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Keeping Our Head Above Water Was Difficult This Summer

Summer Work Nearly Complete; Winter Prep Begins

What a summer it has been with numerous torrential downpours and overall record rainfall causing localized flash flooding, travel interruptions, tree debris, and roadway damage.

It was very difficult to complete planned road maintenance due to the rain-soaked conditions and continual need to repair damage caused by the rains ... but the Township and, hopefully, all of our residents managed everything Mother Nature threw at us during this unusual summer.

On June 28, the Township experienced four inches of rain in just a three-hour period. The deluge created blocked drains and pipes due to natural debris and the inability to carry this extraordinary amount of water away quickly enough. As a result, many areas along side the roadway became eroded by washouts. Tree and ground debris had to be cleaned up and hauled away. Drainage systems had to be opened and road damage restored.

The Township was able to complete its planned 2018 Road Project consisting of three miles of newly paved roadway, double seal-coating four miles of existing paving, and reclaimed four-tenths of a mile of roadway. All roads are in good shape and ready for winter.

Mowing along township roadways will continue into late October. Crack-sealing of roads began earlier this month and will continue, weather permitting.

Trees obstructing the road right-of-way will be cut and trimmed again this year before winter sets in. There are many dead ash trees along the roads ... too many for the Township to get to this year. Some are not in the right-of-way, but are too close to electric lines.

When the fall and winter winds blow and the snow falls, branches and trees may fall. Motorists and property owners must be cautious of this happening. If you find a tree on the road, call the Township at (570) 739-2629 or 9-1-1. The Township road crew or

fire company will be dispatched to remove the debris from the roadway as quickly as possible. If a tree is in the electric wires, PPL will be contacted to take care of it.

Drive with care and be safe! Do not go near downed power lines or touch other materials in contact with those power lines. Let the cleanup for the experts in a dangerous situation.

Why do we put tar on the roads?

Sealing of roadway cracks prevents water from entering the surface, eventually weakening the base material, and - due to repeated traffic - creating potholes.

Crack-sealing provides the most cost effective use of township dollars compared to patching potholes with blacktop. Sealing the roads before there is major damage can extend the pavement life another eight to 10 years.



Preparing for winter

As we turn the calendar to November, the road crew directs its attention to readying the trucks and equipment to handle whatever winter may bring. It seems like we just put the winter equipment away from the last season, but here it is again.

When a snowstorm hits, the trucks will be dispatched to different areas of the township. All roads get cindered and salted, but school bus routes get first attention.

As snow accumulates to two inches, the trucks begin to plow in order to keep roads passable. When

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WAYNE TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

The Board of Supervisors meets on the Third Wednesday each month with the exception of October when it meets on the Second Wednesday.

The Planning Commission meets the Second Tuesday each month.

The Municipal Authority meets the First Tuesday each month.

All meetings are open to the public at the Municipal Building, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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 Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972-9387. Office hours:
 call 570-739-2509 for an appointment or email
 waynetwptc@yahoo.com.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

Rita Lehman • Kathy Wanamaker

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Office Closed on Fridays
 Zoning Office Hours: Monday 7 to 9 p.m.

Winter Prep Begins



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the crew gets ahead of the snowfall and when the snow stops, the plowing continues, opening a full two lanes.

Following that, the plow work continues by pushing the snow further to the sides and making the roadway wider. This may not happen until the day after the storm because CDL (Commercial Drivers License) laws state our operators cannot drive more than 10 hours at a time without getting rest.

For residents and property owners ... DO NOT park cars on the roadway and DO NOT plow snow onto the road. This creates a dangerous situation for the snow plows and for other motorists trying to deal with the winter weather.

- Ralph Fidler, Roadmaster

R&J TOURS – 2018 HAPPENINGS

Call – NYC FREE Day.....	\$42
Call – Radio City Spectacular.....	call
Call – Gourmet Shopping in NY.....	\$43
Nov. 3 – Peddlers Village Apple Festival.....	\$34
Nov. 3 – Sister Act @ DADT.....	*\$86
Nov. 4 – Vikings & Reading Terminal Market.....	*\$60
Nov. 10 – Philadelphia Mills Mall.....	\$35
Nov. 10 – Philly From the Top.....	*\$67
Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day @ Arlington.....	\$52
Nov. 22 – Macy’s Parade.....	\$42
Nov. 24 – A Christmas Experience @ Antietam.....	*\$88
Nov. 25 – Longwood Gardens Christmas.....	*\$55
Nov. 28 – Rainbow-Christmas in Paradise.....	\$77
Dec. 4 – Mt. Airy-Home for the Holidays.....	\$67
Dec. 5 – AMT Christmas Show.....	*\$106
Dec. 7 – The Mahoney Bros @ Hunterdon.....	\$97
Dec. 9 – Tiny Tim @ Shawnee Playhouse.....	\$80
Dec. 11 – Holidays @ Mt. Hope.....	\$75
Dec. 11 – Under the Street Lamp.....	\$85
Dec. 15 – A Christmas Carol.....	\$88
Dec. 28 – Cinderella @ DADT.....	\$42

OVERNIGHTS

Call – Dover Downs.....	call
Dec. 6-8 – Boston Pops.....	\$539 p/p DBL
Dec. 9-11 – Oglebay Festival of Lights.....	\$456 p/p DBL
Dec. 31-Jan. 1 – New Year’s Eve in Gettysburg.....	\$309 p/p DBL

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Township Services Update . . . And Events!

Housing rehabilitation program

Wayne Township is accepting applications for its housing rehabilitation program.

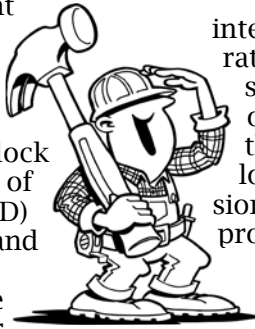
The program encourages low/moderate income, owner-occupants to restore their homes to a decent, safe and sanitary condition by assisting with necessary repairs and improvements. Income qualified homeowners receive financial help with both interior and exterior repairs. You may be eligible for cost-free assistance up to \$24,999.

Under this program, electric outlets, wiring, service panels, water heaters, heating and plumbing systems, and insulation are some of the items typically repaired or replaced. Exterior work might include roofing, siding, windows, doors, porch or deck, stair and railing repairs.

All work is done at no cost to the homeowner. The program is funded by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

Household income is subject to the U.S. HUD (FY 2017) income limits for Schuylkill County as shown in the accompanying chart.

Wayne Township will revise these limits whenever HUD adjusts the low/moderate income limits



for Schuylkill County. Annual income is the gross amount of income that all adult household members anticipate to receive during the coming 12 months in accordance to

FAMILY SIZE	GROSS INCOME LIMITS
1 person	\$32,900
2 people	\$37,600
3 people	\$42,300
4 people	\$46,950
5 people	\$50,750
6 people	\$54,500
7 people	\$58,250
8 people	\$62,000

“Annual Income Directive Number 5.609.”

Program assistance will be in the form of a non-interest forgiveness loan that will be forgiven at the rate of 20% per year for five (5) years. Should ownership of the property change hands or the property owner change his/her principal residence during this five-year period, the unforgiven balance of the loan must be repaid to the Township. This provision is made to prevent speculative profit from the program.

For more information or to obtain a “Housing Rehabilitation Application,” contact the Wayne Township office at 570-739-2629. Homeowners must complete and return the application in order to be placed on the housing rehabilitation list.

Additional requirements are:

- The unit to be rehabilitated must be owned and occupied by the applicant.
- Real estate taxes on the property to be rehabilitated must be paid up to date as well as other municipal taxes and fees.
- The owner shall provide evidence of property insurance.

Senior and Community Center now open

Wayne Township’s Senior and Community Center is located at 23 Meadowbrook Drive in the former State Police Building along Rt. 183 in Reedsville.

The Senior Center opens every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch is served at 12 noon followed by a special activity or program. Drop in when you can and stay as long as you like. Coffee and games will always be available.

The building also serves as a Community Center recently remodeled to be used by the greater Wayne Township community. The center is the perfect place to host your next event, business or group meeting. Rental can include the entire facility consisting of a large common area as well as a conference room, or rent one of the rooms separately.

Visit 23meadowbrook.org or call 570-739-2241 ext. 225 for more information on upcoming events.

Wayne Township encourages recycling

The township Municipal Building complex hosts a Schuylkill County Recycling Program Drop-Off container area across Municipal Road from the township office. This deposit area is accessible 24/7/365, requiring separation of recyclables into identified bins. Residents are encouraged to reduce their own

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household-generated refuse and its disposal cost by removing those items that are recyclable. Bring them to the Drop-Off area for disposal at no charge.

Acceptable materials for recycling include:

- Plastics with the recycling symbol and the No. 1 and 2
- Metals - Aluminum, steel, and bi-metal food and beverage cans
- Glass - Clear, green and brown food, beverage and liquor containers
- Paper/cardboard - Newsprint, phonebooks, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, and boxes (flattened).

Each bin is clearly marked as to the materials to be deposited with multiple bins available for each

type item. If all respective bins are full, do not deposit in another material's bin. Do not leave items outside the bins risking littering by winds or scattering by animals. Take your recyclables home with you to return another day. Also, call the county Office of Solid Waste at 570-628-1220 to report the Wayne Township Recycling Drop-Off bins need to be emptied.

Township holidays

The Wayne Township municipal office and employee operations will be closed in observance of the following holidays for the balance of 2018: Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22-23 (Thanksgiving) and Monday, Nov. 26 (first day of deer season); and Tuesday, Dec. 25 (Christmas).

Starting the new year, township operations will close Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Day; Friday, April 19 (Good Friday); and Monday, May 27 (Memorial Day).

Fall events at Hawk Mountain

The fall season is a wonderful time to be one with nature. Enjoy a crisp day and view the changing colors of fall foliage on a trip to Hawk Mountain Sanctuary. You just might also see a hawk or eagle while taking in events at the visitor's center.

The annual Autumn Hawkwatch at the Sanctuary's famed North Lookout is conducted daily, weather permitting, through December 15. An official counter and interpreters are on hand to point out and identify

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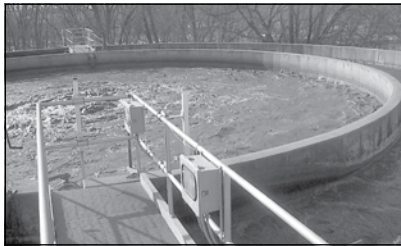
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tify birds. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn more about hawk migration and enjoy this spectacle of nature. A "trail fee" is charged to non-members.

"Seeking the Gray Ghosts" is a free autumn lecture on Saturday, Oct. 27 beginning at 5:30 at the visitor's center. Chelsea DeMarco, a graduate student from Penn State, will explain the PA Goshawk Project and its future plans.

Wayne Township Municipal Authority

Wayne Township maintains municipal sewage collection and treatment for properties along the Long Run Corridor of Rt. 443 from and including the village of Friedensburg east to the boundary with North Manheim Township. Sewage is collected, transmitted by gravity flow to the North Manheim system and eventually received and treated at the Schuylkill Haven Sewage Treatment Plant.



Maintenance, fee structure and billing within Wayne Township and monthly payment to Schuylkill Haven for treatment is the responsibility of the

Municipal Authority and its board of directors. Applications for new connections to the municipal sewage collection system are handled through the township office and regulated by ordinance and inspection before service is approved.

Homes and businesses not in close proximity to the Long Run Corridor are responsible to provide an approved on-lot collection and/or treatment system at their expense. The township's Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) is authorized to work with property owners to assure compliance.

Wayne Township does not currently provide a municipal fresh water system.

The Municipal Authority board of directors meets the first Tuesday each month at the township building beginning at 7:30 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend the meetings.

Emergency medical service

Schuylkill EMS provides Emergency Medical Services and Advanced Life Support 24/7/365 to all of Wayne Township, including Friedensburg, Summit Station, and all of Lake Wynonah, from its fully staffed Station 63 in Schuylkill Haven at 480 Dock Street.

Residents are strongly encouraged to support Schuylkill EMS through an individual or household annual subscription, thereby greatly reducing the out-of-pocket cost for emergency service after insurance settlement. Scheduled non-emergency transport back home or to a nursing/rehabilitation facility can be provided at discounted cost to subscribers.

In an emergency, always dial 9-1-1 for the most efficient communications. For non-emergency contact with the Schuylkill EMS business office or to arrange for non-emergency medical transport, call 570-622-9647.

Playgrounds and recreation facilities

Wayne Township maintains several recreation facilities available for use by township residents. For large functions and organized play, it is best to contact the township office at 570-739-2629 to reserve a date and time.

The Summit Station Playground and Recreation Area offers an extensive assortment of playground equipment for pre-school and elementary school-age children, basketball and tennis courts for all ages, and

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SUMMIT STATION RECREATION AREA

a large pavilion with picnic tables for small family gatherings. Restroom facilities are available.

Aaron Kreager Park is a township recreation facility, open to all, located in the Rolling View Estates residential development off Luckenbill Road near Schwartz Valley Road. The park, at the corner of Rolling View and White Dog roads, is a 12-years-of-age-and-under playground complete with park benches and a pavilion with picnic tables for family gatherings.



KREAGER PARK AT ROLLING VIEW ESTATES

The Wayne Township Recreation Area, located just off Rt. 443 between Friedensburg and Rt. 183, consists of a fully equipped soccer and/or multi-purpose field with spectator stands.



RECREATION AREA ALONG RT. 443 EAST OF FRIEDENSBURG

In addition to these township facilities, the playground and pavilion located at the Blue Mountain Elementary West school building is a public facil-

ity originally built through a cooperative effort by Wayne Township, Blue Mountain School District, the Blue Mountain Recreation Commission, and the Blue Mountain West PTA. Contact the school at 570-739-4461 to reserve use of the pavilion.

Wayne Township "On the Move"

Schuylkill Vision coordinates many escorted hiking opportunities throughout the year for those who want to promote their own health and fitness through walking. Following are two nearby hikes during the remainder of 2018 for residents of Wayne Township and Lake Wynonah.

Walk the "Bartram Trail North Stretch" on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. and experience a little bit of history and a lot of nature on this trail section. Meet at the Auburn Trailhead on Rt. 895 just east of Auburn at the Schuylkill River to travel to the hike (4 miles, easy) start location.

"Porcupine Pat" McKinney will lead walkers on a different path "sojourn" around Sweet Arrow Lake Park, featuring some nice scenes of the water, on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 10 to 11 a.m. Meet at the Waterfall Road parking lot for a three mile (easy) walk.

We want to hear from you!

The Wayne Township Board of Supervisors meets on the third Wednesday each month with the exception of October when it meets on the second Wednesday.

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Newsletter Particulars

"Wayne Township News" is a semi-annual newsletter of Wayne Township distributed to 3600 households within the township and all of Lake Wynonah.

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News Submittals

Non-profit and community organizations within the Township are invited to submit news items for consideration. Written submittals must be received by Kathy Wanamaker, in the Township office, waynetwpsecretary@comcast.net or call 570-739-2629 ext. 10 for info, three weeks prior to the publication date.

Advertising

Businesses wishing to reach every household in Wayne Township and Lake Wynonah are invited to advertise in future issues. Contact South Schuylkill Printing & Publishing for more information. Call Barb @ 570-385-3120. All advertisements must be received at least three weeks prior to the publication dates. Ad content is subject to approval and acceptance by Wayne Township.

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The public is invited to attend and takes place at the Municipal Building, 10 Municipal Road, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Matters for discussion to be brought before the Board must be received in the Township office no later than 2 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting. The agenda for each meeting must be prepared in advance and agenda topics cannot be added at the last minute.



However, there is a time set aside in each meeting for public comments. If you wish to bring something to the supervisors' attention, please do not hesitate.

Wayne Township Supervisors will always listen to the concerns or suggestions of residents.

Share your group's news with all

Most every household has someone who contributes to the quality of life here in Wayne Township, whether that be through church activities, the Lions Club or other service group, organized youth sports or scouting, or some other function that benefits society locally.

We're interested in what you are doing. Share



your group's upcoming community event, service, or non-profit activity with your friends and neighbors by contacting Township Secretary Kathy Wanamaker at 570-739-2629, ext. 10 or by email waynetwpsecretary@comcast.net. Deadline for each issue is three weeks prior to publication.

Enjoy this "holiday" issue of *Wayne Township News* and look forward to the next Spring/Summer issue scheduled to mail April 26, 2019.

Township office hours

Residents and property owners having matters/needs of a general nature with the Township can meet with Secretary Kathy Wanamaker Monday through Thursday each week from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Municipal Authority and Planning Commission matters, handled by Rita Lehman, can be conducted Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Zoning Officer Randy Moyer's hours are Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m.

The Township office, located at 10 Municipal Road just off Rt. 183, is closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



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The Call was renamed *South Schuylkill News* in 2010 to better reflect the region served. The newspaper was sold in 2015, but continued to operate from its home at 960 E. Main Street. These newspaper operations moved to a different lease space in January 2018.

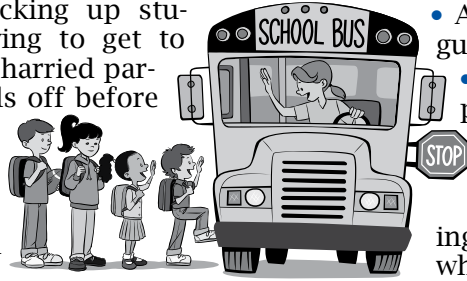
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Back to School Safety for Drivers

Yellow school buses picking up students; kids on bikes hurrying to get to school before the bell rings; harried parents trying to drop their kids off before work.

With schools back in session, it's never more important than now for drivers to slow down and pay attention when youngsters are present, especially before and after school.



- Always stop for a police officer or a crossing guard holding up a stop sign.
- Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
- Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
- Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.
- Put away your cell phone; one of every four car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving. Studies show that drivers looking out the windshield can miss seeing 50% of what's around them when talking on a cell phone.

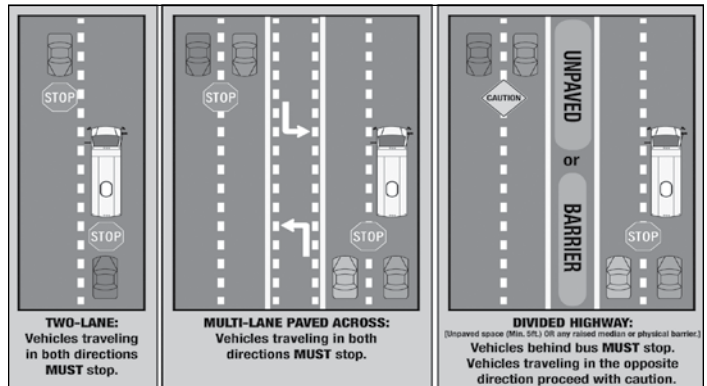
Pennsylvania's bus stopping law

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- Penalties, if convicted of violating the School Bus Stopping Law, include a \$250 fine; five points on your driving record, and a 60-day license suspension.

Share the road

When a school bus stops for passengers on a two-lane highway, all traffic from both directions must stop. According to the National Safety Council, the majority of children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents were either hit by the bus or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus.

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you. This could put them in the path of moving traffic.
- When flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing in the crosswalk or intersection.



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Winter – Know What to Do Before Weather Strikes

While no one can predict with any certainty what Mother Nature has up her sleeve this winter, we do know this: Pennsylvania is going to get snow, chilly temperatures, some freezing rain, and maybe even a blizzard - and everyone needs to be prepared.

The following safety information is courtesy of **ready.gov**, the official website of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Understanding what's on the way

When winter arrives, meteorologists and newscasters toss around many terms. You know they mean something, but what? Here's an explanation and what you should do:

Winter Weather Advisory - The National Weather Service (NWS) issues these advisories when conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is used, these situations should not be life-threatening.



Winter Storm Watch - The NWS issues these watches when severe wintry conditions, such as heavy snow or ice, may affect your area; however, the location and timing are still uncertain. Watches are issued 12 to 36 hours before a potentially

severe storm. Keep on top of the situation by tuning into NOAA weather radio, local radio and TV stations, and other news sources. Also, monitor alerts, check

your emergency supplies, and gather any items you may need if you lose power.

Winter Storm Warning - Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in the warning area should take precautions immediately.

Blizzard Warning - These warnings indicate that sustained winds and gusts of 35 miles per hour or more and considerable falling or blowing snow are expected to prevail for three hours or more. Again, people should take precautions.



Make winter safety a priority

Whether you're inside or out, use the following tips to protect your family and yourself when winter weather arrives:

Carbon monoxide can kill - Each year, an estimated 430 Americans die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning.

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove, or other gasoline, propane, natural gas, or charcoal burning device inside a home, garage, basement, crawl-space, or any partially enclosed area. Be sure to keep these devices outside and at least 20 feet from doors, windows, and vents.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your home and outside sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide. If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, find a location with fresh air quickly, such as an open window or door, and call for help.

Use common sense - When outside or driving when in your vehicle:

- Wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing, rather than one layer of heavy clothing. The outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent.
- Mittens are warmer than gloves. Wear a hat to prevent the loss of body heat. Also, cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- When shoveling snow, avoid overexertion that can trigger a heart attack - a major cause of death in the winter. Be sure to take breaks, push the snow instead of lifting it. Lift lighter loads.
- Keep dry by changing wet clothing frequently to prevent the loss of body heat.
- If you must drive, travel during the day with someone else and stay on the main roads. Share your destination, route, and expected arrival time with others.
- If a blizzard traps you in the vehicle, pull off the road, turn on the hazard lights, and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window. Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. Be sure to open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Huddle with the other passengers. Use your coats for blankets and take turns sleeping. Eat regularly and drink ample fluids to avoid dehydration.

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Overseas Ban on Waste Changes Recycling Effort

China Puts “Brakes” on Taking America’s Recyclables

If you're like most Americans, you probably have not given much thought to what happens to that plastic bottle, glass jar, or newspaper you put in your recycling container. You figure it is being recycled somehow, and by keeping it out of the landfill, you are doing your part to make planet Earth a better place.

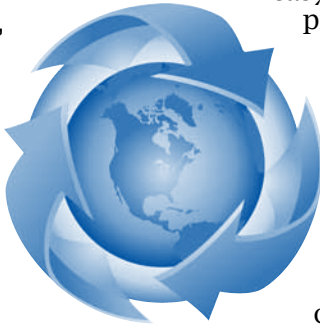
This “out-of-sight, out-of-mind” mentality came to a screeching halt earlier this year when the recycling industry was rocked by action out of China. What most people did not realize until then was that the items they had been recycling, week in and week out, were likely being shipped to China, the world’s largest consumer of recyclables.

On January 1, in an anti-pollution crackdown, China implemented a ban on certain recyclables from other countries, most notably mixed paper (such as junk mail) and mixed plastic (those labeled three through seven), and enacted stricter rules about the level of contamination it would accept on other materials.

As a result of a decision made halfway across the globe, what can now go into your recycling bin has likely changed, and if it hasn't yet, it will soon. Without China as a major market, recyclers are being forced to find other outlets. Until new markets pick up the slack, what was once considered a recyclable has become trash.

Communities and consumers are scrambling to adapt to the new realities of recycling. For some, China's ban has forced local recycling programs back to the basics and shifted focus to materials with traditionally strong markets, such as corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles and jugs with necks, metal food and beverage cans, and glass bottles and jars. Others are exploring whether it makes sense to halt recycling altogether until the marketplace rebounds.

Meanwhile, amid these changes, Pennsylvania's recycling law is celebrating its 30th birthday. The trouble is, the future of recycling has never looked murkier.



Reducing contaminants

For many years, China's insatiable appetite for recyclables masked the problems of contamination in the nation's recycling stream.

Part of the problem can be traced back to how easy recycling had become, especially once many programs implemented single-stream collection, allowing all recyclables to be placed together for pickup and sorting later at a processing facility. Too many people made assumptions that just about everything could be recycled - tin foil, drinking glasses, plastic toys, even garden hoses - when in reality, they couldn't.

And now that China has lowered its boom, communities that still want to recycle - whether because of a state mandate or because they believe it's the right thing to do - must find ways to provide a clean, quality product.

Many solid waste handlers have begun asking customers to be more diligent about their recycling habits, and “when in doubt, throw it out” has become the mantra of the new post-China recycling guidelines.

While it remains to be seen how recycling rebounds from this latest market setback, in the short term at least, costs for local programs will almost certainly rise as recyclers pass on increased costs to customers.



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Since 80% of learning is visual, screening children this young provides early detection to prevent poor literacy, behavioral disorders, reduced participation in sports, and poor socialization due to sight deficiencies that can be corrected.

An initial screening of children between the ages of six months and six years was performed in 2014 by Lions Club District 14-U - consisting of Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe, and Pike counties. Of all of those screened, 6% were identified as having some vision difficulties and were referred to eye professionals for closer examination.

In fiscal year 2016-2017, District 14-U Lions assisted in screening 973 people, with 793 of these in the pre-school target group. Of all of those screened, 141 were referred.

Wayne Lions are active in your community

Sight preservation and treatment of problems is the primary mission of Lions worldwide. Your Wayne Township Lions Club is part of this effort, but members do so much more to aid and improve your local community.



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Recent activities included helping at the Schuylkill County Fair as gate tenders and continued hosting Red Cross blood drives at the Friedensburg Fire Company every two months. The most recent blood drive was on October 12.

Kauffman's chicken barbecue fundraisers are held twice each year. The next is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 20 at Moyer's Car-Care Center. Funds raised are shared with the Schuylkill Haven Food Pantry, Schuylkill County Special Olympics, and the Schuylkill County Society for Crippled Children.

The Lions will be distributing Christmas "goody bags" to homebound and deserving residents of Wayne Township in December. Members have supported funding for flood relief in Schuylkill County and support Lions Clubs International Foundation that also provides much needed funding for flood victims in Pine Grove, Tremont, and in other parts of the country.



Used eyeglasses and used hearing aids are collected to be recycled and reused for people in need. The local club also continues to provide and arrange for free use of wheelchairs, walkers, and hospital beds.

Interested in being part of this active organization? Members meet at the Friedensburg Country Restaurant on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Find out more by attending a meeting or by contacting any Lion or business that displays the Lions emblem.

Wayne Township's Volunteer Firefighters Help You

Equipment, Training, Membership – A System in Crisis?

The volunteer fire company is a long and cherished tradition in our commonwealth, dating from 1736 when Ben Franklin founded the nation's first all-volunteer force to fight blazes in Philadelphia.

For nearly three centuries, communities have relied on volunteer fire companies to protect property and save lives. Today, this volunteer model could be in jeopardy.

Across the state, local fire companies are struggling. Volunteers are dwindling. Costs are soaring. Training requirements have intensified. With donations and volunteers harder to come by, the future of the local fire company, long intertwined in the fabric of a community, is a severe struggle.

Consider these sobering facts:

- Volunteers at fire companies across Pennsylvania have dropped from 300,000 strong in the 1960s and '70s to below 50,000 today.
- At least 75 percent of fire companies are struggling with manpower at a time when the state's population is aging. The average age of a firefighter is 50-something, and people are busier today than they were decades ago.
- Communities would have to raise taxes almost \$10 billion a year to switch to a paid model for fire service, according to the office of the state fire commissioner.

Fire companies serving Wayne



Wayne Township is served by two well-equipped and well-trained volunteer fire companies. Both solicit your financial support through annual funding appeals and frequent public meals and special events. Township government helps both companies with a generous annual donation, but support by residents and businesses is also necessary to train personnel and maintain equipment readiness of this emergency service.

The Friedensburg Fire Company No. 1 is located in Friedensburg at 1357 Long Run Road. Call 570-739-2141 for non-emergency information or services.

The Summit Station Fire Company is located in Summit Station at 88 Firehouse Road, just south of the Rt. 183/895 intersection. Call 570-754-3491 for non-emergency information or services.



Fundraising events the public can enjoy while also supporting these fire companies consist of the monthly Mock Lobster Dinner at the Friedensburg station on the first Friday of each month from 4 to 7 p.m. Summit Station Fire Company hosts an annual Junior Fire Camp in July for youngsters wanting to learn more about fire fighting.

Periodic Chinese auctions, chicken barbecues, drawing raffles and gun raffles are posted in advance on each station's Facebook page . . . or stop by either station for more information how you can help.



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The Independent Cornet Band of Black Horse

Did you know that Wayne Township once had its own band? Comprised of 26 young musicians from the township, the Independent Cornet Band of Black Horse was organized by bandmaster Henry Bressler, a teacher at the Friedensburg School.

I was told the band started as a small group of young men of the Brown's Church Band. The group held weekly rehearsals at the Washington Band Hall, located on the corner at the foot of the hill north of Brown's Church.

The annual band fairs proved to be quite an attraction. Mr. Bressler decided to give more young men an opportunity to get together and expand the band. The exact dates the band was active range from 1890 to the 1910s, however these dates can't be confirmed.

The name was changed because the band would meet and practice at the old Black Horse Hotel, which still stands in the Reedsville area next to the Township office building.

According to my grandmother, Bressler was a "tough taskmaster." Many of the young men could not read music or had little experience with musical instruments. Bressler, being a teacher, would drill the boys note-by-note



BAND MEMBERS – Front row, from left, unknown, unknown, Bill Clauser, Ed (Monk) Bernhesel, Levi Kramer, Sam Heffner, Ed Degler, Chas Kramer, and George Weber; middle row, unknown, Al Marbarger, Grover Reber, Bob Roeder, Frank Reber, Andy Dubbs, Joe Reber, Clark Scholl, Else Roeder; back row, George Kramer, John Bessa, (first name not known) Strouse, (first name unknown) Seitz, Joe Roeder, William (Mike) Reber, Ted Fessler, Oscar Bressler; standing, band leader Henry Bressler.

until they could play the various selections by memory. As their popularity grew, they were invited to entertain at church picnics and in concert on various national holidays.

The picture showing the band was taken at the Friedensburg Hotel, which was the site of their Fourth of July concerts. These concerts were from the front porch balcony of the hotel. Identification of the band members list many family names that were prominent in the early days of the township. Some of their descendents reside here presently.

Since traffic on the main street at that time was limited to a few horse and buggy hitches, the crowd would gather and sit in the street, now Rt. 443. A large American flag was suspended on a rope across the street and anchored to a barn on the opposite side of the road. Township residents would eagerly anticipate each year's concert.

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Grass, Leaves, Debris and Snow Can Cause Problems

Some municipalities make it illegal to blow/leave grass clippings on the road because it is dangerous and can cause drainage, sewage and pollution problems. Wayne Township has no ordinance prohibiting this, but seeks the cooperation of all property owners.

Grass clippings are substantially water. So when tires from a car or motorcycle have clippings between them and the roadway, things can get out of control pretty quickly.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that yard trimmings account for 18 percent of the refuse Americans generate each year. The EPA estimates that a half-acre lawn produces 6,000 pounds - more than three tons - of grass clippings per year. How many tons of grass clippings does your lawn produce every year?

When lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes are picked up by storm water runoff, they are carried directly to our local streams and lakes. These materials contain phosphorus and are considered the primary cause of water algae and

scum in our lakes, ponds and streams.

The simple practice of leaving clippings on your lawn after mowing is called "grasscycling." When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings onto your lawn, not the street. Be a good neighbor and make certain you don't leave clippings on the road. Use a blower and blow them back into the yard or use a broom to sweep them up.



If rain water from a downpour washes stones from your driveway onto the road, please clean them up! Loose stones on the road are very dangerous for drivers, especially motorcycles. Loose stones can cause a vehicle

to slip losing traction and slide off the road or into another vehicle.

This winter when you plow snow from your driveway across the road, or to the end of your driveway, make sure it is all off the road. Any snow remaining gets driven over, turns to ice, and becomes very dangerous.



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