org) and our Facebook page.

Mount Joy Township  
 8853 Elizabethtown Road  
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022



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 ELIZABETHTOWN, PA  
 PERMIT NO. 48

### Mount Joy Township

8853 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown  
 8 AM—4 PM  
 Phone 717-367-8917 www.mtjoytwp.org



Trash billed: June 1st  
 Payment due: June 30th  
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 Payments not submitted online, or in our office or  
 drop box by 4PM on June 30th will be considered late.

Twp. Manager/Zoning:	Justin Evans	ext. 207	justin@mtjoytwp.org
Secretary/Asst. Zoning:	Patricia Bailey	ext. 204	patricia@mtjoytwp.org
Recycling Coordinator:	Kristina Kirchner	ext. 200	kkirchner@mtjoytwp.org
Treasurer:	Richard Forry	ext. 208	rich@mtjoytwp.org
Assistant Treasurer:	Sherri Minnich	ext. 205	sherri@mtjoytwp.org
Codes Compliance Official:	Dan Ford	ext. 206	dan@mtjoytwp.org
Roadmaster:	Ken Ebersole	ext. 211	ken@mtjoytwp.org
Public Works Foreman:	Robert Ansell		
Public Works Crew:	Sean Donato		
	Bryan Range, Jr.		
	Richard Wagner, II		
	Clayton Fidler		

### Changes to Trash Pickup

Memorial Day (May 25):  
 Monday goes Tuesday  
 Tuesday goes Wednesday  
 Wednesday goes Thursday

Independence Day (July 4):  
 No changes

Labor Day (September 7):  
 Monday goes Tuesday  
 Tuesday goes Wednesday  
 Wednesday goes Thursday

### Mount Joy Township Holidays



Memorial Day, May 25: Closed  
 Independence Day, July 3 (observed): Closed  
 Labor Day, September 7: Closed

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