

# The Spring “Times”

SPRING 2021

## SPRING BRUSH COLLECTION ~ WEEK OF APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

Spring Township will be having its Spring Brush Collection starting Monday, April 5, 2021, 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 5, 2021, 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!**

## 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 NPDES 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, 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).

The Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan for Spring Township prepared as part of our initial MS4 Permit application and the 2019-2020 Yearly MS4 Progress Report are found at <https://www.springtownship.org/needtoknow.html>. Click on this link and scroll to the end of the dropdown.

Spring Township and all of the other MS4 holders in the Centre Region are part of a group called the MS4Partners. For more information on the MS4 program you can go to [www.MS4Partners.org](http://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.

**From the TOWNSHIP MANAGER  
Michael Danneker**

**I would like to thank everyone for the tremendous support I have received over this past year from co-workers and residents alike. Although this position is quite different from my previous position as Police Chief, I have found it quite rewarding and look forward to what 2021 has in store.**

**While 2020 was quite a challenging year due to COVID 19, everyone here at the Township worked together as a team and made everything come together and operate as smoothly and efficiently as possible under the circumstances. Even with the challenges we faced in 2020 we made great strides in accomplishing many projects in and around the Township.**

**As I mentioned in the Spring edition of the 2020 newsletter, 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 and a Park and Rec Committee has been re-established to help this come to fruition. The Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month as 7:00 pm at the Township Building. Residents are welcome to attend the meetings to offer their ideas and input regarding the park.**

**As always, I look forward to serving the residents of the Township make this a wonderful place to live, work and enjoy life.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 355-7543 ext. 103 or by email at [mdanneker@springtownshp.org](mailto:mdanneker@springtownshp.org). Thank you.**

**DUE TO COVID 19**

**THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT  
IS CANCELED AGAIN FOR THIS YEAR!  
WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO  
RESUME THIS ENJOYABLE  
ACTIVITY FOR THE CHILDREN OF  
THE TOWNSHIP IN 2022.  
IN THE MEANTIME, PLEASE STAY  
SAFE AND HAVE AN ENJOYABLE  
SUMMER.**

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**KEPLER POOL**

As you are all aware the Kepler Pool has been in dire need of repairs for many years and with the hard work of the Nittany Valley Joint Recreation Authority this will finally be coming to fruition this summer!! While we regret that the pool will need to be closed this summer, we look forward to the makeover the pool will receive and are sure that the community will be pleased with the renovations!!

**SEE YOU IN 2022!!**





## WATER AUTHORITY

*By Molly Baird*

**Attention Spring Township Water Authority customers! We are happy to report, and as some of you may have already utilized, our new online payment option is now up and running! To pay online go to : <http://springtown.authoritypay.com> We also have the option of taking credit card payments in the office and/or over the phone.**

**We encourage customers to please notify our office if you plan to be away, change your mailing address etc. We have had quite a few water bills returned to us by the post office marked with a sticker “temporarily away” or “undeliverable” with no forwarding address or the post office provides a new address for us to change but we then have to resend which causes delays in receiving your bill in time to pay without receiving a penalty.**

**Also, we still have a hand full of people using their old account numbers! Please be sure to use your new account number and notify your bank if you pay with a bank check. This is necessary to make sure your payment is properly posted to the correct account.**

**Although Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow and says we are having six more week of Winter, Spring will be here before we know it and everyone will be anxious to plant flowers, water lawns, wash vehicles, etc. but we need to remember that water is a precious commodity, and we need to always remember to “USE WATER WISELY!”**

### TIPS FROM TOBY – Water Operator

**Happy New Year! Just a little tip to hopefully help you avoid a potential future PROBLEM. How do I turn my water off in the event of a leak inside my home?**

**Recently, one of our customers had a major leak in their home that eventually flooded both the upstairs and recently finished downstairs. This customer was not sure of how to turn the water off to the entire home. I was called from the 911 dispatcher to assist. Upon arrival, I found that a broken feed line in the upstairs bathroom was flooding the house. I went to the basement and had trouble finding the shut off valve. The meter set and shut off valves were behind a finished panel in the basement. The homeowner and I removed the panel and got the water turned off.**

**What every homeowner should know:**

- **Know where you house shut off valves are and make sure all the residents are aware. It may also help to label the valve(s).**
- **Never enclose the meter setting and valves. SEE STWA “Water Services Rules and Regulations” section 2.01 item “R” found on page 8.**
- **For an after-hours emergency, call the 911 Communication Center.**
- **Make sure that your address is posted clearly on your home and mailbox. This will expedite an emergency situation and also help to get your pizza a bit quicker too. 😊 See pictures of typical shut off valves below:**

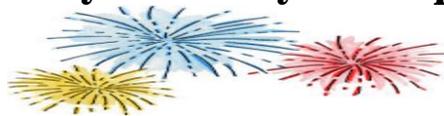


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**Permit No. 17**

**Spring Township Offices will be closed on the following days:  
April 2 ~ May 31 ~ July 5 ~ September 6**



**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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