Penn Township Newsletter

Spring 2025

100 Municipal Building Road
Duncannon, PA 17020
Monday – Friday
8am – 4:30pm
717-834-5281
www.penntownship.net

Supervisors

Chairman Clifford Lindgren
Vice Chairman Karen Potteiger
Forrest Woodward

ATTENTION: The Board of Supervisors have moved their monthly meetings to the last Tuesday of the month.

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Welcome Supervisor Forrest Woodward!

Forrest Woodward was appointed to the Penn Township Board of Supervisors in October 2024. He brings almost a decade of valuable experience from being a board member on the Penn Township Planning Commission, where he continues to serve.

He has lived in the township his whole life and works as a chef at Buddy Boy Winery when he isn't devoting his time to bettering our Township.

"My only agenda as Supervisor is to give back to my community, help move the Township forward, and to be honest and fair." – Forrest Woodward





Helen Klinepeter **Retires**

Helen Klinepeter started working for Penn Township as a part time clerk in 1998 and became Secretary in 2000. She has worked for Penn Township for over 27 years. She will be retiring in August of 2025.

Helen has lived a very interesting life. She grew up in California, then entered the US Army at 17 years old. While stationed in Germany, she met her husband Dave at age 19. They were married soon after in Heidelberg, Germany. She left the military after 6 years to raise her family. Dave was still in the Army, and they traveled as a family to Turkey, Georgia, and Texas before settling down in Dave's hometown of Duncannon.

In her retirement, she's looking forward to traveling, reading, making stained glass art, cross stitching, and spending more time with her family.

Helen has been an invaluable asset to Penn Township for so long, and she will be dearly missed. Stop by to wish her well in her retirement!

Welcome our new Tax Collector,

Karole Bretz!

Karole will be collecting all taxes, including school taxes.

Email: klhbretz@outlook.com

Phone: 717-991-3670

Mailing Address: 33 Allander Dr.

Duncannon, PA 17020



Office Hours at Penn Township Building:

March 17 & 24

11am-1pm

March 18, 19, 25, 26, & 31

5pm-7pm

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Planning Commission News

The Penn Township Planning Commission developed an updated Stormwater Management Ordinance which has been enacted by the Township Supervisors. The new ordinance replaces the old 1992 stormwater ordinance. Stormwater is an important water resource that provides groundwater recharge for water supplies and supports the base flow of streams.

The Ordinance includes stormwater best management practices and erosion & sediment requirements that are required by Pennsylvania State Regulations and the Perry County Conservation District. It provides design criteria, procedures, and performance standards for stormwater planning and management activities that may affect stormwater runoff, including land development and earth disturbance activity in the Township.

In addition to Stormwater Management Site Plans it requires Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plans for new and existing facilities to assure continuous operation in accordance with their original permitted design. The Plans and signed agreements between the owner, operator and the Township are prepared and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Perry County.

The Planning Commission is currently developing regulations for the non-commercial keeping of livestock in residential zoning districts. Non-commercial livestock includes the breeding, raising, caring for, housing, and principally the hobby / personal use of livestock and products derived from livestock. Livestock includes horses, cattle (beef and dairy), llamas, alpacas, mules, swine, sheep, goats, chickens, and fowl. The purpose of the regulations is to provide reasonable standards for the keeping and care of non-commercial livestock and to give appropriate consideration to the property rights of adjacent residences. It will provide standards for the number of animals and location of coops, pens, sheds, cages, barns, and similar structures, and enclosures on residential properties.

The Planning Commission Meetings are held in the Township Office on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM and are open to the public.

Highway Department

This spring and summer the Highway Department will be working on tarring and chipping, repairing potholes, clearing banks, repairing culverts, and chipping brush that came down over winter.

A paving project is planned for Cove Road, Sawmill Road, and Linton Hill Road.

Observe all signage and traffic cones for the road crew's safety, and your own.

If you would like to drop off tree limbs, please call the Township office (717-834-5281) ahead to arrange drop off. We only accept tree limbs 2 inches or more in diameter. No vines, leaves, brush, bamboo, or other yard waste.

Free woodchips can be picked up by the Township Garage. Please call the office to let us know when you would like to pick up and if you will need help loading.

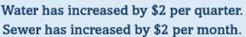


Municipal Authority



102 Municipal Building Road Duncannon, PA 17020 717-834-6926







Line Flushing

The Municipal Authority expects to flush fire hydrants on Sunshine Hill in the Spring of 2025

Back Door Drop-Off

If you are dropping off a payment in the drop box, please put your payment in an envelope with its accompanying bill, so that we can assure your payment goes to the correct account.

Meter Access

We need to be able to access your meters to read regularly. Please keep meters free from obstacles, including brush and limbs.

Thank you for paying your bills on time.

Current amounts past due greater than \$225.00				
Deliquent Accounts as of:	12/31/2024	1/31/2025		
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Name/Address	Last Quarter Due	Current Month Due	Payment Rcvd	Current Amt Due
44 Eisenhower Blvd	\$247.00	\$365.97		\$365.97
41 Eisenhower Blvd	\$413.33	\$478.33		\$478.33
104 Butchershop Rd	\$792.88	\$1,169.88		\$1,169.88
104 Easton Dr	\$476.44	\$621.57		\$621.57
103 Easton Dr	\$221.00	\$414.87		\$414.87
Name/Address	Last Month	Current Month	Payment Rcvd	Current Amt Due
19 Morgan St	\$747.70	\$833.69		\$833.69
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37 Valley St	\$311.26	\$386.26		\$386.26
104 Butchershop Rd	\$1,531.11	\$1,627.35		\$1,627.35
51 Eisenhower Blvd	\$391.89	\$466.89		\$466.89
41 Eisenhower Blvd	\$252.43	\$327.43		\$327.43
1 Summit St	\$314.27	\$389.27		\$389.27
56 Eisenhower Blvd	\$238.51	\$320.26		\$320.26
5 Jefferson St	\$673.49	\$398.49		\$398.49
105 Jefferson St	\$231.71	\$306.71		\$306.71
26 PeeWee Ln	\$227.11	\$302.11		\$302.11
43 Eisenhower Blvd	\$725.65	\$800.65		\$800.65
20 Susquenita Hill Rd	\$993.86	\$1,087.46		\$1,087.46
3 Monroe Ln	\$378.53	\$364.53		\$364.53
79 Petersburg Ln	\$556.52	\$631.52		\$631.52
1620 State Rd	\$391.89	\$466.89		\$466.89
25 Cove Rd	\$7,533.08	\$13,158.08		\$13,158.08
1809 State Rd	\$467.39	\$542.39		\$542.39
1455 B State Rd	\$228.38	\$460.13		\$460.13
108 Schoolhouse Rd	\$326.89	\$401.89		\$401.89
15 Schoolhouse Rd	\$230.44	\$305.44		\$305.44
7 Hilltop Rd	\$267.16	\$271.03		\$271.03
4 Hilltop Rd	\$334.28	\$409.28		\$409.28
1134 State Rd	\$460.13	\$695.26		\$695.26
1003 State Rd	\$1,088.65	\$1,163.65		\$1,163.65
104 Firehouse Rd	\$327.32	\$516.97		\$516.97
1011 State Rd	\$751.29	\$826.29		\$826.29
1903 State Rd	\$4,368.77	\$5,182.52		\$5,182.52
110 Easton Dr	\$358.65	\$439.70		\$439.70
3 Stone Mill Rd	\$275.73	\$355.48		\$355.48
104 Easton Dr	\$505.57	\$588.75		\$588.75
103 Easton Dr	\$372.27	\$453.75		\$453.75
56 Valley St	\$372.73	\$454.14		\$347.73
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	\$2,150.65	\$3,050.62	\$0.00	\$3,050.62
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	\$30,138.98	\$39,903.77	\$0.00	\$39,797.36
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Upcoming Events



Chicken BBQ

April 12, 2025 11am – 1:30pm

\$12 - Dinner (½ Chicken, Potato, Roll, Applesauce)
\$8 - ½ Chicken Only

We recommend buying your tickets ahead at the Township Office.

Spring Craft Fair

April 12, 2025 (Same as BBQ)

11am – 2pm

100 Municipal Building Road

Duncannon, PA 17020

\$20 Per Table

Set-up 10am

(Bring Your Own Table)

Please call 717-834-5281 to Sign Up

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2024 Chicken BBQ, participated in the Fall Craft Fair, and attended the Children's Christmas Party!



Past Events



We have rooms and pavilions to rent for

your next party!



Large Room Fee - \$80 Small Room Fee - \$40 Call the office to rent a room 717-824-5281

Large Pavilion - \$80 Small Pavilion - \$55 Call Karen Tilkens to rent a pavilion 717-579-8090





Discarded Appliances

Please do not leave discarded or abandoned appliances (refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers) which have an airtight door or lock, which may not be opened from the inside, outside of any building or dwelling in a place accessible to children. The surest method is to take off the door completely, which can be done simply using a screwdriver.



§ 6502. Refrigerators and iceboxes.

(a) Offense defined. -- A person is guilty of a summary offense if he discards or abandons in any place accessible to children any refrigerator or icebox having a capacity of 1.5 cubic feet or more with an attached lid or door, or being the owner, lessee or manager of any place accessible to children knowingly permits an abandoned or discarded refrigerator, icebox or chest to remain there with an attached lid or door.

Recycling



Recycling Center

Location: Near the entrance of Hawk

Rock Trail

Hours: Second Saturday of each month

8am-10am

The following items can be placed together in a bag or box:

Steel cans, Aluminum (cat food, foil), Plastics (identified with #), Paper (junk mail, ads).

The following items must be separated: Aluminum beverage cans, Newspapers (tied or in paper bags), Cardboard. All recyclables should be clean, and all

The following items are not accepted: Glass, Books, Electronics, Batteries, Lightbulbs, Styrofoam, Other metal,

containers should be crushed.

Dirty items.

You will be asked for proof of residency when dropping off.

Sylvester's Bags

Clear bags are available for \$4/each at the Township office. When your bag is full, you may place it in the Sylvester's recycling dumpster in front of the Township building. Your recyclables must be in this bag.

Volunteer Opportunities

Would you like to serve your community by volunteering? The following boards have vacancies that need filled.

Municipal Authority: The Municipal Authority makes important decisions about water and sewer services in the Township. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Park and Recreation: The Park and Rec Board hosts events such as the Chicken BBQ, craft fairs, give-away days, senior lunches, and events for children. They maintain the park and the community garden. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

If you're interested in volunteering, please come to a meeting.



Do I Need a Permit?

Before starting any project on your property, whether it be inside your home or outside your home, please stop into the office or call to find out what **permits** you may need. Here are some tips.

A **Zoning Permit** is required when any new structure is put on a property, or the use of the property is changing. The Zoning Permit Application shows the **location** of the structure you want to build or place on your property. The reason for this is to make sure you're not placing it too close to the property line, township right of way, or other important features.

A **Building Permit** is required for the construction of new buildings, additions, and some repairs/alterations within the home. Some examples you may not know about are hot tubs, installing or replacing a roof, installing a swimming pool, or changing the size of your windows.

A **Driveway Permit** is required when you wish to place a new driveway on your property. For Driveway Permits, an inspection is needed to check the location where you wish to place the driveway to make sure the location meets the sight distance. Another inspection will be required upon completion and before paving.

A **Paving Permit** is required when you go from a dirt or gravel driveway to a paved driveway, or if you are repaving your existing driveway. This is to ensure that the driveway ties into the road properly and the swale is maintained for stormwater functions. An inspection is needed before any construction starts.

A **Sign Permit** is required for all new signs, when one business leaves and another comes in, and when a business changes its name.

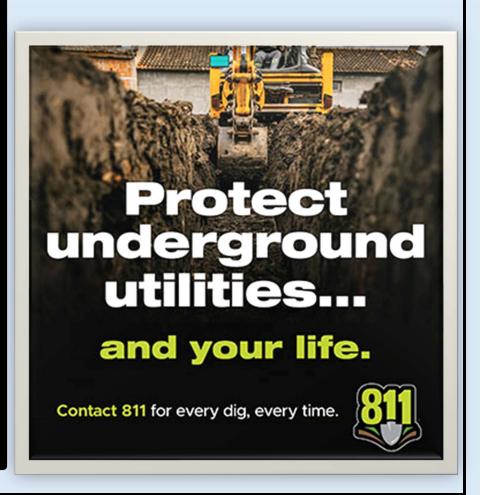
Pick up applications in the office or at penntownship.net

Ordinance Highlight



Section 1302 Temporary Structures for Dwelling Purposes

No tent, cabin, mobile home, garage, basement or other temporary structure, whether of a fixed or mobile nature, may hereafter be erected or established for any purpose for any length of time exceeding 14 days unless approval for temporary use is granted by the Board of Supervisors.



Anchor and Brace Propane Tanks and Gas Cylinders



PROTECTING YOUR PROPERTY FROM EARTHQUAKES

During earthquakes, propane tanks can break free of their supporting legs. When a tank falls, there is always a danger of a fire or an explosion. Even when a tank remains on its legs, its supply line can be ruptured. Escaping gas can then cause a fire. Similar problems can occur with smaller, compressed gas cylinders, which are often stored inside a house or garage.

One way to prevent damage to propane tanks and compressed gas cylinders is to anchor and brace them securely. The figure shows how the legs of a propane tank can be braced and anchored. Using a flexible connection on the supply line will help reduce the likelihood of a leak. Compressed gas cylinders cannot be permanently anchored because they have to be periodically replaced. But you can use chains to attach them to a wall so that they will remain upright.

BENEFITS OF UTILIZING THIS MITIGATION STRATEGY

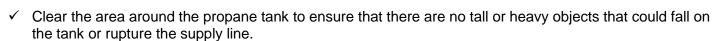
 Helps to prevent the tanks from breaking free from their support legs, which could cause fires or explosions

TIPS

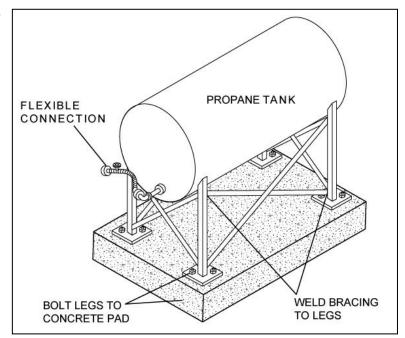
Keep these points in mind when you anchor and brace propane tanks or compressed gas cylinders:

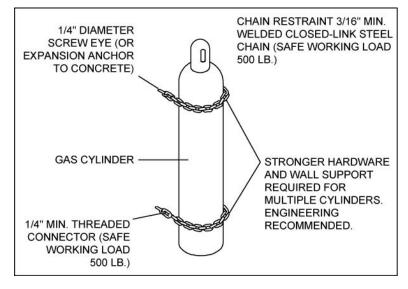
Before you alter your propane tank in any way, make sure that the tank is your property and not rented from the propane supplier. Before welding new bracing to the tank legs,

you must remove the gas from the tank. You should also check with your propane supplier to find out whether additional precautions are necessary.



✓ Keep a wrench near the shutoff valve and make sure the members of your family know how to turn off the supply line if they smell a gas leak. On larger tanks, such as farm tanks, consider installing a seismic shutoff valve that will automatically turn off the gas during an earthquake.





- Provide a flexible connection between the propane tank and the supply line and where the supply line enters the property. But keep in mind that adding a flexible connection to a propane tank line should be done by a licensed contractor, who will ensure that the work is done correctly and according to all applicable codes. This is important for your safety.
- ✓ To attach a compressed gas cylinder to a wall, use two lengths of chain around the cylinder one just below the top of the cylinder and one just above the bottom. The chains should be attached to eye hooks that are screwed into the wall. In wood-frame walls, the eye hooks must be long enough to penetrate not just the wall but the studs behind it as well. In concrete or masonry block walls, the eye hooks should be installed with expansion anchors or molly bolts.

ESTIMATED COST

Bracing and anchoring a propane tank will cost about \$250. Having flexible connections installed on the tank and at the property will cost about \$75 for the chain restraint. Attaching one gas cylinder to the wall will cost about \$30 per linear foot and \$50 for single units.

OTHER SOURCES OF INFORMATION

FEMA 74, Reducing the Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage: A Practical Guide, Third Edition, September 1994, http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=1574.

FEMA 232, *Homebuilders' Guide to Earthquake-Resistant Design and Construction*, June 2006, http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=2103.

To obtain copies of FEMA documents, call the FEMA Publications Warehouse at 1-800-480-2520 or visit FEMA's Library online at http://www.fema.gov/library.



The Duncannon Area Community Garden began in 2011 with a cooperative agreement between Mutzabaugh's and the Penn Township Park and Recreation Board, continued with Karns Foods. The community garden is in the field catty-corner to Rite Aid and the Karns Gas Station. Karns, local farmers, businesses, and individuals have graciously helped each year to prepare the ground and garden plot areas. Garden plots are FREE, but limited in number, and must be cleared out by Thanksgiving each year. Gardeners provide their own tools, seeds, and plants. Organic methods of gardening are preferred. If you're interested in working a garden plot in 2025, please contact the Garden Coordinator, John Sproch at 717-350-4431.

RECYCLING COLLECTION DAY

ELECTRONICS

APRIL 19, 2025 @ 10AM - 1PM NEWPORT FAIRGROUNDS

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS UNTIL TRUCKS ARE FILLED

\$1 CASH PER ITEM <u>plus</u> fee for speciality items

**speciality item fee items MUST be paid by cash or check written to "RRS" *

PERRY COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY



- Desktop Computers (Fee for Monitors)
- Keyboards & Mice
- Printers/Fax Machines
- Cables & Cords
- Cell Phone & Laptop Batteries
- Laptops
- UPS Battery Backups
- Toner & Ink Cartridges
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Telephones & Cell Phones*

- DVD Players & VCR's
- Gaming Systems
- String Christmas Lights
- Microwaves & Small Appliances
- Metal Items & Water Heaters
- Exercise Equipment
- Car Batteries (sealed lead acid)
- Bed Frames & Rain spouting
- Filing Cabinets
- *Please Remove Cell Phone Batteries

SPECIALITY ITEMS WITH ADDITIONAL FEE

- Washers & Dryers-\$20.00
- Stoves \$20.00
- Dishwashers-\$20.00
- Computer Monitors \$20
- Televisions under 42" \$40.00 ALL Types
- TVs (in wooden cabinet, Projection, Over 42", TV Tubes (Broken TVs") \$58.00
- Air Conditioners \$25.00
- Dehumidifiers \$25.00
- Refrigerators \$35.00
- Floor Freezers \$35.00
- Floor Copiers-\$20.00
- Console Stereos (in cabinet) \$35.00
- Water Coolers & Dorm Fridge \$25







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16 Shermanta Drive – Duncannon, PA 17020 – <u>www.dems29.com</u> (717) 834-5904 – Fax (717) 834-9346

2025 Sunday Dinner Schedule

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Meatloaf & Filling, Corn, Mashed Potatoes

SUNDAY MARCH 16, 2025

Roast Beef, Peas, Mashed Potatoes

SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

BBQ Ribs, Green Beans, Macaroni & Cheese, Mashed Potatoes

-NO DINNER IN MAY-

SUNDAY JUNE 22, 2025

Steaks, Corn, Mashed Potatoes

SUNDAY JULY 20, 2025

Baked Chicken & Filling, Peas, Mashed Potatoes

SUNDAY AUGUST 17, 2025

Ham, Lima Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Meatloaf, Candied Carrots, Mashed Potatoes

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2025

BBQ Chicken, Corn, Mashed Potatoes

-NO DINNERS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER-

Dinners Include Rolls, Punch, Water, Coffee, & Delicious Desserts!

Menu subject to change, based on availability of ingredients

11:00AM - 1:30PM

(Or Until Sold Out)

Adults (13 & Older): \$15.00 Children 5-12 Years Old: \$10.00 Children 4 & Under: Free



Emergency Alerts

If you do not receive emergency alerts from Penn Township, please call 717-834-5281 to be added to our *RAVE* alert system.

Duncannon Emergency Medical Services - Perry County Recreation Association

MONDAY NIGHT



Every Monday Evening, Year-Round

(except the last two Mondays of the year)

Kitchen and Rip Ticket Sales Begin at 5:30 PM BINGO Games Begin at 6:30 PM

A fun variety of BINGO games for CA\$H prizes, including a players' pool, progressive jackpots up to \$1,199, 50/50 games, speedball, and more!

Duncannon Emergency Medical Services 16 Shermanta Drive Duncannon, PA 17020 (717) 834-5904 facebook.com/pecoems

THANK YOU

For your support!

2025 CALENDAR

March

March 5 – PTMA 7pm

March 11 – Park & Rec 7pm

March 17 - PTPC 7pm

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 25 – PTS 7pm

May

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 7 - PTMA 7pm

May 11 – Mother's Day

May 13 - Park & Rec 7pm

May 19 - PTPC 7pm

May 26 - Memorial Day Office Closed

May 27 – PTS 7pm

July

July 2 – PTMA 7pm

July 4 - Independence Day Office Closed

July 8 - Park & Rec 7pm

July 21 – PTPC 7pm

July 29 - PTS 7pm

September

September 1 - Labor Day Office Closed

September 3 - PTMA 7pm

September 9 - Park & Rec 7pm

September 15 - PTPC 7pm

September 23 - PTS 7pm

April

April 2 - PTMA 7pm

April 11 - Park & Rec 7pm

April 12 - Chicken BBQ/ Craft Fair

April 15 - Tax Day

April 18 - Good Friday Office Closed

April 20 - Easter Sunday

April 21 - PTPC 7pm

April 29 – PTS 7pm

June

June 4 – PTMA 7pm

June 10 - Park & Rec 7pm

June 15 – Father's Day

June 16 - PTPC 7pm

June 24 - PTS 7pm

August

August 6 - PTMA 7pm

August 12 - Park & Rec 7pm

August 18 - PTPC 7pm

August 26 – PTS 7pm

Abbreviations

PTMA – Penn Township Municipal Authority

PTPC – Penn Township Planning Commission

PTS - Penn Township Supervisors

JOAC - Joint Duncannon Borough/Penn

Township Authorities

*There are some events that we do not have scheduled this far in advance. Please see penntownship.net each month for an updated calendar.

Penn Township, Perry County 100 Municipal Building Road Duncannon, PA 17020

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Local

Postal Customer

Train Crossing

If you see a train blocking a road crossing, please call Perry County Emergency Center (717-582-4311) and report it.

Attention Landlords

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