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Welcome to your current edition of the Heidelberg Township newsletter. This newsletter spent months in the planning process due to the upheaval created by the coronavirus pandemic.

In mid-March the township building was closed to public access and Dawn Didra, your zoning officer and office assistant and myself as township administrator and secretary-treasurer, alternated working remotely from home and working in the township office. Dawn has volunteered for additional responsibilities beyond her fulltime position. She was appointed as the township Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) in February. Little did she know that her services would be required to an extreme extent as the coronavirus hit this area in mid-March. Dawn quickly took online training, EMC classes, and continues to be in contact with Lehigh County Emergency Management. You will learn more about her journey as EMC in this newsletter.

COVID-19 has changed how many think about the world and their lives. Personal interactions have changed. Physical distancing has become the norm. We, at Heidelberg Township, have felt this change. Although the discussion about installing a security system at the township building is not new, COVID-19 hastened the discussion. The Board of Supervisors received quotes for the installation of a remote-access, video camera and intercom system for the vestibule area. The installation of this new security system is completed and the front door is unlocked during regular business hours. You are able to access the vestibule area where you will find applications for various permits, copies of the township map, newsletters and other information. You will also be able to press a "doorbell" that allows Dawn or I to see you and speak with you. If you need to come into the office, we will remotely unlock the door for you. Masks are required to be worn while in the township building and disposable masks are available upon request. The lock box is still in use if you wish to drop off a permit application or other documents without entering the vestibule or when the office is closed.

Our April and May Board of Supervisors meetings were held virtually using the Zoom application. Dawn and I designed the meeting room for social distancing so the Board could begin to hold in-person meetings in June. Since June and for the foreseeable future we will continue to limit the number of attendees allowed in the meeting room. We have an overflow area set up in the ambulance garage bay for additional attendees. We run a Zoom meeting along with the in-person meeting using laptops and external microphones. You may call the township beginning the day before, and through the day of the meeting for the meeting code if you would like to attend from home using Zoom.

In other news, the Board of Supervisors appointed Lehigh Valley Inspection Service as the Building Code Official and building inspector. Blue Mountain Inspection Service continues to be a choice for building inspections. The township replaced the original oil-fired heating system and air conditioning unit from 1982 with a new propane heating system and new air conditioning system. In 2019 with assistance from Sen. Pat Browne the township received grant funding for the installation of these systems. The Board worked with Lehigh County Authority (LCA) on the adoption of an updated sewer ordinance. LCA will be repairing and replacing sewer pipes and water lines installed in the late 1970's as necessary to assure the Heidelberg Heights area sewer and water systems continue to work efficiently. The Board appointed Steve Bachman, Janice Meyers and Dawn Didra to the committee for the Northern Lehigh Multi-Municipal Plan update meetings. The plan that

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includes Heidelberg, Lowhill, Lynn, Washington and Weisenberg Townships and Slatington Borough, originally adopted in 2004, is being updated with assistance from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. Please access the website at plannl.org for information.

I hope you enjoy this issue of your township newsletter. If you have any suggestions for articles for future issues, please contact the township office. Remember your patronage at the local businesses advertising in this newsletter is always appreciated. They are the reason the Heidelberg Township newsletter is designed and printed at no cost to the tax payers of the township.

Remember: "Some changes look negative on the surface but you will soon realize that space is being created in your life for something new to emerge."
— Eckhart Tolle

Kind Regards,
Janice Meyers, Township Administrator

Hello from the Zoning Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator!

This year's newsletter is a little later than usual because of the challenges of the pandemic. I'm sure you would all agree that to say 2020 has been a challenge is an understatement! In addition to being the full-time Zoning Officer, at the February Supervisors Meeting I was appointed as the Emergency Management Coordinator. This is a volunteer position with a yearly stipend. Like most people, I had no idea our world would be turned upside down just a few weeks later. It has been a whirl wind of events and I have been learning as I go.

I know we are all tired, frustrated and we just want things to go back to the way they were before we ever heard of COVID-19!!! Unfortunately, that is just not safe to do. While I hate having to wear a mask in public, at this time a mask or face shield is the best way to keep this virus in check. I worked in healthcare for 20 years before coming to the Township and I thought my mask wearing days were over... and then came covid. The unpredictable nature of this virus is what makes it so difficult to understand. This virus is to people what a tornado is to houses. It can completely destroy one house, take part of

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the roof off the next house, and not even touch another.

I have been following COVID-19 updates at the local, county, state, federal and worldwide level. As I am sure you are all aware, there is much information and misinformation out there to sift through. As a resident and community member I try to make sure I have the best information possible to help me make recommendations to the supervisors on how to keep residents and staff safe. I added a page to the website devoted to COVID-19 resources to help residents access reputable, scientific evidence based information and recommendations.

The March 19 Supervisors Meeting was in person, but was kept very brief with minimal staff attendance and only critical business being conducted. At that meeting a new Emergency Operations Plan was adopted. At the recommendation of both the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and Lehigh County Emergency Management Agency, Heidelberg Township issued a disaster declaration. This disaster declaration helps the Township by making us eligible for reimbursement for expenses related to the disaster. It does not limit the Township in conducting business as usual in any way. It simply opens up other avenues for funding and supplies. It also helps the County and the State when they are requesting funding and supplies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This disaster declaration has been re-evaluated and extended monthly to ensure we continue to be eligible for any needed funding resources to minimize any fiscal impact.

The April and May Supervisors Meetings were held remotely using Zoom. These meetings were advertised in the Northwestern Press and there was information on the website on how to attend the remote meetings. In June we returned to in person meetings with several modifications to the meeting room, including physical barriers between supervisors, limited occupancy, an alternative viewing area utilizing zoom, and a zoom option for remote participation along with other precautions in place.

Although the Township building has been closed to the public, the office staff have continued to serve residents without interruption. Laptops were purchased so that staff could work remotely. Office staff have been alternating between working in the office and remotely to limit physical interactions between staff. Office staff are moving towards working in the office on a more regular basis with precautions in place.



A video intercom system was purchased and has been installed to allow the public to access the vestibule for service without physical interaction. During regular office hours the vestibule will be open for the public to pick up permits and applications, drop off applications and to speak with staff without having access to the rest of the municipal building. This not only protects the health of the public and staff by limiting physical interactions, it is also additional security for office staff and ambulance staff by limiting public access to the building. When necessary, staff can remotely allow access while still maintaining physical distance.

Since the beginning of the pandemic I have been in close contact with the Lehigh County Emergency Management Agency, Germansville Fire Company, NOVA and Northwestern Lehigh School District to help facilitate the fulfillment of any unmet needs. In the beginning Lehigh County EMA distributed Personal Protective Equipment directly to local emergency services. This process was eventually streamlined by having the Municipal Emergency Management Coordinators distribute any PPE that was available.

Heidelberg Township will continue to support our residents and first responders and school district as much as possible. Check the website for updates, forms, ordinances and other Township information.

I hope you find the Township Website and Newsletters informative and useful. If you have any suggestions for the website or newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me at ddidra@heidelberglehigh.org or 610-767-9297 x11.

I hope the rest of the year treats you well!

Stay safe and healthy!

Dawn Didra, Certified Zoning Officer
Emergency Management Coordinator



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There were a lot of changes taking place at Germansville Fire Department at the end of 2019 and early in 2020. We are proud to announce that after five years of planning and much dedicated work by our volunteers mounting equipment we officially placed unit 1031 into service. We also finished construction of a garage addition to our engine bay area for the housing of our new apparatus along with much needed work space. The cost of the new apparatus and addition was \$928,000, and we are proud to report that the only debt we have incurred is a \$225,000 loan which is the only loan the department has and has had over the past 15 years. We account this success to the hard work of our volunteers, all the great community members that come out and support our fundraisers, support from our township supervisors and taxpayers, much needed assistance from Senator Pat Browne and Representative Gary Day, and did I mention the time dedicated by our volunteers!

In 2019 we had two firefighters, Vanessa Blose and Nate Zazo who completed their national certification at the Firefighter 1 level, along with our newly certified EMT Evan Karpyn who have spent countless hours training and for that we are greatly appreciative. Congratulations on your accomplishments!



We would like to take this time to discuss the decreasing number of volunteers statewide.

Currently there is somewhere around 3400 residents in Heidelberg Township who are protected by 15-20 individuals who are very dedicated to protecting their community. We know there are many others that may be interested in joining and helping their community but may not know what opportunities are available at the fire department. The fire department was designed by the early residents of Heidelberg Township to be a community center, it just so happens to also house the fire department. We have an executive board that oversees operations (making sure the facility stays functioning), boards that oversee the apparatus maintenance, and another that takes care of the building facilities. We are always looking for individuals with fresh fundraising ideas and people just interested in that helping fundraise and seeing how your efforts help protect the community, it truly is a group effort, has been for over the past 104 years! And then there is the fire/rescue portion of the fire department. Not every firefighter needs to be ready to run into a burning building. There is no doubt training requirements that are associated with this portion of work, but there are apparatus drivers (we require CDL, but will pay for the training), exterior firefighters, vehicle/high angle rescue technicians, first responders and emergency medical technicians (medical responders), and many other opportunities that are awaiting interested individuals. All of our training is paid for, and all we ask for in return is dedication to protecting your fellow residents.

Keep watch in 2020 for some new information coming from the Germansville Fire Department. We want to welcome our new Vice President Vince Jones who has taken over the responsibility of developing a new website. Currently the most up to date information can be found on our Facebook page at "Germansville Fire Company."

As always stay safe and remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you change the clocks!

In the name of safety,

Jay Scheffler

Chief – Germansville Fire Department

CAN A FIRE TRUCK GET TO YOUR HOUSE IN AN EMERGENCY???

Do you love being on a lot with a tree lined driveway secluded from neighbors? A lot of us live in the county because we like being secluded. We love the trees, wildlife and open space. What we often don't think about is how would a fire truck get to my house in an emergency? Did you know that the average fire truck needs a clearing at least 20 feet wide and 14 feet high to get through? I know I didn't.

Most fire trucks cost over \$600,000 and repairs are very costly as well. Our Volunteer Fire Department does a fantastic job taking meticulous care of their equipment so that it is always ready and reliable in an emergency. If your driveway has low hanging tree limbs or brush that encroaches onto the driveway it could hamper and/or damage emergency vehicles attempting to access your property.

Please make sure emergency vehicles can get to you when minutes count! If you aren't sure if your property can be accessed quickly during an emergency please contact Jay Scheffler, Chief at 484-239-5020 Germansville (Goodwill) Fire Company for an evaluation.

GERMANSVILLE'S FORGOTTEN FELINES

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



Rescuing cats and kittens (and finding them forever homes) and offering a low-cost spay/neuter programs have been the primary missions of Forgotten Felines and Fidos (FFF) for more than 25 years.

Located on Mountain Road in Germansville, FFF is one of the oldest cat shelters in the region. Two of the original founders of the organization - Carm Biery and Sue Bowman - are still deeply involved in the shelter, along with a host of volunteers who handle everything from cleaning and caring for the cats on a daily basis, to recruiting volunteers, working to get cats and kittens adopted, fundraising and marketing.

It truly takes a village, and the village can always use more able bodies who love to love cats, or repair cat towers and mesh between condos. If you're interested in volunteering, please send an email to ffvolunteer@verizon.net.

For anyone interested in:

- Adopting a wonderful feline - adoption hours are Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.
- Low-cost spay/neuter - we operate on most Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 610-760-9009, option #1 to make an appointment. (cats and small dogs only)
- Vaccination clinic - twice a year -- usually April and September. Check our website for the specific date.
- Volunteering - we need help on most weekday mornings and for special projects. Email ffvolunteer@verizon.net.
- Fostering - kittens aren't necessarily born loveable and playful; they get that way because they have great foster moms/families who help them become socialized to humans and turn into wonderful forever pets. If you're interested in becoming a foster family or parent, please email ffadoption@verizon.net.
- Becoming a member or donating - please visit our website where you can do both.

If you've never been to the shelter, please come by on a Saturday during adoption hours. We take care of about 135 cats at the shelter at any given time and they love to be petted and played with. Thanks to all of you who have supported us and please, spread the word! We are actively seeking new volunteers. Thank you.

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Northern Valley EMS, Inc. (NOVA) thanks the residents of Heidelberg Township for their support during our subscription drive. The funds raised during the annual subscription drive provide the necessary support needed to deliver exceptional quality emergency medical services to your community. It is our pleasure to care for you and we appreciate your support.

In addition to high-quality emergency medical services, NOVA also offers Community Care Visits, child car seat safety checks, CPR & first aid training, urgent non-emergency transportation services for subscribers, and special event standbys. Please visit our website at www.northernvalleyems.com for more details regarding these services and 2020 Subscription information.

Please visit our website for additional information regarding fundraising events or follow us on Facebook.

Have a safe and happy fall - Best Regards, NOVA.

SLATEDALE – EMERALD AREA LIONS CLUB LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA



MAKE A DIFFERENCE! MAKE 2020 THE YEAR TO VOLUNTEER!!

February 2019 Slatedale – Emerald Area and Ontelaunee Lion have joined as one club combining our strengths to help local communities and the world. Slatedale Emerald Area Lions Club was chartered March 27, 1969 and meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7 P at Friedens UCC Church, 7227 Route 873, Slatington, Pennsylvania. Please contact us for meeting and fundraiser updates due to COVID-19.

Our fund raising projects include annual bingo, food sales at Night in the Country, The Gathering, Pow Wow, auctions and Ontelaunee Park. Due to We collect used eyeglasses, hearing aids, electrical cords including Christmas lights for recycling.

The Club sponsors Leo Clubs at local high schools to help the youth become involved with the community giving.

Some of the programs and projects sponsored by your donations include local fire companies, food banks, Center for Vision Loss, Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services (NOVA), Lions Youth Leadership Seminars and Lion Laird A. Swartz Scholarship (given annually to the senior at Northern Lehigh and Northwestern Lehigh School Districts).

We are involved in highway cleanup at Friedens Road and we recently joined the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce.

For more information please contact Fred Folland, PDG 610-767-8969 or John Weremedic 610-844-1255

GOT STORM DAMAGE?

2020 has been a rough year to say the least. If a seemingly never ending pandemic isn't bad enough, hurricane Isaias brought historic flooding, trees down and power outages. I don't know about you, but I am really hoping the rest of 2020 is much less eventful!! When there is damage from a major storm event to our home or property, and once everyone is safe, the first thing we do is contact our insurance company.

Did you know you should also contact the Township Emergency Management Coordinator? Why?? The Emergency Management Coordinator is tasked with collecting damage reports and sharing them with the PA Emergency Management Agency. These reports help PEMA to determine if our municipality and its residents are eligible for state or federal help. The initial reports are often due within 6-12 hours of the event. There is no guarantee that help will be available or that your damage will qualify, but if it is not reported and help does become available we won't know to contact you and let you know about it.

Once you have assessed the damage after a storm take lots of photos of the damage, call your insurance company, and don't forget to notify the Emergency Management Coordinator. There is a form on the Emergency Management page of the Township website. www.heidelberghigh.org/emergency-management/



CENTRAL GRANGE NO. 1650 GERMANSVILLE, PA



Central Grange No. 1650 meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Germansville Fire Hall. Please contact us for meeting and fundraiser updates due to COVID-19. We are a national, non-profit, family-oriented, community service organization, and 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. We help families with medical bills, local Ambulance Corps, Lowhill & Northern Lehigh Food Pantries, as well as many charities. We purchase Christmas gifts for needy children, and have given major donations to the Germansville Fire Company over the years.

Membership is open to anyone age 14 and over. 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 (age 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 been serving our community for over 100 years. For more information, check out the PA State Grange

website: www.pagrang.org or call 610-767-4400.

YOUR NORTHWESTERN RECREATION COMMISSION

The Northwestern Recreation Commission (NRC) 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 Lehigh School District Townships, (Heidelberg, Lynn, Lowhill & Weisenberg), two school board members, and one member-at-large.

The officers for 2019 are:

President: Justin Smith (Lynn Twp)

Vice President: Rick Hughes (Lowhill Twp)

Secretary: Todd Hernandez (School Board)

Treasurer: Christie Steigerwalt (not a voting member)



The paving of the walking trail has been completed. This project was funded by grant money, Nestle Waters and funds from the NRC. In addition the park has a 5K walking trail mapped out for your walking and running enjoyment, and has the Lions Pavilion at the lower playground that is free to residents, and can be reserved for group gatherings by filling out a facilities request form on the following NWL school district web page: <http://www.nwlehighsd.org/community.cfm?subpage=1987051>

The Park is open to the public during day and although the sports fields are usually scheduled for the various Northwestern Youth Athletic Association (NYAA) sports teams, these fields are 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.

Sadly our annual "A Night in The Country" event has been canceled.

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The farmland and slopes of the Blue Mountain make tremendous contributions to the entire Lehigh Valley in value of agricultural products, wildlife habitat and water recharge as well as scenic beauty. Members of the RPA are advocates for maintaining these treasures for the generations to come, and for keeping the spirit of rural community alive as it has been for generations past.

Over the years, the RPA has been participating in many events including the Schneeksville and Kempton Fairs, the Mini Farm Show at the South Mall, The Green Valley Coalition, Open Gate Farm Tour food court, Pioneer Apple Festival, the annual Cleansweep event, and has sponsored the PA Farm Bureau's Ag Lab mobile educational classroom, scholarships to Conservation Camp, and scholarships to Northwestern

Lehigh graduating seniors. Since 2003 the RPA has given \$27,000 to NW seniors who intend to study agricultural related fields or environmental sciences. This year we intend give another \$4,000, so that makes for a total of \$31,000 so far!

The group also supports the Wildlands Conservancy and the Lehigh Gap Nature Preserve. The RPA participates in and are members of the Farm Bureau, Renew LV, LV Planning Commission Future of LV Strategy sessions, and the Sterling Raber Land Preservation Board.



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN CENSUS TAKERS COME KNOCKING

In-person visits at households that have not yet responded to the census have begun in Pennsylvania. Encourage your residents to cooperate with census takers and ensure that everyone who was living in their household as of April 1, 2020, is counted.

Here's what you need to know about these in-person visits:

- Census takers are **REQUIRED** to wear masks and follow local public health guidelines when they visit homes.
- Workers have completed a virtual COVID-19 training on social distancing and other health and safety protocols before beginning their work.
- Census takers are hired from local communities. They speak English, and many are bilingual. If a census taker does not speak the householder's language, the household may request a return visit from a census taker who does. Census takers will also have materials on hand to help identify the household's language.
- If no one is home, the census taker will leave a notice of their visit with information about how to respond online, by phone or by mail.
- Census takers can be easily identified by a valid government ID badge with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date on the badge. To confirm a census taker's identity, call the Philadelphia regional census center at 267-780-2600 to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

This information is shared from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors.



HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH

HEIDELBERG UNION CHURCH, the only church in the township, has served our community for over 280 years. During this COVID-19 time, we have suspended onsite services and other activities. Services are currently being conducted “virtually” at 9 a.m. until further notice. If you would like to join the service, go to our websites for instructions. WEBSITE for United Church of Christ (UCC): WWW.UCCHEIDELBERG.ORG WEBSITE for Lutheran: WWW.HEIDELBERGLUTHERAN.ORG. Our church location address is 5187 Irvin Road, Slatington, PA 18080 (intersection of Church and Irvin Roads near Saegersville). Church office phone is 610-767-4740. Look for us on FACEBOOK, too!!

Pastor Rashion Santiago is currently serving as a transitional pastor for the Lutheran congregation and Pastor Bill Ellsworth is serving as a supply pastor for the U.C.C. congregation. As we move forward, we ask you watch for our announcements in various press outlets (i.e. Northwestern Press) of future activities as they are scheduled once again. ALL ARE WELCOME!



HEIDELBERG GAME PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Coming Events for 2020

Due to COVID 19 the following events are tentative

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Friday, November 13th

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THE HEALING PLACE at Livingston Fellowship was created:

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- To support people in their ministry and life's mission; and
- To bring them into the fellowship of a church family.


We have something for everyone at THE HEALING PLACE at Living Stone Fellowship. You will find people here who are from "all walks of life", different ages, different cultures, different heritages, but of the same spirit, coming together as a family, to love God, love each other and together growing to become more like Jesus. We welcome you to join us to see how great it is to become a member of the Kingdom of God.

During these uncertain times in the world because of the Coronavirus Pandemic, **The Healing Place at Living Stone Fellowship** has been offering a Special Sunday Service.

Starting Sunday, July 12 we began to re-gather in the building at 10-11:30AM for our weekly Sunday Service. (Please contact us

for guidelines)

Wednesday Drive-In Evening Services -- Beginning July 15, we will gather for, Praise, Prayer and Purpose every week at 6:45-8PM.

We will also be **Live Streaming the Sunday Service** through our website thehealingplacelv.org. Simply go to our website and click on the  Facebook icon at the top right -- on the red banner, next to the word "Contact". This will take you directly to our live stream service.

We are looking forward to welcoming our community for Family and Community Nights with a FREE meal and family entertainment every second Saturday of the month when we are once again allowed to socialize and share with one another.

For updated information about future services and events, be sure to visit our website at thehealingplacelv.org or our Face book page: The Healing Place - Living Stone Fellowship.

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OPEN BURNING- WHEN, WHERE, WHAT & HOW IS IT ALLOWED???

Heidelberg Township has a burning ordinance that allows the burning of wood and wood products without a permit if they are in a container such as a masonry fireplace or metal container with a screen or wire mesh cover to prevent sparks from flying while burning. All fires must be attended at all times and shall be conducted only on premises owned by the person responsible for the fire. Open burning is not permitted before sunrise or after sunset. Open fires are NOT permitted in the right-of-way or closer than 20 feet from a property line or vehicle.

Burning is NOT allowed during a drought or extreme weather conditions (dry & windy) or when a ban on burning has been put into effect.

Please be aware that the greatest danger of brush fires is in Spring (March, April & May) and Fall (October & November) because of an abundance of dry leaves, grass & brush and relatively low humidity.



The following types of fires, provided that such fires are wood and wood products only, are exempted from the ordinance regulations: Fires solely for the cooking of food for immediate consumption; Camp fires for warmth and fellowship and food preparation; Ceremonial purposes by bona fide groups of individuals such as hunting camps or public organizations such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts; Fires set in the performance of public duty by any fireman or public official for official purposes.



The following is a list of items that are **NOT** permitted to be burned: Tires or other rubber products; Roof shingles or other roofing materials; Treated wood; Electrical wire insulation; Fiberglass or home insulation; Plastic and vinyl products; Asbestos containing materials; Paint, oil, or petroleum products; Painted or stained wood furniture; Mattresses, box springs, or other home furnishings; Any metal objects, Television sets or appliances; Automobiles, automobile parts including batteries; Diapers; Human and animal waste; Animal hides, furs, or skins; Dirt laden roots or tree stumps; Recyclable materials; and any materials which create noxious or objectionable emissions, or are prohibited by current State and/or Federal regulations.

Please contact the Township for a permit if you are unsure if you need a permit or not for what you are burning. If you are burning a large amount you should also contact the fire company so they are aware in case someone sees the smoke and calls 911. To read the Heidelberg Township Open Burning ordinance in its entirety please see Chapter 7 Emergency Management Services at www.heidelberghigh.org/permits/code-of-ordinances/ or contact the Township for a copy.



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NEED A REAL ID? MY OFFICE CAN HELP

By State Rep. Gary W. Day (R-Lehigh/Berks)

Representative Gary Day, 187th District, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
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Beginning Oct. 1, 2021, a federally accepted form of identification will be required to board domestic flights or access certain federal buildings. A Pennsylvania REAL ID will fulfill this requirement, as will a U.S. passport. A U.S. passport is still required to leave the United States via plane or other manner. If residents need to obtain a Pennsylvania REAL ID, my office can help.

The federal REAL ID Act of 2005 established guidelines for states to provide a new and more secure form of identification card. PennDOT began issuing new REAL ID cards in accordance with those guidelines in March 2019. Under current state law, obtaining a REAL ID is optional for Pennsylvania residents. PennDOT will continue to offer standard-issue driver's licenses and photo ID cards.

Residents who wish to apply for a REAL ID will need to provide certain documents in order to verify their identity. Applicants should be prepared to provide an original or certified copy of their state-issued birth certificate with a raised or embossed seal. As an alternative, applicants may provide a valid U.S. passport or passport card. Birth certificates with a sticker rather than an embossed seal, including birth certificates provided by a hospital, are not acceptable.

If residents need help obtaining their Pennsylvania birth certificates, my office can help. My staff can assist in the application process by submitting and expediting the request, so residents receive their documents faster and with less hassle. For more information or assistance with the birth certificate application process, please call my New Tripoli district office at 610-760-7082.

In addition to their birth certificates, REAL ID applicants should be prepared to provide proof of their Social Security number by presenting their unaltered Social Security card. The name on the card must match the name on their current driver license or photo identification card.

Those who have changed their names due to marriage, divorce or other reasons must provide proof of the legal name change, such as marriage certificates or court orders issued by the county. Applicants should have documentation to show all name changes from their original name on their birth certificate to their current name. Marriage certificates and divorce decrees must be certified copies from the county where they were issued.

Finally, applicants must provide two documents to prove their current physical address and Pennsylvania residency. Examples of such documents include a Pennsylvania driver's license or photo ID card, vehicle registration, utility bill or tax forms.

The process for acquiring a birth certificate and a REAL ID can be frustrating and confusing. My office is here to help residents navigate the process. Please call or stop by the office. We are here to serve the people in the 187th Legislative District.

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- Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications
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Everyone is doing their part in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and so are we at LGNC. In light of current guidelines and the situation facing our nation, the Osprey House will be extending its closure until it is safe to open. For everyone's safety, as long as PA schools are closed, our building will remain closed to the public and all in-person programs will be cancelled.

This is a disappointment and an inconvenience for us all, but it is an important sacrifice to make to prevent matters from getting worse.

We will continue to update the public regularly through Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/lehighgap>, our website www.lgnc.org, and through emails.

It is important to note that our trails will still remain open to the general public. (...in accordance with PPL's utility work. Please be respectful of trail closures due to their work. There are still plenty of trails to access, and the Appalachian Trail is still accessible from our parking lot!)

We want everyone using our trails to have a safe, healthy, and enriching experience. Hike on established trails only. Shortcuts and unofficial trails cause maintenance and safety issues. Please maintain a safe distance of 6 feet from other guests on the trails and in the parking lot.

Also, we ask that folks using our trails follow the **7 principles of Leave No Trace found at this link; <https://www.nps.gov/articles/leave-no-trace-seven-principles.htm>**. In particular we ask that you follow the principle regarding pack in, pack out. We do not have the capacity to handle the extra trash from a high influx of visitors. Just stash your trash in your backpack, pockets, etc. and take it with you.

Thank you and be safe and stay healthy!!!

-LGNC Staff



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL MAKING PROGRESS

The Northwestern Lehigh Veterans Memorial is continuing to move towards the construction phase in Ontelaunee Park. At their January meeting Brown Design Corp. was contracted by the Memorial Committee to develop the design and construction specifications. Chris Brown is the Architect who has been planning the development of Ontelaunee Park for Lynn Township since May 2000.

The committee approved a total budget of \$300,000 for the memorial design and construction. A total cost is necessary to initiate our fundraising campaign with businesses and organizations as well as private donors. The entire cost of the memorial will be funded by tax-deductible contributions from grateful donors in our community who are willing to recognize the service and sacrifices of our local Veterans. There is NO FEE required to submit a Veteran's name to be included on the memorial.

To date, 1500 names of Veterans have been entered in our data base. The committee has set July 4th, 2020 as the deadline for accepting names to be engraved on the granite panels. The total number of names is needed to determine how many panels are required, which then defines the size of the memorial footprint. Veteran's names will be listed in alphabetical order on the panels that show the time period in which they served. Names received after July 4th may be added after construction is complete. Unfortunately, they will have to be placed where space is available on the panels which, will detract from the alphabetical order and make it more difficult to locate the Veteran's name.

An important consideration for the memorial design is the ability to add names of future veterans thereby including our youth who will answer the call to serve in future conflicts. In doing so, this memorial will perpetually honor the service of all our veterans from the birth of our Nation into the future, recognizing the on-going struggle to protect our freedom.

Our website, nwlehighvetmemorial.org shows the development of the design and progress toward securing the donations required to build the memorial. The symbolism of all the features designed into the memorial is explained and patriotic quotations from our nation's leaders bring an historical context to the memorial layout. The website also posts the minutes of all committee meetings, the application form to submit Veteran's names and other information about committee activities.



CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNER JOSEPH PLEBAN!

The Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) sponsors a scholarship for a Northwestern Lehigh High School student, maintains the riparian buffer area behind the township building, provides free educational programs for the community, reviews subdivision plans, advises the township on environmental issues, and more.



EAC members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors and are volunteer positions. The public is always welcome at EAC meetings and events!

Congratulations to Joseph Pleban for being selected to receive the 2020 EAC scholarship! Unfortunately the NWLSD scholarship ceremony had to be canceled this year, so we had our own private ceremony in front of the Township Building.

The Township Office has regular business hours again and the vestibule is open to the public during business hours. Residents can drop off their plastic bags for recycling in the designated bin in the vestibule during business hours or when there is a public meeting. Please do NOT leave plastic bags outside of the building! The EAC is participating in the Trex Challenge and working towards earning a Trex bench. See the **"Recycle beyond the Bag"** flyer to the right to see what is accepted and thank you for recycling!!

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By Senator Pat Browne, 16th Senate District, Commonwealth of PA, Appropriations Committee Chairman

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Providing superior service to the residents of the 16th Senate District continues to be my priority as your state Senator. I try to aid my constituents and the municipalities I represent to the best of my capabilities. Sometimes, this means finding funding for important services or projects. For example, I was able to secure a \$95,000 grant from the state of Pennsylvania to aid Northern Valley Emergency Medical Services (NOVA). NOVA provides ambulance services to Northern Lehigh County, including Heidelberg Township.

I can also assist you on those occasions when you may encounter difficulty in dealing with the state Government, when you need guidance on filing the proper form or determining which agency to contact for the answers to your questions. My skilled staff are ready to assist you with any state-related issues and to cut red tape. We can assist with:

- filing a Property Tax & Rent Rebate application
- obtaining a Pennsylvania birth record
- handling issues related to your vehicle registration and driver's license
- status reports on state legislation
- cutting through red tape with state agencies

Please, if you need assistance with these items or have questions regarding other aspects of Pennsylvania state government, contact any of my offices below so that I may assist you and make sure to visit my webpage at: www.senatorbrowne.com.



Senator Pat Browne
Appropriations Committee Chairman

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Meetings-3rd Monday of every month (when there is an agenda) at 7:30 p.m.

Andrew Toth, Chairman
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Environmental Advisory Council

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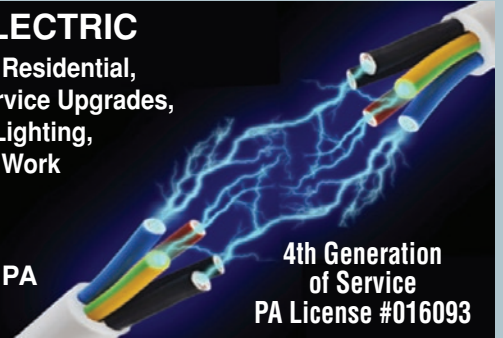
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