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HEIDELBERG TOWNSHIP

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Hello to All Heidelberg Township Residents,

In this edition of the new and improved Heidelberg Township newsletter, you will find a wealth of information about the area where you live, upcoming events, volunteering opportunities and how your Board of Supervisors and township staff continues to make Heidelberg a great place to live.

Striving to keep their residents current on the activities of the Board and township staff, your elected Supervisors contracted to have the township website revamped. Julie Lubinsky, an area resident, has used her technical magic in creating a user-friendly and very appealing website. The township web address is www.heidelberglehigh.org.

Another technologically based improvement the Board authorized is the update of the Permit Manager software by CS-Graphx which is used by the township office staff to organize and store property data such as permits issued, citations issued, subdivision and land development activity and other property information. The software also offers a GIS mapping capability. Permit Manager has increased the efficiency of data access which allows the township staff to better assist our residents.

The township office has been in a period of transition this year. In December 2013 our long time zoning office/assistant township secretary, Kathy Hermans, decided it was time for a change and accepted a position within another township. We wish Kathy the best of luck and thank her for the tremendous job she did while at Heidelberg. In March of 2014, the township welcomed Tara Jones as the newly hired zoning office/administrative assistant. Tara introduces herself with an article later in this newsletter. As township administrator, I found Tara to be a perfect fit in the township office. While still in the learning stages, she has accomplished so much in her short tenure. Tara's regular work schedule is Monday through Thursday, 8:00am to 3:30pm. The township office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm with limited services on Friday.

On the other side of the municipal building is the road maintenance department. This department continues to be very busy maintaining the roads and bridges within the township. What some residents might not be aware of is that these employees do so much more than maintaining the roads. They are the township vehicle and equipment mechanics as well as the township building maintenance personnel. 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 assist the fire company as necessary and help with the Northwestern Recreation fields maintenance.

The Board of Supervisors is concerned about the safety of their residents so when the volunteer fire company asked for financial help due to diminishing funding, the Board researched the possibility of adopting a fire tax. It was concluded that due to changes in state law, the Board did find it necessary to increase funding for the Goodwill Fire Co. #1 in Germansville. In 2014, township property owners will pay a fire tax of .40 mills which equates to 40 cents for every 1,000 dollars in assessed value of a property. For example, an assessed value of \$200,000 will have a fire tax of \$80.00. You will read more about the fire tax within this newsletter.

Additionally, in this newsletter, you will learn about the vehicle and equipment purchases that the Board of Supervisors approved due to the aging of some of the township's larger assets.

The Board of Supervisors thanks all the businesses who supported this newsletter by placing advertisements and asks residents to frequent these local businesses. Those residents having constructive comments about this newsletter are asked to contact me at the township office 610-767-9297 x14 or by email jmeyers75@ptd.net or through the website using information@heidelberglehigh.org. This is your newsletter and your suggestions are always welcome.

Kind Regards,

Janice M. Meyers, Township Administrator

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors

Heidelberg Township is just gorgeous! We are fortunate to live in one of the most beautiful localities in the Lehigh Valley. We may have very limited pizza delivery, but on the other hand, our traffic woes are usually just sitting behind a tractor or combine for a few minutes on our daily travels. We have miles of dirt roads, farm fields on every road, and see an abundance of wildlife daily. Life is beautiful in Heidelberg! I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Some of the changes in Heidelberg Township this year were:

- We said 'goodbye' to our longtime friend and Zoning Office employee, Kathy Hermans, and welcomed an exuberant Tara Jones after an exhausting interviewing process of some really great local candidates.
- An always smiling Forrest "Smokey" Wessner retired after completing his first term in office, and was replaced by another great local farmer / local business owner, Rodney Schlauch Jr.
- Our cheerful engineer, Roy Stewart, is slowly weaning us from his wittiness and longtime expertise while fellow Keystone Consulting Engineers co-worker, Ryan Christman, is providing the same great service and cheerful attitude.
- Our always friendly Solicitor, Charles Waters, also seems to be slowly weaning us from his longtime expertise, with fellow Steckel and Stopp employee, Keith Strohl, filling Charles's shoes nicely with the same expert and friendly advice.

We thank the township employees and volunteers for their service. Heidelberg Township will continue to give our residents the best possible service.

Enjoy your Heidelberg!

Steve Bachman, Chairman

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PSATS YOUTH AWARDS PROGRAM

The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors has offered the PSATS Youth Awards Program for many years. There are four winners each year chosen from all the entrants statewide. Each winning youth group is awarded a framed certificate and a cash award of \$500. The group may determine how the cash prize is used.

PURPOSE: To recognize youth groups that make valuable and lasting contributions to improve life in Pennsylvania's townships of the second class. The awards program encourages greater youth involvement in township government.

ELIGIBLE ENTRANTS: All youth groups, such as 4-H clubs, Scout troops, school groups, and civic service club youth organizations from elementary school through grade 12, are eligible. The association of township officials in the entrant's county must nominate the group for the award. The county association may initiate the nomination or the youth group may ask to be nominated.

Eligible projects must have been undertaken during the contest year, September 1 to August 1. Multi-year, ongoing projects also are eligible provided part of the project occurred during the contest year. Entries must be received by your county association by August 1 of the contest year.



The project must have a major impact on townships of the second class (Lehigh County – Hanover, Heidelberg, Lower Milford, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Upper Milford, Upper Saucon, Washington and Weisenberg Townships) and should provide youth group members with the opportunity to increase their knowledge of township government as well as develop a sense of personal and group achievement. Projects also should enhance the group members' communication skills, their understanding of the decision-making process, and citizenship responsibilities.

2013 WINNER: In 2013 one of the four winners was Girl Scout Brownie Troop 637 from the Upper Milford area. Their project benefitted the second class townships of Upper Milford and Upper Saucon and the borough of Coopersburg. The troop used half the prize money for their camping trips and the other half was donated to a local food bank.

If you know a youth group within Lehigh County interested in submitting an entry and would like more information, please contact Janice Meyers, Secretary of the Lehigh County Association of Township Officials at 610-767-9297 x14 or PSATS at 717-763-0930. Additional information can be found at www.psats.org – choose PSATS Award Programs under Programs & Services.

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 in one container. 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:

ANTIQUES: or old architectural items, claw foot tubs, radiators, moldings and trim, doors, hardware, light fixtures: Allentown Preservation League, 1518 W. Walnut St., Allentown: 610-437-1989

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

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

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.

PAINTS, CHEMICALS, ANTIFREEZE, SMOKE DETECTORS, HAZARDOUS WASTE: Lehigh County Hazardous Household Waste: Call 610-782-3073 for information





Goodwill Fire Company#1

6011 Memorial Rd., P.O. Box 69, Germansville, PA 18053 610-767-7757

Again it has been a busy year around Goodwill Fire Company #1. We have been spending countless hours training in an effort to provide our residents with the best possible services. As we approach fall, we would like to remind residents to be fire-wise when cleaning and possibly burning debris around your home. It does not take long for things to dry out depending on conditions. Also, please make an effort to keep access to your property clear in the event of an emergency. Our fire equipment is fairly large and it can be problematic if your driveways are not properly cleared. This includes removing overhanging branches, debris, rocks, and parked vehicles. If there is an access issue to your property response times can be lengthened which can be dangerous.

Pictured at right, firefighter Paul Zanelli's graduation from the Bucks County Fire Academy. Paul Zanelli is the first firefighter to graduate from this academy and has set a real standard as he was honored with an award.



This is the new Brush Truck 1061 which was built by firefighters to replace their 1977 2.5 ton brush vehicle. This is a 1990 military 5 ton which was donated through the surplus program and it only had 4,000 miles when delivered to us. A huge thanks goes out to Erik Pfeifly, Arnold Metzger, Neil Fritz, and John Fritz who spent over 250 hours constructing this vehicle. Thank you to all the firefighters who helped during the process.

If you are interested in purchasing an address marker please contact the Heidelberg Township office at 610-767-9297 or leave a message at the Goodwill Fire Company 610-767-7757.



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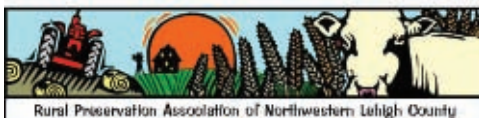
is scheduled for July 11, 2015!!

We are always looking for new firefighters to join our ranks. There is quite a bit of training but the rewards of helping your fellow community members far out weighs the training!

Visit us on facebook at www.facebook.com/Germansville-Fire-Company or online at Germansvillefire10.org

Rural Preservation Association of Northwestern Lehigh County

The Rural Preservation Association of Northwestern Lehigh County (RPA) membership is very involved in the local community through advocacy and volunteer work, but is not a political organization. Our members include farmers and non-farmers, long-time residents and folks new to the area. We organize a four-township Spring Cleanup each year, annually sponsor a scholarship to a Northwestern Lehigh senior planning to major in agriculture or environmental science, participate in the Open Gate Farm Tour each October, hold an annual Christmas party, and support other organizations that work toward land preservation and promote agriculture.



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

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.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE

My name is **Tara Jones** and I am the **Administrative/Zoning Assistant** at the Heidelberg Township Building. I started on March 3, 2014 and I have learned a substantial amount about zoning and permitting since then. Before moving to Heidelberg Township, I grew up in Washington Township. I was born and raised on one of my family's farms where they currently reside. I am a true country girl and I wouldn't trade farm life for anything in this world. I am extremely proud of my farming roots and of my dad who works very hard from sun up to sundown. In fact, I credit my father for instilling in me my hard-work ethic and solid set of morals. There is no doubt that I get my confidence, determination and strong will from him. I am a high school graduate of Northern Lehigh High School and a college graduate of Penn State University where I received my Bachelor's Degree in Health Policy and Administration. I have lived in Heidelberg Township for 16 years. I reside in Germansville on my family's farm with my husband, Jason, our two children and our 4 year old Bernese Mountain dog, Sargent. My 16 year old son, Parker, is a junior at Northwestern Lehigh High School and my 11 year old daughter, Kailyn, is in 6th grade at Northwestern Lehigh Middle School. My children are the most important part of my life. Spending quality, family time with them is very important to me. I am extremely proud of each of my children. Watching my children grow and being an active mom in their lives is what I enjoy the most. I am thankful and grateful to have been given this opportunity to work at the Heidelberg Township Building. Everyone I have come into contact with has been friendly, kind, patient, understanding and helpful during this transition. The absolute best part of my job is interacting and communicating with the residents of Heidelberg Township. Whether it is playing a small part in helping them to achieve improvements on their property or listening to their issues or concerns, the residents always bring a smile to my face. It has been a true pleasure getting to know the residents of Heidelberg Township. I sincerely appreciate their patience with the "new girl". The short time that I have been at Heidelberg Township has been a rewarding experience. I look forward to the future as well as what lies ahead.

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, next year the Central Grange will be celebrating its 100th anniversary! *For more information, check out the PA State Grange website: www.pagrang.org or call 610-767-4400.*

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HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH is the oldest church in the township, serving our community for almost 275 years. Our outreach includes a preschool, youth programs, contemporary worship, support for local food banks and traditional Sunday services. **ALL ARE WELCOME.** Pastor Karen Yonney has been serving as the United Church of Christ pastor for almost 10 years; Sunday services are at 8:30 a.m. Our **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 41 years; Sunday services are at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Sunday Union Services held at 11:00 a.m. are: Sunday, December 7th, Christmas Handbell Concert; Sunday, December 14th, Faith Formation. Christmas Eve Services are on **Wednesday**, December 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight at 8:00 p.m.; **Wednesday**, December 24th, Christmas Eve Communion at 11:00 p.m.

Our **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICES** are the second Wednesday of the month held at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our 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. Our **GOD'S GROWING GARDEN PRESCHOOL** is open for 3 year-old to PreK children. For information about our Preschool or Youth Faith Formation, e-mail heidelbergpreschool@gmail.com or call 610-216-1977 and leave a message for Ann Flower, Preschool and Christian Education Director. We are looking forward to celebrating our 275th Anniversary of Heidelberg Church next year (2015), so keep your eyes open for upcoming events!

New Tripoli Fire/Rescue



The New Tripoli Fire Company and their officers are always trying to keep updating rescue equipment on our rescue vehicle 1741 to keep up with the technology of today's vehicles. We have updated 3 hydraulic tools in the last 3 years and have been awarded a FEMA grant to update more equipment that, per the manufacturer, have met their life expectancy, and/or have been worn out. By the time this 2014 Heidelberg Township Newsletter is released, hopefully most of the equipment will be in operation. Mutual aid training, not only rescue, but all training with Germansville Fire Company is

key to the success of both departments. We rely on each other's personnel for both fire and rescue protection for the residents of Lynn and Heidelberg Townships. Both departments utilize specialized equipment from each other and continue to train and update equipment, not only for the safety of our residents, but for the safety of our fire personnel.

New Tax for Heidelberg Property Owners

Safety for our residents is a priority of your supervisors. Our first responders are vital to your safety. Heidelberg is fortunate to have an all volunteer fire department. To be a fireperson today takes a minimum of 160 hours of training. In order for these volunteers to be effective in protecting your life and property, an investment in proper equipment is required which also is needed to protect the volunteer.

The cost of operating a fire company today is significant. Last year, your supervisors took action to institute a fire tax. Raising taxes is not always popular. The revenues from this tax only help to offset a portion of the real cost of the overall operation of your fire company. Additional funds, through your membership dues, and support of fundraisers are vital to the health of your community fire company.

David Fink, *Vice Chair Board of Supervisors*

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FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

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If your family is in need of assistance, please call.

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

Cell number:610-674-2440

Email address:lowhillfoodpantry@verizon.net



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!



News from the Lowhill Food Pantry, Your Local Food Bank

The food pantry joined hands with the Northwestern Lehigh School District and Allentown West Rotary Club this past Fall, to provide weekend food supplementation for children in need in our school district. The "snack pack" program was started with 40 children receiving small bags of nutritional food twice a month. In order to continue, and, hopefully expand this program, **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. There are at least 40 more families that could be included in this program.

We need funding from businesses, churches, individuals and other civic minded groups. The labor to assemble these bags has been provided by volunteers from Rotary, the HS Interact Club, and the pantry. Each bag costs approx. \$5.00 for the included food items.

This may well be the majority of food that child has until they return to school on Monday. **CAN WE COUNT ON YOUR SUPPORT???**



*Donate as you can—
no child should go hungry . . .*

Please consider an ongoing monetary donation—or—a one time donation would also be appreciated. **PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CHECK: "SNACK PACK PROGRAM"**, and your donation, of any amount, will go into a separate account at the food pantry for this vital program.

If you, or any corporate sponsors have any questions, please contact the pantry at: 610-674-2440; or, Gloria Zimmerman of Rotary at: 610-395-0763.

Thank you –keep this article—keep this info handy !!

WINTER IS COMING: HERE'S SOME HELPFUL SAFETY ADVICE

If this area has a winter similar to last year, we are in for a lot of snow, wind, ice AND loss of electricity. The following hints from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency will help you deal with winter weather woes and keep you safe.

When the electricity is off there is a greater risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Following these tips will reduce your exposure to this colorless, odorless gas:

- **Don't use** a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement or garage or outside near a window.
- **Don't run** a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- **Don't heat** your house with a gas oven.

These tips can keep you safe from food-borne illness:

- **Keep refrigerator and freezer doors** closed as much as possible to maintain cold temperatures.
- **Refrigerators will keep food safely cold** for about four hours if unopened. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours if the door remains closed.
- **Never taste food** to determine its safety.
- **If the power is out for several days**, check the temperature of the freezer with an appliance thermometer or food thermometer. If the food still contains ice crystals or is at 40 degrees or below, the food is safe.
- **Discard refrigerated perishable food** such as meat, poultry, fish, soft cheeses, milk, eggs, leftovers, and deli items after four hours without power.

Planning ahead is the best way to deal with winter storm situations. What will you do if your power is off for an extended period of time? Are there elderly people you know who may need help? If you need to leave your home will you bring your pets with you? If there is no power and no landline or cellular phone service, how will you contact emergency personnel or other family members?

For downloadable emergency kit checklists and emergency plan templates, go online at www.ReadyPA.org.

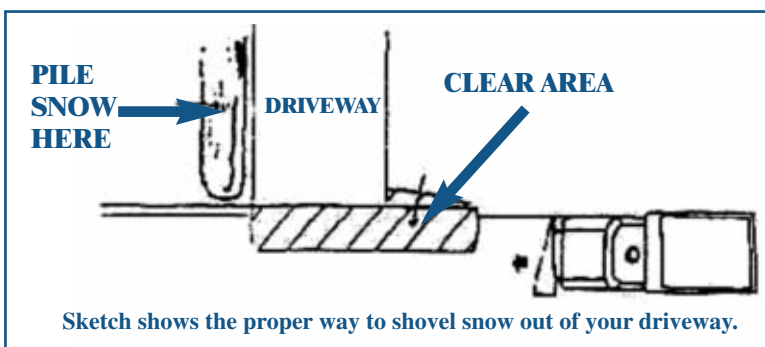


WINTER SNOW REMOVAL

- Remove snow from fire hydrants near your property.
- Remember that it is unlawful to throw or place snow on a public road.
- Keep sidewalks within your property boundary cleared from snow and ice.
- Do not park vehicles on the road, if at all possible, to help with efficient clearing of snow from the roadway.
- Refer to the Snow Shoveling Tips courtesy of PENNDOT.

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.



Heidelberg Township Resident Yard Waste Survey



Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors would appreciate your input with filling out this short questionnaire regarding plant debris/yard waste disposal within Heidelberg Township.

Name: _____

Address: _____

- 1) How do you currently dispose of plant debris/yard waste? (Please check all that applies)
☐ yard waste cart ☐ regular garbage ☐ compost ☐ other _____
- 2) How often do you need to dispose of plant debris/yard waste?
☐ once a month ☐ less than once a month ☐ more than once a month
- 3) Would you, as a resident, like to have a plant debris/yard waste disposal system be instituted by Heidelberg Township AND be willing to pay for this service?
☐ yes ☐ no
- 4) Would you be willing to pay higher township real estate taxes for this service?
☐ yes ☐ no
- 5) Would you be willing to drive to an off-site, neighboring municipality to dispose of your plant debris/yard waste?
☐ yes ☐ no
- 6) Would you prefer to have an on-site plant debris/yard waste disposal service?
☐ yes ☐ no

Please include any additional comments/concerns/suggestions: _____

You may mail your survey responses to: Heidelberg Township Municipal Building, 6272 Route 309, Suite A, New Tripoli, PA 18066

You may email your survey responses to: information@heidelberghigh.org

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration! Heidelberg Township Board of Supervisors



The black and white postcards are beautiful and commemorate the rich history of Heidelberg Township. There are 4 sets to choose from with 5 different historical postcards in each set. The cost is \$2.50/set. Proceeds benefit Heidelberg Township's Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). If interested, the postcards are available for purchase at the Heidelberg Township Municipal Building.

If you have any questions, please call the Heidelberg Township Municipal Building at 610-767-9297.

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.



Heidelberg Township

HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOLHOUSES

The first school of the township was connected with the Heidelberg Church. Some of the early teachers were: Thaerges Lupp 1770-80, Joseph Fulton, Jost Heinerich Miller 1780, and Ferdinand Berkemeyer. The first English school of the township was started at Saegersville in 1823. This building was one story, built of logs. It was in use until 1880. Two of the early teachers for this school were John Brown (one armed) and William Lester, a Quaker, who came from Germantown. Later, in 1884, Heidelberg Township had ten school districts. In each district there was a school house. With four exceptions, these were built in 1855, the expense being met with funds bequeathed by Frederick Miller. These exceptions were Haak's, Water Pond, Central and Church Schools. All of the schools were one story, with one room, except Kemmerer's which has two rooms (addition made in 1903). Saegersville, Germansville, Pleasant Corner, Mantz's, Kemmerer's, Peter's, Haak's and Water Pond were continued frame buildings until 1877 when brick buildings were substituted.

Water Pond School - District or School #9, was originally a frame building built for a cost of \$800. This school was operated jointly with Lowhill Township.

Pleasant Corner School - District or School #6, was originally a frame building built in 1855 for a cost of \$800.

Central School - District or School #10, constructed of brick in 1883 for a cost of \$2,000. Vacant since 1905.

Germansville School - District or School #3, was originally a frame building built in 1855 for a cost of \$800.

Mantz's School - District or School #8, was originally a frame building built for a cost of \$800.

Haak's School - District or School #8, was originally a frame building built for a cost of \$800.

Kemmerer's School - Also known as Harter's, District or School #2, was originally a frame building built in 1855 for a cost of \$800.

Saegersville School - District or School #4, was originally a frame building built in 1855 for a cost of \$800.

Church School - District or School #5, constructed of brick in 1881, for a cost of \$2,000.

Peter's School - District or School #7, was originally a frame building built in 1855 for a cost of \$800.

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.

October 18, 1:00 p.m. - Autumn Refuge Hike

This is a 6-mile hike and is fairly rigorous, but you can turn back part way and make it a 2.5 mile loop. We will hike through the restored grassland area on the mountain at Lehigh Gap. Bring along water and snacks. Wear good hiking shoes - the trail is rocky in places with some steep uphill sections.

December 6, 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Holiday Open House

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

December 7, 3:00 p.m. - Speaker Series, Howard Reinert, Ph. D., College of New Jersey "Tracking Rattlesnakes"

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.

LEHIGH GAP NATURE CENTER



LEHIGH COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW YOU CAN HELP TO REDUCE POLLUTION IN YOUR COMMUNITY? The Lehigh County Conservation District (LCCD) conducts environmental education programs for ALL AGES free of cost. The Watershed Specialist provides hands-on activities relating to water, pollution, and stream erosion. Contact Laura Hopek at 610-391-9583, extension 25 or LHopek@LehighConservation.org to schedule a program at your next community event, meeting, or workshop!



Increase riffles, runs, and pools in TROUT CREEK, located in Heidelberg Township, Washington Township, and the Borough of Slatington.

INCREASE WILDLIFE HABITAT IN LEHIGH COUNTY

Have you spotted an area along the creek where vegetation is lacking or sediment is entering the water? The LCCD has the ability to apply for grant funding to restore sections of our local waterways to improve water quality, which will increase fish, aquatic, and wildlife habitat and lead to cleaner drinking water. Contact the Watershed Specialist, Laura Hopek, at 610-391-9583, extension 25 or LHopek@LehighConservation.org to learn more about how you can help improve the quality of our streams

this water coming off of roofs, driveways, and sidewalks. This runoff carries pollutants, such as oil, dirt, chemicals, and lawn fertilizers directly to our local streams, rivers, and wetlands. You can take the following steps to protect the quality of our drinking water, aquatic life, and recreational uses:

- Use fertilizers sparingly, sweep driveways, sidewalks, and roads (rather than washing with water)
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Plant native grasses in bare spots in your yard, set mowers at 3 inches to help retain turf density
- Compost yard waste
- Avoid using pesticides
- Direct downspouts to lawns and away from paved areas
- Wash your car at a car wash instead of washing it in your driveway
- Conduct routine maintenance on your car, check for leaks, recycle motor oil
- Clean up after your pet to minimize bacteria reaching our waterways
- Regularly inspect and pump your septic tank/system



Practicing these simple steps will help to reduce the pollution runoff from the stormwater that leaves your yard!

In 2011, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) released the new Manure Management Manual supplement titled "Land Application of Manure." This supplement contains the format that small farms must use to develop their manure management plan. A manure management plan is required for all farms that have livestock, regardless of size, and produce or apply manure, except for those regulated under the Act 38 Nutrient Management Program. One horse, one pig, or a small flock of chickens would require you to develop a manure management plan. Cats, dogs, and other domestic pets are excluded from needing a manure management plan. The plan does NOT need to be submitted for approval, but must be made available upon request.

Contact Damian Painter, the Agricultural Resource Conservationist at 610-391-9583 extension 26 or DPainter@LehighConservation.org, for a copy of the Manure Management Manual, or for assistance in developing your manure management plan.



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 in early June 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 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. Flags to be retired can be brought to the Heidelberg Township Building during business hours and deposited in the collection box located in the lobby. *Any questions about the program can be directed to Scoutmaster Sam Raub (610) 366-7765.*

6925 Flint Hill Road • New Tripoli, PA 18066 (corner of Long Court & Flint Hill)

LIVING STONE FELLOWSHIP (610) 298-3020 • www.thehealingchurch.com

Pastor Timothy Helms



We are a non-denominational, full gospel church located in New Tripoli, Pennsylvania (about 20 miles northwest of Allentown). Founded in October 2000, we have sought to be a faithful body of believers in Jesus Christ. Our desire is to model our church after the New Testament church and to be led by the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest days of the forming of the congregation, we have endeavored to welcome and encourage the Lord’s presence through prayer, worship, adherence to the word of God, and loving people. We have journeyed to understand God’s deep love and desire to help others on that journey to experience His love.

Our healing services have been going on since 2004 and have been an outreach to our town and the surrounding areas. We welcome all who are seeking God’s help and guidance in their lives.

Sundays 10:00 am	Morning service followed by fellowship time
Sundays 10:00 am	Children Ministry for ages 3-14 --- Equipping a generation of loving, spirit filled warriors by learning Bible lessons and making fun crafts.

We have monthly events for people to grow in His love and deepen their spiritual knowledge.

- **1st Thursday of every month at 6:46pm – Q & A & Soup** – time of teaching, questions, and answers while enjoying homemade soup and bread
- **2nd & 4th Monday at 7pm – Gemstones Women’s Ministry** – open to all women ages 18-118. Our vision is to build-up, encourage and strengthen women to fulfill their God given destiny and purpose.
- **2nd & 4th Monday at 7pm – Men’s Ministry** – open to all men ages 18-118. Our vision is for men to come together and understand the word of God and use Jesus’s teachings in everyday life.

December 13, 2014 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. One day VBS “One Starry Night” for ages 3-118. “One Starry Night” brings the Christmas story to life! Join Mary and Joseph on their journey to the Manger. This is a fun church-wide Christmas event for families. Please bring your camera for photos with Santa at the end of the event. Admission is a free will offering of a non- perishable food item for Lowhill Food Pantry.

We invite you to explore the pages of our website and hope that you will be blessed by what you find. If you are in the area or decide to visit, you will always be welcome at our church! Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely, Living Stone Fellowship Church & Pastor Tim Helms

REDISTRICTING SHIFTS LEGISLATIVE BOUNDARY LINES

By Senate Majority Whip Pat Browne, 16th Senatorial District



Pat Browne

The Pennsylvania Constitution requires that all 50 Senate and 203 House of Representative legislative districts in the Commonwealth be redrawn each decade following the federal census. As a way to ensure that each citizen's vote carries the same weight, boundary lines are redrawn to adjust for population and geographical changes.

The Legislative Reapportionment Commission, created by the state Constitution, is charged with determining and drawing the new lines for each legislative district. The Commission consists of five members: the Senate Majority and Minority Leaders, the House Majority and Minority Leaders – or deputies appointed by each of them – and a fifth member to be selected by those four members to serve as Chairman or by the court if the four cannot agree on a fifth member.

Following the commission's drawing and approval of the redistricting changes, the state Supreme Court on May 8, 2013 unanimously approved the Legislative Reapportionment Commission's 2012 Revised Final Plan. This approval made the new district official and Senators started representing constituents within the new boundary lines.

Starting with the May Primary Election, residents will be voting for state legislators – Senators and Representatives – in the new legislative districts. This may be your first opportunity to vote for these legislators. With that in mind, I thought it was important to explain these legislative boundary changes in order to alleviate any confusion redistricting may have caused.

I am proud to say that following redistricting, I now represent Heidelberg Township in the state Senate. Heidelberg Township is one of nine new municipalities in the recently-drawn 16th Senatorial District. I have had the honor of representing constituents in parts of Northampton and Monroe Counties for the past nine years. Now, I look forward to the opportunity to represent residents of Heidelberg Township in Harrisburg.

While the geographic area I now represent has changed, my responsibility as a member of the Senate has not. I will continue to listen to the needs and concerns of my constituents and work hard in Harrisburg to make sure they are represented well and fairly. After all, I was elected to serve my constituents.

The newly-drawn 16th Senate District consists of: the Boroughs of Alburty, Coopersburg, Macungie and Slatington; the Townships of Heidelberg, Lower Macungie, Lower Milford, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Upper Milford, Upper Saucon, Washington and Weisenberg; and the City of Allentown.

My office staff and I are available to help with any state-related issue or to discuss any state-related legislation. I have two local offices and one in Harrisburg. You may contact me or my staff at my: Allentown Office (610-821-8468) located at 702 Hamilton Street in Allentown; Western Lehigh County Office (610-366-2327) located in the Upper Macungie Township Building at 8330 Schantz Road in Breinigsville; or Harrisburg Office (717-787-1349) at 171 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg. You may also visit me at www.senatorbrowne.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SenatorBrowne.

I look forward to the opportunity to represent you in Harrisburg and hope I will have the chance to meet you or hear from you in the future.

For more information on the redistricting process or to see how the new boundary lines are drawn for all Pennsylvania House and Senate Districts, visit the state's redistricting website at www.redistricting.state.pa.us.



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7419 Saegersville Road, Germansville, PA



Senior Fairs Offer Valuable Information to Residents, Caregivers

By Representative Gary Day (R-Berks/Lehigh)

Each fall, senior citizens within the 187th District have one or two opportunities to come together in a single location to have their questions answered about a variety of public, nonprofit and private programs and services available to help them enjoy a better quality of life.

These events included a Senior Citizens Day on Sept. 18, which I sponsored along with North Whitehall Township, and my Senior Fair in Kutztown on Oct. 2. The Lehigh County event was specifically designated for residents of North Whitehall, South Whitehall and Upper Macungie townships and the Northwestern Lehigh area, while the Kutztown Senior Fair is open to any resident of the 187th District, along with family members and caregivers. I hope everyone that attended found the event informative.

For your information, the 187th District currently comprises Maxatawny, Longswamp and Richmond townships, along with the boroughs of Kutztown, Topton and Lyons, in Berks County, along with Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, Upper Macungie and Weisenberg townships in Lehigh County. However, please note that these district lines will shift slightly on Dec. 1. Until then, I continue to represent everyone in the 187th.

In the Berks County portion of the district, I invited all caregivers and residents age 55 and older who live in the 187th Legislative District to my fifth annual Senior Fair, which was held on October 2, at the Kutztown Fire Company.

Our senior fairs are great informational events where older residents can come to one convenient place to learn more about various programs and services offered by local, state and federal governments as well as private agencies. With the wide variety of programs and services available to older Pennsylvanians, these events will help to give the appropriate information regarding eligibility or how a particular program operates.

Like in years past, we've designed this expo with the local senior citizen in mind. From health care and nutrition information to financial planning, more than 40 different exhibitors were expected. The best part was that this wealth of information was located under one roof. We offered door prizes, free flu shots, free refreshments, free blood pressure checks and free balance screenings. Both events were free and no one needed to register in advance.



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.*

The Miracle League of The Lehigh Valley, located in Schnecksville, PA, is a non-profit organization that offers an all-inclusive baseball program for individuals with special needs that fosters the growth of long lasting peer friendships in a family oriented environment while providing individuals the opportunity to play baseball in a non-competitive format. We also have an all-inclusive cheer squad who liven up the moods of the players and the spectators with their exciting cheers and routines.

In addition to baseball, the Miracle League of The Lehigh Valley is constantly looking for ways to help socially enrich the lives of our members by creating unique ways for children to participate in year round activities including a Holiday Party, a Halloween event, an Egg Hunt, arts and crafts get-togethers, movie nights, field trips and so much more.

The Miracle League of The Lehigh Valley operates solely through the generosity of the people of the Lehigh Valley. Organizations provide necessary funding by becoming program partners, team sponsors, or field and park advertisers. Individuals contribute invaluable time by volunteering as team coaches, park operators, or "angels in the outfield" who assist the players during their games.

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.



Come visit our field (5858 Sell Rd, Schnecksville, PA 18078) and see what it is like to experience a Miracle!!

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 2014 are:

President: Don Link (member at large)
Vice President: Leroy Sorenson (School Board)
Secretary: Daryl Schaeffer (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 by various other school and 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. It 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!***

Northern Lehigh Food Bank

LOCATION: 7884 CENTER STREET, EMERALD, PA. 18080 | MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 255, SLATINGTON, PA. 18080
PHONE: 610-767-9525 & FAX: 610-767-8771



Northern Lehigh Food Bank is open the following dates and times for distribution:

First, Second, and Third Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Last Saturday of every month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

Second, Fourth, and sometimes the Third Monday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations accepted: Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Other times are available by calling for an appointment.)

Volunteering is greatly appreciated. If the above dates and times do not fit your schedule please call the food bank for additional dates and times.

NEWS ABOUT LEHIGH COUNTY LIFE!

Dear Lehigh County Resident,

Did you know there are approximately 355,000 individuals living in Lehigh County today? As your county executive, I'd like to hear from more of you more often on topics that matter to you.

On Tuesday, July 1, 2014, Lehigh County officially launched a new communications tool for residents called Lehigh County Life. The purpose of this interactive device is to expand the county's ability to communicate with more citizens. We are reaching out to Lehigh County residents to sign up and become digitally engaged! Register and login at www.lehighcountylife.org.

Lehigh County Life will focus on matters of importance to the quality of life here:

- There are polls, idea submission opportunities, photo sharing, surveys and prizes for points accumulated by participating.
- Responses will be automatically tallied and available for all to view as well.
- There will also be county notifications on news and activities.

Lehigh County Life is meant to help us increase citizen involvement throughout our many municipalities and townships. This tool, customized with the assistance of the Omaha, Nebraska-based digital design firm, MindMixer.com, is now serving more than 400 communities around the United States. Please let our manager of community revitalization and development, Virginia Haas, know of any technical issues you may have at virginiahaas@lehighcounty.org. Your suggestions are welcome, too.

I am hoping that you will take the time to get to know Lehigh County Life and to interact with the tool. Please contribute your feedback and ideas through the interactive portal itself www.lehighcountylife.org. We appreciate your participation.

Tom Muller, *County Executive, Lehigh County*

Where Did All These Cats Come From?!

Forgotten Felines is a no kill, all volunteer cat shelter located in Germansville, PA since 2000. Before that, the group operated out of 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 on a daily basis, it was tried and tested that TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return), was the most effective, and compassionate approach. We have been implementing a TNR program from the start. We are happy to offer \$20 (males) and \$30 (females) for feral cats caught in Have-a-Heart traps, which we can lend you. These cats are also vaccinated for rabies & distemper. House cats are \$55 (males) and \$65 (females), which also includes vaccinations.

There are other options available for low cost spay/neuter through No Nonsense Neutering in Allentown. There is a municipal TNR program for Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, and Weisenberg Townships where surgeries cost the public only a \$15 co-pay. Please see nnnlv.org for more information and a list of the other townships participating in this program. We want to thank all of the township officials, as well as Martha Kahan of No Nonsense Neutering who helped put this wonderful program in place.

With such resources available, we can only hope more people will take advantage of it. Cats can reproduce at an amazing rate – up to 3 litters a year. There can be up to 8 kittens in a litter. Our phones are constantly ringing with requests to take in as many as 20 – 50 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 fighting, injured, male cats who spray to mark their territory. No more howling females giving birth to kittens that have nowhere to go. Help the community, help yourself. Help put an end to animal cruelty. Take advantage of the wonderful services available! For Forgotten Felines spay/neuter info. & other inquiries – 610-760-9009 or forgottenfelines.org. To adopt – 610-248-7399.



Animal Control in Heidelberg Township



The Sanctuary at Haafsville offers a bundled package to Heidelberg Township. We feel strongly that it is important to offer animal control not just for friendly stray cats and stray dogs, but to also provide access to really, really low cost neuter/spay for feral/outside cats. Neuter/spay is the only effective way to reduce the number of homeless animals in the Lehigh Valley.

If you need our services, please call 484-788-8062 for assistance with friendly stray cats and stray dogs. If you have outside/feral cats, the co-pay is \$15 and includes spay/castration, rabies and an ear tip. You would call No

Nonsense Neutering at 866-820-2510 to schedule an appointment for the surgery. They have traps that you can borrow, with a deposit that is returned when you trap that furry little feline!

Should you have any questions, give Liz a call at 484-788-8062 and she will be happy to chat away and explain the program. At the moment, Lehigh County may be the only county in Pennsylvania where feral/outside cats get humane treatment and the municipalities help out with the cost. You should be very proud of your municipal officials for taking this progressive, effective and yes, even cost saving position. We have helped the municipalities save over \$1,000,000 in the last 3 years on animal control. The public has been helped and helps as well. Thank you all!



It's easy

Simply present your card, provided to you in a joint effort of your local county government and the National Association of Counties (NACo), at a participating retail pharmacy and save an average of 20% on your prescription medicine. Finding a pharmacy is easy; 9 out of 10 pharmacies nationwide accept your discount card. No enrollment form, no membership fee, one card, immediate use.

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You and your family may use your prescription discount card any time your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

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TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE LOCATION: 6272 Route 309 ~ Suite A | New Tripoli, Pa. 18066 | 610-767-9297
TOWNSHIP WEBSITE ADDRESS: www.heidelberghigh.org

Board of Supervisors

Meetings-3rd Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.
Steve Bachman, Chairman
David Fink, Vice Chairman
Rodney Schlauch Jr.

Planning Commission

Meetings -Last Monday of every month
(when there is an agenda) at 7:30 p.m.
Mark Steidinger, Chairman
Priscilla Brennan, V-Chairman
Christine Bailey, Secretary
Douglas Tietze
Sidney German
Rodney Schlauch Jr.
Patricia Fenstermacher
Janice Meyers, Recording Secretary

Zoning Hearing Board

Meetings-3rd Monday of every month
(when there is an agenda) at 7:30 p.m.
Andrew Toth, Chairman
Michael J. Bailey
Mary Beth Dolinich
Stephen Dymond-Alternate

Environmental Advisory Council

Meetings-2nd Tuesday of every month
Priscilla Brennan, Chairman
Dawn Didra
Jonathan Jakum, Secretary
Morgan Ritter

Agriculture Security Area Advisory Council

Meetings as required
David Fink, Chairman
Daniel Hartman
William Dietrich
Michael Bailey
Janice Meyers, Recording Secretary

Township Auditors

Meeting-Tuesday after 1st Monday in January
Charles Perich, Chairman
Susan Zellner, Secretary
Sharon Metzger

UCC Board of Appeals

Meetings (when needed)
Gregory Snyder, Chairman
Jay Scheffler, Vice Chairman
Barry Mantz
Jeff Christman

Township Solicitor

Atty. Charles Waters-Steckel & Stopp Law Offices

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

John Ashcraft III, Esquire

Emergency Management Coordinator

Matthew Nemeth

Lehigh County Emergency Services

Office of Emergency Management
640 W. Hamilton Street, 8th Floor
Allentown, Pa. 18101, 610-782-4600

Township Administrator, Secretary & Treasurer

Janice Meyers ~ 610-767-9297 ext. 14

Road Maintenance Department

Kevin Huber, Road Superintendent,
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Alex Huber
Jonathan Pasioka

Township Zoning Officer and Township Engineer

Keystone Consulting Engineers, Inc. -
Roy J. Stewart

Sewage Enforcement Officer

Carl Wolfe Jr. ~ 610-377-0276
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Scott Bieber-610-965-1167

Tax Collector ~ Property

Phyllis Breininger ~ 610-767-7919
6292 Sunset Road, Germansville, Pa. 18053

Tax Collector ~ Wage

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The Board of Supervisors Approves Purchase and Sale of Vehicles/Equipment

There comes a time when repairing a piece of large equipment or a vehicle is no longer economical. The Board of Supervisors found this to be the case with a number of the township's larger road maintenance assets. The Board budgeted for a loan of \$113,073 for the purchase of a new 2014 New Holland Tractor with Tiger Mower which was received a few weeks ago. The township also purchased a lightly used 2006 Case SV212 Vibratory Roller for \$44,200. We sold, through a public online auction, the 1991 Ford 6610 Tractor with Tiger Mower and the 1979 Raygo Roller and received \$3,650.00 and \$810.00, respectively. The road department just received their new 2015 GMC Sierra 3500 Crew-cab Truck costing the township \$32,128 after the trade-in of the 2005 Ford F350 truck for \$10,500. The crew-cab feature will allow the use of only one vehicle to transport the road department to trainings, job sites, etc.

Tax Certification for Mobile Homes - Act 36 of 2014/House Bill 1263

Major Provision: *Amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to require sellers of mobile and manufactured homes to obtain a real estate tax status certification and ensure that all taxes are paid as a condition of the sale. **Effective date: June 17, 2014.**



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