

The Mount Joy Township Times



Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2024 newsletter from Mount Joy Township. We are anxious to share up-to-date news of all that is happening in the Township. Now that spring has finally arrived, we can enjoy the longer daylight and warmer temperatures. Spring is the perfect time to clean up yards, and even your neighborhood. A clean community free of garbage and waste provides our Township with the positive reputation of being a great place to live. With the many instances of high winds, garbage has been blown into many places where it doesn't belong. Through collective action and support, we can spruce up our communities this spring-cleaning season! Mount Joy Township provides large woody waste bags that are perfect for all the branches that have been deposited onto your lawn from the spring winds. Information can be found in the newsletter that will outline the pickup dates for the woody yard waste collections.

We also invite you to enjoy recreation opportunities that await you at our three Township parks – Old Trolley Line Park; Cove Outlook Park and Wolgemuth Park. Walk the trails, play sports, picnic or just enjoy the outdoors. The Mount Joy Township Parks feature something for everyone! On behalf of the Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors, I wish you a happy and healthy spring and summer!

Lisa Heilner, Mount Joy Township Supervisor

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on December 18, 2023, outgoing Supervisor, Gerald Cole, was honored for his 30 years of service to the community. Mr. Cole has not only been a Supervisor but has also served on the Northwest Regional Lancaster County Police Commission, GEARS, Elizabethtown Area Community Services Authority and continues to serve on the Township Planning Commission. Logan Hoover, representing Senator Ryan Aument, presented Mr. Cole with a Citation from the State Senate. He also was recognized by PSATS as well as members of GEARS.



THANK YOU, MR. COLE!

As Mr. Cole leaves his post as Township Supervisor, multi-generation farmer Delmar Oberholtzer joined the Board in 2024. Delmar continues to serve on the Township Planning Commission where he began over seven years ago. We appreciate his commitment to representing the community!

2024 Road Work

Two key road projects head up our work plan this year. Significant repairs and widening of Trail Road North is being wrapped up by Public Works with a contract to perform the final paving from Harvest Road to Milton Grove Road. Also, Cold Spring Road and Creek Road south of Colebrook Road will be widened along with base repair.

Picking up where we left off last year, Public Works is targeting the following roads for base repair on areas of:

- Homestead Road
- Parkview Road
- Quarry Road
- Ridge Run Road
- Risser Mill Road
- Schwanger Road
- Sheaffer Road



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

Delmar J. Oberholtzer

Debra E. Dupler

David W. Sweigart III

Zoning Hearing Board

1st Wednesday 6:00 PM

Gregory R. Hitz, Sr.—Chairman

James E. Hershey—Vice Chairman

Robert F. Newton, Jr.—Secretary

Roni Clark—Alternate

Planning Commission 4th Monday

Arlen Mummau—Chairman

Delmar J. Oberholtzer—Vice Chairman

H. William Weik, Jr.—Secretary

Kevin M. Baker

Rodney Boll

Gerald G. Cole

Michael G. McKinne

Park & Recreation 2nd Tuesday

Karen Boyer—Chairperson

John L. Felix, Jr.—Vice Chairman

Adam Reed - Secretary

Don Bush

William Duncan

Police Commission 4th Tuesday

717-367-8481

John Rudy— Chairman

Debra E. Dupler—Vice Chairperson

Mark Mayberry—Chief of Police

Elizabethtown Area Water Authority

2nd Monday 6:30 PM

EAWA Building

717-367-7448

Elizabethtown Regional Sewer Authority

2nd Tuesday 6:30 PM

ERSA Building

717-367-5947

White Goods & Tire Pickup

September 16, 17, 18, 2024

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

Tire Tag: \$3.00

Limit 10 tires per address
(on or off the rim)

No Commercial Tires

Questions? Call us or email cristy@mtjoypwp.org.

White Goods Tag: \$12.00

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

Tags must be purchased by Thursday, September 12, 2024.

Tags can be purchased by Cash or Check.

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

2024 Woody Yard Waste Pickups

April 8, 9, 10 * 22, 23, 24

May 6, 7, 8 * 20, 21, 22

June 3, 4, 5 * 17, 18, 19

July 1, 2, 3 * 15, 16, 17 * 29, 30, 31

August 12, 13, 14 * 26, 27, 28

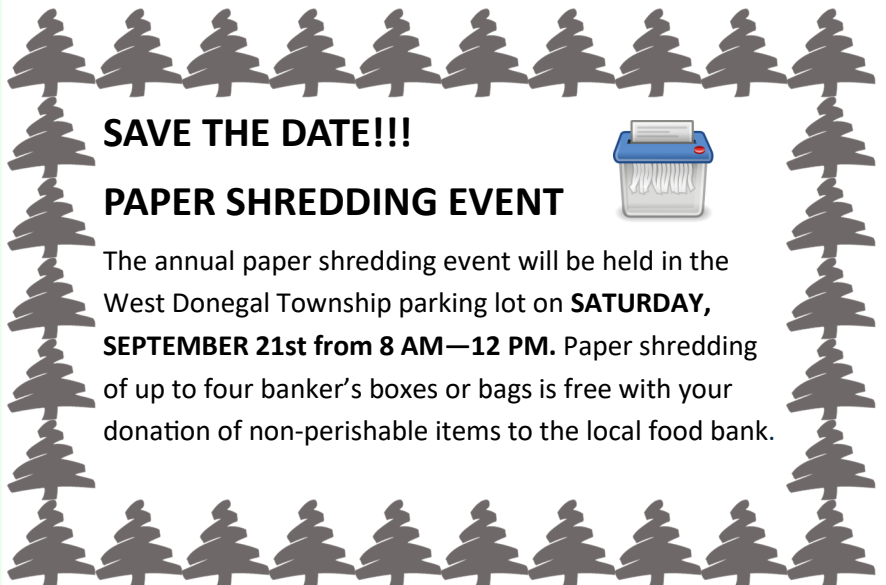
September 9, 10, 11 * 23, 24, 25

October 7, 8, 9 * 21, 22, 23



WYW is picked up on your trash day.

Kraft bags are available free of charge at the Township building.



SAVE THE DATE!!!

PAPER SHREDDING EVENT



The annual paper shredding event will be held in the West Donegal Township parking lot on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st from 8 AM—12 PM**. Paper shredding of up to four banker's boxes or bags is free with your donation of non-perishable items to the local food bank.

Mount Joy Township Holidays

Memorial Day, May 27: Closed

Independence Day, July 4: Closed

Labor Day, September 2: Closed





National Night Out will be held on, August 6th, 2024 from 6pm to 9pm. **The event will be held at the Mount Joy Township Municipal Complex, 8855 Elizabethtown Road.**

Please come and meet local First Responders and other Community Partners.



"The Northwest Regional Police Department has released a new website. With the release of this new website, the department has created a form for residents to register their security cameras with the department voluntarily. The information collected will be for use within the department only and not shared with anyone outside. The department will not utilize any information to view footage/feeds directly from cameras owned by the registrants. Please see the website for more information."



Thanks to Our Parks & Recreation Board

A special "thank you" goes out to the citizens on the Township Parks & Recreation Board for spearheading two big initiatives last year. The 2015 *Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan* was updated with actionable ideas to provide these amenities to the community – including this year's focus on how to expand Old Trolley Line Park. Speaking of which, Don Bush and the Board deserve many thanks for leading the tree planting at OTLP to provide much - needed shade around the picnic and playground area.



PAVILION RENTALS: The cost to rent a pavilion is \$20.00 a day for residents in Mount Joy Township and \$30.00 a day for Non residents. If you are interested in reserving a pavilion at one of the 3 parks located in Mount Joy Township, please call 717-367-8917.

BURNING ORDINANCE

During this time of year, we often receive inquiries regarding the burning ordinance, particularly about burning pits. The township allows burning pits as long as they comply with safety guidelines. Here are some important points to keep in mind when using a burning pit:

- The diameter of the pit cannot exceed 3 feet.
- The pit must have a wire mesh screen with openings of no more than two inches over the flame to prevent embers from escaping into the air.
- It is prohibited to burn household trash, recyclables, leaves, or yard waste.
- The pit should be placed at least 15 feet away from any building, structure, or other flammable material.
- A responsible adult must supervise the burning at all times.
- The pit fire should be immediately extinguished after use and not left to burn out.
- Do not use a pit fire, or any fire, during dry drought conditions or high winds.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dan Ford, Code Compliance Officer at 717-367-8917 ext 206.



Water Quality Tips For Residents

Fertilizer may not be the solution. If your lawn is not looking as healthy and green as you would like, sometimes fertilizer is not the answer. Maintaining an appropriate soil pH is essential to promoting proper nutrient availability. Soil texture and organic matter content influence water movement, nutrient availability, and the microbial ecosystem of the soil. A healthy soil supports a healthy lawn.

Raise your mower deck. Set your mower deck to 3 inches or higher. Alternatively, you can use low mow turf species, such as fine fescue blends, that do best when mowing is limited. A taller, healthier lawn slows water movement and increases infiltration keeping moisture, soil, and nutrients where they are needed most.

Provide a buffer. Do not mow up to the banks of streams. Maintaining vegetative buffers along waterways provides wildlife habitat while slowing and filtering water before it enters the stream.

For this and more water quality information, visit the Water Resources page on our website.



Trash billed: May 31st
Payment due: July 1st

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

Mount Joy Township
 8853 Elizabethtown Road
 Elizabethtown, PA 17022



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**SOME
 THING
 NEW**

* Batteries and Cellphones can no longer be dropped off at the Mount Joy Township office. Alkaline batteries can be placed beside your trash can in a battery bag. Rechargeable batteries cannot be put out with the trash. They can be taken to LCSWMA free of charge. *

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



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

 **GEARS**
 live. learn. play.
 717-367-0355

Programs & Services
 Available

- Recreation
- Child Care
- Senior Center
- Community Services

GetintoGEARS.org



Holiday Parade

Saturday December 9
4 pm
Market Street



**FALL
 FESTIVAL**

Saturday
October 21
10 am Fairgrounds

**Elizabethtown Area Senior Center
 Business Expo**

June 13 from 9 am-1 pm
 Free to all vendors/organizations.
 Sponsorship opportunities available.
 RSVP at (717) 367-7984 or
 SeniorCenter@getintogears.org

Kids Center

717-367-0119
 For ages 3-12
 • Preschool
 • Kindergarten
 • Summer Camp
 • Before & After School



Spring Golf Tournament

Friday May 5
 1 pm
 Dauphin Highlands
 Golf Course



Fall Golf Tournament

Friday October 6
 8 am
 Dauphin Highlands
 Golf Course