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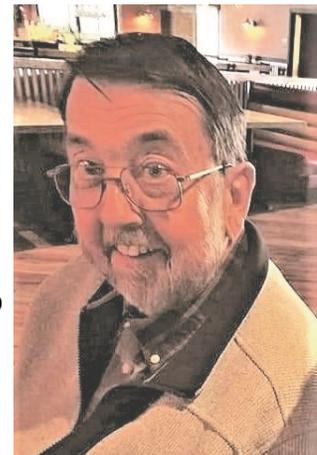
SUMMER 2021

Volume 42



In Memoriam of Richard E. Forry

We recently lost the most loyal and dedicated employee that Mount Joy Township has ever had. Township Treasurer Richard E. Forry passed away on March 4th after serving his local community for more than four decades. During that time, he wore just about every proverbial hat that could be found around here – treasurer, zoning officer, administrator, you name it. Rich was a proud U.S. Air Force Veteran and served the local American Legion Post up to his passing. We miss his laughter, his dedication, his knowledge and, most importantly, **we miss Rich.**



What a Difference a Year Makes

In many ways, 2021 has been billed as a year where we get “back to normal.” Although wearing a mask in public buildings is still the status quo – for now, anyways – spring is here, and signs of positivity are everywhere. Look no further than Old Trolley Line Park, where the finishing touches to our newest public recreation and open space are underway. Playgrounds and picnic areas will be finished later this summer and ready for the September 18th Grand Opening. In the meantime, be sure to check out the park if you aren’t already a regular visitor.

Spring and summer are ripe for construction and road repairs, so proceed with caution when you see the orange road work signs and flaggers on the roads. **(Please note that permits are required for fences, decks, patios, and sheds.)** We are moving full steam ahead on our planned road improvements this year, which started in early March with storm sewer pipe replacements. The recently widened Country Squire Road will be overlaid this summer with Sager Road and Larkspur Lane. Plus, the final phase of the Harvest Road reclamation project will go out to bid soon, along with the Cold Spring Road reclamation.

In the midst of those projects, our Public Works Department will begin the widening and repair of Trail Road North this summer. This project will continue into 2022 and dovetail with the widening and repair of Hereford Road. Both roads will be repaved in 2023, bringing the total mileage of Township roads to be restored and repaved between 2021-2023 to 6.8 miles. That is another good chunk of rehabilitation work done, but there is plenty more on deck for our 65+ miles of local roads!



By Justin Evans, Township Manager

Mount Joy Township Boards



7:00 PM
Mount Joy Township Meeting Room

Board of Supervisors 3rd Monday

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

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

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

Park & Recreation 2nd Tuesday

Karen Boyer—Chairperson
John L. Felix, Jr.—Vice Chairman
William Duncan
Adam Reed
Andrew Treese

Police Commission 4th Tuesday

Douglas Hottenstein—Chairman
Debra E. Dupler—Vice Chairperson
David W. Sweigart, III
Ralph Horne
Eric W. Kreider
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

Jeff Phillippe served 20 years on the Mount Joy Township Park and Recreation Board. During his tenure, Mount Joy Township developed 3 community parks. Mr. Phillippe was presented with an engraved pen and pencil set at his final meeting on December 14, 2020. Jeff and his family are anticipating moving out of the area in the near future. Thank you, Jeff, for your many years of dedicated service to the residents of Mount Joy Township. We wish you all the best in the years to come!



Supervisor Gerald Cole with Jeff Phillippe

Thank You



Programs & Services

Available

- **Recreation**
717-367-0355
- **Kids Center**
717-367-0355
- **Senior Center**
717-367-7984

GetintoGEARS.org



GEARS Kids Center offers day care for before & after school, kindergarten, preschool and summer camp for ages 3-12. Kids Center is an active, fun and safe place for children to explore the world around them.



We learn through play and connect the children's interest to the PA Learning Standards. This keeps children engaged and excited to learn. Full & part-time contracts are available.

gearskids.org

GEARS Recreation offers activities for all ages in many different areas: aquatics, dance, fitness, continuing education, athletics, leagues, special events, trips and more!



GetintoGEARS.org

Elizabethtown Area Senior Center— Call the center for our current schedule, hours and to be added to our mailing list. Join us on Facebook and visit our website.

EtownAreaSeniorCenter.org





You are cordially invited to:

Old Trolley Line Park GRAND OPENING

Please join the Supervisors of Mount Joy Township
In Opening the Township's Newest Park

Saturday, September 18, 2021 - 11:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

475 Beverly Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022
(Adjacent to the Lancaster County Conewago Recreation Trail)

Forgotten Friend Reptile Sanctuary Show 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Sponsored by: John E. Fullerton, Inc. J. Hubler Landscaping AB Landscape & Construction
Playful Pups Retreat, LLC Warburton Greenhouses, Inc.

- *Northwest EMS
- *Northwest Regional Police Dept.
- *Elizabethtown Fire Dept.
- *Middle Creek Search & Rescue
- *Elizabethtown Boys Club - Baseball Clinics
- *Food Trucks
- *Walters Portable Toilets featuring "Walter the Mascot"

BMX Bike Drawing - donated by Lance Koons & Rails to Trail Bicycle Shop



Please check the Township website for updates!!

www.mtjoytwp.org

Event will be held rain or shine!!

Guidelines for Maintaining Streams in Your Community

DEP wants to help Pennsylvania communities complete all necessary stream work in a way that is environmentally-responsible, reduces the likelihood of future flooding problems, and complies with regulations. When in doubt, contact PA DEP for assistance before you start stream work projects.



Green Light—Go!

Proceed—These actions do not require DEP notification, pre-approval, or additional permits:

- Removing woody debris and manmade debris materials from the stream, banks, and riparian areas by hand or using handheld equipment
- Removing above items using heavy equipment from the bank; equipment should not enter the stream or dig into the streambed
- Removing gravel and debris in and close to bridges and culverts (Note: review permit conditions first)
- Crossing a flooded stream for emergency access to your property, if conditions are safe



Yellow Light—Slow Down!

Call DEP first—Notification, pre-approval, or emergency permits may be required:

- Rebuilding roads and bridges across streams
- Streambank stabilization projects, including riprap
- Removing gravel bars from the stream channel using heavy equipment
- Repairing a bridge or culvert, or removing one in danger of failure

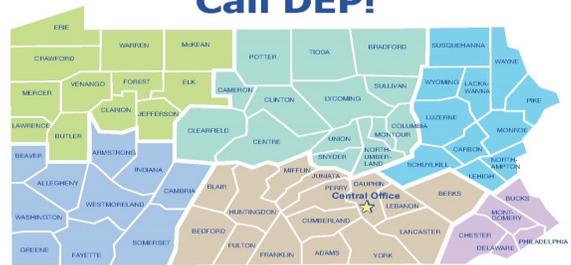


Red Light—Stop!

These actions require permits from DEP, and possibly from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or other agencies:

- Redirecting the flow of a stream by reshaping gravel bars, or moving gravel to the streambank
- Moving/relocating a stream
- Dredging or damming streams, or creating dikes
- Building a new bridge or culvert

Remember: When in Doubt, Call DEP!



DEP Regional Offices

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| <p>Northwest (Meadville) Regional Office
230 Chestnut St.
Meadville, PA 16335-3481
Telephone: 814.332.6945</p> | <p>North-central (Williamsport) Regional Office
208 W. 3rd St., Suite 101
Williamsport, PA 17701-6448
Telephone: 570.327.3636</p> | <p>North-east (Wilkes-Barre) Regional Office
2 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1915
Telephone: 570.826.2511</p> |
| <p>Southwest (Pittsburgh) Regional Office
400 Waterfront Dr.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4745
Telephone: 412.442.4000</p> | <p>South-central (Harrisburg) Regional Office
909 Elmerton Ave.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-8200
Telephone: 717.705.4700</p> | <p>Southeast (Norristown) Regional Office
2 East Main St.
Norristown, PA 19401
Telephone: 484.250.5900</p> |



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

Visit the DEP website at <http://www.dep.pa.gov> for more information about relevant permits and programs.

Shredding Event at West Donegal Township

Saturday, September 18

8 AM - 12 PM

1 Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown

West Donegal Township is again partnering with Mount Joy Township and East Donegal Township for a shredding event. This event will be free of charge to all residents living in West Donegal Township, Mount Joy Township, and East Donegal Township. Shredding is limited to four boxes or bags of paper per property. We are asking those participating in this event for donations of canned goods and boxed items (monetary donations are also accepted). Please be generous, as these donations will be given to the local food banks. Their greatest needs include canned meats, juice, canned/boxed pasta, jams/jellies, cereals, pancake mixes and syrup, and paper products. Baby food and formula will also be accepted. No perishable items, please. Donations should be non-expired, non-breakable, and all items should be in unopened containers. Glass, frozen food, fresh produce/meats or home-made food will not be accepted. Your help is truly appreciated by those in need in our community!



Elizabethtown Public Library Update



10 South Market Street, Elizabethtown



Thank you for your support! We are so grateful to be part of this community, and your continued support makes it possible for us to provide the greatest level of service possible in the healthiest possible environment.

Youth Programming:

Family Storytime meets Wednesdays at 10:30 AM on the 2nd floor, beginning April 7th and running through May 12th. Each storytime includes stories, songs, and a make-and-take craft. Please bring masks and be prepared to social distance. Register in advance on our website.

Summer Reading Program starts Saturday, June 5th. We're so excited to read, learn, and explore with you this summer!

Passport Services: Passport services are available on a limited basis at this time. Please call 717-367-7467 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Fingerprinting Service: Fingerprinting is currently available by appointment only Monday through Saturday 10 AM – 1:50 PM. Applicants must pre-register through Identogo at uenroll.identogo.com.



Current Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday - 10 AM - 2 PM
Tuesday, Thursday - 10 AM - 7 PM

Upcoming Closures: Monday, May 10 (in-service)
Saturday, May 29 & Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)
Monday, July 5 (Independence Day)
Saturday, September 4 & Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)

Please enter through the parking lot side of our building. Masks are required.

To stay up-to-date on Library hours, services, programs, and closures, be sure to visit our website at www.etownpubliclibrary.org and our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ElizabethtownPublicLibrary/>.



Monday, June 7
6:30 PM - 8 PM

Monday nights are our training night.
Stop by and see what we are up to!
Be sure to bring your kids!

Mastersonville Volunteer Fire Company

2121 Meadow View Road, Manheim



www.mastersonvillefire.com

Saturday, September 25
10 AM until sold out!

All meals - \$12.00
Chicken made by Dennis Peters
All sales conducted at the fire station



City of Lancaster's Recycling Drop-Off Center

850 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster
717-735-6257 M-F 7 AM - 3 PM

All visitors must wear a mask and pre-sort materials.

- ~Mixed office paper
- ~Newspaper
- ~Magazines
- ~Shredded paper
- ~Chipboard
- ~Soft cover and hard cover books



People typically think about recycling as putting materials in their recycling bin—often, as much as possible. However, recycling is actually a system of collecting and processing used materials that still have value. This means not everything is recyclable. There must be someone to buy the used material and transform it into a new product. Just because a product has a recycling symbol on the bottom does not mean it's recyclable.

Though most of us are well-intentioned, when we put materials in the bin that don't belong, we're actually contaminating the recycling stream and harming the recycling process. When you don't recycle correctly, this negatively impacts our environment and economy. So, we need your help to recycle the right way!

JUST RECYCLE THE BIG 4!

recyclerrightlancaster.org



**Corrugated
Cardboard**

Flattened



**Plastic Bottles
and Jugs**



**Metal Food and
Beverage Cans**



**Glass Bottles
and Jars**

Emptied, Rinsed, & Lids Removed (Leave Labels)

2021 Woody Yard Waste Pickups

April 12, 13, 14 ~ 26, 27, 28

May 10, 11, 12 ~ 24, 25, 26

June 7, 8, 9 ~ 21, 22, 23

July 5, 6, 7 ~ 19, 20, 21

August 2, 3, 4 ~ 16, 17, 18 ~ 30, 31

Sept. 1 ~ 13, 14, 15 ~ 27, 28, 29

October 11, 12, 13 ~ 25, 26, 27



*WYW is picked up on
your trash day.*

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

White Goods & Tire Pickup

Saturday, September 25, 2021



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



Tire Tag: \$1.50

Limit 10 tires per address
(on or off the rim)
No commercial tires

White Goods Tag: \$12.00

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

Questions? Call the number below or email kkirchner@mtjoytp.org.

Tags must be purchased by Thursday, September 23.

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



380 West Bainbridge St.
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022
 Phone: 717-361-8220

Northwest EMS recently began offering an Emergency Medical Technician course in conjunction with the Elizabethtown Area School District. This is the only EMT program in Lancaster County offered by a combination of an EMS service and a school district. The class lectures and clinical time prepare students ages 16 to 18 to take the Pennsylvania EMT examination, which tests them in practical skills as well as medical knowledge. Students who will be 16 years old in the fall can talk to their guidance counselor about enrolling in the next class.

Pictured in the back of an ambulance getting clinical time on emergency calls is junior Ella Dehmey, who enrolled in the course to prepare for a career in nursing.



Thanks to all who have responded to the annual subscription drive with fees and extra donations. Those who subscribe receive the benefit not having to pay the portion of their ambulance bill that is not paid by insurance, plus they help support the equipment and training needs of this community-based, non-profit service. It is still possible to participate. You can pay online with a credit card or download a printed form to mail with a check. Go to this page on our website: <https://nwems86.org/services/>.

Northwest EMS will be raising funds in June to purchase a new ambulance to replace one that has over 200,000 miles on it. Like a family car, high-mileage ambulances begin to require more maintenance and repairs that take them out of service. Letters will be mailed at the end of May with further details of the fund drive.



On April 27, 2021, Pennsylvania’s Move Over law is fully in effect. This law, an updated, enhanced version of an existing Steer Clear law, provides for a number of deterrent consequences that the previous law did not address, such as a directive to **move over at least one full lane of travel when passing an accident or work scene, and to slow down at least 20 mph below the posted speed limit.** But a law cannot truly prevent tragedies. It is an action by the motorist that is required.

Slow Down and Move Over is more than a slogan. It’s a cry for response and a call to action. **WE ALL JUST WANT TO GO HOME AT THE END OF OUR SHIFT!**

For more information contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, at 717-371-8282 or email lshenk@nwems86.org.





8855 Elizabethtown Road - Elizabethtown

Phone: 717-367-8481

8 AM - 4 PM

www.nwrpd.org

Welcome, Officer Good!

In October 2020, the Northwest Regional Police Department hired Officer Chris Good. Officer Good is a graduate of Manheim Central High School. After graduation from high school, Officer Good entered the Marine Corps. After being honorably discharged, he entered and graduated from the HACC Municipal Police Academy. Officer Good is a great addition to the Northwest Regional Police Department.



Officer Chris Good



National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021. The event will be held at the West Donegal Township municipal property at 1 Municipal Drive, Elizabethtown. The event is scheduled from 6 PM to 9 PM.

Never Let Your Gun Get Into the Wrong Hands

Talking to Your Children

It is important to start a dialogue with your children about what to do if they find a gun. The following is suggested language for talking to your kids about firearms:

Guns are very serious. An accident involving a gun can hurt or even kill you or someone you know. Most adults are allowed to own a gun by law, and many have one. That means that even if there isn't a gun in your house, you need to know what to do if you see a gun.

- * If you see a gun, follow these four steps: **1. Stop 2. Don't touch 3. Get away 4. Tell an adult**
- * When you follow these steps, you're protecting yourself and helping to keep other people safe.

Here are some tips about what to do in specific circumstances:

- * Walk away and tell a parent if your friend shows you his parent's gun.
- * Tell an adult immediately if you see a gun in someone's backpack at school.
- * Tell a trusted adult if you hear a girl or boy say that she or he is going to bring a gun to school.
- * Follow the four steps if you find a gun in the park by your house.
- * If you're not sure why a gun is dangerous, talk to a parent about it.



Tips for Talking to Parents Before Play Dates

The Center to Prevent Youth Violence has created a resource for parents who want to inquire if there are firearms where their children play. The ASK campaign, created in collaboration with the **American Academy of Pediatrics**, suggests it may be easier to open the dialogue by following these four tips:

- * ASK with other questions. Include the question along with other things you might normally discuss before sending your child to someone's house - such as seat belts, animals, or allergies.
- * Use the facts. Over one-third of homes with children have a gun. Many of those guns are left unlocked and loaded. That is why you are asking - you just want to make sure that your child is safe.
- * Work through groups. Introduce the ASK concept through a group or community effort, such as the PTA.
- * Don't be confrontational. Present your concerns in a respectful manner. You are simply trying to make sure your child is in a safe environment. Use the ASK brochure to open the dialogue.

From Chief Mark Mayberry, adapted from the National Crime Prevention Council. You can learn more about the ASK campaign by visiting cpsyv.org.

The library asks that the public continue to wear a mask when visiting and attending indoor programs. Returned items should continue to be placed in the outside book-drop. Returned items are quarantined for 7 days, during which time fines will not accrue.

HOURS: The library is open Mon-Thurs 10 AM to 8 PM and Saturdays 9 AM to 4 PM.
The library is CLOSED Fridays & Sundays.

Milanof-Schock Library
1184 Anderson Ferry Road
Mount Joy
www.mslibrary.org



A Farewell Greeting from our Director, Barbara Basile

Well, it is finally here! It is with great excitement that I settle in to write this letter. This is my last newsletter article to you. I retire this month and turn the reins over to a new executive director soon. Working at Milanof-Schock Library has been a wonderful experience, and I have thoroughly loved coming to work every day. The community we serve is kind and generous; it has made the job easy to care about so deeply. I leave with a glad heart. I have had a chance to bring books and learning alive to the Donegal area through Milanof-Schock. No matter what your age, gender, or beliefs, I hope you have always felt welcome at the library and made to feel the library was a place you belonged. I have made some great memories during the past five years. Thank you for sharing your time with me! I will always remember the Anne Frank exhibit, the solar eclipse of 2017, the painting and carpeting project (and how we stayed open during that endeavor), our Birthday Bash, book sales, benefit auctions, and the COVID closure and reopening. A truly dedicated staff

makes it possible to bring you services under a constantly changing situation. We are small, but mighty! So, as excited as I am to start this new chapter in my life, I will miss the people who I have grown to love at Milanof-Schock. The library is made not just of bricks and panes of glass, but of people who are its heart. Best wishes to you all and our incoming director, Joseph McIlhenney. I know you'll make him feel welcome.

Summer Reading begins Saturday, June 5 - the theme is "Tails and Tales". Make sure to visit the library's website closer to June to find out what they have in store for families this summer.

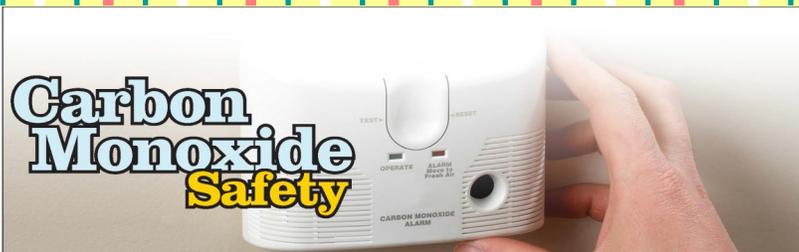


The Annual Friends Used Book Sale will take place in June. Get all the details on the library's website.

Gently-read books, CDs, and DVDs can be donated to the library Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10-8 and Saturdays from 9-noon. Items can be donated self-service style in the small shed behind the library.

Visit the Friends' Gift and Book Nook for a variety of books for all ages, handmade jewelry and seasonal items, as well as clothes to fit American Girl and other 18" dolls. Books are also available for purchase in our lobby by donation.

Make sure to visit the library's website, Facebook and Instagram pages for program listings, service updates, and other Library news.



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.

Dear Friends in Mount Joy Township,

As members of Fire Department Mount Joy, we would like to share a few safety tips and information regarding Carbon Monoxide within your home. To the left is an information guide provided by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association). Our goal is to keep you and your loved ones safe. Should you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to give us a call at the station: 717-653-1600 (11 New Haven Street, Mount Joy).



Primary Election Day

Tuesday, May 18 7 AM - 8 PM

Don't forget to vote!



Mount Joy Township
 8853 Elizabethtown Road
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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Mount Joy Township

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



Trash billed: June 1st
 Payment due: July 1st

 Payments not submitted online, or in our office or drop box **before** July 2nd will be considered late.

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

Changes to Trash Pickup

Memorial Day (May 31):
 Monday goes Tuesday
 Tuesday goes Wednesday
 Wednesday goes Thursday

Independence Day (July 4):
 No changes

Labor Day (September 6):
 Monday goes Tuesday
 Tuesday goes Wednesday
 Wednesday goes Thursday

Mount Joy Township Holidays



Memorial Day, May 31: Closed
 Independence Day, July 5 (observed): Closed
 Labor Day - September 6: Closed



Have a safe and fun summer!