

The Spring Echo

SPRING 2020

SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION ~ WEEK OF APRIL 6TH

Spring Township will be having its Spring Brush Collection starting Monday, April 6, 2020, weather permitting. They will go over each street **ONE TIME ONLY**. If you wish to have your brush picked up, please follow these instructions:

- ✓ **ALL** limbs must be placed along the curb, **PARALLEL TO THE ROAD**.
- ✓ **ALL** limbs must be placed out prior to 7:00 a.m. Monday morning, April 6, 2020, so that you are not missed. **ONCE THE ROAD CREW HAS GONE OVER A STREET THEY WILL NOT GO BACK.**
- ✓ **NO** limbs larger than 4" in diameter and **NO** more than one load of brush will be accepted per household. **This collection is for trimming of bushes and trees, not for tree removal or site clearing.**

It is important that these instructions are followed to ensure the safety of our Road Crew and proper operation and care of our equipment. **IF THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED YOUR BRUSH WILL NOT BE PICKED UP!!!**

The Road Crew will begin sweeping the streets after brush collection is over. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call the office at (814) 355-7543 ext. 105. Thank you!

From the Township Zoning Office
By Vaughn Zimmerman

Dear Township Residents,

Springtime will be upon us soon, and with that comes new activities and responsibilities. With the coming of Spring comes the need to mow yards, cut brush and bushes and start our much-needed home improvement projects.

Many of the projects that you may want to do around your property do require approved permits, from putting up a new shed to putting on an addition. I would like to encourage you to obtain these permits well ahead of time to make the whole process as smooth as possible. If you have any questions about your projects and the permits needed, I encourage you to contact me at your convenience.

Along with needing to keep our yards cut and mowed regularly we also need to keep our properties free of trash and junk that may have accumulated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that if you have brush on your property that the Township will do a Spring brush collection, or if you would like to dispose of your brush on your own please contact the Township to ask about other methods. Burning of brush is only allowed on properties that are three acres or more in size.

If you have any questions about these or any other issues, please contact me at (814) 355-5067 ext. 104 or email me at code@springtownship.org

**From the TOWNSHIP MANAGER
Michael Danneker**

I am proud to have been selected as the new Township Manager and would like to take a moment to introduce myself.

I have been with Spring Township for over 22 years – first as a Township Police Office, then Sergeant and then Police Chief.

As I move forward in my new position, I look forward to serving the residents of the Township and make this a wonderful place to live, work and enjoy life.

I am pleased to say that we have some exciting new things on the horizon for Spring Township. The Township purchased a 28-acre parcel of land on Weaver Hill Road to establish a much-needed park for the residents of the Township. This will be a costly endeavor and will be done in phases as we acquire grants to help us with the excavation, construction of pavilions, restrooms and playground equipment.

We will also be looking at re-establishing our Park and Rec Committee, at some point, in order to help organize community events at the park and help with park maintenance. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please submit a letter of interest to kdefurio@springtownship.org

I would like to thank the Township Supervisors for the faith and trust they have placed in me to serve the Township residents. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me a mdanneker@springtownship.org or by calling me at 355-7543 ext. 103. Thank you.

**SEVENTH ANNUAL
(Rain or Shine!)
PLEASANT GAP
FIRE COMPANY
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Co-Sponsored by the
Pleasant Gap Lioness Club and
Pleasant Gap Legion**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020
10:00 AM**

**Pleasant Gap Carnival Grounds
Robinson Lane, Pleasant Gap, PA**

Registration begins at 9:00 AM

Age groups include:

0-2

3-4

5-6

7-9

10-12

**OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN OF
SPRING TOWNSHIP!!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

**For More Information
or to make a donation**

Contact:

Connie Bair-Holt

387-4593





WATER AUTHORITY

By Molly Baird

Attention Spring Township Water Authority customers! As some of you noticed our online payment option has been discontinued due to the system being “hacked”. The company we had is no longer interested in providing this service, so we are in the process of looking at another provider and hope to have the online payment option available in the near future. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transition period and apologize for the inconvenience. Until the online option is available, the only way we can accept payments is via regular mail or stopping by the officer to pay in person, unless you already have something set up with your personal bank that submits payment for you via mail. When the online payment option is available we will post on the website at www.springtownship.org.

We encourage customers to keep an eye out for any possible leaks. Leaks are not always visible. A leak could consist of a dripping faucet, a toilet that continually runs or a water softener that generates too often or continually. All these issues can use lots of watch which would increase your usage drastically.

Although Spring is just around the corner, at least according to Punxsutawney Phil, and customers will be anxious to get outside, wash vehicles, start their gardens etc. we still encourage customers to try and remember that water is a precious commodity and we need to “USE WATER WISELY!”

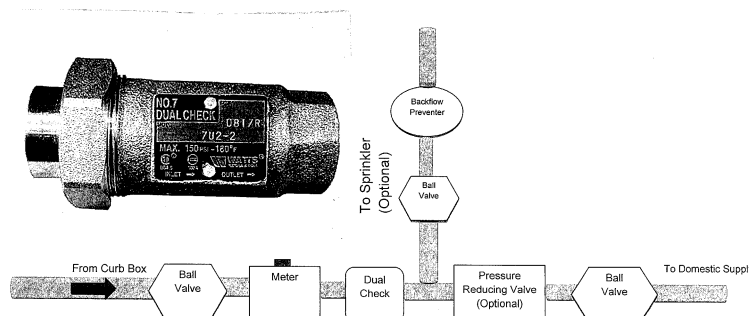
TIPS FROM TOBY – Water Operator

Happy New Year! I would like to provide some advance notice to all Spring Township Water customers. When we replace your meter, at no expense to the homeowner, we will also be checking to make sure that the meter set has backflow protection and that it functions properly. If a check valve is nonexistent or doesn't work properly, the homeowner is responsible to have a dual valve installed at the homeowner's expense. (Please see meter set picture below)

We will also be checking for any illegal connections. Illegal connections are where any service is connected to the water service line prior to the meter set. This situation results in the threat of backflow contamination to the public water system and also unaccountable water.

If you have not already done so, please go on our website and add your phone number to our SWIFT system. This allows us to quickly alert customers of a water emergency.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 355-7543 ext. 115



STORMWATER NEWS

In March of 2019 Spring Township received a MS4 Permit as part of the NPDES Phase II program as administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources. What is a MS4 permit and what is DPDES you may ask? NPDES stands for National Pollution Discharge Elimination System and was created to meet the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act. Phase I of the NPDES program was started in 1990 and dealt primarily with discharges from construction activities. Phase II, which was started in 2012, requires municipalities from urbanized areas to manage their Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, (MS4). In 2003, College, Ferguson, Harris, and Patton Townships, State College Borough, and Penn State University were designated part of the State College Urbanized area. In 2018 a portion of Spring Township including Pleasant Gap, Pleasant Hills, and Steeplechase was added to the State College Urbanized Area.

The MS4 permit is a five-year permit includes requirements for public education and public involvement, illicit discharge detection, monitoring of stormwater outfalls and stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP's). Over the coming months we will be placing more articles to explain what is happening with Spring Township's MS4 permit.

Spring Township and all of the other MS4 holders in the Centre Region are part of a group called the MS4 Partners. For more information on the MS4 program you can go to www.MS4Partners.org This site contains information on the MS4 program and includes links to State and federal websites dealing with stormwater.

HELP KEEP SPRING CREEK CLEAN

NEVER place any paint, paint thinner, used motor oil, animal waste, cleaner, solvent, or other household chemical in a stormwater inlet. Please remember that materials dumped into stormwater inlets will eventually flow into Spring Creek. Stormwater inlets are meant to take stormwater only! Many people think that stormwater inlets and pipes discharge to the sewage treatment plant. They do not, they discharge to surface waters such as Logan Branch or Spring Creek. Contact the Township at (814) 355-7543 immediately if you suspect dumping of foreign material into a stormwater inlet.



**COMPOST FACILITY
264 MUSSER LANE**

For those of you who are not aware, Township residents are able to utilize the Compost Facility located at 264 Musser Lane.

In order to use the facility, you must come into the Township and fill out a card with your name, address and phone number and put a \$10.00 deposit down on the key to access the facility. Your \$10.00 deposit will be refund when you return the key by the end of the day. Keys are available Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Keys CANNOT be kept out over night or over the weekend. If you do not return the key by the end of the day you will lose your deposit and your privilege to use the compost facility.

You can take the following items to the compost facility: grass, brush (3-4-foot lengths), leaves and wood chips.

Residents are also allowed to take pine mulch and regular much from the site.

CENSUS 2020

Make yourself count: April 1, 2020

What is the census?

The census is a self-portrait of the nation. The U.S. Constitution requires the federal government count everyone living in the country every 10 years. The tally must include people of all ages, races, and ethnic groups, all citizens and non-citizens. Every household should complete a census form (either online, or by mail or phone) by April 1, 2020. Participating in the census is our right and responsibility.

Why does the census matter?

Census data shape the future of our community and define our voice in Congress.

- The 2020 Census will determine how more than \$700 billion in federal government resources will be distributed each year for the next decade to states and localities.
- Census data is used to determine where schools, roads, hospitals, childcare centers, senior centers and other services should be built.
- Key federal programs rely on data and allocations derived from the census, including:
Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicare Part B, Highway Planning and Construction, Section 8, Title I Grants, Special Education Grants (IDEA), State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Head Start.
- Census data are also used for apportionment of Congressional seats and redistricting at all levels of government.
- Census data are indispensable for monitoring discrimination and the enforcement of a broad range of a broad range of civil rights laws.

While a paper form will still be available, for the fire time the Internet will be the primary response option. Individuals will be able to respond to the 2020 Census online, or by phone or mail.

For the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau will ONLY visit homes that do not respond to the census. Census takes, also known as enumerators, will visit households that did not respond starting in late April through early July of 2020.

Your information will be kept confidential. Under the law, Census data can only be used for statistical purposes.

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For more information, call 888-839-8682 or visit www.NALEO.org/Census2020.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS!!

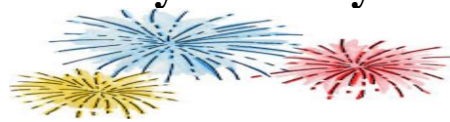
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**Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:
April 10 ~ May 25 ~ July 3 ~ Sept. 7**



Mission Statement

Our Mission is to create, nurture and maintain an environment of growth, challenge, and unlimited potential for all those around us.

Goal

Our Goal is to leave this world a better place to live, work, learn, grow, and have fun!

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