



# MONROE NEWS

July 2017

## MEET THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS & STAFF

### **Ronald Eckerd—Municipal Authority Board**

Mr. Eckerd has been a Monroe Township resident for over 50 years. He served as a Township Auditor for 12 years and is currently part of the Municipal Authority Board.

Mr. Eckerd retired from the Cumberland Valley School District after 40 years as a business education teacher, where he also served as a yearbook advisor for 34 years. He has been a member of his church choir and has performed the duties of church treasurer. Mr. Eckerd also managed the Mechanicsburg Pool for 20 year.

In his spare time, he enjoys gardening, working in his work shop, reading, walking, bicycling and spending time with his wife, 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

## Sinclair Road Update

During the winter of 2016, UGI Utilities Inc. installed a new gas transmission main in and along Sinclair Road. As a result of the construction activities, the roadway surface was damaged. The Township has secured a financial commitment of \$80,000 from UGI to repave the road, however two additional projects are on the horizon which will require coordination with the proposed paving, including a new traffic signal at Sinclair Road and West Trindle Road, as well as widening work associated with the Trindle Station subdivision. As a result, we anticipate the paving project will commence in the Spring of 2018. We thank the resident's continued patience regarding the condition of Sinclair Road, and look forward to an upgraded Sinclair Road corridor coming in 2018!

## **2017 MEETING DATES**

### Board of Supervisors

Aug. 10 Sep. 14 Oct. 12  
Nov. 9 Dec. 14

### Planning Commission

Aug. 2 Sep. 6 Oct. 4  
Nov. 1 Dec. 6

### Recreation Board

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

### Municipal Authority

Aug. 16 Sep. 20 Oct. 18  
Nov. 15 Dec. 20

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

## Township Office Closings

Sept. 4 - Labor Day

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

*Call the Township office to order.*

**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.



Monroe Township recently renamed our Roads Department to The Department of Public Works.

The departmental name change coincides with the Township's plan to identify the departmental mission and vision, as well as outline renewed departmental goals.

The Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining the township infrastructure, roads, parks and buildings.



### 2017 Road Work

A portion of Creek Road will be repaved during the summer.

Line Painting will be completed to the following roads after the repaving and oil and chipping projects are completed.

Boyer Road, Caboose Lane, Creek Road, Cur-Lee Lane, Dogwood Terrace, Eppley Road, Fisher Road, Heisey Road, Horick Drive, Laurel Drive, Leidigh Drive, Martin Road, Myers Road, Ridge Road, Shannon Road, Spring Lane, Stumpstown Road, and Swope Drive

### \*\*SPECIAL 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 refrain from placing or planting items within the road right-of-way area. Items in the right-of-way area can affect sight distances, snow removal and other road work. The public works department reserves the right to trim or remove any items within the right-of-way*
- ◆ *Pets should **not** be allowed to roam freely throughout neighborhoods or onto neighbor's properties.*

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

### 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.*

## TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Mary A. Murray, Tax Collector

Phone / Fax: 258-6420

Email: [MTTaxx@aol.com](mailto: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.

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## **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](http://www.cumberlandtax.org)

Phone: 717-590-7997

## MONROE FIRE COMPANY



### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 23 - Cash Bingo  
August 20 – Cash Bingo  
October 8 – Cash Bingo

Like us on Facebook  
(<https://www.facebook.com/MonroeFire/>)  
or check out [Monroefire.net](http://Monroefire.net)  
for more information

### Help Wanted

Monroe Fire Company is always seeking individuals who are interested in giving back to their community as volunteers.

Think firefighting isn't for you? We have many other opportunities within the fire company that you can help with including food preparation and fundraising.

If you are interested in firefighting, anyone 14 years of age or older may apply to be a volunteer firefighter. We will make sure you receive the proper equipment and training both through in-house instruction, self-study, and through formal firefighting classes offered by a number of organizations in the area.

In addition to firefighting, we can also use help with fire police and emergency medical personnel. Like those who wish to be firefighters, our organization will match you with the right skill set, equipment, and training.

Those interested in membership may stop by the station to pick up an application or call (717)-258-3458. You may also email Jonathan Anschutz at [janschutz@monroefire.net](mailto:janschutz@monroefire.net)

### Donate Your Unwanted Vehicle

Do you have an unwanted vehicle that you no longer need? Does it take up space in your yard or garage? Monroe Fire Company can help you with disposing of that vehicle.

Your community fire company can use that vehicle to train our firefighters on vehicle rescue and extrication techniques.

In many circumstances, your donation may even be tax deductible.

If you have an unwanted vehicle and are interested in donating it, please contact Mark Farrell at [williammarkfarrell@gmail.com](mailto:williammarkfarrell@gmail.com)

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

## 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 by emailing us at [cvatclub@gmail.com](mailto:cvatclub@gmail.com) for additional information



### 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.

Call 717-249-1009 or visit their website for more details! [www.CarlisleCARES.org](http://www.CarlisleCARES.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).



**Burning Permits are now available online**

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



### Need someone to talk to? Need resources?

CONTACT Helpline can help.

Get connected.

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

The **2017 Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Event** will be held on **August 19** from 9 AM—3 PM at the Cumberland County Service Center located at 310 Allen Road, Carlisle, PA 17013.

Visit the County Website at <https://www.ccpa.net/3499/2017-HHW-Drop-Off-Event> for details on acceptable materials and other important information.



Mosquito Complaints?

Standing Water?

Contact us!

Cumberland County Vector Control  
West Nile Virus Program  
(717) 240-7808  
[www.ccpa.net/vector](http://www.ccpa.net/vector)

## MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

on the Square of Churchtown

Pastor Debbie Brumbaugh

Church Email: mtzionluth@verizon.net

Church Office: (717) 258-3039

### **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 - and to come together as a community!

**Aug. 5** - Meatball Sandwiches in honor of the Monroe Fire Company

**Sep. 2** - TBA - check our outdoor sign for details

**COMMUNITY PEACE GARDEN!** The Peace Garden is a place 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!

### **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!

**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!

## **HERE'S WHAT'S NEW!**

### **AUG 1-SEPT 4 - ORDER HOMEMADE CHICKEN CORN SOUP (\$7.50 per quart)**

Pre-orders only - by phone or email (give us your name, phone number, and # of quarts).

Pick up **Sept 9 from 1 - 3 pm** (use our circular driveway for drive-thru pick up!) Cash or Check (made out to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church)

pay at time of pick up.

100% of the proceeds purchases Thanksgiving/ Christmas dinners for Monroe families in need

### **AUG 5 - FREE COMMUNITY DINNER (5—6:30PM)**

Honors members of the Monroe Fire Company for their service to our community.

Come join us to thank them!

### **OCT 7 MT ZION 3-MILE FUN WALK/RUN:**

**Benefits the CPARC Churchtown Group Home**

Registration: 2 – 3 PM Fun Walk/Run: 3 pm - ?

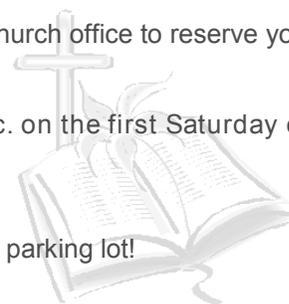
Dinner: 4 - 6:30 PM Rain or Shine!

Stay for a FREE community dinner afterwards!

### **OCT 29: Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation with us!**

Dedication of our new Peace Garden.

History of Mt. Zion Open House with activities for all ages!



## 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 - Family Worship Service

6:30 PM - 1,2,3<sup>rd</sup> week of the Month

Family Bible Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM - Evening Ministries for Preschool to Adults

## Special Event

### *Creation Museum/Ark Experience Bus Trip*

Join Crossroads Bible Church as we travel with Wolf's Bus Line to Kentucky.

November 3, 4, 5, 2017

\*\*Leaving on Friday, November 3 at 7:00 AM from Crossroads Bible Church, 1022 York Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019 and arriving back at Crossroads Bible Church, Monday morning November 6 at approx. 4:30 AM

Deposit for the Trip is 185.00 per person - due by August 27, with the balance due for the trip by September 24.

Saturday, we will be spending the day at the Creation Museum and Sunday Afternoon at the Full Size Ark.

For more information on the trip and pricing per person - call Debi Sheffer at 717-701-2631

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

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PERMIT NO. 3  
CARLISLE, PA  
17013

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



Thank you for the following businesses for donating raffle items: Longwood Gardens, Crayola Experience, Mechanicsburg Mystery Book Store, Boiling Springs Service Center and Boiling Springs Pool.

Also, thank you to the following businesses for making monetary donations: Dethlefs Pykosh Law Group-\$600; Pennoni Associates-\$400; Allsafe Environmental Inc.-\$100; Williams Grove Speedway 50/50-\$900; and the Lehrman Family-\$600.

Special thanks go out to all the volunteers, vendors, those who attended the event, and businesses that gave raffle and monetary donations. The continued support we receive is truly appreciated

## Contact Us

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

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717-697-4613

Fax: 717-258-9311

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[www.monroetwp.net](http://www.monroetwp.net)

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