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NEWSLETTER

Fall 2015



Hello to All Heidelberg Township Residents,

Sitting here at my desk, I glance over at my calendar and am astonished that another summer has ended, a new school year has begun, the leaves are changing colors and the Township is preparing for the onset of winter.

This has been another busy year for Heidelberg Township. The Township municipal building has had many improvements. Roof gutters and some windows damaged by last year's winter storms were replaced. All of the garage doors are being replaced which will make the township garage more energy efficient. The Board of Supervisors participated in the E-Power Direct Discount Program through PPL which included updating the municipal building lighting. All the incandescent lights and outdated fluorescent tube lights were replaced with energy-efficient fluorescent tube lamps, LED lamps and fixtures and electronic ballasts. New lighted exit signs were installed as well as occupancy sensors. By participating in the E-Power program the Township's total cost was \$1,130, a savings of over 60%.

In June, the Board of Supervisors hired two part-time employees to fill vacancies in our workforce. Dawn Didra accepted the position as zoning/office assistant and Daniel Watt accepted the position as road crew worker. Transition is always difficult but these two new employees bring with them years of work experience and the willingness to learn and are a welcomed addition to the township staff.

Did you know that a music video was filmed entirely in Heidelberg Township? A request was received by the Board of Supervisors, a special meeting was held and the dream of a Northwestern Lehigh High School graduate was fulfilled. Read more about this video in this newsletter.

The closing of the Northwestern Ambulance Corps was a sad change for the community. A huge "thank you" is given to the staff of the Corps for their many years of service to the community. The Board of Supervisors selected Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services Inc. (NOVA) as the best fit for Heidelberg Township emergency services. Read more about NOVA in this newsletter.

The Board of Supervisors is busy planning for the township's future. Currently, they are reviewing the proposed 2016 budget which does not include a tax increase. Holding the line on taxes is no small feat. With the increasing costs of almost everything the Board consciously makes decisions in the best interest of the township community. You will read more about the budget and taxes in this newsletter.

A busy year indeed. Please enjoy this issue of the Heidelberg Township newsletter. If you have suggestions for future issues, please contact the Township Office at 610-767-9297 x14. You may also email comments to information@heidelberglehigh.org. Remember to frequent the businesses who advertise in this newsletter. The Board of Supervisors thanks them for their community support.

Kind Regards,

Janice M. Meyers, Township Administrator

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors

For me, the highlight of the year has been the Parade and Celebration of the Goodwill Fire Company's 100th Anniversary on July 11th. The event had a turnout beyond my wildest expectations, and was flawlessly executed. The parade had what seemed like an endless caravan of participants, and the fireworks were spectacular!! Kudos to the organizers, firefighters, fire company officials and all the volunteers who helped make this celebration such a great success! Thanks again to all, including the attendees who showed their support by lining the parade route, and packing the fire company afterwards for the great food and ceremony. Great job!

Well, another summer has past, and the fall harvest season is coming to an end. Please be careful and respectful around all the large farm equipment that you see increasingly on our roadways in spring, summer and fall. I hope you all enjoy what is left of fall, and get ready for another cold winter, I hear they expect it to be very similar to the last.

Be safe!

Steve Bachman, Chairman

Independent Order of Odd Fellows Schnecksville, PA

The Jordan Lodge #192 Odd Fellows and their sister organization Rebekah #222 is going strong helping others in need. We support Camp JRA sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation, cancer foundations, and Wills Eye Hospital. We also collect food for the local food bank and food pantry. The members also help our local school students by providing scholarships. Anyone interested in joining our organization or making a donation, please contact Ted Rothrock at 610-767-6586.

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A GREETING FROM THE NEW ZONING/OFFICE ASSISTANT

Hello!! My name is Dawn Didra and I am the new Zoning/Office Assistant for Heidelberg Township. I have been in this role since June 15th and I am truly enjoying all the challenges this position has to offer. Shortly before I started, Christopher Noll with Keystone Consulting Engineers replaced Roy Stewart (now retired) as the Township Zoning Officer. Chris and I have worked together in the past and our prior experiences helped make the transition to working together in our new roles a little easier. I have been the Secretary of the Heidelberg Township Environmental Advisory Council for the last few years and enjoy working with the other members on projects that have a positive impact on both the community and our environment. Along with my zoning office duties, I have been making updates to the township website; putting this newsletter together; updating and organizing both the computer and paper files; and attending classes that will help me to grow my knowledge base to better serve the township. I am using skills I have learned in previous positions to look at things from a fresh perspective and I hope to help improve and streamline processes wherever possible. I am enjoying getting to know residents and helping them navigate the permitting process, as well as pointing them in the right direction when they have a problem.



I grew up in Emmaus, but both of my grandfathers grew up on farms in the Lehigh Valley. As a child I loved to hear stories about farm life. Although I did not live in Heidelberg Township growing up, my godparents lived in nearby Washington Township and during our frequent visits to them I got to know and love this area. I also enjoyed visits to our relatives that lived on a farm, and always dreamed of having a farm of my own. When I met my husband he told me his dream was to turn the farm that he lives on (which was his grandfather's) back into a working farm. With the help of family, friends, and community resources, we have slowly made that dream a reality. We started small with chickens and have grown, adding steer and turkeys. Our dogs Molly - a black lab, and Buddy - a rescued Chihuahua/pug mix, are the best of friends and they also love the farm life. We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful area with wonderful friends who have become like family. We love living in Heidelberg Township and being part of this tight knit community!

RECYCLING INFORMATION

HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CENTER: Single Stream Recycling

The township currently contracts with Berger Sanitation as the hauler for the recycling center. Here are a few tips from Berger Sanitation regarding what items are and are not accepted for recycling.

Single stream recycling means you no longer will be separating your recyclables. Although you may still paper bag your paper items (such as junk mail, newspapers, magazines, telephone books and chipboard, which includes empty cake boxes, cracker boxes, cereal boxes, snack boxes, and shoe boxes), you can commingle all recycling. Do not include any recyclables which have been contaminated with food.



Recyclable Materials

Glass: Clear and colored glass jars and bottles used to package most food, beverages and household items (rinsed, lids removed and debris free).

Paper: Newspapers (including glossy inserts), paper bags, mail, junk mail, envelopes, magazines, telephone books, mixed paper, white paper and shredded office paper.

Cans: Aluminum, tin and steel including beverage, food and empty aerosol cans.

Plastic: Items with the numbers 1-7 located on the bottom surrounded by three arrows or marked PET, PETE, or HDPE (rinsed & free of debris).

Cardboard: Plain corrugated cardboard (flattened and bundled). Also chipboard packaging including nonperishable food boxes, beer and soda cartons, crackers, cake, and cereal boxes without plastic pouches or inserts.

Non Recyclable Materials

Glass: Broken glass, light bulbs, ceramic dishes, Pyrex, china, mirrors, windows, cookware, drinking glasses and flower pots.

Paper: Waxed milk/juice cartons, facial tissue, napkins, paper plates/cups, heat resistant ovenware and styrofoam products.

Cans: No liquid paints or chemicals.

Plastic: Lids, plastic bags/wrap and all other items not bearing the numbers 1 or 2 or marked PET, PETE or HDPE. Examples include coffee cups, meat trays, lids or caps and egg cartons.

Cardboard: No food contaminated cardboard such as pizza boxes.

Metal: Coat hangers, cookware/bakeware, drink mix containers, pipes and wire.

YOU MAY RECYCLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT THESE LOCATIONS:

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OIL, transmission fluid, antifreeze, batteries, used cooking oil: 309 Auto, New Tripoli: 610-298-8855

PACKING PEANUTS (clean): Shipping Plus, Schnecksville: 610-799-6610

SLATE, bricks, blocks, rock, concrete: Crushcrete: 610-865-1898

STYROFOAM (clean, dry, no peanuts or meat trays) and **PAPER SHREDDING** (free, call for details): Liberty Recycling, 526 N 3rd St., Allentown: 610-433-0129

BICYCLES: Community Bike Works: 235 N. Madison, Allentown: 610-434-1140; or see www.communitybikeworks.org

ELECTRONICS (TVs, computers, microwaves, etc); **CDs, DVDs**, other techno trash; **FLUORESCENT & MERCURY LAMPS:** A.E.R.C. Recycling Solutions., 2591 Mitchell Ave., Allentown: 610-797-7608; or see www.aerc.com

LAWN EQUIPMENT, PROPANE TANKS: Plaza Hardware, Route 309, New Tripoli: 610-767-6500

ALLENTOWN RECYCLING CENTER: 1400 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Allentown (610-437-8729, www.allentownrecycles.org) will recycle clean glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin and bimetal cans, cardboard, office paper and magazines, newspapers, paperboard, telephone books, good used clothing, hardback and paperback books, #1 and #2 plastics, scrap metals. Open 24 hours a day

BETHLEHEM RECYCLING CENTER: Illick's Mill Rd. between Schoenersville Rd. and Center St., Bethlehem (610-865-7082, www.bethlehem-pa.gov/recycle/) will recycle clean glass bottles and jars, aluminum cans, tin and bimetal cans, aerosol cans, cardboard, paperboard, office paper, glossy magazines, newspapers, styrofoam, plastics #1 through #7, telephone books, clothing and textiles, hardback and paperback books, scrap metals. Open M-F 9AM-5PM, Saturday 9AM-4PM, and Sunday 11AM-4PM

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Thank you for 100 years of Service!



On July 11th 2015 the Goodwill Fire Company #1 celebrated 100 years of protecting the residents of Heidelberg and Lowhill Townships. A day filled with an unforgettable parade, standing room only ceremony, recognition of past presidents and chiefs, and presentations by dignitaries and the State Fire Commissioner culminated with an outrageous fireworks display complements of local residents Mike Peters and Ryan Oncheck. We would also like to take this time to once again thank all of those individuals and local businesses that contributed toward our 100th Anniversary Celebration. There are too many to

mention here, but you know who you are and we cannot thank you enough for supporting us. You will not be forgotten!

As we move into 2016 residents have lots to be proud of. This year the fire department has been recognized by the State Fire Commissioners Office as having 75% of its members certified at the national level, have had some very successful fundraisers thanks to the local residents who come out and support us, and have had the opportunity to once again provide local students and day care facilities with a great fire prevention program. We have a core group of dedicated firefighters who train very hard in varying aspects of fire and rescue with many this year completing training in rope and high angle rescue III, Specialized Vehicle Rescue, and the highest level of Rapid Intervention Team Exercises offered by the state of Pennsylvania.

We are looking for new members, those interested in firefighting or emergency medical services. We are working towards a medical Quick Response Service designation and are looking for EMTs. The fire academy is also on the horizon so if you're interested in joining to help your fellow residents please stop in on a Monday night around 630pm or call Deputy Chief Randy Metzger at 610-739-9677 for application information. We are always looking for new volunteers. Come out and see what it is all about!

We are looking for 2015-2016 to be a safe and prosperous year for the residents of Heidelberg Township. With that in mind we would like you to consider a few thoughts:

- Please make sure your address is clearly labeled at the entrance to your property. The fire department does sell reflective address markers, which help us locate your residence in your time of need. To order call 610 767 7757 and leave a message or contact the township.
- Driveways should be cleared and accessible! Our fire trucks are heavy and much bigger than your vehicles. If your driveway is not accessible it increases our response time.
- Don't forget to change your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries when you change your clocks. If you are in need of a smoke detector in your home please contact the fire department and our firefighters will be glad to come to your residence and install one for you.

If you are interested in bringing your son/daughter, group, or just yourself to the station to see how your volunteer fire department operates, or would like to become a firefighter contact Chief Jay Scheffler at 484 239 5020 or Deputy Chief Randy Metzger at 610-739-9677 for information.

Welcome NOVA!

Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (NOVA) was officially welcomed as your new Emergency Medical Services provider by Heidelberg Township in January of 2015. Since then we have been busy establishing an Advanced Life Support Quarters at the Heidelberg Township Building, which was completed on March 4, 2015. These quarters house our West Station ambulance and our crew.

NOVA is excited to participate in the local activities. We attended the Night in the Country and you will see us at the Northwestern High School Varsity Football games along with other community events throughout the year.

Our subscription program gets underway in the fall of each year. Please look for our mailer around Thanksgiving time.

Our Auxiliary at NOVA hosts many fund raising events throughout the year; on the back of our subscription form you will find a listing of these events. Additionally, our Auxiliary has an event center available for rental with or without catering capable of seating up to 200 persons. For additional information on rentals contact Marie Dean at 610-799-3483.

In November the auxiliary will be having their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale which includes; Bacon Dressing, Filling and Nut Bread. In January they will have an Apple Dumpling sale and in February we will have our Annual Comedy Night and Dinner. You can order by calling 610.262.1075 M-F 8:00 – 4:00.

You can follow us on Facebook and at www.Northernvalleyems.com.

Northern Valley EMS, wishes you a safe and healthy holiday!





HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH

HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH is the oldest church in the township, serving our community for almost 275 years. Their outreach includes a preschool, youth programs, support for local food banks, the Allentown Soup Kitchen and their traditional Sunday services. ALL ARE WELCOME. Pastor Karen Yonney has been serving as the United Church of Christ pastor for 10 years; Sunday services are at 11:00 a.m. Their YOUTH FAITH FORMATION (PreK - 8th grades) and COFFEE AND CONVERSATION meet from 9:45-10:45 a.m. Pastor David Hess has been serving as the Lutheran pastor for 42 years; Sunday services are at 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming Sunday Union Services held at 11:00 a.m. are: Sunday, December 6th, Christmas Handbell Concert; Sunday, December 13th, Faith Formation Program. Christmas Eve Services are on Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight at 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, December 24th, Christmas Eve Communion at 11:00 p.m.

Their address is 5187 Irvin Road, Slatington, PA (intersection of Church and Irvin Roads near Saegersville); church phone: 610-767-4740; U.C.C. Website: www.uccheidelberg.org; Lutheran Website: www.heidelberglutheran.org.

GOD'S GROWING GARDEN PRESCHOOL is a hidden treasure in Heidelberg Township. A midst the rolling hills and beautiful farm land sits Heidelberg Union Church. Nestled inside their beautiful building, you will find a cheery and loving classroom that is the home of God's Growing Garden Preschool at Heidelberg Church. They have a developmentally appropriate program for children ages 3-5 that includes bible, music, art, movement, literacy, math and science.

Their small class size provides one-on-one instruction time with a Pennsylvania Certified educator. Lessons allow students to explore the world around them in a safe and caring environment. They start their day as a group at circle time where they say the Pledge of Allegiance, sing the Star Spangled Banner and study their bible story of the week. They then have their learning center time, where the children have several options of activities that support their life skills, literacy, math and science lessons. It is during this time that the children will spend one-on-one time with their teacher practicing skills based on their needs; the students also receive individual attention from their assistant teacher for art projects. They then have a second circle time where they learn literacy and math concepts using their calendar and various other materials. They have snack and finish their day with gross motor activities.

Also found at Heidelberg Church is their You and Me program where children ages 1-3 and their caregivers enjoy developmentally appropriate activities to enjoy together. They sing songs, listen to stories, play and create wonderful art pieces.

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MUSIC VIDEO FILMED IN HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

By: Janice Meyers

Kyle Thrash, a former resident of Heidelberg Township and a graduate of Northwestern Lehigh High School, came to the Board of Supervisors with a request to film a music video in the township. The Board held a special meeting to review Kyle's request and after some discussion approval was given for Kyle Thrash as the video director, through Dream Machine Creative Inc. to film the music video within Heidelberg Township.

On July 15, 2015, Kyle and his crew set up some of the streets in the township, mainly Heidelberg Heights Road and Glen Court to prepare for filming. I was onsite during some of the filming and it was a real sight to see. So many young



people traveled from as far away as Massachusetts with skateboards in tow to be an extra in the video. What's amazing is that the entire video was filmed on location in Heidelberg Township on some township roads and at a property owned by one of Kyle's longtime friends.

Kyle told me that since he became involved in the music video business, his dream was to film near his childhood home in Heidelberg Township. Now his dream is a reality.

I had the honor to speak with the band Neck Deep. They are a group of intelligent, respectful and friendly musicians. I was very impressed and in awe of the whole filming process. Neck Deep's video, Gold Steps, can be viewed on YouTube and also on Kyle Thrash's website at <http://kylethrash.com>.

This may not currently be my favorite type of music but the planning, initiative, talent and creativity of these young professionals left me feeling good inside and I wish Kyle and Neck Deep and all others involved with this shoot the best of luck for the future.



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Your Northwestern Recreation Commission

The Northwestern Recreation Commission meets monthly to oversee the Northwestern Community Park which is located directly across from the Northwestern Lehigh High School, and behind Katie's Restaurant & the New Tripoli Plaza. The Recreation Commission Board is comprised of seven voting members, one representative from each of the four Northwestern School District Townships, (Heidelberg, Lynn, Lowhill & Weisenberg), two school board members, and one member –at- large. The officers for 2015 are:

President: Don Link (member at large)

Vice President: Leroy Sorenson (School Board)

Secretary: Ron Morrison (School Board)

Treasurer: Christie Steigerwalt (not a voting member)

The park employs **one part time employee**, Jim Hughes, who keeps the park looking great, and operating safely.

The Northwestern Community Park is open to the public during daylight hours. Although the sports fields are usually scheduled for the various Northwestern Youth Athletic Association (NYAA) sports teams, these fields are also open for community use when not used by the NYAA. The fields may also be reserved for various other school or sports affiliations for tournaments and rehearsals, etc. These reservations and facility requests are scheduled at the monthly Recreation Commission meetings.

The park has a 5K walking trail mapped out for your walking and running enjoyment, and has a Lions Pavilion at the lower playground that is free to residents, and can be reserved by calling 610-395-9142 for group gatherings. Our annual "A Night In The Country" event offers one of the greatest fireworks displays in the valley, and brings together many local businesses and community service organizations for a one night blowout that is a must to attend.

The Northwestern Recreation Commission thanks you for observing the park rules. The most noted rules are: **NO** Smoking, **NO** Alcohol, **NO** Pets, and **NO** Parking on the Grass. These rules can be found on signs posted throughout the park. *Please enjoy our facilities!*

ROAD CREW

Road Crew does not begin to cover all the jobs these employees do for this township. They do so much more than just maintaining the roads. They maintain and repair the township vehicles and equipment as well as the maintaining the township building and grounds. They clean out storm water pipes and install them as well. They mow the weeds along the township roads and contract to mow along some state roads. Your road crew keeps the roadways safe in the winter by clearing snow and ice. These employees also assist the fire company as necessary and help with the Northwestern Recreation fields maintenance. When you think about it, it's amazing how much work 5 people can do.

Winter is coming and the road crew will soon be out working day and night to keep our roads safe when there is snow and ice. When you see them out working or plowing give them a wave to let them know you appreciate all their hard work and dedication.



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HOW TO PREPARE FOR A WINTER STORM EMERGENCY

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- Get an emergency supply kit that includes enough provisions for you and your family to live on for a minimum of three days.
- Check and update your family's emergency supply kit before winter approaches and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:
 - Rock salt to melt ice on walkways.
 - Sand to improve traction.
 - Snow shovels and other snow removal equipment.
 - Adequate clothing and blankets to keep you and your family warm.
 - Make an emergency plan for you and your family.
 - Listen to your radio, television, or NOAA Weather Radio for weather reports and emergency information.
- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and windowsills to keep the warm air inside.
- If you have no heat, close off unneeded rooms, stuff towels or rags in the cracks under doors and cover windows at night.
- Cover pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic. Allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves in case a pipe bursts. If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags.
- Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Use extreme caution when using alternative heating sources. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects. Also, when using kerosene heaters be sure to maintain ventilation to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. See Winter Heating Safety Tips for more information.
- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Wear gloves (or mittens) and a hat to help prevent loss of body heat.

IF YOU ARE DRIVING:

- Avoid driving during winter storms. If you must drive:
 - Stay on main roads, avoiding back road shortcuts.
 - Try to only travel during the day.
 - Plan ahead for winter traveling. Be sure to let someone know where you are going, along with your primary and alternate routes.
 - Prepare your vehicle for winter by checking (or having a mechanic check):
 - Antifreeze levels
 - Battery and ignition system
 - Brakes (wear and fluid level)
 - Exhaust system (leaks, crimped pipes, etc.)
 - Fuel and air filters
 - Heater and defroster
 - Lights and flashing hazard lights
 - Oil
 - Thermostat
 - Tires (tread and air levels)
 - Windshield wipers and wiper fluid
 - If you get trapped in your car during a blizzard:
 - Pull off the highway. Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window.
 - Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you. Do not set out on foot during a blizzard unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. If you do leave the vehicle, use extra caution because distances are distorted by blowing snow.
 - Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe to guard against possible carbon monoxide poisoning.
 - Huddle with other passengers and use your coat for a blanket.
 - Take turns sleeping. One person should be awake at all times to look for rescue crews.
 - Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.
 - If stranded in a remote area, stomp large block letters in an open area spelling out HELP or SOS and line with rocks or tree limbs to attract the attention of rescue personnel who may be surveying the area by airplane.

IF YOU ARE OUTDOORS:

- Use caution not to over exert yourself when shoveling snow. Heart attacks caused by overexertion are a major cause of death in the winter.
- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extremely cold air.
- Keep dry. If possible, change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat.
- Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected:
 - Get the victim to a warm location.
 - Remove wet clothing.
 - Put the person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket.
 - Warm the center of the body first.
 - Give warm, non-alcoholic or non-caffeinated beverages if the victim is conscious.
 - Get medical help as soon as possible.

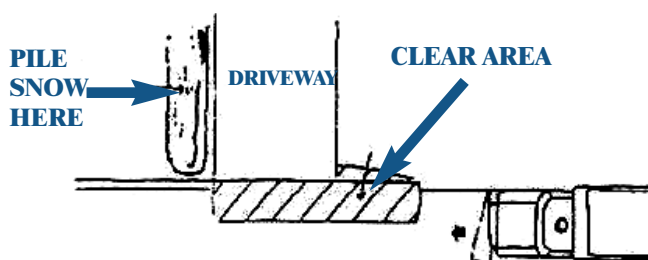
SNOW SHOVELING TIPS

PennDOT offers tips on shoveling your driveway to avoid being plowed in.

After a snowstorm, how many times have you shoveled your driveway only to have it plowed in?

PennDOT suggests that you clear an area to the right of your driveway to give the snow on the blade of the plow a place to empty before it gets to your driveway. This way you won't have to do the same job twice.

PennDOT also reminds you that it is illegal to push snow from a parking lot or driveway onto a state highway.



Sketch shows the proper way to shovel snow out of your driveway.

HISTORY OF HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP GRIST MILLS

GRIST MILLS IN HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

By: Edgar W. Kern

Heidelberg Township was fortunate to have several industries in the township in the late 1700's and during the 1800's. They were grist mills, tanneries, a rifle factory, a gun powder mill, carriage factories, cider presses, a machine shop, distilleries and saw mills. In this issue we will cover the six grist mills that operated in Heidelberg Township.

SNYDER MILL

The Snyder mill was erected in 1808 by Jacob Snyder on the Jordan Creek, near the township line of Lowhill. It was erected in that vicinity and Mr. Snyder operated it for many years. It had different succeeding owners until about 1880 when Elias Kressly became the proprietor and after carrying it on for sometime sold it to Frank Hollenback who continued the business and was succeeded by his son, James. It was destroyed by fire about 1900. The saw mill there was not burned, but it was converted into a cider mill and was so used for many years.

HOLBEN MILL

John Hartman erected the Holben Mill on the Jordan Creek in 1769. The mill was just south of Pleasant Corners on Werley Corner Road. Jacob Holben became the owner in 1840, and during the next forty years different parties owned it. Pharon W. Bittner settled there in 1881 and erected a large three-story frame building in the place of the old one. He produced chopped feed on orders and also a machine shop for making general repairs to agricultural machinery. In April 1913 he transferred the business to his two sons, Elmer V. and Albert J. Bittner who carried on the business. Albert Bittner was the last owner and continued operating the mill until about 1987.

LEIBY MILL

Bernard Neff built the Leiby Mill in 1767. The mill was situated on the Jordan Creek about a mile and half north of Germansville, a short distance above the village of Jordan Valley.

In 1806 it included 60 acres of land and was sold for \$6000 showing that it was a valuable property with a prosperous trade. Other owners for 80 years of the Leiby mill were Henry Neff, O.W. Oswald, Adam German, Abraham Riedy, son Elias Riedy. Then William Leiby became the purchaser in 1887.



Leiby Mill

BITTNER MILL

Elias Bittner established a sawmill about 1850 on the Jordan Creek, a mile northwest of the Leiby Mill on property later owned by Peter Fink. He carried on operations for 10 years then sold it to Stephen Bittner who added a chopping mill and carried on the business for about 15 years when he discontinued the business. His father Jacob A. Leiby operated an apple-brandy distillery on the property near the mill for a while.

GERMAN MILL

Adam German, Sr. originally built The German Mill of stone in 1742 on a land grant from William Penn. The mill is located on the Jordan Creek in Germansville. It came to be owned by Phillip German, Sr. who in 1814 erected a two-story stone dwelling house on the north side. The dam and race to furnish water for the mill were constructed in 1809. Phillip's son succeeded him and operated the business until his death in 1840. After Phillips death Nathan German became the owner and he was succeeded by Philip Dieffenbach and after him, Enos German until his death in 1898. Then Howard F. Kern purchased it and operated it until 1903 when he sold it to William Grosscup. After Grosscup the mill was leased to Lewis R Leiby and William J. Schmeck for five years. Leiby bought the property and rebuilt a three-story structure. Later owners were Elmer and Mary Bittner, Mauser Corporation (1935), Ralph O. Phillips (1944), Rodney and Diane Schlauch (1986) and it is currently known as Germansville Feed and Farm Supply.

Of the 17 mills that operated in Lynn and Heidelberg Townships, this mill is the only mill in operation to this date 266 years later.

Also, it should be mentioned that previous to 1842 the town of Germansville was called German's Mill.

When one thinks that the mill was in operation 24 years before the United States declared its independence for the British in 1776, it is quite phenomenal, that it is still in operation at the same location. It is undoubtedly one of the oldest, if not the oldest operating mill in the United States.

Research on grist mills on the internet revealed that Jenney's Grist Mill in Plymouth, Massachusetts started operations in 1636, burned down in 1837 and was rebuilt in 1978. A grist mill started operating in 1621 on the James River plantation in Virginia, but no other records exist as to its length of operation. A grist mill started operations in Philadelphia in 1643 but again, no other records exist as to the length of time that it remained in operation.

SECOND GERMAN MILL

Nathan German operated a small mill not far from the Bittner Mill from 1865 until his death in 1893. His son-in-law Edwin A. Weiss carried it on two years to finish the business. An Indian massacre is said to have occurred in this vicinity about 1755.



Germansville Feed and Farm Supply. Since this article was written, the Germansville Feed and Farm Supply has changed its name to The Mill in Germansville and is co-owned by Rodney Schlauch Jr. and Lori Wassell.

LVPC HONORS HEIDELBERG, LYNN, LOWHILL AND WEISENBERG TOWNSHIPS

The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission honored seven local public, private and non-profit projects for planning and development excellence at the 2nd Annual Lehigh Valley Planning & Development Gala and Awards Thursday night October 1, 2015 at DeSales University in Center Valley.

A panel of judges selected this year's winners and honorees based on originality and innovation; compatibility with the community; effectiveness and results; how the community was engaged; and transferability of the project, plan or ordinance.

The award for Multi-municipal cooperation project or initiative was presented to – Heidelberg, Lynn, Lowhill and Weisenberg Townships in Lehigh County.

The four townships who received the multi-municipal award have been working together since the late 1990s when they entered into an Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement to share manpower and equipment as well as to purchase specialty equipment for road paving and repairs. Another way these townships collaborate is the Northwestern Lehigh Recreation Association's fields and lots. This arrangement has allowed all of them to save money and provide better services to residents.

**About the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission: LVPC was formed by Lehigh and Northampton counties in 1961 to guide the orderly growth and development of the two counties. Since its creation, LVPC has been dedicated to providing the best planning possible for the counties and 62 municipalities in the Lehigh Valley. For more information visit www.lvpc.org or contact 610-264-4544.*



FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

The Rural Preservation Association of Northwestern Lehigh County (RPA) is an organization of residents advocating for farmland and open space preservation in northwestern Lehigh County. RPA members understand the value of retaining precious assets such as open space; farmland for our local food production; forestland for water recharge; air quality; and wildlife habitat while other areas of the Lehigh Valley experience rapid development and depletion of such assets.

Members organize/participate in four annual township events: Spring Cleanup; presentation of a generous scholarship each year to a Northwestern Lehigh senior planning to study agriculture or environmental science; participate in Pioneer Day; and Open Gate Farm Tour. Our members also support other organizations involved in land preservation efforts.

Find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RPA.NLC>



FALL 2015 HISTORY EVENTS LEHIGH VALLEY HERITAGE MUSEUM

432 W. Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18102 • 610.435.1074 • www.lehighvalleyheritagemuseum.org
Museum Gallery Hours: Monday CLOSED; Tues.-Sat. 10:00 am-4:00 pm; Sunday Noon-4:00pm

Exhibit: "Energy Past & Present: Creating, Consuming & Conserving"

Simple, fun, hands-on activities, teach visitors the role of energy in their lives and how easy it is to reduce energy use at home.

Exhibit: "The American Revolution"

Explore how the American Revolution was fought on the battlefield and in the hearts of people in the Lehigh Valley and across the land. Sponsored in part by grants from the Charles H. Hoch Foundation, County of Lehigh, Holt Family Foundation, Julius & Katheryn Hommer Foundation, Keystone Nazareth Charitable Foundation, Rider-Pool Foundation, and Sylvia Perkin Perpetual Charitable Trust.

Exhibit: "JFK Returns to the Lehigh Valley"

Explore John F. Kennedy's campaign visit to the Lehigh Valley and discover how his legacy can still inspire us today. This exhibit (which opens Oct. 3) and accompanying programs are sponsored in part by grants from the Keystone Savings Foundation, the County of Lehigh, and the Sylvia Perkin Perpetual Trust.

EXHIBITS ~ FREE to members; non-members \$8 adults, \$3 children.
All exhibits are held at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18102.

Saturday, December 5: 11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., last tour 4:15:

Travel back to the 1800s as the Steckel family prepares for Christmas! Enjoy holiday games, carols, baking, stories, and tree decorating. The Belsnickel (St. Nicholas in furs), will give treats. Held at the Historic Troxell-Steckel Farm Museum, 4229 Reliance St., Egypt. **FREE to members, non-member adults \$8, non-member children \$3. Tours last about one hour. Last tour starts at 5:15 p.m. Sponsored in part by a grant from the County of Lehigh.**

Saturday, December 5: 1:00 pm.: It's a Wonderful Life

After a special showing of the classic feature film "It's a Wonderful Life," Mary Owen, daughter of the film's star Donna Reed, will speak about the film. **FREE to members; non-members \$8 adults, \$3 children. Held at the Lehigh Valley Heritage Museum, 432 W. Walnut Street, Allentown, PA 18102.**

Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club



Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club is a group of 8-18 year olds who share an interest in horses. The Equine Club is open to anyone - owning a horse is not a required. The purpose of this club is to unite horse lovers in Lehigh County, to broaden their knowledge on equine animals, and to develop life skills such as teamwork and communications. This club meets on the second Monday of every month. Each member of the Equine Club must complete a project each year. A project can be creating a poster or display for the Allentown Fair with an equine subject. Members with horses can do a project by caring for, training, and competing with their horses in the Lehigh County 4-H Roundup. The county roundup is a horse show held in July for members owning or leasing a horse to compete against other county 4-H members. This show includes a variety of equine disciplines, such as English, Western, and Gaming. Top placing riders advance to the Regional Equine Competition. This competition includes 9 counties and is held in August. The top 2-3 riders of the regional competition advance to the 4-H State Horse Show held in October at the PA Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg. This year, 12 members competed in the Regional competition. Eight of these members qualified for the 4-H State Horse Show. The Equine Club members who qualified for states are Kendall Graff, Carlee Hunsicker, Mackenzie Hunsicker, Lindsey Ilgenfritz, Juliet Long, Trinity Packard, Liana Panik, and Sophia Vargas. The 4-H State Horse Show includes top riders from the 4-H Equine Clubs all over the state of Pennsylvania. Our club participates in a variety of activities to learn more about horses. Each year, our Club participates in the regional Hippology competition. This tests members on a range of knowledge on equines and horseback riding. A Communications Contest is also held annually. This year, Alaina Muller, one of our members, competed and moved on to the state competition held at Penn State in July. Alaina won first place at the state competition. Our club is very proud of Alaina who will be competing in the National Communications Contest in November at the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, Ohio. The Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club often takes field trips to equine-related places, such as the Bethlehem and PA State Mounted Police Stables. Each year, our club participates in various community service activities such as St. Jude Trail Ride, Toys for Tots, or Children's Hospital of Philadelphia toy drive. We also do fundraisers to earn monies for our club such as conducting a homemade horse treat sale or running a food stand at local horse shows. We encourage anyone with an interest in horses to join the Lehigh County 4-H Equine Club. For more information, please contact our club leader Jo Lee Muller at 610-509-9991.



The Pennsylvania State University encourages qualified persons with disabilities to participate in its programs and activities. If you anticipate needing any type of accommodation or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Kelly Weisner 610-391-9840 in advance of your participation or visit.



Miracle League of The Lehigh Valley (MLLV), located in Schnecksville, PA, envisions a community that is aware, accommodating, and active in providing services to children and adults with all physical, mental, and social abilities. Our goals are to provide memorable experiences for members with special needs through sports and social interactions, to influence the local community to include children with special needs in everyday life and to become a resource for community development.



We provide children and adults with special needs the opportunity to play baseball in a non-competitive format from May through October (playing nearly 100 games) at Jandl Family Park on a field specifically designed for the needs of our athletes. MLLV also offers an all-inclusive cheer squad who liven up the moods of the players and the spectators with their exciting cheers and routines.

Constantly looking for ways to help socially enrich the lives of our members, additional activities are planned during the year such as a spring Egg Hunt, a fall Halloween Bash, a winter Holiday Party, other arts and crafts get-togethers, and movie nights.

You, your organization or your company can provide necessary funding by becoming program partners, team sponsors, and outfield sign sponsors.

You, your organization or your company can contribute invaluable time by volunteering as team coaches, "angels in the outfield", or helping with the concession stand and other field needs.

If you or someone you know would like to participate in our program - as a player, a donor, or a volunteer, please do not hesitate to call the office (610-769-2096) or visit the office (4460 Park View Dr., Apt T-8, Schnecksville, PA 18078) Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.miracleleaguelv.org.

Come to Jandl Family Park (5858 Sell Rd, Schnecksville, PA 18078)



Boy Scout Troop 57 Ashes to Graves Program

The "Ashes to Graves" flag program honors the history of our flag with a special salute to our Military, both past and present. The program teaches the scouts respect for serving the country and for the flag under which our veterans served..

Boy Scout Troop 57, jointly sponsored by Union Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Schnecksville, Union United Church of Christ of Neffs, and Lehigh Valley VFW Post 12099, hold an annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on May 14, 2015 at 1pm at their ceremonial incinerator located on the Schnecksville Fire Company grounds. Following the program, the tattered and worn flags, many from gravesites, are properly and respectfully retired.

The incinerator used was constructed as an Eagle Scout project of a Troop 57 member in conjunction with Minsi Trails Merit badge counselor Joseph Zeller, former Mayor of Emmaus, retired member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and past commander of Lehigh Valley VFW Post 12099.

The second phase of the program is held the following week. Following the program, the sifted ashes, free of metal grommets and unburned debris are returned to Veteran Memorials, and graves of our local heroes in church cemeteries of the Lehigh Valley. Older scouts, paired with younger scouts are given a cup of ashes and a spoon from which a spoonful is returned to each Veterans' grave, with a respectful salute and thanking them for their service.

From the first stitch through its final ash, our flag deserves the respect provided within this program, and its growth depends on help from the community. The public is encouraged to attend and participate in both of these honorable and memorable annual programs. Any questions about the program can be directed to Scoutmaster Sam Raub (610) 366-7765.

Flags to be retired can be brought to the township building during business hours and deposited in the collection box located in the lobby

4-H... That's Just for the Farm Kids

Wrong! 4-H is more than cows and plows! 4-H is a positive youth development organization that empowers young people to reach their full potential. A vast community of more than 6 million youth and adults working together for positive change, 4-H enables America's youth to emerge as leaders through hands-on learning, research-based 4-H youth programs and adult mentorship, in order to give back to their local communities.

4-H is a fun program where you get to "Learn by Doing." All youth between the ages of 5 and 19 are invited to join! While the roots of 4-H are in the rural farming communities, 4-H has branched out to all communities with a wide range of interest areas. In 4-H you can go to camp, build a robot, start a business, take part in an international exchange, raise an animal, create a blog, give a presentation, participate in a community service project, develop your resume, practice interview skills, learn about healthy eating habits, and build lifelong friendships. Member expenses are minimal and vary by state and club; but be assured that this is a low cost program with a high experience return.

4-H has an expansive reach, serving youth in rural, urban and suburban communities in every state across the nation. Youth currently in 4-H are tackling the nation's top issues, from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety. 4-H out-of-school programming, in-school enrichment programs, clubs and camps also offer a wide variety of science, engineering, technology and applied math educational opportunities -- from agricultural and animal sciences to rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science -- to improve the nation's ability to compete in key scientific fields and take on the leading challenges of the 21st century.

4-H clubs are run by screened adult volunteers. Most leaders volunteer because they enjoy working with youth. Many have a background with 4-H or the project area, such as horses. However, experience is never required! Volunteers are always welcome to find something to meet their needs and interest areas within 4-H. Parents, grandparents, professionals -- all with an interest in helping youth are welcome to apply.

The numerous 4-H Youth Development Programs across the region welcome you to get a glimpse of what 4-H is all about. Take time to participate in an upcoming event, visit a local summer fair or attend any of the various open houses available during the year to connect with other youth and adults and learn more about what 4-H has to offer. Connect with the 4-H community as a 4-H member or as a volunteer today! Contact Lehigh County Extension Office to find a club near you or visit <http://extension.psu.edu/lehigh>. We have clubs for Equine, Livestock, Poultry, Dairy, Dairy Goats, Veterinary Science, Potato Judging, Knitting & Crocheting, and a variety of projects such as sewing, cooking, woodworking, basket weaving, photography, wildlife, and much more!



GIRL SCOUTS IN THE FOUR MEADOWS SERVICE UNIT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

As a Girl Scout volunteer, you'll introduce girls to new experiences that show them they are capable of more than they ever imagined. You'll be their cheerleader, guide, and mentor helping them develop skills and confidence that will last long after the meeting is over. Whether you can give a day, a few weeks, or the whole year, it all starts with you. Become the role model they will always remember. Contact Brittany Sedler for more information, bsedler@gsep.org, 610-791-2411 ext. 1502.



Lehigh Gap Nature Center Calender of Events

The following events are open to the public and admission is free unless stated otherwise. All are welcome and registration is NOT required unless otherwise stated. All events occur at the Nature Center's Osprey House except the Bake Oven Knob Hawk Count.

August 15-December 1 Daily - Bake Oven Hawk Count

Join us on the lookout any day to help spot raptors or learn about the count, entering its 54th year. The lookout will be staffed daily by intern Sean Bankos on weekdays and by other volunteers on weekends. See the LGNC website for directions to Bake Oven Knob.

December 3, 7:00 p.m. – Speaker Series, Laurie Goodrich, Ph.D., Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

“Telemetry Tracking of Broad-winged Hawks”

December 5, 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Holiday Open House

Join us to make a holiday wreath or door swag. Bring some goodies to share.

January 7, 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series, Anita Collins, Ph.D., Research Geneticist U.S. D.A. (retired)

“Understanding Colony Collapse Disorder in Honey Bees”

February 12-14 – Lehigh Gap Area Feeder Watch

Contact us for information or visit our web site to participate in this “citizen science” research project in your back yard.

February 14, 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series, Frank Kuserk, Ph.D., Moravian College

“Turtle Studies at Lehigh Gap Nature Center”

March 12, 8:00 a.m. – Second Saturday Birding Trip

Time and Place to be announced

March 18-April 3 – Nature in Photographs (Photography Show)

Visit our photography show and vote for your favorite for the People's Choice Award.

March 20, 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series, Fran Irish, Ph.D., Moravian College

“Native Alternatives to Invasive Garden Plants”

April 9, 8:00 a.m. – Second Saturday Birding Trip

Bird Walk at Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Meet at the Osprey House

April 10, 3:00 p.m. – Speaker Series, Greg Czarnecki, Director, PA Natural Heritage Program

“Climate Change and Penn's Woods – What Might the Future Hold”

April 16, 9:00 a.m. to Noon – Spring Clean-up

Spring clean-up and gardening chores around the Osprey House and Refuge

**LEHIGH GAP
NATURE CENTER**



Lehigh Gap Nature Center is a private, nonprofit, member-supported organization with our headquarters at Lehigh Gap, north of Slatington. For more information, see our website at www.lgnc.org or contact us at lgnc@ptd.net or 610-760-8889.



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Save the Date:
Rep. Gary Day's Senior Fair

Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kutztown Fire Company, Noble St.



Local Government Starts with You

By Representative Gary Day (R-Berks/Lehigh)

In my job as your state representative, I am in constant contact with all of the local governments comprising the 187th District, including Heidelberg Township. Not only do I interact with township supervisors and managers on various issues the township faces, but I also vote on a wide array of legislation that impact our local governments, from tax collection and road maintenance to land use and planning.

I'm a firm believer that our municipalities – townships and boroughs alike – are the closest form of government to the people. They recycle our trash, maintain our roads, propose rules for development and sponsor a number of recreational activities. The men and women who are part of our township governance are the people on the front lines of our local governments. They are all your neighbors. But they also need your help!

Even though the board of supervisors sets the direction of our township, they also rely on volunteers to step up to the plate and make our township an even better place to live, work and raise our families. Volunteers of all types are needed to help make decisions, set future policy and coordinate events, whether they serve on the Environmental Advisory Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, the Agricultural Security Area Advisory Council or the Northwestern Recreation Commission.

You can make a difference in Heidelberg Township. All you need to do is let us know. Just contact my office and we'll point you in the right direction or call the township directly at (610) 767-9297 ext. 14 or send an email to information@heidelberglehigh.org.



Rep. Gary Day

*For more information, contact my district office in New Tripoli at (610) 760-7082.
My staff and I always enjoy meeting with local seniors and their families during the Senior Fair.*

Central Grange No. 1650



Central Grange No. 1650 meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Germansville Fire Hall. A national, non-profit, family-oriented, community service organization, we are one of four Granges located in Lehigh County.

We hold fundraisers and proceeds are used to help those in need in our community. For over 60 years we baked shoo-fly pies as our major fundraiser. Recently, that project has been turned over to the Fire Co. to raise much needed revenue. We have helped families with medical bills, our local Ambulance Corps, food pantries, community Easter egg hunt, Christmas gifts to needy children, etc, and have given major donations to the Germansville Fire Company.

Membership is open to anyone age 14 through 100! There are activities for the entire family including contests in photographs, baking, sewing and talent. The PA State Grange holds summer camps for our juniors (ages 5-14) and youth (ages 14-21). There is also a summer festival weekend held at the Centre County Fairgrounds for all members to enjoy!

We have "American Values with Hometown Roots". Why not come out and join us! Chartered in 1915, we have just celebrated our 100th anniversary of service to our community!

For more information, check out the PA State Grange website: www.pagrang.org or call 610-767-4400.



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CHRIST'S CHURCH AT LOWHILL FOOD PANTRY

4695 Lowhill Church Rd. | P.O. Box 115 | New Tripoli, Pa. 18066

Below is listed some basic information about the pantry: *If your family is in need of assistance, please call.*

Pantry number (answering machine, generally) ~ 610-298-2054

Email address: ~ info@lowhillfoodpantry.com

• Cell number: ~ 610-674-2440

• Website address: ~ www.lowhillfoodpantry.com

Hours of operation:

Serving patrons: 1st Saturday of the month from 9-11 am

3rd Thursday from 4-6:30 pm

Seniors are the Wednesday before that Thurs. from 10-12 noon.

Donations:

Accepted by appointment and mutual availability.

The last Saturday of the month from 9-11 am.

The 3rd Tuesday of the month from 9-11 am.

* Monetary donations can be mailed to the address above *

Please remember, we are not on-site every day and donations, in any form, should not be dropped at the door. Please call first.

Drop Off Sites: New Tripoli Bank - both Madison St and Claussville Branches • ESSA Bank at Rt. 309 and 100.

If any business would like to become a "drop-off" site, please contact us.

The Blessings Shop: distributes NEW & GENTLY used clothes, toys, household items and is open the same hours as the pantry. The shop is located in the lower level of the new pantry addition. Please call to see what donations they are currently accepting. Small household items are always welcome, as are gently worn jeans, and new socks and underwear.

We welcome volunteers!!! Please contact Barb at :lowhillfoodpantry@gmail.com

In case of inclement weather, an announcement of any closing will be available on Channel 69 / WFMZ—look for Christ's Church at Lowhill: FOOD PANTRY

We WISH to thank the community for their tremendous support. Without the donations from our community and local businesses we could not be a success.

THANK YOU!

Environmental Advisory Council Members Needed



The Heidelberg Township EAC is in need of new members to fill vacancies. The EAC is a voluntary position that discusses and implements environmental policies and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on environmental issues within the Township. They also plan and organize environmentally conscience events such as riparian buffer planting, Bake Oven Knob clean-up, electronics recycling, scholarship program, and informative public seminars. We're always looking for fresh ideas. Help make a difference in your local community! Open to all Heidelberg Township residents. Contact the Township office for more information.

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- ◆ Activities Program



What Can We Do About All These CATS?!

Forgotten Felines is an all-volunteer, no kill animal shelter located in Germansville, PA. Prior to moving to Germansville in 2000, the group was located in Allentown.

Our mission is to help battle the cat overpopulation epidemic by providing low cost spaying & neutering services. We are also an adoption agency with a total of 150 cats at our shelter or in foster care. We are dedicated to working with the public to help solve their cat problems.

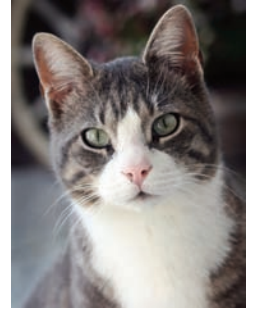
There is a strong movement across the country for shelters to become No Kill. It is becoming less acceptable to destroy healthy animals just because they do not have a home. To combat the high number of animals being brought in to these places to be euthanized, TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) has been tested and determined to be the most effective and compassionate approach. Forgotten Felines has implemented a TNR program from the start. Feral cats caught in Have-a-Heart traps and brought to the shelter in the trap will be neutered (males) for \$20 and spayed (females) \$30. All cats will also be vaccinated for rabies & distemper. The low cost for house cats is \$55 (males) and \$65 (females), and also include vaccinations.

There are other organizations that also provide low cost spay/neuter programs. Contact the township office to see if they have an agreement with any of these organizations.

We can only hope more people will take advantage of all the resources available to them. Cats can reproduce at an amazing rate – up to 3 litters a year. There can be up to 8 kittens in a litter. The phones at our shelter are constantly ringing with requests to take in as many as 20 or more cats a day. We have the hard job of choosing the most needy to fill what little space we have available.

So please help the overpopulation crisis by taking care of what is in your own backyard. The sooner you spay/neuter, the sooner your problems will be solved. No more cat fights that cause injury and spread disease. No more male cats urinating to mark their territory. No more howling females giving birth to kittens that have nowhere to go and little chance in life. Help the community as well as yourself. Help put an end to animal cruelty! Take advantage of the wonderful services our organization has to offer!

For Forgotten Felines spay/neuter information and other inquiries – 610-760-9009 or for information on adoption call 610 248 7399. For more information on our organization visit our website at forgottenfelines.org or visit our Facebook page.



Pastorius Home Association, Inc., PO Box 66, Germansville, Pa. 18053-0066

Mission Statement: The Pastorius Home Association, Inc. seeks to preserve the German language, heritage, and culture in America, promote American history and culture among Germans, operate the Pastorius Haus (Germany) and the Pastorius Center (USA), and encourage friendship between Americans and Germans through student and adult education, exchanges, travel, and tours. We are a 501 © 3 nonprofit corporation.

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We welcome our neighbors and friends in Heidelberg Township to join us for Celebration, Praise, Worship and Prayer each Sunday at 10AM. We are a non-denominational full gospel church that exists to share the love of God and His goodness to all.

Living Stone Fellowship was created:

- To lead people to faith in Jesus and help them find their destiny and purpose in life;
- To bring them into the fellowship of the church;
- To disciple them to maturity in the faith;
- To support them in their ministry and life mission; and
- To glorify and worship God.

We offer monthly events for people to learn how to grow in knowledge of His ways and deepen their spiritual understanding of our Father's love. **Join us for the following regularly scheduled events:**

- 1st Thursday of every month at 6:46pm – Q & A & Soup** – time of fellowship, great food, sharing, teaching, questions, and answers while enjoying a family get together.
- 2nd & 4th Monday at 7pm – Gemstones Women's Ministry**
- 2nd & 4th Monday at 7pm – Men's Bible Study Ministry**
- 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm – Corporate Prayer Time**
- We offer children's ministry in our Kids Zone classes every Sunday morning for ages 3-14.**



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Meetings-3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Steve Bachman, Chairman
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Meetings -Last Monday of every month
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Meetings-3rd Monday of every month
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Andrew Toth, Chairman
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Environmental Advisory Council

Meetings-2nd Tuesday of every month
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Agriculture Security Area Advisory Council

Meetings as required
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Township Auditors

Meeting-Tuesday after 1st Monday in January
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WHERE DOES MY TAX MONEY GO?

This is your 2015 real estate tax money pie. Notice that Heidelberg Township receives two small slivers of pie. The township keeps one sliver, about 3% of your tax money, to use for all township expenditures including maintaining your local roads and bridges, operating a zoning office for enforcing the township ordinances and providing a drop-off recycling area. The township gives the Goodwill Fire Co. #1, Germansville, one small sliver, about 2% of your tax money. Lehigh County receives a much larger piece of pie equal to about 18% of your tax money. The Northwestern Lehigh School District receives the biggest piece of pie, a whopping 77% of your tax money.

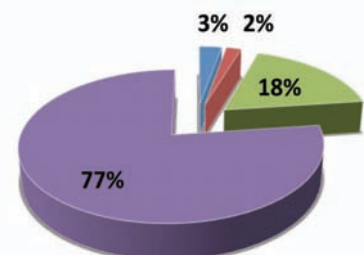
Your Board of Supervisors is reviewing the proposed 2016 budget and is not considering a tax increase. Through the years your local government has had to keep a tight rein on expenditures. Your Board has been able to keep taxes low while still offering great services to the community. Heidelberg Township remains a wonderful and affordable place to live and your Board of Supervisors is striving to keep it that way.

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