



MONROE NEWS

April 2017

MEET THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS & STAFF

Eric Long – Rec Board

Eric has been a resident of Monroe Township for over 20 years with his wife, Joan, raising 2 sons, Seth and Elijah. Eric works as a computer infrastructure engineer and has been a member of the Recreation Board since 2012.

Eric enjoys volunteering at Monroe Township functions and with other charitable organizations. In his free time, he enjoys the outdoors, playing softball, gardening, hiking, hunting and fishing. Eric is also a member of the PA Apiculture Association (beekeeping).



PHASE 3 ON-LOT PUMPINGS

April will bring the start of the on-lot pumping reminder letter mailings. Those properties that are listed as Phase 3 properties will receive a reminder letter to have their septic tank pumped this year.

If you have questions regarding the on-lot program, please call the Township office for clarification.

2017 MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors

May 11 Jun. 8 Jul. 13 Aug. 10
Sep. 14 Oct. 12 Nov. 9 Dec. 14

Planning Commission

May 3 Jun. 7 Jul. 5 Aug. 2
Sep. 6 Oct. 4 Nov. 1 Dec. 6

Recreation Board

May 8 Jun. 12 Aug. 14 Sep. 11
Oct. 9 Nov. 13 Dec. 11(5:30PM)

Municipal Authority

May 17 Jun. 21 Jul. 19 Aug. 16
Sep. 20 Oct. 18 Nov. 15 Dec. 20

**All meetings start at 7:00 PM
unless otherwise noted**

Township Office Closings

April 14 - Good Friday

May 16 - Election Day

May 29 - Memorial Day

***The Township has reflective house
number signs available at a cost of \$12.
Call the Township office to order.***

MS4 - WHAT'S NEW

2018 will see a new MS4 Stormwater Permit for Monroe Township. With this new permit, there are new requirements that the Township must address to ensure compliance. By September 2017, the Township must submit it's Notice of Intent to the State for coverage under the State's general permit along with its plans to reduce pollutants discharged to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. As these pollutant reduction plans are developed, an opportunity for public input and comment will be made available. Keep an eye to the Township website and the meeting agendas for your opportunity to review and comment on these plans.



Remember:

Stormwater drains are meant for stormwater only,
please report any unusual circumstances to the Township office for investigation.
Clean water is good for everybody.



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.

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.

Please remember to refrain from placing or planting in the road right of way area

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.



8th Annual Senior Day Event

CALLING ALL ADULTS 50 years of age and BETTER!

8th Annual Senior Day is set for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Monroe Township Fire Hall at 1225 Peffer Road, Mechanicsburg. The event will again begin at 3 pm.

We have many vendors, food, free books, and entertainment for your enjoyment!

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR RECREATION BOARD FOR THIS FREE EVENT!!

Questions or wishing to help at the event, please contact Kathy Densham at kdensham1270@comcast.net or 241-4396.

The Recreation Board is also accepting age appropriate book donations for this event. If you have books you would like to donate, please bring them to the Township Building or to Kathy Densham's home at 1270 Sandy Lane, Boiling Springs.

TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Mary A. Murray, Tax Collector

Phone / Fax: 258-6420

Email: MTTax@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.

Cumberland County Tax Bureau (CCTB)

21 Waterford Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Collects

- Earned Income Tax (EIT)
- Local Services Tax (LST)

CCTB Information

Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Web: www.cumberlandtax.org

Phone: 717-590-7997



Joseph T. Simpson Library

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

www.simpsonlibrary.org



White Rock Acres Community Yard Sale

Saturday, August 12, 2017

8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Questions?
Contact Wendy Bopp at 701-8447 (home)
or Amy at 243-1252 (home).

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

Appalachian Trail Volunteer Opportunities

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a continuous footpath extending more than 2100 miles between Springer Mountain in Georgia and Mount Katahdin in Maine. The Trail is maintained largely by volunteer labor organized in more than 30 maintaining clubs working with the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and the National Park Service. The Cumberland Valley Appalachian Trail Club (CVATC) is one of those clubs, responsible for maintaining 17 miles of the Trail across the Cumberland Valley. There are some beautiful, pastoral scenes from the Trail in Monroe Township.

CVATC is looking for active volunteers to help with trail maintenance and the organizational work of the club. Come out and help us in our mission to keep this world-class recreational resource open and available to both local residents and long-distance hikers who come from all parts of the United States and beyond.

We have a regular work day on the 3rd Saturday of each month and an extensive hiking schedule available on our website: <http://www.cvatclub.org>

Please join us or call Christine Lauriello at 440-2112 or email us at cvatclub@gmail.com for additional information

South Mountain Trolley Greenway Rail-Trail Project

A local group has formed to study the feasibility of establishing a non-motorized rail-trail along the path of the former Cumberland Valley Railroad: Dillsburg Branch, through the Cumberland County communities of the Borough of Mechanicsburg, Silver Spring Township, and Monroe Township, and the York County communities of Carroll Township and the Borough of Dillsburg. Today, the South Mountain Trolley Greenway rail-trail offers an opportunity to once again link the communities and highlight the region's unique history and beautiful and important landscape resources while enhancing local economies and improving quality of life for all.

The group is working to raise support and funds to conduct a Feasibility Study (a written report that will explore the feasibility of constructing the project and how much community support exists). A Feasibility Study is required before applying for construction grants in the future, should our communities choose to move forward with construction.

Completed in 1872, the Dillsburg Branch of the Cumberland Valley Railroad extended 8 miles and connected the vital rail network at Harrisburg with the ore fields of South Mountain, surrounding Dillsburg. Later, passenger service to both communities helped them prosper and grow, while the annual Granger's Picnic at Williams Grove continuously attracted tens of thousands of train riders over the course of the one week event.

In the early 20th Century, the branch became incorporated into the larger Pennsylvania Railroad system, and was electrified in 1906. Trolley service between the towns began, and trolleys across the farmland of Monroe and Carroll Townships became a common sight. By the late 1970's all trains had ceased running on the line, and the tracks were removed in the 1980's.

Today, this somewhat forgotten story and railroad corridor presents the South Mountain region with a truly unique opportunity to link the historic communities once again. Rail-trails provide many community benefits, including increases to opportunities for our communities' economy, health, natural and cultural preservation, and overall quality of life.

ALLENBERRY

A new era begins. Shepherded forward by new ownership Allenberry will continue to offer the best of hospitality and entertainment. The historical limestone buildings are all being restored and renovated. The judicious clearing of trees and vegetation has enhanced the beauty and serenity of the Yellow Breeches flowing through the property. This encourages the eye to appreciate the stately nineteenth century architecture in a pleasing bucolic setting. Here new experiences will lead to developing friendships and lasting memories.

Allenberry has been and will continue to be a Cumberland County 'gem' to be appreciated and enjoyed.

The initial opening is likely in early summer. The Playhouse at Allenberry will open in July.

**18TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY DAY EVENT**

JUNE 17, 2017

The 18th Annual Community Day will be held on June 17, 2017, with a rain date of June 18th. The day's events will begin at 4 PM and end with a fabulous fireworks display at 9:30 PM. There will be raffles, games, food and craft vendors, as well as the Duck Regatta and musical entertainment provided by Cheap Sneakers. A complete schedule of events will be mailed out in June.

The Duck Regatta will take place on the Yellow Breeches next to the Leidigh Park at 3 PM.

Ducks are available at the Township office for \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Ducks will NOT be available the day of the event.

Volunteers are needed to make Community Day a true success. Time slots are available at the games and raffles from 4-9 PM. Adults and teenagers 13+ are asked to consider volunteering 1 hour of their time to help make this day a huge success.

Contact Karen at 258-6642 or 697-4613 ext. 223 or by email at klowery@monroetwp.net to volunteer.



Special Needs Soccer Program:

The HMMS Outreach Program for Soccer (TOPS) is a soccer program for children with special needs. Children with autism, cerebral palsy, down syndrome, wheel chairs, and other challenges have thrived in the program. Our goal is to enable players to develop their physical fitness, courage, and self-esteem through the game of soccer.

TOPS sessions are held on Sunday afternoons at Creekview Park, Mechanicsburg, PA in the fall and spring. The TOPS program is open to any child, including children who live outside of the Cumberland Valley School District.

For additional information and to register for the Fall 2017 season, please visit www.hmms-soccer.org and select the "Registration" button.

To register for the Spring 2017 season or if you have any questions, please contact Eric Bowman at 123ericbowman@gmail.com or 802-6602.

MONROE ELEMENTARY PTO

The Monroe Elementary Greenhouse is looking forward to another great spring season. We will be open beginning the second week of May and at the Spring Fair. Stop in for a variety of bedding annuals, vegetables, and hanging baskets!!

May 19 is Monroe's Spring Fair from 5-8 PM. Food is cash only. K9 demo, hayride, arts and crafts, music, games, petting zoo, silent auction, free dental screening, and more! Hope to see you there.



MONROE FIRE COMPANY

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30 - Cash Bingo

**June 17 - Community Day
Pit Beef Sandwiches**

July 23 - Cash Bingo

***Helping Your Neighbors When
They Need it Most!***



COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS



***The Community Garden Area for residents will
be available beginning April 15.***

***Applications and Rules are available
by contacting Karen at
klowery@monroetwp.net
or at 258-6642 or 697-4613 ext. 223***

***Monroe Township is now accepting
credit card payments through GovPayNet.***

(SERVICE FEES WILL APPLY)



MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

on the Square of Churchtown

Pastor Debbie Brumbaugh

Church Email: mtzionluth@verizon.net

Church Office: (717) 258-3039

SUNDAY WORSHIP (Sept.—May) at 10:15 AM

Everyone is welcome!

SUMMER SUNDAY WORSHIP (June—Aug.) at 9 AM

- “Shorter” service in our air-conditioned Fellowship Hall
- A light breakfast every Sunday –eat before, during, or after the service
- Come as you are—worship is casual and informal
- Family friendly with “fun buckets” for the children

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! Everyone is welcome!

May 6 - BBQ and Soup (with a blessing for all mothers at 5:30 pm)

June 3 - Meatball Subs (with a blessing for all fathers at 5:30 pm)

July 1 - Picnic dinner - check our outdoor sign for details!

THE FREE STORE! We help families in need with food, personal care items, clothing, etc. on the first Saturday of the month from 5 - 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?

Rent our Fellowship Hall (\$50) for meetings, birthday parties, baby showers, etc. Contact the church office to reserve your date and time. Catering is also available from Mt. Zion!

SAVE THESE DATES!

OCT. 7: 3 MILE FUN RUN/WALK
(Benefits the CPARC Churchtown Group Home)
Rain or Shine! Stay for dinner afterwards

Oct. 29: Celebrate the 500th Anniversary
of the Reformation with us!
Dedication of our new Peace Garden
History of Mr. Zion Open House



Crossroads Bible Church

1022 York Road
Dillsburg, PA 17019
“ A Family Church!”

The Monroe Township Community is invited to all services and activities at Crossroad bible Church. We would love to have you as part of our church family!

Sunday:

10 :30 AM - Blended Worship Service

6:30 PM - 1,2,3rd week of the Month

Family Bible Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM - Evening Ministries for Preschool to Adults

April 16 - Easter Sunday

Easter Morning Early Resurrection Service

8:30 AM along the Yellow Breeches Creek

Bring your lawn chair and blankets

Early Morning Easter Service with a campfire followed by Breakfast at the church at 9:15 AM

Community Chicken Bar-B-Que

May 10 followed by a Contemporary Christian Concert and Drama by Word of Life Revive Band

Tickets are 8.00 in advance

Chicken Take Out - 3 PM

Eat In for the Chicken Bar-b-Que is 4 PM

Call Becky Arnold - 717-635-5251

End of Year Blow-Out! "The Carnival"

Join us to celebrate the beginning of summer!

Wednesday, June 21 - 6 PM to 8:30 PM

A Fire Truck and An Ambulance

Silver Spring K-9 Unit

Children's Games

Dunk Tank

Snow Cones & Refreshments

Dress to be Wet!

Vacation Bible School

June 25 to 29

6:30 to 8:30 PM

"Operation Arctic"

Advance Registration:

Becky Arnold - 717-635-5251

Bring a friend and get a prize!





**Penn Waste
Needs
Your Help!**

An important message about medical waste

In 2016, Penn Waste received **over 500 pounds of medical waste** at our recycling facility! This is a **public safety hazard** for our team members who manually sort through the recycling and are at risk of getting stuck by a needle.

How Can You Help?

Medical waste needs to be properly disposed of in the **TRASH**, not the **RECYCLING**.

If a person does not have a sharps container to dispose of their medical waste, they should do the following:

- 1 Place their medical waste in a thick container that has a lid** – such as a coffee can or detergent bottle.
- 2 Make sure the lid is secure** on the container by duct taping it shut and **place it in the TRASH**.

Please help us keep our team members safe!

Thank you!



pennwaste.com

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Carlisle CARES

Are you familiar with Carlisle CARES?

This non-profit organization serves the emergency needs of the homeless in Cumberland County and surrounding areas when no other shelter can be found. CARES partners with area churches who open their doors to provide overnight lodging for individuals and families. The Resource Center serves as “home base” for guests to have an address & phone number for job applications, as well as a location to safely store personal belongings, shower, prepare meals, and most importantly, meet with their assigned Social Service Coordinator. The goal of Carlisle CARES is to provide the support needed to help enrich lives and provide a path to self-sufficiency.

Upcoming events include the CARES 10th Annual Banquet & Silent Auction on Tuesday, April 18 and 7th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, July 7.

Call 717-249-1009 or visit their website for more details! www.CarlisleCARES.org



Need someone to talk to? Need resources?



CONTACT Helpline can help.

Get connected.

Call our 24/7 listening and information and referral service today!

Dial: 1 (800) 932- 4616 or 211.

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**

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT



**Memorial Day Celebration
Monday, May 29, 2017
10:00 a.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery**

Monroe will again pay tribute to those who have served in the military in times of war and peace. We invite all residents to attend this ceremony. Limited seating will be available. You may want to bring a chair. There is plenty of parking at the cemetery. The ceremony will last 30 to 45 minutes.

Please join the Monroe community in our tradition of honoring those soldiers who gave their all for our freedom. If you are a veteran, please plan to attend and be recognized.

Our speakers will be John and Cindy Dwyer, Monroe Township residents and National Guard veterans.

The Cumberland Valley JROTC Color Guard will be part of our program. We will have music and Bill Castle will be our Master of Ceremonies. If we have inclement weather, the ceremony will be in the Monroe Township Fire House.

If you are interested in helping please contact Sue Sunday, a member of the Mount Zion Cemetery Board (249-6060 or SLSUNDAY@embarqmail.com).

Contact Us

The Township Office Is Open
Monday-Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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

Fax: 717-258-9311

Email us at:
monroetwp@monroetwp.net

Visit us on the web at
www.monroetwp.net

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