

Jackson Township Gazette

AUTUMN LEAVES—AN ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE

The fall season will soon be here bringing with it the annual brilliant color show throughout the forested areas of the Pigeon Hills and rural Jackson Township. The beautiful reds, yellows and golden leaves soon turn to brown however and wind up on the ground, becoming a once attractive sight, but now a mess to be dealt with in only a few ways. In past years the options included leaving them lay to decompose naturally, gathering them to mix with yard waste and some organic garbage to form a compost pile to enrich garden and flower bed soil, run over them several times with the lawn mower to speed up decomposition, or put them on a pile and do a closely watched controlled burn.

Unfortunately for many property owners, state law has now required Jackson Township to ban that last option. As of June 1, 2013 burning of leaves, yard waste (brush trimmings), and trash is no longer permitted in the township by most residents. One notable exception is for farmers engaged in active farming occupational activities such as field clearing, stump elimination, forestation management, can still do controlled burns. For all others, leaves must either be left laying, mulched by mowers, gathered for composting, OR, (and this is the NEW OPTION), gathered to the roadside edge for collection by the Township Public Works crew.

The Township Board of Supervisors is well aware of the hardship this creates especially in the roughly three-fourths of the township that is still rural in nature with literally thousands of trees, but they had no choice. Burning leaves and yard waste had to be banned and the leaves and yard waste had to be arranged for pick-up either by hired contractors or the township employees. The supervisors authorized purchase of new equipment to do the job and filing of a grant application to the Pennsyl-

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IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors

7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 3, 2013

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

Monday, January 6, 2014

Planning Commission

7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Sewer Authority

7:00 PM

Thursday, September 19, 2013

Thursday, October 17, 2013

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Thursday, December 19, 2013

Zoning Hearing Board

Monday, September 23, 2013

Monday, October 28, 2013

Monday, November 25, 2013

Monday, December 23, 2013

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AUTUMN LEAVES—AN ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE ~ (continued from page 1):

vania Department of Environmental Protection to cover some of that cost.

Since this is the first year of this newly mandated procedure, there will undoubtedly be logistics problems. We ask that those of you who live along our rural roads in particular bear with our staff as they try to collect leaves from roadsides as quickly and safely as possible. We will be using two dump trucks and a state-of-the-art vacuum trailer running slowly against traffic to do the collection as volume circumstances dictate the routes. Full truckloads of leaf waste will be taken to the H & H composting facility in Jackson Township on Old Hanover Road. (A place, by the way, that residents can take their own leaves and yard waste, no grass or weeds, during daylight hours for disposal).

The staff of 4 crewmen using 2 trucks has a never done before, monumental task to accomplish this assignment. As you can imagine, late fall, rain, frost, and, heaven forbid, early snowfall will make this job almost impossible. So please have patience as we work through a certainly difficult learning process that will require considerable adjustments.

COMPOSTING...an alternative for handling yard waste.

The art of composting has been part of our global culture since ancient times. The basic principles are quite simple, and practicing them will result in efficient and successful results. Studies have shown that home composting can divert an average of 700 pounds of material per household per year from the waste stream. Municipal composting carries a greater environmental cost, but not nearly as high as if leaf and yard waste are disposed of by conventional means. Composting is an excellent way to avoid both wasting useful, natural resources and creating environmental problems, while at the same time producing a high quality and inexpensive soil additive.



Composting is the transformation of organic material through decomposition into a soil-like material called compost. Insects, earthworms, bacteria, fungi all help in transforming the material into compost. Composting is a natural form of recycling, which continually occurs in nature. An ancient practice, composting can be traced back to Marcus Cato, a farmer and scientist who lived in Rome 2000 years ago. He viewed compost as a fundamental soil enhancer, essential for maintaining fertile and productive agricultural land.

Today there are several reasons why composting remains an invaluable practice. Yard and food wastes make up approximately 30% of the waste stream in the United States. Composting most of these waste streams would reduce the amount of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) requiring disposal by almost twenty-five percent (25%), while at the same time provide a nutrient-rich soil additive. Compost added to gardens improves soil structure, texture, aeration, and water retention. When mixed with compost, clay soils are lightened and sandy soils retain water better. Mixing compost with soil also contributes to erosion control, soil fertility, proper pH balance, and healthy root development in plants.

Landfilling organic wastes also takes up landfill space needed for other wastes. Incinerating moist organic waste is inefficient and results in poor combustion, which disrupts the energy generation of the facility and increases the pollutants that need to be removed by the pollution-control devices. Composting these wastes is a more effective and usually a less expensive means of managing organic wastes. It can be done successfully on either a large or small scale.

Consider trying it, you may be surprised of the results.

TOWNSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

TOWNSHIP NEWS:

- Resolution 02-13 adopting an Agreement Amendment for Spring Grove sewage capacity for Spring Forge Land Group on Sprenkle Road.
- Resolution 03-13 extending our refuse and recycling collection contract with Penn Waste to January 1, 2014 and setting new fees for collection was adopted. The new quarterly fee will be \$55.00 or a fee of \$3.75 per bag.
- Resolution 04-13 renewing and amending the Agricultural Security Area was adopted.
- Authorization was given to update the Township Website.
- Resolution 05-13 adopting the York County 2013 Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted.
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the York County Conservation District and Jackson Township to assist MS4 Stormwater Management permitting was adopted.
- Junkyards were licensed for the July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014 year for the following locations: 642 Jackson Square Road; 351 Jackson Square Road, 329 Jackson Square Road and 5911 Pine Road.
- The sale of the 1992 Ford dump truck/plow/spreader to Montague Township New Jersey was approved for \$24,201.00.
- Ordinance 198-13 creating additional “No Parking Areas” on all of Commerce Drive and part of Bowman Road from US 30 to Commerce Drive was adopted.
- Authorization was given to purchase a 2004 Ford dump truck for \$10,000 and \$3,000 for additional expense for upgrades from Spring Grove Borough.
- The Board of Supervisors agreed to York County Planning Commission’s request for Jackson Township to participate in the development of a regional Chesapeake Bay Pollution Reduction Plan that is supported in concept by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.
- The hiring of Ray Dietrich, Jr. as the Township Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Permit Officer to replace Sandi Sterner, who is retiring, was approved.
- Renewal of the Township employee health insurance for October 1, 2013 thru September 30, 2014 at a 4% rate increase was approved.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTION:

- Spring Grove Area School District 2 Lot Final Subdivision Plan for the former Administration Building on Jackson Street was approved.
- The Final Subdivision Plans for Jackson Heights Section 2, Phase 5 A and Section 3, Phase 11D were approved.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ACTION (Continued from page 3):

- Church and Dwight Revised Final Minor Land Development Plan to allow for the construction of an Accessory Structure was approved.

ZONING HEARING BOARD ACTION:

- Debra Zavatsky, 1599 KBS Road, Spring Grove was GRANTED a Special Exception to permit a home occupation to offer seamstress services to the public in a Medium Density Residential Zone.
- Harry L Harrington, 702 Roth's Church Road, Spring Grove was GRANTED a Special Exception to permit a home occupation to operate a lawn and garden equipment repair business in a Rural Conservation Zone.
- Samuel Lauchman, 110 Treetop Lane, Spring Grove was DENIED a request for a variance to permit a two-family dwelling in a Rural Conservation Zone.
- David Whisler of 7085 Pigeon Hill Road, Spring Grove request for a home occupation to conduct a water transfer printing business in his garage in a Rural Conservation Zone was GRANTED.
- John Esler request for a variance to re-establish two principal uses on a 7 acre lot at 296 Jackson Square Road, Thomasville in a Rural Conservation Zone was GRANTED.
- Timothy Elwell requested a variance to place a 40' x 60' pole building in the front yard at 3323 Ruppert Road in a Rural Conservation District was GRANTED.
- The request for variance to place an accessory structure 40' high was GRANTED to Church and Dwight Co., Inc. at 5197 Commerce Drive in an Industrial Zone.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP WEEKS

Christmas Magic—A Festival of Lights

Christmas Magic at Rocky Ridge County Park coupon will be available to all Jackson Township residents again this year. The coupon is redeemable for Buy One, Get One free admission. Maximum is two (2) free regular admissions.



Stop in at the Township office for your coupon Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM—4:30 PM.

SANITARY SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE:

The Township's Public Works crew has been engaged in several sanitary sewer line maintenance activities over the past year. Many of the original mains in the Twin Pines and Pine Springs neighborhoods have been flushed and cleaned and then televised to inspect for cracks, sagging sections, root intrusions and improper lateral connections. Any of those conditions contribute to potential clogs and/or severe groundwater infiltration. Some pipe sections were replaced to correct problems. Manhole cover liners have also been installed to help control infiltration through surface run-off. By reducing infiltration, the need for processing rain or groundwater is reduced, thus helping to control costs and maintain useable treatment plant capacity.

The Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center

SEPTEMBERFEST—Saturday, September 21st, 11:00 AM—Dusk;

Rain Date September 28, 2013



This year's event will be held at the Spring Grove Area School District's Middle School (old senior high school) Old Hanover Road and Jackson Street.

Kids Games	Bounce Houses
Pony Rides	Live Entertainment
Business/Craft Vendors	Great Food

GeoTour Coin Redemption

Fireworks at Dusk

GREAT FUN FOR ALL AGES—DON'T MISS IT!

CHILD CARE:

- Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center Before/After School Program spaces are filling up fast.
- Coming Soon....Little Tots Daycare Services for children ages 18 months to 4 years of age.
Call (717) 225-9733, Ext 4 for availability for all child care services

INDOOR YARD SALE:

- Saturday, November 2, 2013; 8:00 AM—2:00 PM. 50+ Vendors and good food.

SANTA'S COMING TO TOWN....

Mark your calendars....**Santa** in the Park, 1:00 PM—December 14, 2013(Inclement weather—December 15th). Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate and a special treat for every child. Check our website for more details.

Like Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center on Facebook

For more information contact (717)225-9733; or email: springgroverec@comcast.net or www.sgrprc.com

GLATFELTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOURS: Sunday—Closed; Monday: Noon — 8:00 PM; Tuesday: 9:00 AM—8:00 PM; Wednesday: 9:00 AM—8:00 PM; Thursday: Noon—8:00 PM; Friday: 9:00 AM—2:00 PM; Saturday: 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

101 Glenview Road; Spring Grove, PA 17362 ~ Phone (717) 225-3220

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Refuse ~ Recycling



Please have your refuse and recycling curbside by 6:00 AM on the day it will be picked up by the hauler. All bags of trash are to be tied tightly or trash cans should have a secured lid to keep trash contained on windy days.



A NOTE FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL

As stated on page one, the new Township Open Burning Ordinance no longer allows for the burning of yard debris and refuse. It *does* allow for recreational fires that are no larger than 3' in diameter and 2' in height and the fires must be 25 feet from any burnable material, including structures. Please check the Township web site or call the Township Office if you have any questions concerning these new regulations.

As a resident, the important thing to remember is the danger associated with open burning, especially when the fields and woodlands are dry. Before you start your recreational fire, ask yourself:

- is the area around the fire pit clear of combustibles?
- is there a plan to control and extinguish the fire when you are finished?
- burn only wood.

A tip for the cooler temperatures... remember to prepare your heating systems for winter. Furnaces, boilers, space heaters and wood stoves should be checked and maintained properly before they are used. Prepare now for their use later this fall.

NASHVILLE

Volunteer Fire Company
Station 11 Fundraisers

October 5—Shrimp Feed, Tickets \$20.00
Call 225-0472, 577-4794 or 225-5309

November 5—Soup and Sandwich Sale
On Election Day

Bingo—First Thursday of Every Month
Kitchen Opens at 5:00 PM
Games Start at 6:45 PM

September 13, October 11, November 8 and December 13—Fish Fry consisting of Giant Fish Fillet, Fries or Mac & Cheese; Coleslaw or Applesauce, Bread & Butter and Dessert—Adults—\$10.00, Kids (4-11) \$6.00
Serving Begins at 5:00 PM

New Web Site:
www.nashvillefireco.org

THOMASVILLE

Lincoln Fire Company No. 1
Station 3 Fundraisers

*Serving Thomasville and Surrounding Communities
Since 1938*

September 28—Morningstar
Fund Drive

October 20—Basket Bingo
Simple Bingo, Doors Open at Noon,
Bingo at 2:00 PM,

November 3—Gun Raffle

November 24—Turkey Bingo

For Tickets or Information for all the Above
Call 792-1424

Fire fighters, EMS and Social Member (helpers for social events) volunteers are always needed.
If interested ~ Call 792-1424

IN MEMORY OF A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT:

Dean McNeil ~ December 11, 1959—May 28, 2013 The fire services of Jackson Township are manned by many dedicated volunteers who contribute countless hours to training and work answering calls for emergency services for vehicle accidents, fires, and medical emergencies. Dean McNeil had a long history serving our Township. He passed away on May 28, 2013 after a brave two year battle with lung cancer. In 1972 at the age of 13 Dean began volunteering with the fire service as a junior firefighter at North York Fire Company. When he moved to the Township he served with the former Bair Fire Company from 1982-1990 and was their Deputy Fire Chief for 3 years. As a member of the Nashville Fire Company (1991-2013) he served as an Assistant Fire Chief for 3 years. From 1977-2013 Dean was a member of the Lincoln Fire Company (Thomasville) and held the positions of Ambulance Lieutenant for 5 years and Trustee for 3 years. He also was President of the Jackson Township Relief Association for Nashville and Thomasville Fire Companies.

Mr. McNeil joined the York County Firefighters Association in 1985 where he served as Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Financial Secretary and Associate Vice President. When the West Central Regional Emergency Management Agency (WCREMA) serving Jackson and Paradise Townships and Spring Grove Borough, was formed, once again Dean answered the request to serve. He was a member of the Board of Directors and a Deputy Director since 2009 for this organization. During his tenure with WCREMA he was instrumental in establishing the CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) classes and was coordinator for this program for several years.

Dean is survived by his wife Sharon and son Ryan. Ryan is following in his father's footsteps as he currently serves the Lincoln and Nashville fire companies as a firefighter and EMT.

As you can see, Mr. McNeil was a dedicated volunteer to the residents of our community. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. The Township residents sincerely thank you Dean... *Rest in Peace friend.*

ANOTHER "THANK YOU"

August 30 marked the retirement of Sandi Sterner, the Township's Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Permit Officer and Office Manager. Sandi served for nine and a half years and was also responsible for developing the office computer network, initiating our website, editing our newsletter, coordinating grant applications and being the liaison to our emergency responders. Sandi hopes to spend time with her family in leisure activities. Thanks Sandi for a job well done.

AND A HEARTY "WELCOME"

August marked the hiring of Ray Dietrich, Jr. as our new Zoning/Code Enforcement/Building Permit officer. Ray has years of experience in the construction industry, is a certified BCO and has been North Codorus Township's Zoning Officer for four years. Prior to that Ray was Zoning Officer and Mayor of Seven Valleys Borough for 8 years and knows what it takes to be in a high profile public service position. Welcome Ray, we know your skills will be a great compliment to our staff.

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Robert Eisenhart

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Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday

The office will be closed the following holidays:

September 2, 2013 - Labor Day; November 11, 2013 - Veterans Day

November 28, 2013 - Thanksgiving Day; November 29, 2013 - Day after Thanksgiving Day

December 24, 2013 - Day before Christmas; December 25, 2013 - Christmas Day