



MONROE NEWS

October 2016

MEET THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS & STAFF

Kent Kerstetter - Roads

RETIRED - Mr. Kerstetter officially retired from the Township on August 5, 2016 with 40+ years of service under his belt.

The Township Supervisors and staff honored Kent with a retirement luncheon on August 4 to thank him for his dedicated service to the Township and its residents as a member and leader of the Road Crew.

Mr. Kerstetter and his years of experience will be missed by many, but his retirement will allow him to spend more time with his family and enjoy his favorite past times of riding motorcycle and camping with friends.

We wish Kent many happy enjoyable years ahead and congratulate him on this lifetime milestone achievement.



HAPPY RETIREMENT

The Township has reflective house number signs available at a cost of \$12.

Call the Township office to order.

2016 MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors

Oct. 13 Nov. 10 Dec. 8

Planning Commission

Nov. 2 Dec. 7

Recreation Board

Oct. 10 Nov. 14 Dec. 12(5:30PM)

Municipal Authority

Oct. 19 Nov. 16 Dec. 21

All meetings start at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted

WANTED

Monroe Township is always looking for resident volunteers to serve on various boards as vacancies become apparent.

If you have a special interest in serving your community in such a capacity, please contact the township office and provide your name, address, telephone number, email address and area of interest to be added to our "interested volunteers" list.

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT

OCTOBER 31, 2016

6-8 PM



BE SAFE AND WATCH FOR CHILDREN WHEN DRIVING

****REMINDERS****

Open burning/ fires are prohibited in the Conservation Zone (the mountain area near and including White Rock Acres).

Cleaning and maintenance of driveway pipes is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Brush cutting and road work will progress as conditions allow, please be on the look out for our road crew and their equipment.

*Pets should **not** be allowed to roam freely throughout neighborhoods or neighbor's properties.*

For the benefit of our whole community, please keep these reminders in mind.

Burning Permit Note: Monroe Township may issue a Permit which gives a Monroe Property Owner the authorization to conduct an open burn on cut trees, stumps and brush. This permit does not allow the burning of such items as demolition waste, insulation, shingles, treated wood, paint, painted or stained objects or furniture, tires, mattresses, box springs, metal, insulating coating on wire, television sets and appliances, automobiles, automotive parts, batteries, PVC products, waste oil and other petroleum products. The Monroe Fire Marshall should be contacted if you have any questions as to allowable materials under the open burn permit.

Township Office Closings

Nov. 8 - Election Day

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 24 & 25- Thanksgiving

Dec. 23 - 26 - Christmas

Dec. 30 at Noon - New Years

Jan. 2 - New Years



**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016

6:30 PM

**MONROE TOWNSHIP
MUNICIPAL HALL**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**COME ENJOY FUN, SNACKS,
MUSIC AND THE ARRIVAL OF
SANTA ON OUR FIRE TRUCK.**

TENANT OCCUPANCY UPDATES - Properties occupied by somebody other than the legal owner should have a current, up-to-date status of occupancy report on file with the Township. Ordinance 1-78 makes it the property owner's responsibility to submit new tenant information in a timely manner when any occupancy status changes with the rented property.

These tenant occupancy status reports also apply to any mobile homes paying lot rent within a mobile home park. In these cases, the park owner or management company is responsible for providing an up-to-date list of all tenants paying lot rent.

If you own rental property and need forms or more information, please contact the Township Office at 258-6642 or by email at monroetwp@monroetwp.net.

TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Mary A. Murray, Tax Collector

Phone / Fax: 258-6420

Email: MTTaxx@aol.com

Office Hours:

Jan, Feb, & Dec 16-31
By appointment

Mar – Dec 15
Mon & Wed 5-7 PM

See Tax Bill for special hours
and closings

Requests for
Tax Certifications
per year/per parcel:

Mail request with fee of \$10 with
US Mail self-addressed, stamped
envelope OR a fax number to:

Mary Murray,
1375 Creek Rd.,
Boiling Springs, PA 17007.



Joseph T. Simpson Library

For more information, contact the
Simpson Public Library at
simpson@cumberlandcountylibraries.org
or call 766-0171

www.simpsonlibrary.org



RECYCLING GRANT AWARD

*Monroe Township was awarded \$ 4,968 from the
Department of Environmental Protection under the Act 101
Recycling Program Performance Grant for recycling 515.4
tons of residential and commercial materials in 2014.*

*Thank you to all of those businesses and residents doing
their part to save the environment .*

Home and Farm Based Business Question

The Monroe Planning Commission is reviewing the township's
Comprehensive Plan needs for the next decade. We will be
evaluating if we should update our zoning map and codes. In other
words, should we be more business friendly to our residents?

Have you desired to establish and advertise a home or farm based
business, but feel the Monroe Zoning requirements are too
restrictive or too expensive? We would like to hear from you as to
the specific concerns you have. Can you tell us the hours you
would want to operate, the number of parking spots needed, and
outside lighting and storage requirements? If you have an existing
business in Monroe, but feel the township is too restrictive, we
would like to hear from you as well.

Please email your thoughts and comments to

monroetwp@monroetwp.net

with the subject line "P.C. Business Info Comments",
or you can mail or drop off
your comments at the township building.

Friends of Churchtown

*The Friends of Rural and Historic Churchtown
Area does not currently have any activities
planned. We do continue to have materials
available for purchase:*

- *Churchtown and Monroe Twp. color maps
from 1872 (\$10) - contact Teresa Phillips at
254-3865*
- *Churchtown books (\$20) - contact Sue
Sunday at 249-6060*

*"Stories of Old Churchtown" is a 45 minute
program offered by Sue Sunday. The
presentation includes tales of mischief, murder,
Civil War connections, and other fascinating facts
from the heyday of Churchtown.
Contact Sue Sunday at 249-6060 or
SLSUNDAY@embarqmail.com*

Burning Permits are now available online

***Visit the Township website forms tab
and follow the directions***

CENTURY & BICENTENNIAL FARM PROGRAM

The Department of Agriculture recognizes PA families who have been farming the same land for 100 & 200 years through the Century and Bicentennial farm programs.

The same family must own the farm for at least 100 (Century Farm) or 200 (Bicentennial Farm) consecutive years. A family member must live on the farm on a permanent basis; and the farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holding, OR gross more than \$1,000 annually from the sale of farm products.

Interested applicants should complete an application, have it notarized, and mail it to the Department of Agriculture for review. Certificates are then either presented or mailed to the recipient.

Application and the programs' history can be found at www.agriculture.pa.gov/Encourage/farmland/cbfp/Pages/default.aspx



MONROE FIRE COMPANY

At the Board of Supervisors meeting on July 14, 2016, Cumberland County Commissioner, Vincent DiFilippo was present to recognize the Monroe Fire Company with a certificate for their hard work, dedication, and assistance to an elderly couple during Winter Storm Jonas. Mr. DiFilippo noted that the individuals involved in this particular incident went above and beyond the call of duty and are due special recognition for their efforts and assistance.



Helping Your Neighbors When They Need it Most!

MONROE ELEMENTARY PTO

Monroe Elementary PTO is selling tickets to Touch of the Valley. They are \$30 per ticket. The event is Saturday, November 5 at 6:30 pm at Cumberland Valley High School. The event is a silent auction and tasting event featuring local businesses and restaurants.

Do you own your own business? Are you an independent consultant? If so, we need your help!! Please consider donating to the Touch of the Valley through the Monroe PTO. We are looking for donations or gift cards. This event is conducted by the Eagle Foundation, but proceeds from our donations to the auctions are returned to our PTO. Please contact Sherisa Nailor at jsnailor@gmail.com to purchase tickets or make a donation.

VERIZON WIRELESS CELL TOWER AGREEMENT

Great news! Monroe Township has entered in to a long term lease agreement with Verizon Wireless to install a cell tower on Township property located behind the Monroe Fire Station.

In addition to adding to the emergency services capabilities of our township, this new tower will improve cell and wireless data service in the Churchtown area which has been lagging. The lease agreement will also generate a steady revenue flow for our township which helps to lessen the burden on taxpayers.

Improved service in an area historically known for poor reception and revenue generation from a source other than taxes benefit all of us. When the lease is over, Verizon Wireless will remove the tower and return the property back to its original condition. And, while the tower is operational, they will maintain landscaping around the area they are leasing.

So, be on the lookout as work is anticipated to start in October, and we should start seeing improvements in our cell service by early next year.

Monroe Township is now accepting credit card payments for sewer charges through GovPayNet.

(SERVICE FEES WILL APPLY)

Visit the Township website at www.monroetwp.net and follow the links to GovPayNet.

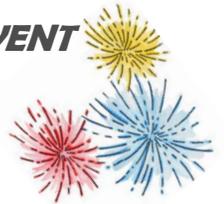


SAVE THE DATE!

**18TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY DAY EVENT**

JUNE 17, 2017

(RAIN DATE JUNE 18)



Trash & Recycling Services

A new contract bid process resulted in a new, lower rate for totter trash service in Monroe Township. Penn Waste was awarded the 3 year bid and will remain the Township Waste and Recycling hauler with new lower totter service rates taking affect January 2017.

The 2017 - 2019 rate for totter service will be \$44.85 per quarter, netting a savings of almost \$20.00 per year. The bag service will remain with a minimum purchase of 18 bags per year at \$4.00 per bag. Additional bags can be purchased at the Township office as needed after the initial required purchase.

Penn Waste has proven to be a reliable service provider, and we look forward to doing business with them for another 3 years.



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

on the Square of Churchtown

Pastor Debbie Brumbaugh

Church Email: mtzionluth@verizon.net

Church Office: (717) 258-3039

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 10:15 AM with

Holy Communion in Fellowship Hall

Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 23 at 7 PM
at Otterbein UMC, Carlisle

Christmas Eve Service - December 24 at 7 PM
Mt Zion's Annual Candlelight Service with
Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome!

COMMUNITY DINNERS: These free home-cooked meals are served on the first Saturday of the month from **5 to 6:30 pm**. This is an opportunity for food, fellowship, and fun - and to come together as a community!

Oct 1 - Hamburgers/Hotdogs with Corn on the Cob
(begins an hour early at 4 PM)

Nov 5 - Taste 5 Different varieties of Chili - then take a
Hayride (for all ages) at 6:30 PM!

Dec 3 - Salisbury Steak with Scallop Potatoes then
Christmas Caroling after dinner

Jan 7 - Pork and Sauerkraut

HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!

COMMUNITY PEACE GARDEN!

Mt. Zion continues the process of creating a Peace Garden on our front lawn where everyone in the community can sit quietly to praise God, find solace, meditate, or just sit for a while taking a break from their busy schedules. Be sure to watch its progress from beginning to end!

THE FREE STORE! We help families in need with food, personal care items, clothing, etc. If you know of someone in Monroe Township who needs assistance, please contact the church office (or have your school counselor or school nurse contact us) to shop for free at the store. All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential. The store is open during our monthly community dinners from 5 to 6:30 pm ... or by appointment by calling the church office.

COMMUNITY AID BIN - Recycle your clothing, shoes and light household items in the Community Aid bin in our church parking lot!

NEED A ROOM FOR A MEETING OR PARTY OR DINNER? - Anyone needing a large room for meetings, parties, etc. may contact the church office for information.

Crossroads Bible Church

1022 York Road
Dillsburg, PA 17019
Gregory Sheffer, Pastor
Church Phone – 717-432-4099

Join us each Sunday for our Family Services

Sunday:

10 :30 AM Blended Worship Service

6:30 PM Family Bible Study Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM

Word of Life Lions (Teen Group)

Olympians - Elementary age

Gophers - Preschool Ages 3 to Kindergarten

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study for the Adults

The First Thursday of Each month is
Crossroads' Diggin' Deeper Bible Study

We are going through the
Book of Revelation.

Bring a notebook

We will give you the notes!

Upcoming Community Event:



Christmas Dinner Concert

December 4 - 6:00 PM for the Dinner

7:15 PM for the Concert

with "Keepin' it Simple" (from Perry County)

Call Debi Sheffer at 717-701-2631

for information and tickets for the

Christmas Dinner Concert.

Begin the Christmas Season in a "Log Cabin Church"
with Kerosene Lights and all the decorations.

MS4 Stormwater Management: What Is It and Why Should We Care?

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) are systems of publically owned pipes, roads, and ditches that transport stormwater runoff to local waterways. In areas that the waterways have been designated "impaired", municipalities are mandated by the federal government to have permitting and a plan in place to improve the water quality of these impaired waterways.

Monroe Twp. has a couple impaired streams within our borders, Trindle Springs Run and Yellow Breeches Creek are two of these impaired streams. It is our goal to educate residents, especially those living in the areas surrounding these impaired waters, on what they can do to help reduce further pollution and improve the water quality of these waterways.

Minimizing and eliminating illicit discharges is one way we can start to improve our water quality. Illicit Discharges are any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharges to the storm drain system. There are a few activities that are exempt from this definition and are allowed; these exempted activities include: water line flushing, landscape irrigation/lawn watering, non-commercial vehicle washing, fire fighting activities, and dye testing (dye testing requires written notification to the Township). There are many things that do not belong in our storm drains and streams. If you see something that does not seem right report it to the Township for investigation.

Little things done by many people net big results. Lets work together to keep our waterways clean, our water quality high and help save our Chesapeake Bay.

Links to other useful conservation websites
are available on the township website under the MS4 tab

Mt. Zion Cemetery

This historic cemetery, located at the intersection of Boiling Springs Road and York Road, contains the graves of many Monroe families that date back to the late 1700's. Many of the township's Civil War veterans are buried here.

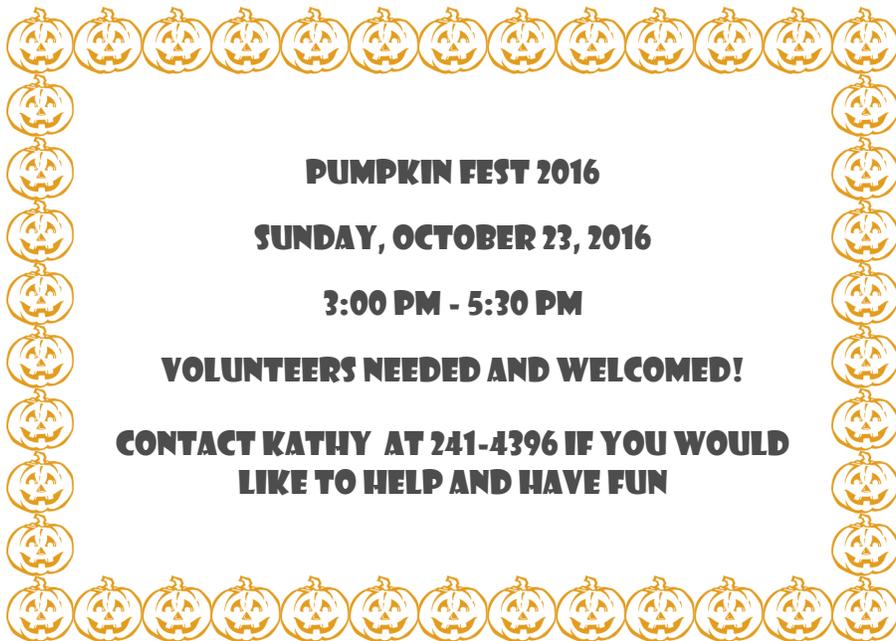
The cemetery is supported and maintained by volunteers. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Jim Clay at 571-6643. We can provide community service hours, if you need them or Boy Scout Eagle Project opportunities.

Please consider Mt. Zion as a final resting place for your loved ones. This is a scenic, peaceful setting right in our community. We are planning to add a columbarium for the respectful storage of urns containing cremains. Contact Lynn Ronan for information about lot purchase at 258-9863.

**Monroe Township
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9794**

PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 3
CARLISLE, PA
17013

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



PUMPKIN FEST 2016

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2016

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND WELCOMED!

**CONTACT KATHY AT 241-4396 IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO HELP AND HAVE FUN**

Contact Us

The Township Office Is Open
Monday-Friday
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Phone: 717-258-6642
717-697-4613

Fax: 717-258-9311

Email us at:
monroetwp@monroetwp.net

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www.monroetwp.net

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