

# **MONROE NEWS**

April 2024



#### Memorial Day Celebration Monday, May 27, 2024 10:00 a.m. at Mount Zion Cemetery

In the tradition of Memorial Day, Monroe Township will pay tribute to those who have served in the military in times of war and peace. Please join us on Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Mt. Zion Cemetery as we honor those who gave their all for our freedom.

Our speaker will be Brigadier General (Ret.) Wilbur Wolf, a Monroe Township resident

The Cumberland Valley JROTC, Monroe's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Pastor Greg Sheffer, Pastor Glen Osborn, Sharon Nelson, and Bill Gable will again lend their talents to our 45 minute ceremony. Bart Betram, retired Gettysburg Battlefield Guide, will share a poem from his collection of poetry written by soldiers. It is titled "When Duty Called." Jerry Warner will lead the POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony.

All area residents are encouraged to attend this ceremony. We will have appropriately spaced seating and there is plenty of parking. If we have inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Monroe Township Building,

1220 Boiling Springs Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA.

See you on May 27th, 10:00 a.m. in Mt. Zion Cemetery!

#### **2024 MEETING DATES**

#### **Board of Supervisors - 7:00 PM**

 Apr 11
 May 9
 Jun 13

 Jul 11
 Aug 8
 Sep 12

 Oct 10
 Nov 14
 Dec 12

#### Planning Commission - 6:30 PM

 Apr 3
 May 1
 Jun 5

 Jul 3
 Aug 7
 Sep 4

 Oct 2
 Nov 6
 Dec 4

#### Recreation Board - 7:00 PM

 Apr 8
 May 13
 Jun 10

 Jun 24
 Aug 12
 Sep 9

 Oct 14
 Nov 11
 Dec 9(5:30PM)

#### **Municipal Authority - 7:00 PM**

 Apr 17
 May 15
 Jun 19

 Jul 17
 Aug 21
 Sep 18

 Oct 16
 Nov 20
 Dec 18



#### PLANNING COMMISSION CORNER

At their February meeting, the Planning Commission voted to send the Proposed Zoning Ordinance update on to the Board of Supervisors for review, amendment and final adoption.

Adoption of the Proposed Zoning Ordinance will prompt updating of other related ordinance in the near future. Check our meeting agendas for those future updating projects.

Community input in person or in writing is always welcome.

#### **Township Office Closings**

April 23 - Primary Election Day May 27 - Memorial Day July 4 - Independence Day

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

Call the Township office to order.



#### \*\*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 in any neighborhood or onto any neighbor's properties; or otherwise be allowed to disturb neighbors.
- Please report any downed roadway signs to the Township office.
- Dirt bikes & ATV's are not permitted on public roadways, including cul-de-sacs, in the township.
- Speed limits are established for the safety of all, please obey the posted speeds and stop signs in all areas of the township.
- ◆ The PA State Police provide police coverage to the township. The non-emergency number is 717-249-2121.



GRINDER PUMP ALARMS

CALL JEFFERY WILBUR PLUMBING

AT 717-487-2809

FOR 24 HOUR SERVICE

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 at 717-258-6642 or 717-697-4613 option 5 of the auto attendant, if you have any questions as to allowable materials under the open burn permit.

#### **Public Safety Reminders**

Do not approach or allow another person or pets to approach downed power lines

Report downed power lines to the responsible public utility, police or fire company

Do not try to remove trees, limbs or branches from power lines

Reporting Numbers
Met-Ed - 888-544-4877
PPL - 800-432-5775

Report odors of gas to the responsible public utility, police or fire company for investigation

Reporting Number UGI - 800-276-2722

Streetlight outages should be reported to the responsible public utility

Reporting Numbers
PPL - 888-220-9991, Option 4
Met–Ed - 888-544-4877

Water main breaks should be reported to the responsible water company

Reporting Numbers
Aqua PA - 877-987-2782
Suez Water - 888-299-8972

WHEN IN DOUBT, 911 CAN HELP

Payments accepted January 1—December 14:

Check, cash, money order or credit card.

If paying by credit card there is a 2.65% processing fee, minimum fee \$3.00. Credit card payments can be made during norma Tax Office hours in person or by phone at 717-880-2923.

Payments accepted December 15 - 31:

Guaranteed funds only—cash, cashiers check or money order. NO personal or business checks can be accepted

After December 31, 2024, any unpaid bills are turned over to Cumberland County Tax Claim

## TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Julia G. Weller, Tax Collector

Email: monroetwptax@gmail.com

> Phone: 717-550-2923 Fax: 717-458-5775

#### Office Hours:

March, April, July & August
Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:00 AM – NOON

April 25, April 30, August 27 & August 30 4:00 - 7:00 PM

All other months

Tuesdays 9:00 AM – NOON

All other times by appointment

If you are mailing your Discount or Fax tax
payment close to the end of the payment period,
please be aware that payment must be received
in this office by the payment period end date, or
USPS postmarked by the payment period end
date to qualify for that payment option. Counter
service at any USPS branch will handstamp the
postmark on request, to provide proof of
mailing date.

Payments can be place in the Tax Collector
drop box located in the Township Municipal
Building lobby, or the drop box located outside
the main doors.



## MONROE FIRE COMPANY

Happy spring! Monroe Fire Company is looking forward to plenty of opportunities to interact with the community in 2024. We appreciate your support and joining us for events this year. Our Facebook page will be updated with the latest events and highlighting ways we are serving the community.

We have several events already planned for 2024, to include: Pit Beef Sandwich sales at Oak Grove (starting in mid-April), Community Day on June 15, and lots of other fun, engaging and informative events!

As always, we welcome your support in any way you can. Stop by the fire station to find out how you can serve your community. We're always looking for firefighters plus other volunteer positions/help.

Be safe!

Like us on Facebook or check out Monroefire.net for more information



# JOIN REP. THOMAS KUTZ FOR A FREE DOCUMENT

There will be a limit of four boxes and/or bags per household and the event is limited to residential customers only; no businesses, please. Paper clips and binder clips must be removed prior to the event.

FOR QUESTIONS. PLEASE CONTACT 717-975-2235 OR VISIT: RepKutz.com

**ATURDAY** 

### FROM 9 TO NOON

2 Market Plaza Way, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

AT REP. KUTZ'S UPPER ALLEN TOWNSHIP DISTRICT OFFICE





#### GROWING AND USING CULINARY HERBS



Join in the Earth Day fun! Unleash your "green thumb" as you learn about growing and using your favorite culinary herbs: basil, dill, parsley, cilantro, oregano, rosemary, and more! Each participant will plant an herb container. Bring your favorite herb recipe to share!

Date/Time: Saturday, April 20, 2024, 10:00-11:00am

Location: Monroe Township Community Room

1220 Boiling Springs Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Presenters: Marla Miller & Donna Ricketts, Certified Master Gardeners, The Penn State Extension Master Gardener Program of Cumberland County

For program planning purposes, please RSVP to Klowery@monroetwp.net, or call (717) 258-6642 by Wednesday, April 17.



Sponsored by: The Monroe Township Recreation Board

The Master Gardener Program of



## SELF-DEFENSE CLASS







#### LEARN NEW SKILLS! BUILD CONFIDENCE!

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Monroe Township Building Community Room 1220 Boiling Springs Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

#### \$10.00 Fee Per Person

(Please arrive a few minutes early to pay at the door.)

This 2-hour class will cover basic self-defense moves involving the upper and lower body that can be applied in real life as soon as you walk out of the doors. Class time will be dedicated to work and practice on form, making sure proper alignment and fluidity of movement is achieved.

4th Degree Martial Arts Instructor, Don Metz, will explain the reasoning of each move and will introduce participants to some history of self-defense.

Participants should bring a bottle of water and optional towel. Please wear comfortable or athletic clothing and sneakers.

For questions, contact Janice Stramara at 570-789-2320 -Sponsored by the Monroe Township Recreation Board-



#### **Cumberland County 2024 Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program**

Participants must sign up for an appointment in advance. Visit



www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/3499 or call 717-240-6489 to make an appointment.

#### When

Thursday, April 11 - 11 AM until 5 PM Saturday, June 15 - 9 AM until 3 PM Saturday, August 17 - 9 AM until 3 PM Thursday, October 24 - 11 AM until 5 PM

#### Where

**Cumberland County Recycling Center** 1001 Claremont Road Carlisle, PA

Appointments required and a fee of \$0.55/lb. will be charged. Payments must be made by cash or card only.

**Cumberland County residents only ID** required

Must come at appointment time - no pre or post event customers will be accepted

Churchtown Church of God Yard Sale will be June 22, 2024 from 7AM until 2PM.

Location: 351 S. Old Stonehouse Rd, Boiling Springs, Pa. 17007

There will be numerous soups available for purchase & baked items.

A pie & cake auction will be held at 9AM.

#### This Wet Weather Gives a **Good Opportunity**

With all of the rain and snow melt we have been experiencing, it may

seem like you see water everywhere, which you may use to your advantage in the fight against early season mosquitoes. The mosquitoes residents deal with when Springtime rolls around is flood water mosquitoes. A good thing to know is where the low laying areas are around your properties to help treat early season to prevent the pesky biting insects. Products made with BTI are good for treating standing water because they specifically target mosquito larvae. BTI products can be purchased in most hardware or department stores in the gardening section.







MONROE ELEMENTARY PTO

SPRING FAIR - MAY 10

5 - 8 PM

ENJOY GREAT GAMES, AWESOME
INFLATABLES, DELICIOUS FOOD AND
THE COOL EST DEDECORMANOFOL THE COOLEST PERFORMANCES!

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#### **MS4 ILLICIT DISCHARGES REPORTING**

Illicit Discharges are any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharges to the storm sewer systems or streams.

There are many things that do not belong in our storm drains and streams, such as oil (cooking or motor), grease, grass clippings, leaves, paint, chemicals, and solvents.

If something seems **not** right, report it to the Township at 717-258-6642 / 717-697-4613 or by email to monroetwp@monroetwp.net (subject: Illicit Discharge) for investigation.

#### MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Small Church with a Giving Heart"

on the square of Churchtown

Email: mtzionluth@gmail.com Website: www.mtzionluth.org

Office: (717) <u>258-3039</u>
Pastor Jennifer Toburen, interim pastor

We welcome Pastor Jennifer Toburen as our interim pastor effective April 1.

Worship Services: Effective April 1, our service will be held inside and online on Facebook live at 8:30am. Please note the new time. Also, recorded services can be viewed on Facebook and You Tube at your convenience. Find direct links to these worship videos on our website.

Everyone from the community is welcome to attend our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month free Community Dinners. We have some yummy menus coming up.

April: Ham, Green Beans, and potatoes

May: Taco Casserole

June: Baked Ziti

We would like to thank everyone from the community who participated in our Easter Egg Sale. Without your support, we would not be able to help the families of Monroe Elementary

#### **CHURCHTOWN CHURCH OF GOD**

The Little Church on the Hill

At the Churchtown Church of God, Worship is as vibrant and alive as ever every Sunday Morning at 10 AM. Song and prayer and great fellowship are a part of every Sunday morning.

Stop in and spend some time with us.

As we always say, because we mean it, ALL are welcome.

Not only do we say, COME AS YOU ARE —

We want you to BE AS YOU ARE.

Coming out of a wonderful Winter and Christmas season, we now look forward to Spring. Keep an eye out for some new things happening on the hill. We will soon open a community sharing center and are ready with several more community outreach projects including the third year of our SERVE Team ready and willing to help any and all who need a little help around the house – repairs, landscaping, you name it. The SERVE Team will be out and about on the Saturdays of April 20 and 27.

If you would like help, simply call 258-5337 or email dealornodeal316@comcast.net OR jeffstephschwartz@gmail.com!

I am pastor Brian Warner and along with council members Olivia Swarner, Stacy Luther, Mark Cole, Yvonne Laukemann, Ryan Nearhood, Taylor Welch, and Rich Elshleman, we stand ready to welcome you to Churchtown. We hope that you find power in worship and joy in our fellowship. WE REALLY DO!

As we always say,
OUR CHURCH IS LITERALLY YOUR CHURCH.
If you are in need ever, do not hesitate to contact us at 258-5337.
We are at your service... and please just
COME AS YOU ARE!

Our mission at the Churchtown Church of God is to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. It is our vision to serve this community and God's Kingdom with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Crossroads Bible Church
1022 York Road
(Monroe Township)
Dillsburg, PA 17019
www.crossrdsbiblechurch.com
Pastor Greg Sheffer

CHURCH FAMILY REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sundays:

Morning Worship Services – 10:30 AM Junior Church Nursery for infants to 4 years old

- 1st Sunday of each month Covered Dish Fellowship lunch following the service
- 4th Sunday of each month Family Christian Movie Night 6:00 PM



Wednesday evenings - 6:30–7:45 PM

Adults – Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Teens – Word of Life Teen Club Kids – Olympians

Nursery available

Special Events - see Church website for more details.

Community Dinner - Wednesday, May 8th 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Fascar - Saturday, May18th 12:00 to 4:00 PM - Lunch provided

Community Carnival - Wednesday, June 19th - 4:30 to 7:30 PM

Monroe Township 1220 Boiling Springs Road Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9794 PRSRT STD
US POSTAGE PAID
PERMIT NO. 3
CARLISLE, PA 17013

#### OR CURRENT RESIDENT



#### COMMUNITY DAY IS BACK!

at Joe Carr Field - Saturday, June 15 4:00 PM with Fireworks commencing that night Rain date: June 22



Community Day will featuring Monroe Fire Department Pit Beef Sandwiches, Various Food Trucks & Vendors, Ice Cream, Games for the Kids, Hayrides, 2 Local Bands, Fireworks & More!

We are looking for community volunteers to help with parking, setup, assisting the bands and all other general needs of the event.

Please contact Dwayne Lebo by text at 717-648-0842.

If you are interested in being an event sponsor, please contact Tom Zerbe at 717-554-2010.

Interested in being a vendor, please contact Kathy Mulvey at kmulvey@comcast.net or 717-574-5610.

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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