

The Spring “Times”

FALL 2022

FALL BRUSH COLLECTION ~ SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER

Spring Township will have its Fall Brush Collection the second week of October, 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 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!!!**

STORMWATER NEWS

MS4 Stormwater Mapping Update

We are currently in year 3 of the 5-year PADEP MS4 Stormwater Permit. One task that will be worked on this spring is continuation of the stormwater conveyance system for the Township. Last year the stormwater system of the Steeplechase Subdivision was mapped. This year we will be mapping the stormwater system of the Pleasant Hills Subdivision. To see what has been mapped you can click on the QR code below to pull up the stormwater map. You can click on the mapped features and the information on that feature will be displayed. Features include inlets, pipes, and basins. The stormwater features of the Pleasant Hills Subdivision will be added to the interactive map later this year. If the QR code below does not work, you can also find it on the Township Website at:

<https://www.springtownship.org/stormwater-news>

Illicit Discharges to Waters of the Commonwealth



Scan QR code to visit
Spring Townships
Interactive Stormwater
Map

What are Waters of the Commonwealth? They include streams such as Logan Branch and Spring Creek. They also include the inlets and pipes that make up stormwater conveyance systems within developments such as Steeplechase and Pleasant Hills. Basically, any conveyance facility including the above items and ditches and swales that carries runoff is part of the Water of the Commonwealth. Second questions, what is an illicit discharge? Basically, any substance other than runoff from natural precipitation. This includes used oil, household cleaners, swimming pool water (even dechlorinated water), pesticides, and grease. You name it if it is not naturally occurring runoff it is an illicit discharge. The critters that live in the waterways do not like illicit discharges so do not place any contaminates into any Water of the Commonwealth. If you see someone deliberately placing substances into a stormwater system, call the Township (814-355-7543) to report it. Let's keep the critters in our streams happy and don't pollute.

**From the TOWNSHIP MANAGER
Michael Danneker**

We are pleased to announce that things are moving forward with the Spring Township Park.

We have received a couple of grants for the project but much more help is needed in making this project become a reality! This is a very costly endeavor and every donation, no matter how large or small, contributes to the success of the park.

We are hoping to get started with the first phase of the project in the Spring of 2023, which would include a walking path, pavilion, restrooms, and a playground and possibly an all-purpose field.

Spring Township will be participating in a sub-committee pertaining to CATA bus services over the course of the next few months. We will be reviewing the need and demand by our residents and the financial expense associated with the service. If an equitable and feasible agreement cannot be met, the Township may be forced to discontinue its services with CATA.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at (814) 355-7543 Ext. 103 or by email at mdanneker@springtownship.org

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**TOWNSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE**

**SUPERVISORS** – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm unless it falls on a holiday, then it is the following evening.

**PLANNING COMMISSION** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 pm unless it falls on a holiday, then it is the following Monday.

**WATER AUTHORITY** – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm. (December meeting is a week early)

**ZONING HEARDING BOARD** – AS NEEDED

**TRICK OR TREAT**

Spring Township will be having  
Trick or Treat  
On Monday  
October 31, 2022  
From 6-8 PM

Please make this a fun and safe event for the children of our community!

**RESIDENTS** wishing to participate in Trick or Treat should:

LEAVE A PORCH LIGHT ON  
TO DISTRIBUTE CANDY  
OR  
PLACE CANDY IN A CONTAINER  
BY YOUR DOOR  
FOR THE CHILDREN  
TO HAVE ACCESS TO

**PARENTS:**

Always accompany small children and have older children go in groups.  
NEVER let a child go alone!!

Please be sure to have your children in proper fitting costumes to avoid tripping and falling. Use face paints instead of masks so children have proper vision.

Make sure to walk along the berm or use sidewalks when available and be especially careful when crossing streets and highways.

Have children carry a glow stick or flashlight so they are visible and easily seen!

Please check all candy and treats to make sure nothing has been tampered with!

**HAPPY HALLOWEEN!!**

**TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
FRIDAY FROM 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY – 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY – 8:00 TO NOON  
FRIDAY – 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**



**WATER AUTHORITY**

*By Molly Carra*

**Attention Spring Township Water Authority customers! 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, and we then must resend the bill, which causes delays in receiving your invoices in time to pay without receiving a penalty. Please note, if mailing your payment, make sure you allow time for your payment to be received by the due date to avoid a penalty.**

**Also please be advised, if you are a landlord, we only invoice the property owner! We cannot invoice a tenant. If you are a landlord and you want your tenant to be responsible for the invoice, you must get the invoice to them in a timely manner, so they have time to submit payment before the due date.**

**We have a lot of residents inquire about paying their water bill “for the year” instead of paying a quarterly bill; however, your water bill is based on usage – not a flat fee, so paying by the year isn’t an option for your water service. You can however pay extra on your water account, which would be reflected on each of your quarterly bills.**

**Your quarterly bill is based on a \$20.00 flat fee that everyone pays just to be hooked on to the water system, then you are billed \$5.00 for each 1,000 gallons of water you use. Please remember there are a lot of things that contribute to a high-water bill such as: filling swimming pools, watering flowers and gardens, washing vehicles, running dishwashers frequently, doing a lot of laundry, a dripping faucet or a constantly running toilet, long showers, etc.**

**Please be advised Centre County is currently under a “Drought Watch” therefore, we need to realize that water is a precious commodity, and we need to always remember to **“USE WATER WISELY”!****

## **FROM OUR POLICE CHIEF**

**ADAM SALYARDS**

The Spring Township Police Department staff hopes that you had a safe summer. As we move into the fall, we want to share a few safety tips and reminders.

### **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SAFETY TIPS**

#### **Pennsylvania's School Bus Stopping Law**

- Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and stop arm extended.
- Motorists must stop when they are behind a bus, meeting the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped.
- Motorists following or traveling alongside a school bus must also stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn, and all children have reached safety.
- If physical barriers such as grassy medians, guide rails, or concrete median barriers separate oncoming traffic from the bus, motorists in the opposing lanes may proceed without stopping.
- Do not proceed until all the children have reached a place of safety.

As always, the Spring Township Police Department is here to serve you. Please feel free to call us if you will be going on vacation for an extended period, if you would like a security survey done on your home or business, or if you have any other safety related questions. Stay safe and enjoy the beauty that fall brings to our Township.

## **FROM THE TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER VAUGHN ZIMMERMAN**

With Fall fast approaching and leaves beginning to fall, please remember we have a **NO BURNING ORDINANCE** in the Township – unless you have 3 or more acres, then burning of leaves and brush is permitted. If you do have the required acreage to burn, please remember to be courteous to your neighbors and do not burn for long periods of time or on windy days where the smoke will travel to adjoining properties. Fire pits are permitted for toasting marshmallows, roasting hot dogs, and other food items.

If you are planning any Fall projects, please remember **MOST** things do require permits that must be obtained before any work is done. If you are unsure if your project requires a permit, please feel free to contact me at 814-355-5067 or by email at [code@springtownship.org](mailto:code@springtownship.org).

Please remember to check out our website for zoning information and permits that you may need.

### **LANDFILL ON MUSSER LANE**

The landfill on Musser Lane is currently open M-Thurs from 6:00 am – 2:00 pm, Friday from 6:00 am – 1:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am - 11:45 am

The last day the landfill will be open for the season is the Saturday before Thanksgiving

**FROM YOUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**JORDAN STONER  
ROAD FOREMAN**

**A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER REGARDING SNOW REMOVAL!!**

Please remember when you are clearing driveways and sidewalks that if the Township roadways are not clear the plow truck will be coming thru and will plow your driveway shut again. We receive a lot of complaints on this and while we understand how frustrating this can be, it is an unavoidable circumstance. Our job is to plow the roadways as fast and safely as possible, but please remember we cannot be everywhere first! We do the main roads first, then outlying areas and developments next.

When a snowstorm is approaching make sure you are not parked on the Township roadways if you live in a development, or parked in a no park zone or you may be plowed in. When moving these vehicles after the Township has gone thru and plowed/salted your development or roadway, you the resident are responsible to get that snow off the roadway immediately.

Do **NOT** blow or plow snow onto the Township roadway – it is illegal and if noticed by a plow truck driver the police will be notified and you may receive a fine.

During a snowstorm we ask parents to please keep themselves and their children away from the roadways. The plow truck driver already has enough responsibility and it's very difficult to see at night or during the day in a snowstorm.

**LEAF COLLECTION TAKES PLACE EACH YEAR**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF NOVEMBER THRU THE 1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK OF DECEMBER**  
**(WEATHER PERMITTING)**

During leaf collection always keep all leaves and grass on your property. Do **NOT** under any circumstances put your leaves on the street or in front of storm drains. If this occurs, the Township Code Enforcement Officer will be notified, and you could receive a fine. If there is no other choice at your property to put your leaves, please call and make arrangements with our public works department for pick-up!

During leaf collection remember to not put your piles close to any mailboxes, telephone poles and trees. The leaf collection machine cannot access these piles and they will not be picked up. Also, any leaf piles that have any sort of tarp held down with bricks or stones will not be collected under any circumstances. Due to the amount of suction of the leaf vacuum, the driver cannot be within 6 feet of these tarps, or they will get sucked up in the chute along with any rocks or bricks holding them down causing major damage to the truck!! Trash cans full of leaves or bags of leaves will also not be picked-up!

**THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS:  
NOVEMBER 11, DECEMBER 23 AND 26, 2022**