

# Salisbury Township News

## S U M M E R N E W S L E T T E R

### W H A T A R E Y O U D O I N G ?

#### Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs. 7:00-4:00

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Our Public Works Department operates and maintains the infrastructure of the Township's 118+ miles of roadway. In addition, PennDOT also maintains 24 miles of roads, which include Routes 30, 41, 772, 741, 897 & Peters Road.

This past winter was a severe winter for roads as the extreme cold and freezing has a negative impact on the roads. The cost for road salt for this past winter was \$142,000 plus the additional costs of maintaining 10 dump trucks and supplying the labor to operate them. We commend the public works crew for the great job! During the winter of 2013/14 we had many equipment failures that hindered our performance.

There are 3 major items that affect roads: water, water & water! Water on the road, underneath and alongside the road. Roads need to be sealed to eliminate the water on top of the road from running down through the road surface. Gutters need to be maintained so that the water can escape out from underneath the road and keep the water off the road to prevent hydroplaning and icing conditions. Water in and under the road that is not allowed to escape into the gutters freezes in the winter raising and cracking the asphalt surface weakening the road base.

**Gutter Cleaning**—is one of the main priorities to get the water off and from under the road surface. This is mainly done in agricultural areas where field runoff carries top soil to the gutters. We encourage all farmers to have grass strips to keep the water from running to the gutters taking the top soil with it. Each year we clean hundreds of loads of top-soil out of the gutters. Why do we do this in front of yards/houses? This is to eliminate debris & mate-

rial from the edge that blocks the water from running off the edge. When mowing yards, we suggest you mow the discharge onto your property and not onto the road. When mowing onto the road the traffic goes by it blows the grass back to the edge of the road. Many mowings during the summer months adds height to where the yard meets the roadway. When our gutter cleaning equipment comes along the blade is straight out from the edge of the road taking off the amount that is higher than the road. The less grass means less removal by the gutter cleaning process.

**Skin Patching** – This takes place in the spring immediately after gutter cleaning. As mentioned before, this past winter was severe on the roads that were constructed 40 plus years ago. The water got under these roads, froze and caused cracking. The skin patching process is to seal cracks to prevent water from getting down into the road base. The Township also does a full width seal coating process on approx. 15 miles of road per year. This seal coating process does the same thing.....keeps the water from getting under the road.

**Horse Tracks** – As you know we live in an area highly populated with horse and buggies. We are told that these horses are re-shoed every 8-10 weeks with a material that is very aggressive to keep the horses from slipping on the asphalt road. If you follow a carriage down the road, many times you can actually see the horse shoes cutting the asphalt. Since approximately 50% + of our community is Amish, we have a lot of horses, which means we need to maintain a lot of horse tracks. It is necessary to fill the horse tracks every couple years to eliminate water from getting between the asphalt

layers causing freezing and allowing the water to get into the road base. In past years we had tried asphalt instead of oil, but we have found that it wore off much faster and would freeze and pop off, requiring that we add oil/stone to maintain the horse tracks. It is a messy and more expensive process, but it is necessary in order to maintain the road surfaces.

**New Construction for 2015** – a new bridge has been placed on Spring Garden Road between Route 340 and Martin Road. During August, Spring Garden Road in that section was completely rebuilt with a 22 ft. wide asphalt surface. We continue to rebuild roads, which helps with our maintenance programs. The new road construction means better road bases that are not affected as much by the freezing/thawing and better surfaces for sealing out the water which reduces maintenance costs and provides better surfaces for driving with increased widths.

We commend our Public Works Department for what they do. Our goal is to provide the best possible service to the residents as affordably as possible. Township real estate taxes have not increased in over 40 years and we would like to continue this trend.

We ask that during all of the activities of the Public Works Department, that patience be first and foremost in our minds. It is everyone's goal to have safe and properly functioning roadways in the Township.

## YOUR PETS ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

We get many calls from residents that have complaints and problems with their neighbor's dog/s being on their property and/or excessive barking.

It is your responsibility to keep your dog on your property and to keep him from prolonged barking. Be respectful to your neighbors and always clean up after your dog. It is inexcusable to have your dog defecate in the neighbor's yard.

Salisbury Township Code of Ordinance Section 106 states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to harbor, care for, shelter or maintain any breed of dog or dogs or other animal which makes any noise including, but not limited to, barking, yelping, howling or the making of any loud noise by an animal continuously and/or incessantly for more than ½ hour on any one occasion to the disturbance of any person at any time of day or night, regardless of whether the dog or other animal is situated on private property, said noise constituting a nuisance; provided, however, that at the time the dog or other animal is making such noise, no person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the dog or other animal is situated nor is there any other legitimate cause which justifiably provoked the dog or other animal."

Section 103 states, "It shall be the duty of all animal owners and the duty of the parent or guardian of any minor owner of any dog or other animal to keep the dog or other animal securely tied or penned in an enclosure in such a manner that the dog or other animal cannot break loose and run at large over the streets, alleys or public grounds in the Township upon the property of anyone other than the animal owner or the property of another who has granted permission to the animal owner to allow the dog or other animal upon such person's property."

**The State Dog Warden, from the Dog Law enforcement Office of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, will be making rounds through Salisbury Township. The State Dog Warden will be conducting compliance checks on dog licensing and rabies vaccines. If your dog(s) are not licensed and/or vaccinated there will be a citation issued immediately at the time of their visit.**

*They say that "Dog is man's best friend" but he may not be your neighbor's "best friend"*

### ELECTRONIC BILLING

If you would like to receive your quarterly sewer bill electronically, please email or call the Township office at [twp@comcast.net](mailto:twp@comcast.net) or 717-768-8059. Please provide your name, property address, email, and a phone number. Once your information is received, you will be sent a confirmation email to let you know that you are now set up to receive your bill through your email.

### DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Unsure of when or for what you should be obtaining a permit for? From business on your property to installing a small shed, to building a brand new home or barn, a permit would be required through the Township. If ever in doubt, please feel free to contact the Township office and we will be more than willing to guide you in the steps that you would need to take if a permit is required. Application forms are available at the

Township office and on the website, [www.salisburytownship.org](http://www.salisburytownship.org) where you can print them off, fill them out and send or bring them in. Don't let the thought of getting a permit deter you from contacting the Township. We are here to assist you and do all that we can to help you obtain your goals while following the regulations and guidelines to avoid any future issues or complications, for yourself, your neighbors and your community.



**Remember: if you do have or get a permit; when the project is complete, please let us know, so that we can close it out in your record, so you don't have any outstanding permits on file!**



## WASTE IS A RESOURCE

For the majority of the United States, trash is sent to a landfill where it is buried and forgotten... but not in Lancaster County! Here, municipal solid waste (MSW) and recyclable materials are managed by the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA) through an innovative, multi-step process called an Integrated System. With an aggressive, county-wide recycling program and a free, drive-through Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 43% of the Lancaster County's MSW is removed up-front; after which 55% of the remaining waste is burned at

LCSWMA's WTE Facility in Conoy Township. The WTE Facility not only reduces the volume of the waste it processes by 90%, it also generates enough electricity to *power one in six Lancaster County homes*. The final 2% of MSW, mainly non-combustible material and ash from the WTE Facility, is disposed of at the Frey Farm Landfill in Manor Township.

**Recycle more!** It begins with the bin. Materials that should be placed inside your recycling bin include:

**Cardboard:** standard boxes, pizza boxes, food boxes, other cardboard packaging

**Paper:** newspapers, magazines, office

paper

**Plastic containers and bottles:** water, juice and soda bottles, plastic clamshells, yogurt containers, plastic containers and bottles #1 - #7

**Metal and aluminum:** aluminum cans, steel cans and food containers, empty aerosol and paint cans

**Glass:** food and beverage glass containers

### BY POPULAR REQUEST!

You can now pay your **Sewer Bill, Tax Bill, Permit Fees, and Park Rentals** via MunicIPAY using:

- Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express (convenience fee will apply, see below)
- Electronic Check Payments (convenience fee will apply, see below)

We are also still accepting checks, cash and money orders in the office or by mail.

#### Credit Card Payments Made in Office or Via Telephone

Salisbury Township is **now** offering the convenience of accepting MasterCard, Discover, American Express and Visa credit cards for **Sewer Bill, Tax Bill, Permit Fees, and Park Rentals**. The payment processing company charges a convenience fee of 2.45% or \$3.00 minimum to cardholders who use this service. Just stop by our office or give us a call at 717-768-8059 to use your MasterCard, Discover Card, American Express or Visa.

#### Credit Card Payments Made Online

Now you can pay your **Sewer and Tax Bills** from the comfort of your home or office by using our online payment service. Credit cards accepted: MasterCard, Discover,

American Express or Visa. A per transaction convenience fee of 2.45% or \$3.00 minimum will be charged by the payment processing company for this service. Please visit [www.salisburytownship.org](http://www.salisburytownship.org) to make your payments.

#### Electronic Check Payments

We are now also accepting electronic check payments using our online payment service. Payments will be charged to your checking or savings account at your bank. You will need your 9-digit routing number, as well as your account number from your personal checks. A per transaction convenience fee of \$1.50 will be charged by the payment processing company for this service.



### BUSINESS INSPECTIONS

Those in the Township that have occupations at your home, there is a yearly review/inspection that is completed by the Township. The Township charges a minimal fee for these inspections. There have been questions as to why there is a fee for this and the answer is: The average homeowner does not have a business in their home, so normal tax dollars that are paid by all residents of the Township are not used as a contributing factor for the homeowners that are running businesses.

### PLEASE PARDON OUR APPEARANCE!

Some of you may have noticed that the Township building is undergoing construction. After experiencing a leaky roof, the time has come to put away the "drying towels" and replace the roof. The project has been running smoothly, and the design of the new roof will hopefully bring protection and functionality to the Township building for 50 years to come. During this construction phase the Township office has been and will continue to be open for business, without any interruption.





## Salisbury Township

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## G A P P A R K U P D A T E D F E E S

### Park Pavilion (Max. Occupancy 100)

#### Township Resident

- Half Day (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM or 3:30 PM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$40.00
- Whole Day (8:00 AM to 10:00 PM).....\$60.00

#### Non-Resident

- Half Day (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM or 3:30 PM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$80.00
- Whole Day (8:00 AM to 10:00 PM). \$120.00

### Ballfields

#### Township Resident

- Half Day – no Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM or 3:30 PM to Dusk).....\$25.00/per field
- Whole Day – no Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to Dusk) ..... See Whole Day Special Events
- Half Day w/ Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM or 3:30 PM to Dusk) .... \$10.00/per field (not including Pavilion Rental Fee)
- Whole Day w/ Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$15.00/per field (not including Pavilion Rental Fee)
- Half Day – w/ lights (3:30 AM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$100.00/per field (This is for persons/groups with less than 10 rentals/yr)

- Whole Day Special Events – no lights (8:00 AM to Dusk) ..... \$100.00/per field (This is for persons/groups greater than 50)
- Tournament – w/ or no lights (8:00 AM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$800.00 (Includes all three (3) fields )

#### Non-Resident

- Half Day – no Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM or 3:30 PM to Dusk) ... \$50.00/per field (not including Pavilion Rental Fee)
- Whole Day – no Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to Dusk) ..... See Whole Day Special Events
- Half Day w/ Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to 3:30 PM or 3:30 PM to Dusk) .... \$20.00/per field (not including Pavilion Rental Fee)
- Whole Day w/ Pavilion – no lights (8:00 AM to Dusk) ..... \$30.00/per field (not including Pavilion Rental Fee)
- Half Day – w/ lights (3:30 AM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$200.00/per field (This is for persons/groups with less than 10 rentals/yr)
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than 50)

- Tournament – w/ or no lights (8:00 AM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$800.00 (Includes all three (3) fields)

### Hockey Rink

- Half Day – w/ lights (3:30 AM to 10:00 PM) ..... \$40.00/per rink

\*All contracts/permits must be signed and fees paid prior to the date of rental

If you have questions concerning the park or want to make a reservation, please contact the Township Office.

